

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

President's Report

Howdy all HDARC members,

I really think the Beatles got it right and must have lived in Melbourne . . .

Here comes the sun, here comes the sun, and I say it's all right; it's been a long cold lonely winter. Little darling, it feels like years since it's been here., I feel that ice is slowly melting Little darling, it seems like years since it's been clear Here comes the sun, here comes the sun, and I say it's all right !!!!

Now back to reality and not singing a little diddy.

A few quick dot points from the committee –

- Club Ground perimeter fencing is under way, so that our club will be totally enclosed and safe for all to fall off and be able to find their horse within the grounds and not visiting the primary school kids for rotten apples.
- Some work around the wash area to make it more user friendly and dryer is also underway.
- There is now a tap outside the back door of the club rooms (thanks Di and Dave Wilson).
- Sensor lights are in the process of being installed around the club rooms.
- The front shutter door which is broken is being fixed and will have a security door fitted so we can access the club rooms through there.
- Guidelines for instructors is being finalised and will be distributed soon.
- Other discussions had by your committee is improving drainage and condition of the top arena and the ongoing talk about insurance and finalising our constitution.

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). The dressage day is the 24th of October and there will be a working bee before this event to assist members in meeting their requirements.

Reminder Website and Suggestion Box

Check out the website regularly for any updates and don't forget the Suggestion Box that is in the club rooms. Things to think about might be is the newsletter the best way to communicate with our members? Are there too many emails? Should everything just be put on the website for all to access at their leisure? It's your club to help make it better.

As usual feel free to email, call or text if you need any further info. Our next committee meeting is on the 8th September.

Lisa Embling

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IMPORTANT DATES

**Sept 15th - End of
Term Trail Ride**

**Oct 17th—Pony
Club CT Day**

**Oct 24th—HDARC
Dressage Day**

**10th of November
2010—AGM 8pm
clubhouse**

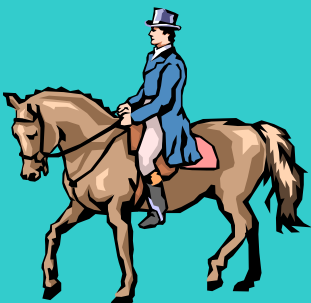
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Secretary's Report

Hi all
Just a few days till spring; lets hope we get some sunshine to balance all this rain; we all need that big dose of vitamin D although if my horses recent behaviour is anything to go by things are definitely looking up



With our last event for this “club year” being the **Dressage day on the 24th October** plus a working bee in the lead-up this is really your last opportunity to fulfil your membership obligations – if anyone unsure is if they have fulfilled their requirements please email me as I have kept helpers lists through the year andrew.ronalds@bigpond.com

TTT Show-jumping is coming up in mid October and it looks as if we may have 3 teams of riders – we may well need another helper for this – helping at a TTT would satisfy both requirements of an event and a working bee because of the extra travel-time so this may be a good opportunity for a member who still need those “brownie” points – also it is a huge help for the teams who struggle to combine a competitive performance with doing a 4 hour duty



Yarrambat Horse trials were held recently- a number of our riders competed with some riders placing and all having a awesome weekend–the only sunny rain-free days for sometime were that very weekend – sometimes you just get lucky! Could I personally thank Jo McIlroy-Smith and Andrea Barton for coming along to watch - thanks girls its great to get club support

The Rally cancellation mid term – was a really tough decision for the club to make and I know people will have been disappointed but with the top arena under water the traffic of so many horses on a relatively new arena would have threatened the integrity of the arena base. We want our arenas to last us for many happy riding years so they have to be well-managed. We have been assured that a part of this good management includes regular harrowing which of course is critical before rallies – all members can help with this – if you have a spare 30 mins check out the arenas, hook up the harrow which is in front of the second equipment shed and away you go – its actually quite good fun and very satisfying a bit like mowing the lawn

Many thanks to Cath Giles and Mel Dawson for going to a huge amount of trouble/ emails/phone calls to move our rally last week to Kangaroo Ground which was a pleasant change of scenery for both horses and riders

We may try to outsource more lessons next winter to indoor venues – this does involve more travel though and slightly more cost however please let me know of any good indoor venues you’ve used – feedback is a big help for planning – we want to know what people want so there is something available for all riders no matter what their preferred discipline

A big thankyou to Lisa Embling for organising interested members to purchase a hot wash at a great price – just another ‘must have’ on that endless lists of horsey things we feel we need to acquire- I’m actually quite excited about getting one though actually haven’t a clue where I’m going to put it yet – a minor point!

On that note I will close my shortest report yet
Hope to catch up with everyone soon at the club

Lisa Ronalds

To all those Keen Horse Trials Competitors Please let me know on andrew.ronalds@bigpond.com if you would like to be added to a group database on my computer. This way we can easily keep each other informed of upcoming events especially those not too far from home/ clinics/ competition tips and hints/ feedback on events we've competed in/ maybe organise some extra tuition at the club when the ground dries out Regards Lisa Ronalds

September 15th is the End of Term Trail Ride

The trail ride is lead and hosted by Peta Brennan through the tracks and trails around her place. This is one of my favourite rides of the year. Come with horse and a snack to share after. Fantastic ride and company – email fleaembo@hotmail.com if you plan on attending. Usually kick off is around 10am, for a chat and snack at 12ish, ready to leave and pick up kids by 2ish.

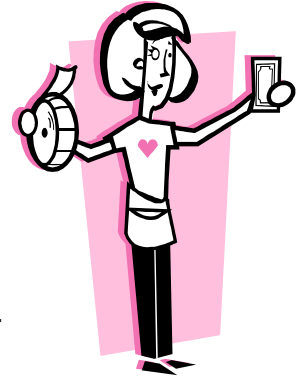
DON'T FORGET to enter the raffle for your very own portable mounting block.

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.



7th-8th Aug: YARRAMBAT HORSE TRIALS:

The four of us (see pic) competed at Y'Bat Horse Trials and had a great time. There were no placings at this event this time but that didn't matter and i was sadly eliminated in the SJ phase, i came into contact with the ground! Of course it was rider error while attempting to jump the double too fast, Gypsy was a bit stunned at seeing me on the ground, lol! We still did the cross country which was awesome especially as it was our first one together and we went clear (not that it counted) & i got that great adreneline buzz that only XC can give.

This was Jakki's first comp in 10 years, so Hursty members if she is brave enough to give it a go you can do it too! Well done Jakki you did really well. Di & her beautiful big steed are a force to be reckoned with so watch out for them in the future. Lisa did well & she & Toby did their best ever dressage test, it looked great! Well done all.



15th Aug: TRENTHAM TTT NAVIGATION RIDE:

Well what can i say, Saturday arvo & night was spent at Taradale at Kim's lovely cottage with great food, wine & great company & a beautiful fire and that was the best part! We headed off to Glenlyon on Sunday morning very early to compete in the Nav ride (my first one ever), well half way there the rain came down and kept coming & coming. As we drove in there was a severely bogged 4WD & float on our right, even the jockey wheel was bogged! As we drove through to park, Cath, Gel & Kim got through then it was my turn, oh no, i was bogged & i wasn't going anywhere fast and this happened all in the first 2 minutes!

After a quick team meeting in the pouring rain, we decided to scratch as we all agreed this wasn't our idea of a great day to be riding & trying to write down answers. So after unloading my very well behaved girl and with everyone's help pushing i was able to back out of the bog, Gypsy was then re-loaded further along near the exit and we headed home, i'm sure this scenario was repeated many times that day by other competitors.

We all got home safe and thoroughly enjoyed the first part of the weekend, thanks Kim for your wonderful hospitality again. The horses probably thought we were mad driving there putting them in the paddock, which was full of beautiful green grass and then loading them up the next morning just to be driven around & home again with no riding being done!! We will attempt another Nav ride in the future!Carol:)

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

All uniform queries see Andrea Barton 97197706



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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



Thank you for your help.

NOTICEBOARD

FREE LEASE OR SALE - RICK

16hh brown TB Gelding 13/14yrs old.

Rick works nicely on the flat and can jump up to level 3

He is superb on the ground and excellent to float, shoe, catch etc.

He would suit a confident rider looking to do Adult Riding Club, trail riding etc.

For more information please contact Alison 0417223994 or Sherri 0409094868

Any Hursty Members doing Bulla Horse Trails, would like to walk the course on the Saturday @ 4pm. We were also thinking of meeting on the Sunday morning, and travel as a club, so we would be altogether to support each other throughout the day. If interested email Di Wilson dwplumb@bigpond.net.au

FOR SALE

8 Years Old, 15hh, Pinto Palomino.

Chuck has eye-catching colours and expressive movement.

He is very quiet out on the road; cars, trucks or dogs are no issue. He loves a jump and to go for canters in the paddock. He is also confident with water, ditches and banks. He shows loads of potential on the flat, working on the bit in all three paces, he is willing to learn and improving all the time. He does not need to be ridden every day and is good straight out of the paddock.

Chuck has had a number of outings including adult riders rallies and navigation rides. He would make a great all rounder, or with his tidy jump would also make a great children's show jumper.

He is a pleasure to handle, and good to shoe and float.

Chuck is looking for a horsey family as he thrives on rider confidence. He has the ability and the looks to take someone up the levels in Adults or Pony Club.

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3. Light weight cotton mauve trim and white combo - NEVER used still in bag. \$35 (possibly has tail bag velcro?)
4. Polo Fleece - Navy with little white stars rug and neck rug set - as new in still in a plastic bag. \$60
Super rug for after events to wick water off horse and to keep warm & travelling.
5. Light blue with navy trim - polar fleece inside - different top layer. Great travel BIG rug. used - (\$35)
6. Red and White check cotton rug - only ever used after horse washed \$30 - long drop and very BIG rug.

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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

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