Newsletter

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Welcome to our last newsletter for the year, it seems fitting that this one is jammed packed with all the wonderful things members have been up to over November. With Christmas only around the corner, we've popped in a few fun things to get you into the spirit of the festive season including a cracker of a Christmas recipe, some bits and bobs as well as a bit of colour. Safe and Happy December!

A final reminder for the few stragglers that haven't paid their membership to get it in and have your card stamped asap.

TTT Dressage Nov 5 & 6 at Werribee Park

TTT Dressage Wrap – A great weekend was held at Werribee National Equestrian Centre with three teams representing the club and member Jo Collier riding both her horses for two other teams. Super efforts and personal records were broken over the weekend for the following results (see official event results section for individual placings)

Martinis and Mojitos – 4th from 150 teams
Bianca Veneziano (Truda) on Monarch Discovery with wins in both Advanced tests and the overall Jackpot paved the way for the team of Sarah Bridge, Karen Middlebrook & Anna Shortt to be placed 4th at TTT. Martinis and Mojitos were the only team at TTT with all four riders scoring points for their side.

The happy girls at TTT

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All Tall Bar One – 34th

Gillian Leach, Tracy Lee, Elle McKenzie & Michelle

Upthejacobcreeknostraw – 98th

Kristie Bloem, Megan, Brendan & Nicole

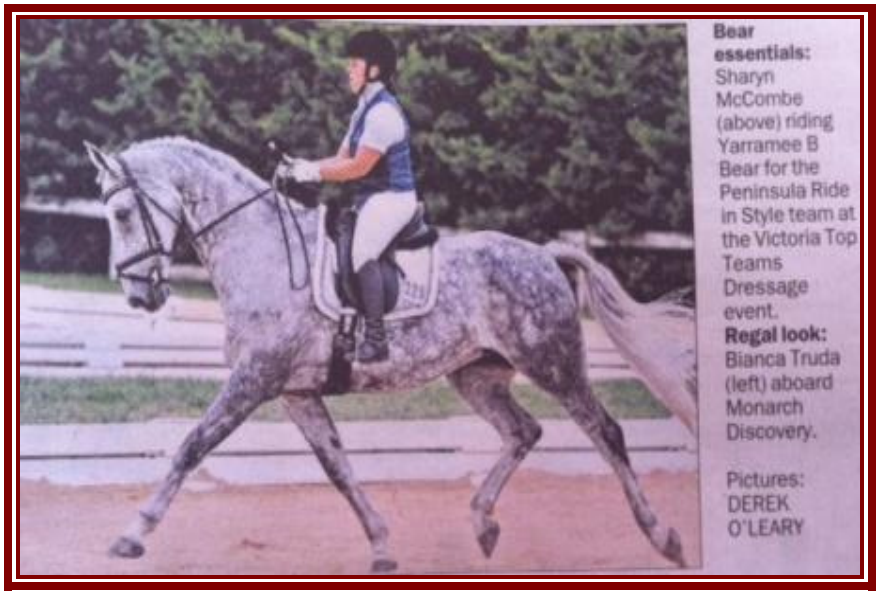
TTT Special mentions – Elle McKenzie

Elle and Miss Holly Golightly left behind the show jumps to win their first ever dressage sashes placing 7th in both classes and topping it off with a 4th in the Jack Pot, no mean feat looking at the calibre of entries that came out of the woodwork from all around the state. Well done Elle and now we are looking forward to seeing you and Miss Holly out representing the club at more dressage events!

"I have told you before, I am not a dressage horse… you lied… there is nothing for me to jump here!"
Straight from the horse's mouth

Bianca Truda

Congratulations Bianca and Monarch Discovery (Caspar) with super wins in both Advanced classes and taking home the jackpot and coveted rug. Now that you topped it off with a fabulous pic in The Weekly Times – we think it must be your turn to shout the bar!



Bear essentials: Sharyn McCombe (above) riding Yarramee B Bear for the Peninsula Ride in Style team at the Victoria Top Teams Dressage event.
Regal look: Bianca Truda (left) aboard Monarch Discovery.

Pictures: DEREK O'LEARY

Woo Hoo…Weekly Times Princess – Bianca and Caspar showing what it takes to be Advanced Jackpot winners at TTT

TTT Showing January 14th & 15th 2011

TTT Showing entries have opened, please refer to the email sent by Lucy last week and get your entries in early to Karen. We have two teams currently wanting to compete.

Welcome New Members

A warm welcome this month to Deb De Campo and Meg Rac (who actually joined in October but the new slack Newsletter Editor missed them off the list, apologies!) Also Kristy Koch and Asta Harvey. Please make sure that when you're out at rally or competing and see another member you don't recognise, introduce yourself and say hi.

December Breakup

For our last rally of 2011 we will be heading out on a trail ride through the lovely Macedon Regional Park. There will be 2-3 groups who will take different tracks depending on how much of a hoon you are and/or how fit your horse is, so all riders will be catered for. Rides will be setting off from 9:30am depending on your group. Please see email sent out with more information and the booking sheet.

Upcoming Rallies and WOW what a list!

Below is the list of rallies from January – March next year. Elle has done an unbelievable job of securing two Australian past representatives, Robbie Allen (Show Jumping) and Brian Schrapel (Eventing/SJ) to hone up Gisborne riders' skills. With other high level instructors booked in over next few months, take advantage to be coached by the best and get your sheet into Elle as early as possible.

14th Jan, 2012	Club Grounds	Emily Barter	Robbie Allen	Ruth Webb
11th Feb, 2012	Club Grounds	John Francis	Robbie Allen	John Francis
10th Mar, 2012	Club Grounds	Kylie Burton	Brian Schrapel	Brian Schrapel

All Rally Payments are to be paid the club account;

Bendigo Bank BSB 633 000 Account Number 142740166

Clinic/Lessons at Parklands

Please book directly with Sally Macaulay for the Clinics below

Alan Mitchell Clinics for 2011/2012

December 16th 2011 - $35 per rider
2012 Price to be advised for 2012
January 27th 2012
March 9th 2012
April 20th 2012
June 8th 2012
August 17th 2012
October 12th 2012

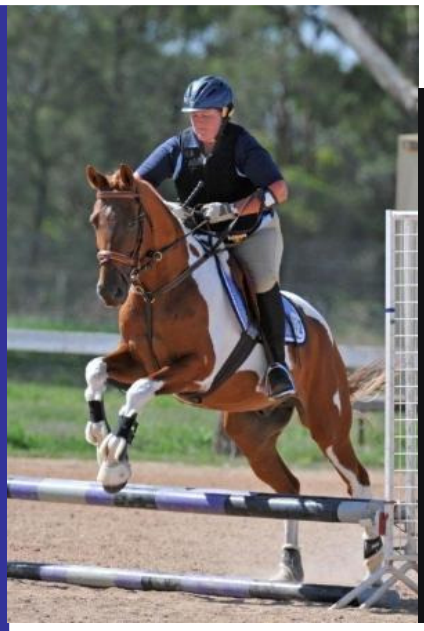
If you would like to see a particular instructor at one of our club rallies, please contact either Elle McKenzie or another committee member with your suggestion.

Rider's Profile – Melissa Harper

The Rider's Profile each month is a great way to get to know a bit more about one of your club members. Please help us keep this interesting section going by contacting Anna on anna@polarity.com.au for a 'rider profile' form and taking ten minutes to fill it in – *don't make me put you in my black book and have to come after you all with a big stick especially seeing my brother in law is ex Special Forces (I have the contacts people)!*

Our December centerfold is the very entertaining Melissa Harper - Happy reading!

Name: **Melissa Harper**
Discipline: **All Disciplines**
Horse's or horses stable name/s: **Willow (Chestnut Mare) Cody (Pinto)**
Competition Name/s: **Mid Life Crisis (Willow) Patchwork (Cody)**



Colour: **Willow: Chestnut , Cody: Pinto**
Height: **Willow: 15.2 hh , Cody: 15hh**
Age: **Willow 11 years Cody 12 years**
Sire: **(Willow) Ego Grauss (Grannus) (Cody) Unknown**
Dam: **(Willow) Suzi Q (3 star Eventer) (Cody) Unknown**
Breed: **Willow: Warmblood/TB Cody Australia Stockhorse**

1. How long have you been a member of Gisborne DARC? 3 Years

2. How long have you been riding? How did you get started?
I have been riding and competing for 38 years straight! Makes me old doesn't it!!!
In those years, I had only one season off competition, due to EI. I started as most little girls do, with a love of ponies and watching National Velvet on television. Eventually, despite that fact that my family was city living, I managed to con my parents into buying me a horse! They always said she will grow out of it HAHA!

My first horse "Taffy" took me though Pony Club, into eventing EA, and then hunting with Oaklands Hunt Club for many years. He also was a very successful hack and Showjumper. He was a Northern Territory Brumby cross TB, 15.2hh chestnut with an extremely definite personality. He taught me many of the lessons that have carried me through my career. After an accident hunting, I gave up jumping for about 15 years and concentrated on Show horses, Arabians, Hacks Ponies and Galloways, and dressage. I have competed on 16 horses over the years and owned 23 altogether, only one has been sold on as he did not suite me, but all the others have lived/ or a living their lives out here spoilt rotten at "Samsfield" Tooborac. We have our 4 in work between us, and 11 others that are retirees!

If I had to rate them all, the greatest I have owned and competed on was a Purebred Egyptian Arabian Gelding named "Star of

Arabia Malik" whom I purchased as a 2 year old and competed in the show ring on for 19 years, winning every major show horse title that was on offer, including Barrastoc, Royal Melbourne, Victorian State Tittles and Australian Championships. We won the Australian Arabian Championship for Parade Costume in 1994, and won Australian Top 5 in performance, Show, Led and Dressage several years in a row. I even jumped him a bit at the end of his career, but he was not very fond of jumping. He was retired at 21 years old, immediately after winning his Led class at the Victorian Championships for about the 6th time!

3. What are your biggest riding achievements?
Other than above, 4 Championships (Open Arabian Classes) at Melbourne Royal with 3 different horses.

In 1995, at the Royal Melbourne Show, Star of Arabia Malik and I won, Open Ridden Gelding, Led Gelding, Parade Costume and then went Champion Ridden Arabian. In those days the classes were very large and had about 40 horses on average in them.

In recent times, May 2011, Manduarang Horse Trials 1st and best dressage on Mid Life Crisis. March 2011 HRCAV Whittlesea Combined Training Day 1st on Patchwork

4. What are you goals for the next 12 months and further?
To have fun!

5. When you're not riding your horse, what can you be found doing?
I retired from working 2.5 years ago, and now spend my time looking after the huge array of animals on our small farm which is 100 acres. We have 15 horses, 5 Herefords, 4 Purebred Dexter that I breed and sell, 6 chooks, 2 ducks, 3 cats and 2 dogs. This lot all keeps me terribly busy!

I have included a picture below of **Lucy, our cat,** who is the love of our lives! She started her **Eventing career** in 2011 at Albury International Horse Trials, when I discovered that the new angle load float had a big enough shelf at the front of it to fit a large Cat cage for her! The look on Stuart Tinney's face, when he parked next to us and discovered that we actually had bought our cat along was priceless!!! She had a lovely weekend walking around on her lead and being admired by all who met her!

6. Who are your favourite riders and why?
Mary King and William Fox Pit are my favorites because they both have an amazing ability to keep coming up with horses that compete successfully at the highest level of the toughest sport in the world! 3 day Eventing!

7. Instructor/Judge Info

For 25 years, I instructed and judged for many different Pony Clubs, but 2 years ago, I had myself taken off the Pony Club list as I wanted a break from it. I still judge most years for any events Glenlyon have and just a couple of other local Pony Clubs as well.

HRCAV Official Event Results

Results will only be counted if they are published in the newsletter and Karen Middlebrook is emailed the results. Gisborne uniforms only & all details go towards horse of the year results. Results from the period 1 September to 31 August.

Please ensure that all results sent for publishing in the newsletter contain your name, horse name, event, date of event, level and your results. Your results cannot be published without all this information.

Look what great results our members are achieving when they're out and about– spangle star stamps this month go to;

Sarah Bridge & Alexander Park Mason

- TTT Dressage 5&6th November
  3E 2nd
  3F 13th
  L3 Jackpot 7th
  Overall Team Results 4th

Karen Middlebrook &

- TTT Dressage 5&6th November
  3E 2nd
  3F 2nd
  L3 Jackpot 2nd
  Overall Team Results 4th

Anneliese Shortt & Movido

- TTT Dressage 5&6th November
  3E 10th
  3F 5th
  L3 Jackpot 8th
  Overall Team Results 4th

Bianca Truda & Monarch Discovery

- TTT Dressage 5&6th November
  A4 1st
  A6 1st
  Advanced Jackpot 1st
  Overall Team Results 4th

Elle McKenzie & Miss Holly Golightly

- TTT Dressage 5&6th November
  3E 7th
  3F 7th
  L3 Jackpot 4th

Congratulations

Congratulations to Kristie Bloem and Darren Hess on announcing their engagement

Club Grounds

The grounds are booked on the following days of each month. Regular Uses groups at the Club Grounds

Gisborne Pony Club 1st **Sunday** of the month
Gisborne Adult Riders 2nd **Saturday** of the month
Simply Savy Natural Horsemanship 3rd **Saturday** of the month
Braemar College Equestrian Club Every **2nd Wednesday** pm approx 4.00 pm till dark.

Uniforms

Club Uniforms are available for purchase and we have a large variety of styles for sale. Please look on our website www.gisbornedarc.com.au and contact Tammy regarding purchases.

Did you know……

- *Horses have the widest eyes in all the mammals on land today*
- *The longest horse's mane on record was 18 ft long and grown by a Californian mare named Maude*
- *The average horse weighs about a half a tonne but its brain is only the size of a baked potato*
- *Horses cannot vomit*

WANTED – HORSE FOR LEASE/LOAN

John Leach would like to know if anyone has a horse that they would like to lease or loan him to ride whilst his horse is away in South Australia

Poor John has "Rider Withdrawal Symptoms"" so really wants something to ride & possibly compete on 16.1hh plus, level of education unimportant

John Leach
0411247158
Email John Leach [john.leach@me.com]

Recipe of the month - Summer Christmas Sangria

Kicked off by Anna (feel free to send in your favourite recipe for upcoming newsletters)

A Christmas day mandatory in our house is an oversized bucket of cold, fresh, fruity and absolutely alcoholic sangria – it's like our Australian summer version of eggnog without the egg or the nog! This is our family version based on a Spanish recipe my sister brought back from her overseas travels many years ago. It's so easy to prepare and you can reduce or up the alcohol depending on your taste, bulk it up with gorgeous summer fruits like peaches, nectarines and strawberries.

Ingredients

1 cup white sugar
1 bottle white wine
1 bottle red wine
1 bottle dry ginger (2 bottles if you prefer less alcohol)
1 bunch mint leaves – pulled into small sprigs

Oranges, lemons and summer fruit (e.g. nectarines, peaches, cherries, strawberries)
Brandy/gin/vodka – optional

- Place wine and sugar in a large glass bowl/jug, stir until sugar has dissolved, add sliced oranges, lemons and nectarines (keep peel on), cover and leave overnight in the fridge.

- The next day just before serving, add softer remaining fruit such as strawberries, mint and the dry ginger. Serve in big jug with loads of ice.

~ Happy Christmas Drinking ~

For Sale

Cob (Riding pony) snaffle bridle - Oz Nut - suitable for a chestnut small galloway.
Made by David Quayle saddlery and was made to measure for Rossi.
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$550 (will sell items separately if required)

Karen Middlebrook 0430 993 040

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Kiefer Lech Professionall Dressage Saddle- 2007 model, used sparingly- Excellent condition,
Brown, long points, medium gullet, unmounted $2400.00 ONO
Boa Horse Boots – for Barefoot Horses – Size 3 Still in box with all manuals. Used in stable on injury for one week only so brand new. Price $ 180.00 ONO
Brand New Refrigerator- Oracle, all glass shelves, with two crisper/veggie compartments, no freezer, used only for a month, then stored. New condition. $350.00 ONO.

Can email photos of any of the above, prices are negotiable,
Melissa Harper on ph 0354 335 295 or email **sandmharper@activ8.net.au**

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All in lovely condition as hardly worn!
Embroidered saddle blanket in club colours (full size)– quality wool -$40
Woolen saddle blanket in club colours, no club logo – suit pony/Galloway – never been on a horse - $35-
(both saddle blankets made in Shepparton)
Club Jumper – size 12 only worn once - $45
Club jacket – size S - $55

Karen Hunt 0408 135 243 & evenings 5427 3477

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Lucerne Hay & Chaff for sale
Grown in Kerang. We can deliver to Gisborne.
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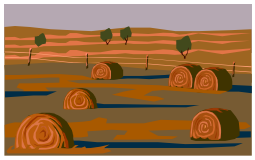

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