Newsletter

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How good does it feel to finally walk outside and feel the sunshine on your face?…yup, roll on Summer and hopefully goodbye to those in-between season rugs we've all been having to hoick in and out of hiding. Sorry for the lateness in sending the January Newsletter, this editor has been on holidays down the beach out of computer range and coupled with a broken thumb is hoping that forms some sort of plausible excuse!

TTT Showing January 14th & 15th 2011

We have one team Martinis and Mojitos (Karen Middlebrook, Bianca Truda, Sarah Bridge and Anna Shortt) entered and two members (Gillian Leach and Kristie Bloom) who are entered in composite teams. Good luck to all.

Welcome New Members

Welcome this month to Brittany Henry. 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.

Upcoming Rallies and Visiting Superstars

Below is the list of rallies from January – April next year. With the great caliber of instructors booked in over next few months, make sure you get your bookings into Lucy as soon as possible.

Date	Venue	Dressage	Show Jumping	Cross Country
14th Jan	Club Grounds	Emily Carter	John Francis	John Francis
11th Feb, 2012	Club Grounds	John Francis	Robbie Allen	John Francis
10th March	Club Grounds	Kylie Burton	Brian Schrapel	Brian Schrapel
14th April	Club Grounds	Nicole Downs	John Francis	John Francis

All Rally Payments are to be paid the club account;

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Clinic/Lessons at Parklands

Please book directly with Sally Macaulay for the Clinics below

Alan Mitchell Clinics for 2012

2012 Prices – See Sally

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.

Congratulations

Congratulations to our very own Karen Middlebrook for being elected to the HRCAV committee – Go 'Judge Judy'!

Next Committee Meeting

Monday 16 January 8pm at Amanda's House - 2 Benson Road, Gisborne South – all welcome.

With Fond Memories……

All our love and wishes go to the very wonderful Elle on the tragic and sudden loss of her horse soul mate Miss Holly Golightly just prior to Christmas.

Perhaps they are not stars in the sky, but rather openings where our loved ones shine down to let us know they are happy. ~ Eskimo Legend

Rider's Profile

The Rider's Profile each month is a great way to get to know a bit more about your club members. Please 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 – *I am starting a file on those getting a fairy stamp and those getting the Anna Shortt black cross so get in now and start writing!*

Thank you to the very talented Nicole Downes for kicking off 2012 by being our Miss January.

Name: Nicole Downes
Discipline: Dressage mostly but will have a go at anything
Horse's or horses stable name/s: I have quite a few!

Competition Name/s:	Mellizo (Mel)
Colour:	Grey
Height:	16.1hh
Age:	12
Sire:	Wodonga Melido
Dam:	Pereza
Breed:	Spanish Andalusian Gelding

Competition Name/s:	Alegria Asombroso (Sam)
Colour:	Grey
Height:	16hh
Age:	8
Sire:	Andaluka Magicoso
Dam:	Hermosa Duenda
Breed:	Spanish Andalusian Stallion

Competition Name/s:	Parklands White Diamond (Dee)
Colour:	Chestnut
Height:	16hh
Age:	4
Sire:	WeltwunderE
Dam:	Mae's West
Breed:	Warmblood

Competition Name/s:	Mellizo Park Royal Legacy (Lacey)
Colour:	Bay
Height:	16.1hh and still growing
Age:	2
Sire:	Royal Hit
Dam:	Lucette
Breed:	Warmblood

Competition Name/s:	Mellizo Park Royal M (Em)
Colour:	Liver Chestnut
Height:	15.3hh and still growing
Age:	1
Sire:	Royal Hit
Dam:	Murtoa
Breed:	Warmblood

Competition Name/s:	Mellizo Park Avella (Elle)
Colour:	Grey
Height:	Will mature approx 16hh
Age:	9 weeks
Sire:	Alegria Asombroso
Dam:	POSH Velvet Brown
Breed:	2X Andalusian

Competition Name/s:	Devil Foal (ha ha, he is still to be named!)
Colour:	Black going grey
Height:	Will mature approx 16hh
Age:	2 weeks
Sire:	Alegria Asombroso
Dam:	Parklands White Diamond
Breed:	Spanish Warmblood
Competition Name/s:	Neversfelde Pippa (Pippa)
Colour:	Liver Chestnut
Height:	15.3hh
Age:	14
Sire:	Donnerheist
Dam:	TB
Breed:	Warmblood

Competition Name/s:	Macarab Crystal Rose (Rose)
Colour:	Chestnut
Height:	14.3hh
Age:	19
Sire:	
Dam:	
Breed:	Partbred Arab

1. How long have you been a member of Gisborne DARC? Since 2005

2. How long have you been riding? How did you get started? About 25 years. I was horse mad as a child so started having weekly lessons when I was 9 and I have been riding ever since. I got my first horse when I was 14.

3. What are your biggest riding achievements? 2011 Supreme Champion Ridden Andalusian at the Victorian Andalusian Championships with Alegria Asombroso. Qualifying for and Competing at Dressage with the Stars with Just Dance.
2008 HRCAV Champion Level 1/Advanced Rider with Mellizo plus top 10 dressage, showing and show jumping. 100 point dressage award with Mellizo. Twice NSW Carriage driving Champion and 3rd place at the National Carriage Driving Championships with Macarab Crystal Rose.

4. What are you goals for the next 12 months and further? Finish setting up my property – Mellizo Park Equestrian Centre and being able to quit my day job and ride horses for a living!

5. When you're not riding your horse, what can you be found doing? Paralegal at TressCox Lawyers. I work in the Wills and Estates area plus I am a NSW Licensed Conveyancer.

6. Who are your favourite riders and why? No favourite in particular, I admire anyone who is out there giving it a go.

7. Instructor/Judge Info I regularly instruct and am currently in the middle of completing my EA NCAS coaching certificate.

I have a website www.mellizopark.com.au. I am happy to take on horses for education and training, sales and breaking in. I am also available for lessons. I also have young stock for sale.

Alegria Asombroso (PRE Spanish Stallion) standing at stud

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, 2011 to 31 August, 2012.

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;

Jenny McMillan & Gus
Westcoast Showjumping, December 3rd
- Level 1: AM5 2nd
- Two-phase 3rd

Jenny McMillan & Leila
Westcoast Showjumping, December 3rd
- Level 3: AM5 3rd
- Two-phase 3rd

Anna Shortt & Avella Di Marcello
Doongala Official Show, January 8th
- Level 3: Rider 2nd
- Level 3: Ridden Mount 6th

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.

Recipe of the month – Chocolate Fudge

Karen Middlebrook aka Judge Judy has very kindly shared her secret recipe for fudge. For those of you who have been lucky enough to taste Karen's Fudge before, we know you'll be grinning from ear to ear to get your hands on this little gem. (feel free to send in your favourite recipe for upcoming newsletters)

Chocolate peppermint fudge - Makes 36 (unless you want better than bite size pieces!!)

100 g butter, chopped
2 tbsp glucose syrup
395g can sweetened condensed milk
1 1/3 cups firmly packed brown sugar
180 g dark chocolate (the button ones is easiest as you don't have to chop)
1 tsp peppermint essence

Grease a 3cm deep x 19cm square cake pan (or use any rectangular baking pan that is 3cm deep)
Line base and sides with baking paper, leave a 2cm overhang

Place butter, glucose syrup, condensed milk and sugar in a medium saucepan over a medium heat.
Cook, stirring for 3 to 5 minutes or until sugar dissolves and mixture is smooth.
Increase heat to medium-high, cook stirring constantly 10 to 15 mins.

Continue until mixture becomes thick and is caramel in colour. Sugar must be dissolved fully.
Remove from heat

Quickly stir in dark chocolate and peppermint essence until melted and combined.
Spread mixture into prepared pan and leave to cool then refrigerate.

Cut into squares.

If you wish to substitute peppermint essence for an 'adult' version I've found baileys is a good substitute (or father o'learys)

~ Get Fudged all of you! ~

To make you smile……our joke of the month

Riding Black Caviar at Flemington for her 17th win in a row, jockey Luke Nolen is well ahead of the field when suddenly he's hit on the head by a turkey and a string of sausages.
He manages to keep control of Black Caviar and pulls her back into the lead, only to be struck by a box of Christmas crackers and a dozen mince pies as she rounds the last turn at the 400 mark.
With great skill Luke steers her back to the front of the field once more when 100m from home, he's walloped on the head by a bottle of sherry and a Christmas pudding.
Severely concussed, Luke succeeds in bringing Black Caviar across the line in second place.
Stumbling from the mare, he immediately goes to the stewards to complain that he has been seriously hampered!

For Sale

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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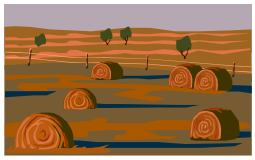

All hay grown on irrigation in Mt Gambier, SA.

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Contact Nicole Downes on 0419 219 054 or nicole downes@tresscox.com.au

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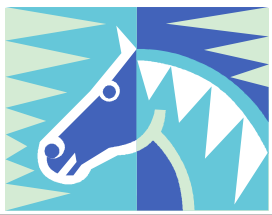

Ok, this is just a dodgy nothing page that I can't seem to be able to delete so it stays in….sorry!