HURSTBRIDGE DISTRICT ADULT RIDING CLUB NEWSLETTER October 2010 www.hdarc.org.au

IMPORTANT DATES

Oct 17th—Pony Club CT Day

Oct 24th—HDARC Dressage Day

Oct 31st—Memberships due

10th of November 2010—AGM 8pm clubhouse

MEMBERSHIP DUE NOW - FORMS FOR 2011 AT www.hdarc.org.au

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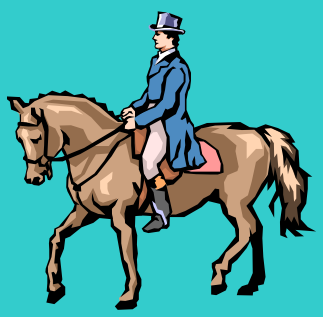


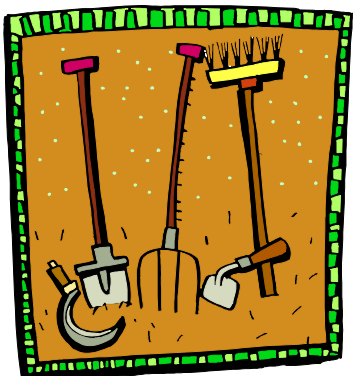
President's Report

Only four more weeks until end of HDARC year.
How quickly this year has flown by with so many things happening.

REMINDER Membership Due

Just another quick reminder that membership is due on the 31st of October. All forms needed are on our website. Make sure you have met your membership requirements and you are paid up by due date or risk losing your membership spot to our waitlist people. If you have queries regarding your membership requirements speak or email Lisa Ronalds (club secretary)

Working Bee 23rd of October



We have booked in a HDARC working bee on the 23rd of October. This will be a dual day. Set up for the Dressage Day and our 2nd yearly working bee. We encourage all members to attend – some jobs include: mowing, whipper snipping, weeding, hole filling, yard fixing, pole painting, shed/club room cleaning. Please bring yourself and any equipment that may assist. On this day we will also be setting up four dressage rings, bunting and preparation for the Dressage day on the Sunday.

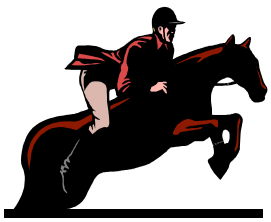
End of Term Ride at Peta's

The 15th of September was the end of term ride out from Peta Brennan's place. This was HUGE, with many riders of all levels of experience. The ride itself was fantastic, 2+ hours, my horse definitely started fresh but wasn't putting up much of a fight by the end. "That'll teach him!" Then the crowd increased for the lunch with some great food, drink and conversation. Thanks so much Pete for a fantastic day.

Gates to the club

Please ensure that all gates around our club are closed as all times. These include: front gate, church gate, gate near the yards into Bridges Restaurant and now the new gate down the bottom on the creek. If you go thru them, shut them behind you.

Showjumping Day 2011



As nobody has put their hand up to coordinate the March 2011 Showjumping day, at this point the event will not run. This will impact our club in regards to available funds. So please consider taking on this role. Please contact Lisa Embling 0408391541 fleaembo@hotmail.com if you want more information.

AGM 10th November - Next Years Committee
As the year draws to an end think about your role in the club for the next upcoming year. Our AGM is on the 10 of November, any nominations for available positions should be thought about now and come along to the AGM. As you are probably aware, I will be stepping down as President; take the time to think about who you would like to see as President of your club, it may very well be YOU. Other considerations are secretary, treasurer, Saturday and Wednesday rally coordinator, general committee, our dressage and showjumping sub committee . Not all people currently in these roles are stepping down but it doesn't hurt to put your name up. All members are welcome.

Dressage Day 24th of October

The HDARC Dressage day is fast approaching; our capable Dressage Sub Committee seem to have everything under control, which is great to see. With our regular 'Canteen Person' on a well earned holiday at present we need somebody to fill in for the day. Most of the shopping and preparation will be done by Cath Giles and Jenny Webb but we need somebody for the day and to be briefed by Cath beforehand to ensure all runs smoothly as that our reputation as being the BEST food in town continues. I did dobb my mother in for the job but she YELLED (via text) "I hate the canteen!" I can make her but would much appreciate a HDARC member to step up and stop her nagging….

Saturday Rally
On the 18th of September we moved our Saturday Rally to Kalkallo Indoor Arena to accommodate Pony Club. This was a great lesson and experience. To have the opportunity to ride in the indoor with our fellow members was great. Thanks Robyn Sholly for organising this day.

Lisa Embling
0408391541

Secretary's Report

Hi all and welcome to term four

Mel has done a fine job yet again with the term programme but **she really does need your preferences back ASAP** - its first in best dressed if you want your preferred instructor /class
The programme looks like lots of fun with plenty of variety of lesson types and instructors – hopefully there is something in there for everyone. As the ground dries out it will be good to get some use out of our cross-country jumps with some midday lessons scheduled – for those who haven't tried it before Deb just loves teaching cross-country so to secure a spot we need that programme returned

TTT – we have teams in showjumping mid October and dressage mid-november both being held at NEC in Werribee – We will still need team - helpers for the dressage – let me know if you can assist your club by putting your hand up for this – team help at a TTT satisfies most of your membership requirements and is much valued by the competitors

At our AGM in November there will be special resolution to amend our constitution – a lot of work has gone into this to bring our club rules up to speed with the many changes that have taken place over the 26 or so years since our fine club had its baby beginnings – as well as voting in the new committee do come along and cast your vote on this - around mid- October I will send out the agenda and a summary of the proposed changes.

Thank-you

To Val Walsh for opening club all term
Deb Smith for supplying letters for our set of practice dressage cones
Sarah Walsh for purchasing the cones and stringline/ setting up a marked arena so that instructors can teach to markers most weeks
Lisa Linton for organising the dentist
Deb for judging our practice dressage day and Jenni Patterson for pencilling

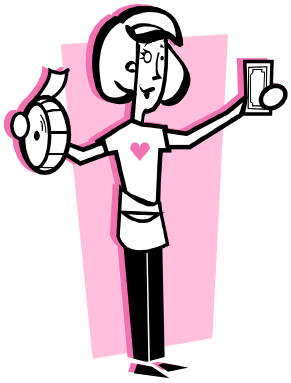
What a great bunch of people we have in this club!

Don't forget we are holding another practice dressage day on the first week back – test "E" which is on our club dressage day late October – so put your name down with Mel and get a "home-ground" advantage

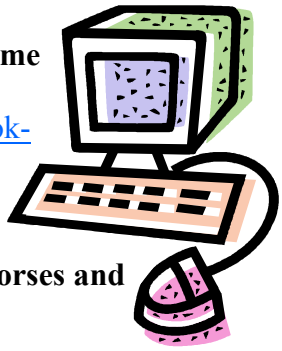
Cheers and Happy Riding

Lisa Ronalds
andrew.ronalds@bigpond.com

DON'T FORGET to enter the raffle for your very own portable mounting block.
It's simple to enter and the more entries the greater your chance to win.
Just put $5 in an envelope with your name into the Club Letterbox, mark it RAFFLE.
If you won't be down at club just give or mail Marc Harper or any committee member.
Dig deep this is to help cover the cost of the two mounting blocks we have purchased for our club members to use.
The raffle will be drawn at the HDARC Xmas Party 10th of December.



WEBSITE UPDATE: www.hdarc.org.com
Hi everyone, if you have looked at our **website** lately you might notice **it really does need some new photos!** If you have any photos suitable of a club function, competition or club members i would gratefully receive them. Please email them to me at lookupsunrise@live.com.au i can have a look and pick 2 or 3 to replace the old ones. I look forward to getting them soon, with thanks.....Carol:)



Also please remember there is a spot under **"Noticeboard" on your website to buy & sell horses and horsey items**, just email them to me. thanks, ...Carol.

IMPORTANT NOTICE RE 17TH OCTOBER
Dear members, please be aware that Hurstbridge Horse and Pony Club will be running their CT day on October 17th, the weekend before our Dressage Day so the grounds will be unavailable for use on the Sunday prior to about 5pm and sat afternoon due to set-up. Thanks, HHPC Committee

WEDNESDAY END OF TERM RIDE AND CHRISTMAS BREAK-UP LUNCH

Wednesday 8th December, 2010

At the delightful **Watsons Creek Antiques Café**, 765 Eltham-Yarra Glen Rd, Kangaroo Ground.

Come and celebrate the end of another great year of riding with friends.

The café will be providing a delicious, set price, **2 course lunch** for $28.00.
This will include a combination of either entree, main meal (with choices) or dessert, plus coffee, tea or soft drink.
Alcoholic drinks will be available for purchase.

There will be the option of a trail ride to and from the café for those who are interested. This will possibly be departing from the Kangaroo Ground Pony Club Grounds (to be confirmed). As usual, the horses will be tied to trees in the paddock at the back of the café, where water and some hay will be provided. Don't forget your headstall and rope! Please indicate on the return slip if you are choosing to ride or not, so that I know who to contact with further details.

For those wishing to ride and who also need to pick up kids from school, making alternative arrangements for their pick-up (or after school care), ensures a less stressful departure after lunch.

Bookings must be received with payment by Wed 1st Dec to confirm the numbers with the café.

All enquiries and bookings to Cath Giles (H) 9718 2779 (M) 0417 307 843 or cathygiles@bigpond.com

Please post the return slip with payment to: Cath Giles 265 Flat Rock Road, Hurstbridge 3099

Payment in full can be made either with cash, cheque made out to Watsons Creek Antiques Café, or by credit card directly with Jo at the café (call her on 9719 7518)

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Name/s: _____ **Mob Phone:**

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I wish to book _____ person/people at $28.00pp for the break-up lunch = $_____

I enclose payment for this amount, paying by: CASH CHEQUE CREDIT CARD (direct with café)

YES I will/ NO I will not be joining the trail ride: Number of riders _____

HURSTBRIDGE ARC UNIFORM PRICE LIST

Black cap with logo	**$12.00**
Black polar fleece Jacket with logo	**$38.00**
Black polar fleece vest with logo	**$28.00**
Polo t-shirt with logo	**$30.00**
Black knitted vest with logo	**$40.00**
Black knitted jumper with logo	**$50.00**
Black waterproof jacket with logo	**$60.00**

Saddle Blanket see Debbie Smith from Yarrambat Horsewear (shop in Hurstbridge 942 Heidelberg-Kinglake Rd 97181988)

All uniform queries see Andrea Barton 97197706

-HURSTBRIDGE SADDLERY-
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LESSON AND ARENA ETIQUETTE

Safety of horses, riders and spectators is of paramount importance: with this in mind:

- Always approach, enter and leave the arena at a walk
- If arriving late to a lesson, enter the arena without interrupting any other horses/riders that are already working. Apologise to the instructor and ask their permission to join the group (this may not be possible if it is a jumping lesson and your horse is not warmed up).
- Always introduce yourself to a new instructor and advise them of both you and your horse's experience/level.
- While working in a group, try to be aware of where everyone else is on the arena, so that you can avoid cutting them off or running into other horses. Acquaint yourself with the horses that need you to keep your distance (most commonly mares) and do your best to do so. If your horse is not happy about others coming too close, please advise the instructor and the other riders, so that they equally can keep their distance from you. As a guide, you should leave a distance of at least two horse lengths between yourself and the horse in front.
- When passing another horse front-on, wherever possible, pass left shoulder to left shoulder.
- Do not allow your horse to run up the rear of the horse in front of you. Always turn away and either do a small circle or move to another part of the arena where there is more space.
- Should you need to stop for any reason or need to take a brief break, always make your way to the middle of where your group is working on the arena, out of the way of the other riders.
- If you are on a horse that is really playing up and disturbing others in the lesson, it is common courtesy to either move away from the group, or actually leave the arena once you have advised the instructor of your intention to do so. You can possibly rejoin the group and continue with the lesson, once your horse settles down.
- Always excuse yourself from a lesson should you wish/need to leave early.
- If using a full length dressage whip in a lesson, make sure that when passing other horses that you don't inadvertently touch or flick them with your whip.
- Should you find yourself sharing a lesson or warm-up area at a competition with more advanced riders who are doing two-track work, they have right-of-way at all times.
- Feel free to ask questions and clarify instructions with your instructor throughout a lesson if you are unsure about what is being asked of you, or if you haven't heard the instruction.
- Thank your instructor for their time and do not hesitate to query them about what you have worked on in the lesson, and what would be useful to continue with in your own training.
- Please leave the arena at a walk once your lesson is finished, and when returning to the float/yards area or generally moving around the grounds, do so at a walk so as not to spook other horses.
- If there is equipment to be set up for your lesson, please offer assistance before mounting. Equally, if there is equipment to be packed away, please make yourself available to help after the lesson, as this job often falls on the same few people left at the end of the day.
- Please be mindful of the fact that there are often other classes being held in adjacent areas of the arenas including the bottom show-jumping arena; the club will endeavour to separate these designated work spaces by the use of ground-poles or witches hats
- In general regarding fair use of our available work-space; group lessons booked via our rally coordinators always take priority over privately booked lessons and private schooling
- Please ensure that all manure is removed from the arena if your horse has made a deposit during the lesson. And while you are there cleaning up, consider picking up any other droppings left behind too. A small gesture of goodwill goes a long way to creating an atmosphere of care for not only club property, but your fellow riders as well.

HDARC Rostered Duties

Wednesday Rallies

PRIOR TO RALLY:

Harrow top and bottom arenas and around the show jumps.
If possible harrow on the Tuesday pm or before the first lesson. The club gates are unlocked at 9am (4WD is not required) The harrow is on the ground in front of the large equipment shed. Don't harrow if the arenas are waterlogged

***Open the Clubhouse*:**
Enter through the back door which will be unlocked for you
Open all the security shutters
Open the front doors and the servery window
Turn on the lights
Turn on the fridge
Fill and turn on the urn
Get out the tea/coffee and sugar
Put the hose outside
Put the manure wheelbarrow and arena rake near the mounting block for easy access to top arenas and carpark

Put out equipment if required for a lesson; information re equipment which may be required will be on your emailed riding list a copy of which is in "the Book" at the club; Some equipment is locked in the equipment shed; a committee member will need to open this for you

Please Bring
3 Litres of Milk and 2 cakes +/or packets of biscuits between the 2 rostered people for morning tea
Place a receipt in the rally payment letterbox if you would like a refund

During the Rally
Provide hot drinks for the instructors throughout the morning or water if required
Deb: White Coffee, no sugar: ***Susie***:
Francis: White Tea, no sugar ***Dale***: coffee, white, 2 sugars
Guest Instructors as required

END OF DAY:

Ensure that grounds are clear of manure
Put the hose and wheelbarrow/rake inside
Replace equipment in the shed
Wash and dry dishes and wipe benches;
Sweep clubhouse floor
Ensure toilets are clean and tidy; replace dirty handtowels/teatowels
Empty the kitchen bin into the wheelie bin and replace the bin liner
Ensure the fridge is off and the door is ajar.
Ensure the urn and all lights, heaters and fans are off.
Close the shutters and lock the clubhouse; the front door nearest the servery needs to be held closed from the outside whilst the shutter is being closed
Ensure the gate to the grounds is locked if you are the last to leave
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Thank you for your help.

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.....Carol King:)

FOR SALE
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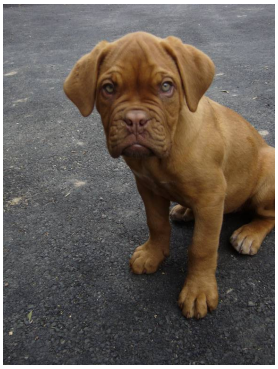

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