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newsletter

Welcome to the May edition of the Gisborne DARC newsletter. I've been playing around a bit with the format and so this month is a completely new look and feel. Hopefully, every one will be able to read this a little more clearly and it would be great to get member's feedback on whether you prefer this style over our original one.

With day light savings well and truly over and the days getting shorter not to mention colder, the clippers are coming out as the woolly look is taking over our ponies.

I don't know about anyone else but Felix has been hit with mud fever and it's driving me spare trying to get rid of it. It's amazing how many people give you a different remedy that's 'fool proof' from bleach (I didn't go this far as I since heard of a top dressage rider who burnt his horse's leg with that 'cure') to nappy cream to mentholated spirits. Then when you add in all the vet advice you sort of get overwhelmed a tad. 'Bandage it', 'don't bandage it', pick off scabs, leave them on the list goes on.....all I know is that I now have a horse that's very susceptible to Mud Fever and it's a right royal pain!

On another note and some great news is that we have another three new members which had made our club 61 strong! Welcome to Jane Brook, Fenella Smith and Catherine Hall

This is super as in the last few years we've gone from a reasonably sized small club to a veritable power force of riders.

Welcome to May



Member Kristie Bloem with Mystic Affair competing at Eltham yesterday

We are strongly represented in all disciplines of dressage, showing, combined training, horse trials and navigation, something we all as club members should be proud of.

Two years ago we were lucky enough to host the TTT Dressage at Werribee Park and now after Martini's and Mojito's win at TTT Showing this year, we have been awarded the host club role for TTT Showing in 2013—Go Gisborne!

To those of you in the club who are fairly new to competing, don't ever be afraid to ask other members if they are going to an event you wish to attend but are a bit nervous going on your own. I think it goes without saying that there are many Gisborne riders who are more than happy to lend you a hand and offer you moral support on the day.

Rider's Results for April

Lots of members have been out and about this month with some fabulous results and personal achievements met. Please send your results to Karen Middlebrook so that they can be counted in for the end of year awards. Fairy sprinkle stamps go to;

Hayley Mountford & Shaman (Fred)

Inverleigh dressage, Golden Spurs round 5 15th April.

Section 4 B

Level 4 - 4C 10th 69.41%

Level 4 - 4F = 3rd 70.53%

Lucy Nicholson and Cleo

Hurstbridge SJ Day, Sunday 22 April

Level 3 - 1st Equitation (well done Lucy on your first level 3 comp)

Sarah Bridge & Alexander Park River Mason (Mason)

GVEC Dressage Jackpot at Elmore, 22nd April

Level 2 - 2D 1st 72.6%

Level 2 - 2E 1st 72.6%

Anna Shortt & Avella Di Marcello (Felix)

Trentham Not So Midweek Series, 20th April

Level 3 - 3E 5th 70.20%

Level 2 - 2E 1st

Meg Rac & Charlie

Trentham Not So Midweek, 20th April

Level A3 - 3rd

Level A5 - 1st

Jo Collier & Starford Domelli

Trentham Not So Midweek Series, 20th April

Overall Advanced Champion of Series

Jo Collier & Acacia Ridge Rondines

Trentham Not so Midweek Series, 20th April

Overall Level 3 Champion of Series

Jenny McMillan & Leila & Gus

Trentham Not So Midweek Series, 20th April

Level 3 - 3E 14th Leila

Level 3 - 3E 10th Gus

Allison Codling & Austral Park Just Divine

Trentham Not So Midweek Series, 20th April

Level 4 - 4E 8th

Sarah Bridge & Alexander Park River Mason (Mason)

ERARC at Eltham 29th April

Level 2 - 2B 2nd

Level 2 - 2D 1st Level 2 Jackpot winner

Anna Shortt & Avella Di Marcello (Felix)

ERARC at Eltham 29th April

Level 3 - 3B 8th

Level 3 - 3E 5th



Well done Hayley and Fred on your first competition ribbon—go girl!



Jenny Mac & Leila at Trentham Not So Midweek



Sarah Bridge with all her booty at Eltham—where's your uniform Sarah??



Meg Rac and Charlie at Trentham



Level 2 jackpot winner Sarah

Lucy and Cleo looking super at their first Level 3 event at Hurstbridge



Club Grounds and information



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 Savvy Natural Horsemanship 3rd **Saturday** of the month

Braemar College Equestrian Club Every 2nd **Wednesday** pm approx 4.00 pm till dark.

Cross Country Course

X/c course - take care if you are schooling over the x/c course in the coming months

as all the rain is making the going heavy. Please refrain from using the water Jump which is still a making in progress

General Club Grounds

Thank you to all who have been cleaning up after themselves and their horses at rally, please keep this up and set an example for others.

"It's great to be able to include pics of members

when they are out and about—please

keep them coming!"

Why volunteering is so important for the club

As you are all probably aware, TTT and inter club events are organized and run by a band of volunteers who donate their time freely to enable us to compete.

At TTT events especially, it is mandatory for each team to have a volunteer or the team cannot compete. It's a fabulous way to not only meet people but to have

an inside look at how an event works.

At Gisborne, we have a group of die hard volunteers, they are always the same people that put their hand up to help out others attending an event for a few hours over a weekend (you all know who they are, you good eggs you!).

So, this call out is to all those members in the club who have not put their hand up before, whether for a few hours helping out at an event or even helping at a working bee day.

Please think about putting up your hand next time volunteers are called for, we'd love to see new faces helping out and putting back into the club at the same time—this is what being a member of a club is about!

Upcoming Rallies

The lovely and very popular Kylie Burton will be our May dressage instructor



We are very fortunate to have access to some fabulous instructors through the club, so make sure you get in early with your bookings.

May's instructors are Kylie Burton for Dressage and Oliver Evans for Cross Country & SJ. These are both popular instructors and bookings will be done on a first in basis.

Other instructor information;

Saturday May 5 - Ruth Webb at the Kyneton Club Grounds

June Rally—Dressage & XC—John Francis Show Jumping—Robbie Allen
July Rally—Dressage Tracey Lee & SJ Chris Mann (indoors)

August Rally—Dressage Judy Peel & SJ Ruth Webb (indoors)

Bookings must be made on the club booking sheet and sent through to Lucy, new prices now apply
Club account Bendigo Bank BSB 633000

TTT Horse Trials - 18th & 19th May



Good luck to our
Gisborne Teams at
TTT HT!

Good luck to the brave girls that have entered for the TTT Horse Trials in May. I think we have two teams entered of very fearless chicks!

The event is at Bulla, a hop & skip from where most of us live so it would be super to see you down there supporting the team, it means so much to everyone.

Just a quick reminder to anyone participating that you must pro-

vide your own back numbers or you won't be able to compete.

Hold tight and don't be afraid to grab the Jesus strap if you've got one on the way over.



Vale to Louey



Lovely Louey

Our thoughts are with member, Kate Hollins who lost her beautiful boy Louey on 11 April. Following a long spell, Kate spent the first months with Louey getting him fit and we began to see them out together at rallies.

They were about to start competing and knowing them, it would have been a very successful partnership. On April 10, Louey started exhibiting signs of colic and Kate with her mum and the vet nursed him through the night.

When he didn't improve, the decision was made to send him to Werribee for surgery but sadly Louey deteriorated rapidly and didn't make it.

We all understand the bond we have with our horses, and this one was a very special relationship. Kate is obviously devastated but wanted her friends at GDARC to know.

The club has purchased a rose and card for Kate

Wanted - pesky pony gates



Looking to get my hands on some old gates to act as an impenetrable barrier to a pesky escape-artist Shetland pony.

If you have any that are lying around- imagine how much tidier your place will look.....

call Mandy 9016 4975

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Reader's Recipe



It's quite deceptive this tart, it looks rather pleasant but doesn't jump out at you and have you drooling at the picture but believe me it is rather unexpectedly delicious! The combination of hazelnut, orange and chocolate together are perfect!

Ingredients

300g sweet short pastry
210g hazelnuts, finely chopped (150g castor sugar
90g butter
2 eggs
Zest of one orange
100g 70% chocolate, finely chopped
2 tbsp orange liqueur

Method

Pre heat oven to 180C.

Roll out pastry to fit a 24-26cm loose bottom tart tin. Place pastry case in fridge while making the filling.

In a large bowl beat together the butter & sugar.

Add eggs and beat for further two minutes until light & fluffy.

Add the chopped hazelnuts, chopped chocolate, orange zest and liqueur to the bowl and combine all the ingredients.

Spoon the mixture into the tart case and smooth the top.

Bake for 30-35 minutes on a low shelf in oven (helps cook pastry quicker) until the filling is set and golden in colour.

Allow to cool in tart tin before removing.

"If you don't have the time to make your own short crust pastry, buy from the supermarket but make sure it's a good brand—it's worth it!"

Sue Bloem's Tim Tam Truffles

Ingredients

2 packets of Tim Tams (Black forest, Plain, Caramel, Rum n' Raisin and will work)

3/4 Can of Condensed Milk

Method

Crush biscuits in a food processor until crumbs.

Mix in a bowl with condensed milk and combine thoroughly

Roll into small balls and cover in Milo, crushed Flake or drinking chocolate.

Eat and enjoy this incredibly healthy treat!



Rider Profile - Charlotte Blair (Miss May)

Neville at Woody
Yakob March 2012



Name:
Charlotte Blair

Discipline:
Anything jumping not a
showy and only do dressage
if I have to

Horse Stable Name:
Neville

Competition Name:
Neville (as "Out The Back"
sounds a bit seedy)

Colour: Grey

Height: Not measured but
16.2 ish

Age: 7

Sire: Pride And Glory (GB)
1997 (by Sadlers Wells)

Dam: Destiny Bound (AUS)
1999

Breed: TB

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

About a year now. I followed my friend Ruth Webb over from the UK (we met about 15 years ago when we ajisted together) and I met Lucy Nicholson when we came over on holiday a few years ago (at Ruths for Christmas) and Jenny McMillian when we first arrived from the UK so I felt part of the club already! Although I live in Kyneton the club there are only dressage and Gisborne is FAR more friendly and fun.

2. How long have you been riding? How did you get started?

I started riding when I was about 9 on our next door neighbours ponies, I then went to a riding school about 5K away from our home and used to cycle there early Saturday morning and would cycle home before dark and then do the same on Sunday. I used to ride a little grey welsh pony called Silver everywhere bareback. I got my first horse age 13 who was a mad Arab X TB who wasn't broken or gelded until he was 8. Then at 16 I got a nice TB x Irish 4 year old mare who took me on to do a bit of everything, BE Eventing, BSJA Show jumping and affiliated dressage (I must have enjoyed it then to have affiliated!) I had her for 21 years and only lost her 3 years ago.

3. What are your biggest riding achievements?

There are 3 main ones I can think of 1. Jumping my first big hedge out hunting with Ruth's voice "kick on" in my head or behind me can't remember which. 2. Would be doing a BE Novice event on The Solicitor who was an amazing retired Advanced eventer that I had on loan from my great friend and neighbour in the UK. He gave me such an amazing ride that as I came over the rather large trackener at ease I burst into tears I was so happy! 3. Would be bringing on Kitty who was a 17.2 Shire X mare that I got as a 2 year old from the World Horse Welfare on loan to keep a youngster I breed company. She turned out to be such a special horse that I kept her and sold the youngster. She was so easy to break in and turned out to be a great all rounder and hunter. It was the saddest and hardest part on moving to Australia having to give her back to the WHW after 11 years.

4. What are you goals for the next 12 months and further?

To move Neville steadily up the levels for SJ and Eventing. I have set our goal for the Melbourne 1* for 2014 (it was 2013 but me thinks that's a little un realistic) I really ought to work on my dressage but that's the bit I really don't enjoy. I did think of setting a goal of winning the club dressage trophy but you need to enter more than one dressage comp to do that don't you!

I would also like to find a nice Clyde X to hunt as I do miss the hunting.

5. When you're not riding your horse, what can you be found doing?

I work for a US IT company called Verizon (a little like a Global Telstra) I sell their services to a named list of global customers. I have worked for them for 10 years now and managed to get a transfer to Australia with them on a 457 Visa. In what little spare time I have between work and riding I enjoy skiing and eating out.

5. Instructor/Judge Info

Ruth of course and really only had lessons at the club. I like both Robbie Allen and John Francis's style so will also look to use them more.

6. Who are your favourite riders and why?

Mary King - She is always happy and friendly with a smile on her face

Other info about me. I am married to Andrew, I have two children, 2 dogs, 3 cats and Neville. I like lemonade and my white wine or a Moscato. I love living in Australia and don't miss the mud or mucking out in the cold and wet.

"My beloved
Kitty from the
UK who I had
to leave be-
hind."





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