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Welcome to December

Merry Christmas members. Wow, the last month has absolutely flown and I can't believe 2013 is already almost upon us.



The end of the year was a busy one on the Equine calendar with both the Adelaide three day event and Equitana featuring.

A few of our members were lucky enough to attend Adelaide and Lucy our president kindly wrote an article on their adventure which I highly recommend checking out on page 6.

For those who attended I hear the Christmas activities were great days and we will hopefully have some pictures and comments on the two events in our next Newsletter. Don't forget we are back to our standard Rally format for January details of which can be found on page 3.

We also have our first TTT showing team organised, the 'Dazzling Divas' starring Nicole Guppy, Cathy Simmons, Bianca Fiorentino and Kara Fiorentino who will be competing on behalf of the Club in January. Michelle Nichols is also representing GDARC in a composite team. We wish all of our members the best of luck and thank those who have volunteered to help out on the day.

On behalf of the committee and other associated positions I want to wish you all a safe and festive Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Rider's Results for June

Congratulations to the following members for representing the club with these fantastic results over the last few months.

Karen Middlebrook & Rosedale Notting Hill (Sam)

Seymour Agricultural Show
1st & Champ Led Riding Pony Youngstock
1st & Res Led Open Gelding

Bendigo Agricultural Show
1st & Champ led Riding Pony Youngstock



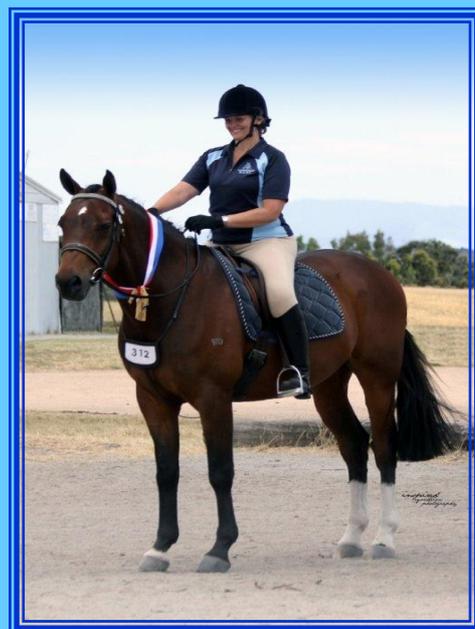
Anna Shortt & Avella Di Marcello (Felix)

Bulla Official HRCV Show 24th November
1st Led Exhibit 16hds and over
Reserve Champion Led Exhibit

1st Ridden Exhibit L3
Champion Ridden Exhibit

Pointed up to Level 2

Congratulations to Karen & Sam and Anna & Felix for their amazing efforts.

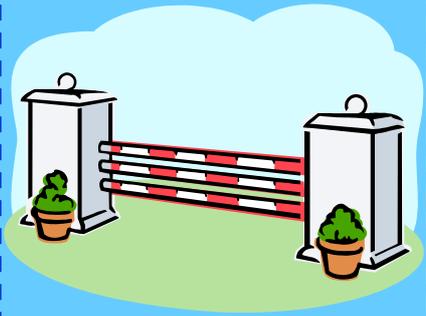


Anna & Felix at Bulla

Please remember to send your results to the Editor Sarah McKenzie-Crawford sarahmc182@hotmail.com so they can be featured in our Newsletter and to Karen Middlebrook kjcmclxv@yahoo.com.au so they can be counted towards the end of year awards.

Club Grounds and Information

Club Grounds



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

Gisborne Pony Club

1st Sunday of the month

Gisborne Adult Riders

2nd Saturday of the month

Simply Savvy Natural

Horsemanship

3rd Saturday of the month

Braemar College Equestrian Club Every

2nd Wednesday pm approx
4.00 pm till dark.

January Rally

Our January Instructors are **Oliver Evans** for Showjumping and Cross Country and **Tracy Lee** for Dressage.

Oliver competes in Showjumping, schools event horses and rides and teaches cross country .We received great feedback from his lessons at our May rally so we hope to see a few of you brave the cross-country course with this excellent instructor.

Tracy will be incorporating optional cavalletti schooling exercises into her dressage lessons which have been enjoyed at previous rallies. If you do not want to go over the cavallettis you can simply ride past them. NB TTT Showing riders - this is the same equipment as will be in the Mount Most Suitable classes.

A profile outlining Tracy's career highlights and specialties can be found on the following page for those new members who have not had the pleasure of riding in one of Tracy's lessons.



Instructor Profile - Tracy Lee

Tracy's Coaching Philosophy

My riding, training and coaching has been strongly influenced by my 3 years training with Harry Boldt (German Dressage Coach for 20 years, Germany was unbeaten in this time), 9 years with Mary Hanna (Australian Champion and Olympic Rider), 12 years with Nadine Merewether (Australia Grand Prix Champion) and Menola Mendez for teaching me the Piaffe and Passage.

I teach riders from all walks of life ~ beginners to FEI competitors. I believe in following the German System of Training checking each level is correct before moving to the next. Each training session begins by focussing on the first level and depending on the horses training moving through to the collected levels. Lateral movements and counter canter are important exercises to help straighten, balance and strengthen the horse. Riders must use the lightest aids and communicate mostly through their seat. The rider must work in partnership with the horse and understand their needs mentally and physiologically.

I am very experienced at teaching the higher movements such as the flying change, tempi changes, walk and canter pirouettes, beginning piaffe and passage. I have successfully taught these to my own horses and to my students because I have great understanding and knowledge of exercises to help the horse and rider. Cavalletti and pole work are sometimes used in my teaching and training as when used correctly these have enormous benefits for horses and riders.

For riders who are mostly focusing on show jumping and eventing the flatwork training is very important. I focus on helping you to have a balanced e.g. Do a correct flying change when needed, and obedient horse.

Private Lessons: \$90

**Shared Lesson of two riders: \$60/
rider**

**Shared Lesson of three riders:
\$45/rider**

Training/Teaching Your Horse: \$80



Instructor Profile

Name: Tracy Lee

Dressage Highlights:

*Australian Dressage
Champion – Medium

*Reserve Australian Dres-
sage Champion - Ad-
vanced

*Winning Hidden Valley
Grand Prix Championships

*Twice Winning Peter
Horobin Grand Prix Cham-
pionships

*Twice Winning South
Eastern Dressage Club
Large Tour Championships

*4th Place Equitana Grand
Prix Kur

*6th Place Australia Nation-
al Championships in Grand
Prix Kur

*Riding for the Make-A-
Wish foundation

*Demonstration rider for
Kyra Kirkland, Anky Van
Grunsven and Isobell
Werth

*Nominated for WA Sport
Person of the Year Award

*Received the Sport Ser-
vice Award for Outstanding
Sport Achievement pre-
sented by the Government
of WA

* Silver Medal Master
Games – Elementary

* 1st Place EA Novice at
VDC

* Numerous places and
wins at HRC AV Advanced

Instructor Profile - Tracy Lee

Career Highlights:

- *Competing in EFA/EA Dressage for 20 years
- *EFA Eventing rider for 12 years competing up to 3 Star level and WA State representative at Gawler 3DE
- * Competed FEI Dressage for 10 years. With 5 years at Grand Prix level.
- *Has been member of WA and Victoria State Dressage Squads.
- *Competed in 10 FEI, CDI-W competitions these included Dressage With The Stars and Equitana on numerous occasions.
- *Application in progress to be fast-tracked to an EA Medium Dressage Judge
- *Currently successfully competing EA Elementary and Medium, and HRCAV Advanced.
- *Demonstration rider for Kyra Kirkland, Anky Van Grunsven and Isobell Werth
- *Nominated for WA Sport Person of the Year Award
- *Received the Sport Service Award for Outstanding Sport Achievement presented by the Government of WA
 - * Silver Medal Master Games - Elementary
 - * 1st Place EA Novice at VDC
- * Numerous places and wins at HRCAV Advanced



Adelaide International 3DE - 22nd to 25th November



I have been to Badminton a number of times but this is the first time at the Adelaide 4 star. There are only six 4 star eventing competitions per year globally and Adelaide is the only in the southern hemisphere. Charlotte Blair, Jenny McMillan, Ruth Webb and I decided to indulge in a road trip to see the whole 3 days of Australia's elite 4 star 3DE and had a ball!!!

Day 1 started at my place in Woodend at too early o'clock, 5am. We headed off determined to arrive in Adelaide by 2pm to see the 4 star dressage. Charlotte did a great job of lead foot driving the second half of our journey and we made it in time to see all bar one of the 4 star competitors, thanks Charlotte. I realised that I had forgotten my ipad charger, Charlotte had forgotten her phone charger. Charlotte's phone was now dead. An outstanding test by Shane Rose and APH Moritz put them in 1st place plus a memorable test from Jessica Manson and her 15.3hh TB x stockhorse, Legal Star which was totally relaxed, honest and obedient. Whilst Ruth and I checked into our cabin (complete with gum tree & koala) Charlotte and Jenny managed to get us into the VIP bar following 4 star cross country course walking with William Fox-Pitt who was in the VIP bar too. Charlotte had also hitched a ride in the vehicle watering the arena plants to charge her phone so was back in action with that!! We enjoyed evening entertainment from the Double Dans followed by a twilight Showjumping Competition. The Double Dans show started off rather frisky when their breeding stallion came into the ring to "work with" an in season mare, but the outcome was civilised. They both ended up sitting together on a cushion so that a third horse could jump over their bottoms. Curries all round for dinner then off to bed, big day tomorrow.....

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Day 2, a massive day, which started at 8.30am with an informative showjumping masterclass with William Fox-Pitt. We then headed out on the Cross Country Course, 35 degrees is a tad warmer than any cross country day I've been to before!! The 2 star course looked big to me and it did indeed sort out the 55 strong field. We spent a good few hours walking at watching the 2 star and anticipating the 4 star. Plenty of water and ice creams too. Lunchtime proved to be relaxing at the water complex, being visited twice on both 2 star and 4 star courses, it proved to be a great vantage point. The 4 star started at 2.20pm and was a big test, notably the skinny brush in the water after emerging from the darkness under the trees which saw a number run out at or alternatively just not seem to see it. With a small field of only 14 such competitors once again it was important to organise a "Cross Country Boot Camp" to see a couple of horses at each of the fences we had picked out earlier in the day. Jenny and I had the most amazing view of the big trakhner being jumped by standing in the ditch alongside the track. The size of the jump from take-off to landing was impressive to say the least. The cross country phase had left its' influence on the competition so now Shane Rose and CP Qualified were leading the 2 star and Craig Barratt and Sandhills Brillaire the 4 star. The 4 star competition lost its' top 3 after Dressage! Following approximately 5 hours marching around the cross country course coated in sun-screen and dust we paused for a photo opportunity at the last fence then returned to the arena in time to see the fantastic Double Dans again. This time they were working young horses at liberty in a small area by the bar which is where we ended up once more. Jenny had her new pink cap auto-graphed by both Dans and Charlotte joined in for a frisky chat - happy girls. Exhausted we headed back to the cabin for pizza, drinks and chatter on our veranda, a perfect end to a perfect day.

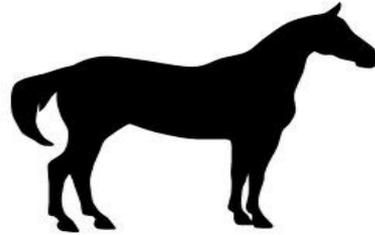
Day 3 started at 8.30am watching the trot up, a number of horses were withdrawn or failed the vet check leaving 35 competitors left to showjump in the 2 star and only 7 in the 4 star. Notably Shane Rose had withdrawn CP Qualified leaving Victoria's very own Wil Enzinger and Flowervale Maserati leading the 2 star. With excellent seats in the beautiful Victorian Grandstand we settled in to watch the 2 star showjumping. Our compliments go to the course designer who had set an appropriate test to once again sort out the remaining field. However, Wil was just too good and rode Maserati to claim glory in the 2 star, go Wil!!! The course was changed and the tension and anticipation built in preparation for the 4 star..... There was a tough line in front of us - triple bar with related 6 stride distance to an upright, one stride to oxer, two strides to another upright. Many rails hit the deck but not as many as the ooohs and ahhs from Charlotte and Jenny!! Our 15.3hh TB x stockhorse friend, Legal Star, from the Dressage was first to ride this line clear and this little man finished up in an impressive 4th place - clever pony! Congrats to Craig Barrett and Sandhills Brillaire who took out 1st place in the 4 star.

There are too many memorable performances to mention from the weekend. Anyone who knows me knows that I love coloured horses so Robert Palm's 6 yr old paint, Visual Laughter, caught my eye and is definitely one to watch placing 5th in the 2 star. For comprehensive event coverage please refer to the following links,

<http://www.horsedeals.com.au/index.php?p=event&e=18709-Adelaide-International-3-Day-Event>
<http://www.australian3de.com.au/pages/results.html>

And then the long journey home....."I went to the saddlery and I bought a 17 ½ inch Pessoa saddle, a 75cm brown leather girth, a roll of gamgee, a black leather cob size bridle, a tom thumb bit, white tendon boots, a blue small hole hay net, a navy and blue saddlecloth, a pink hoof pick with a brush on the end, brown plaiting bands, a sheepskin saddlecloth, a bag of wheat and an extra full size martingale"!!!

Diary Dates to Remember



With December almost behind us here are the upcoming January events to put in your Calendar.

Remember even if you are not a competitor we are always looking for volunteers and a friendly face in the crowd to cheer the Gisborne members on.

JAN				
6	DRESSAGE JACKPOT (Official) -Kyneton DARC @	20-Dec	Debbie	0419 557 080
6	SHOW (Official) - Doongala ARC	31-Dec	Michelle	0413 657 895
12/13	EA SJ COURSE DESIGNERS REFRESHER CLINIC		Phil	0417 325 320
13	SHOW (Official) - Wonthaggi ARC @ Bass Coast Summer Ag	20-Dec	Rhonda	5678 8511
13	SHOW (Official) - Bulla ARC	TBA	Carolyn	0400 838 266
19/20	TTT SHOW (Official) - Gisborne DARC @ Geelong Showgrounds	13-Dec	Melissa	5433 5295
20	SHOW (Official) -Koo Wee Rup HRC @ Lang Lang Agi	15-Jan	Lauren	0439 552 573
26	DRESSAGE JACKPOT (Official) - Phoenix RC @ Wesburn Park	12-Jan	Lisa	5968 8906
26	SHOWJUMPING (Official) - Wangaratta ARC	18-Jan	Tamlyn	0407 662861
26	CT & DRESSAGE JACKPOT (Official) - Lysterfield ARC	10-Jan	Elizabeth	0433 042 413
27	DRESSAGE JACKPOT (Official) - Smythesdale ARC	16-Jan	Monika	5342 0324
28	SUMMER ROYAL HRC AV RINGS (Official) SE Standardbred RG	2-Dec	rasv.com.au	
28	SHOW (Official) - Riddells Creek ARC	28-Jan	Jayne	0421 133 750



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