

NOVEMBER 2016

NEWSLETTER



PRESIDENTS PONDERINGS

Busy time of year for all especially with the end of the club financial year looming which of course brings on the AGM.

This year we will have this meeting at the Grand Hotel, Main St, Yarra Glen and it will be on **16th November** starting at 6pm.

Come along and enjoy the evening with our guest speakers first, and then dinner before the meeting. As you know, the HRC AV year runs from 1st Nov to 31st Oct. The new Membership forms are on the website - on this

link <http://www.workingequitationyarravalley.org/join.html> and we welcome you all back to rejoin.

As it's a Wednesday evening it will be Parma night so if you enjoy a good parma come along and join us.

I will need numbers for booking purposes and final numbers will be required by 14th November. Please contact me if you are coming along – 0419 030137 or helenjsharp@bigpond.com.

EVEN IF YOU AREN'T COMING FOR TEA BUT JUST FOR THE MEETING I WILL NEED NUMBERS FOR BUMS ON CHAIRS.

We will be starting the night off at 6pm with a talk from Erika Gough from INSIDE OUT EQUINE HEALTH. Erika will be talking about her business and what she can offer horse people like ourselves, to help care for our beloved equine friends.

Amongst the services Erika offers is Faecal Egg Counts and she has offered to take (horse) faecal samples on the evening to be tested. Just bring in a poo sample on the night (bring it in a zip lock bag, there is a video to show people how to do it and there are instructions in the [FAQs on her website](#) too.) insideoutequinehealth.com

Why do faecal egg counts?

Not worming horses that don't need to be wormed protects horses and properties from developing resistance to worming products, saves money on unnecessary worming products and saves unnecessary administration of worming chemicals to horses. 20% of horses carry 80% of the worms (i.e. your horse is 'wormy' or not 'wormy') so once you know which category a horse fits into you can treat accordingly (note that it takes a few FECs to understand each horse's parasite burden pattern).

Faecal egg counting is best done when horses are due to be wormed or 8 weeks after the last deworming product was administered. It shows the amount of parasite eggs in the faeces and indicates whether your horse needs worming (or not! It's often not!).

ERIKA GOUGH

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We will also have a representative from WYDCOM/Bendigo Bank present who will have a quick chat about what the Bank can offer us as a club, and individual members.

Please come along and support these speakers and have a great night out as well.

We welcome any of our new members to come along, meet the committee (I think most of us are signing up for another year so you'll be safe), join us for dinner and have a great evening out. I think I heard mention that there is a lucky door prize too?

NOVEMBER RALLY DAYS

For these rallies Susie set up a full WE obstacle course for us to get some practise over/around the full set of obstacles.

We had quite a few new members join up over these 2 days which was wonderful and I heard nothing but praise and how everyone enjoyed their riding.

I think Susie is planning on doing this again in February for our 1st rallies back for the new year but more on that nearer the day.

NEW FEES FOR NEXT FINANCIAL YEAR

The HRCav has marginally increased it's fees for the next years membership.

New fees for a senior riding member are as follows:

Insurance - \$50.35

HRCav Levy - \$55.65

WEYV fee - \$70

ANWE fee - \$5

Chaff Chat (optional) \$57

Total \$181

Total \$238

Fees are due now and they **MUST** be paid in full to be able to ride at the rally days and to be eligible to vote at the AGM or be on the Committee.

LILYDALE HUNT CLUB OUTING DAY

I arrived at 2pm due to work commitments, car loaded with hats, gloves, raincoats, umbrellas etc all ready for inclement weather but I had to put sunscreen on instead!

Carol, Deb, Anna and Julia were out on the hunt grounds when I arrived, doing a bit of cattle rustling I think?

They had arrived earlier and had been around half of the grounds checking out some of the jumps, including the water jump.

Carola arrived, without her horse, with some afternoon tea and then we all mounted up and went out again for another stroll around the course.

A few of us did a few of the smaller jumps and then went back to the water jump. Dale, Chester, Ringer and Duckie all had a paddle but Deb's Yasmin was determined that she wasn't about to get her feet wet.

Then Carol dismounted and went wading in herself to convince Elle that there were no piranhas in there!

We left at about 4pm as the black clouds were starting to accumulate on the horizon, a well timed departure.



FUNDRAISER – BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLE

This was a fabulous effort by about a dozen of our members that came to help on the day.

The Sausage Sizzle date was allocated to our club many months ago but due to a mixup somewhere most of us thought that it had been cancelled, and a different date applied for. Fortunately it turned out that this wasn't the case so a quick ring/email around got the organisational ball rolling under the very capable eye of Carola who volunteered to oversee the day for us.

We were allocated Cup Day and being a public holiday was 'almost' guaranteed to be a very busy day. It did not disappoint with the public 'donating' funds to our club to the tune of \$1650 profit.

A big thankyou to the girls that helped on the day, especially to Carola who I know had quite a few sleepless nights worrying that everything was covered and if we had enough helpers on the day. The marquee was running like a well oiled machine when I arrived for my duties and continued to do so until we started to wind down about 4pm, though it did get a bit quiet when the Cup was being run about 3pm.





A WORD FROM SUSIE – a poet it seems?

I've been playing with a little poetry... again.

FOR THE HORSE - By Susie Walker

First of all - Respect the horse,
Let nature's way dictate the course
The heart & soul of Légèreté
Is for the horse... in every way.

No tools of force,
No harm of course
No cranked or tight restraining bands
No backward actions of the hands.

To find submission willingly
Study well asymmetry
Avoid the aids in opposition
Balance for the best conditions.

Teach a language of the aids
To progress through the dressage grades
Give the horse the dignity
To work in natural liberty.

Consider how the mirror shows
Reflections of the inner pose
Horses teach us many lessons
On the making of impressions.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2016

For info and bookings email Lisa Saunders at lisandian@bigpond.com.au

Book early: Closing dates for bookings & payment is 5 days prior to event.

WEYV Calendar:

<http://www.workingequitationyarravalley.org/calendar.html>

2016 DATES



December - Wednesday 16th AGM Grand Hotel, Yarra Glen
Wednesday 7th Club rally Gruyere
Sunday 11th Club rally Gruyere

DATES FOR 2017

From our 1st rally back in February we will be back at Gruyere indoor arena for the whole year. The club has been lucky enough to obtain this venue for a secure booking for the next 12 months and beyond, all being well!

FEBRUARY	WEDNESDAY	1 st	
	SATURDAY	4 th	
	SUNDAY	5 th	TBC full obstacle course
MARCH	WEDNESDAY	1 st	
	SATURDAY	4 th	
	SATURDAY	18 th	Introduction clinic
APRIL	WEDNESDAY	5 th	
	SATURDAY	8 th	
MAY	WEDNESDAY	3 rd	
	SATURDAY	6 th	
	WEDNESDAY	31 st	
JUNE	SATURDAY	3 rd	
	SUNDAY	18 th	Clinic
JULY	WEDNESDAY	5 th	

AUGUST	SATURDAY	8 th	
	WEDNESDAY	2 nd	
SEPTEMBER	SATURDAY	5 th	
	WEDNESDAY	6 th	
	SATURDAY	9 th	
OCTOBER	SATURDAY	16 th	Clinic
	WEDNESDAY	4 th	
	SATURDAY	7 th	
NOVEMBER	WEDNESDAY	1 st	
	SATURDAY	4 th	
	SATURDAY	18 th	Clinic
	AGM	TBA	
DECEMBER	WEDNESDAY	6 th	
	SATURDAY	9 th	

MEMBERS OUT AND ABOUT



These are a couple of photos taken of participants from the Nicola Danner Judges clinic last month. Amanda and Dolly were getting some instruction, and Amanda and Susie (that I could see) intently listening/watching during the course.

Nicola Danner Clinic
Saturday 1 and Sunday 2 October 2016 by Amanda Bibby

On Friday 30 November Dolly and I headed up to Lancefield to take part in the Nicola Danner Clinic. We arrived at El Castillo and it was very cold and wet. Dolly went into her yard and I started setting up my tent. I must admit, I'm really not a camping type person but I thought I would give it a shot. I didn't know what the yards were going to be like so thought I better stay where Dolly is.

I got my tent all set up and then it started to pour with rain. Michelle's husband said I could sleep in the tea room if I wanted but I thought, well the tent is set up, I might as well give it a go.

Susie, Anna and Lindy were staying in the Lancefield Guest House so I went over there for tea. Anna cooked up an amazing pasta which was absolutely delicious. Had a great night chatting away.

Got back to my tent and put on my pj's and headed off to sleep. Well that's what I thought would happen but wow, isn't it cold in Lancefield in a tent. I ended up putting the hood of the sleeping bag over my head and then finally went off to sleep. At some time during the night I woke up to the sound of a horse cantering, OMG, is it going to go through my tent. I then thought that was ridiculous, as if a horse would be loose. I then heard it again, quickly got up, with my torch, put on my gumboots and went outside. My heart was just about beating through my body as I looked around. There was the horse in its paddock, now that I am fully awake I realise how silly I am.

Saturday 1 October. Went to the Lancefield Hotel where we all listened to Nicola Danner. There was about 30 of us there all very interested in hearing how Working Equitation is run overseas. Nicola discussed their rules and how she judges different obstacles, I found it all very interesting. Had a lovely lunch and met some wonderful new people.

Went back to El Castillo and had a ride on Dolly in the indoor, which was fun. Took some pizza around to Susie, Anna and Lindy's accommodation and had another lovely evening chatting away and watching a couple of horsey videos.

Headed back to my tent and OMG is it windy. This could become quite a problem. Got into my pj's, this time I also wore my socks, jumper and tracksuit pants, so I was a lot warmer. But there is a wind warning and the wind got stronger and stronger as the night went on. I thought if I drove my 4WD in front of the tent, in the direction the wind is coming from, it might be better. No, still just about blowing my tent down. By 4.00 am, I reckon the wind

was blowing at least 100km per hour and I couldn't handle it anymore, I decided in my sleepy wisdom that I should take my tent down before the wind did it for me. It almost blew away in the dark as I am taking it down, stuffed it into my car and set up my bed in the tea room. I know, should have done that in the first place.

Sunday 2 October - Woke up the next morning and felt like I had hardly slept. Rang my husband and told him how tired I felt and said I look like a 50 year old, and he said, well you nearly are 😊

I have booked in for a shared lesson with Nicola today and I was getting so nervous. There were a number of lessons happening during the day and I could see that Nicola is a wonderful teacher. Anna videoed Dolly and I, which has been great to look back at. Nicola has given me some great advice which I have been practicing. I must admit, I was so relieved when I finished my lesson, I was so worried about looking silly. Watched a couple of other lessons before going home, which I found really interesting.

How amazing was it to have an International judge, rider and classical dressage trainer come to Australia and talk to us about the rules and how to ride the obstacles for Working Equitation. I really enjoyed the opportunity of meeting Nicola and spending the weekend with such wonderful people.

I have decided that I am definitely not a camping person, I am now looking for a new float with beds 😊

Amanda Bibby



GARROCHA LESSONS

Pam and Allison are also members of another HRCV club and they invited our very own Garrocha expert Anna to give them a Garrocha clinic. Nine members booked in and all had a great time. Pam said it was a nice change of pace for both riders and horses.



OUR TRIP OVER 'THE DITCH'

Paul and I flew over to New Zealand at the end of October for some R & R and to also attend Equidays which is a NZ version of Equitana. My friend Steve Halfpenny was doing some horsemanship demos over there so it seemed a great opportunity to see the demos and have a holiday.

Equidays was smaller than Equitana and was held in Hamilton, about an hour and half south of Auckland, at a site used for field day exhibitions. There was one large indoor arena set up for the various demos as well as the Saturday night show but the rest of the exhibitors were in outdoor arenas and unfortunately had to contend with some very inclement weather over the 3 days we were there.

There were quite a few marquees with lots to buy but really no different to what you can get over here.

The following 2 pictures were taken as panorama vistas, the 1st is of Steve doing the last of his demos and the 2nd pic is an overview of the Equidays site.





FACEBOOK and WEBSITE

Don't forget that our club has a Facebook page as well as a great website. If you are a Facebook member go to Working Equitation Yarra Valley to get some great training articles by Susie along with lots of our general info re rallies and special events, photos etc

The website is also great for more technical club info with HRCV links.
www.workingequitationyarravalley.org

UNIFORMS

If you have any queries re uniforms or saddle blankets please contact Julia on 0437 741871 or on the email at the end of the newsletter.

We do have a small amount of embroidered short and long sleeved white tops available for purchase.

MEMBERS CLASSIFIEDS

If members have anything that you would like to sell or advertise please let the editor know and I can arrange to put it in the newsletter for you.

PRIVATE LESSONS

Susie has advised that she is available for private lessons to club members should they be interested. These could be on an individual basis or a group situation.

Please contact her direct to book or for more details.

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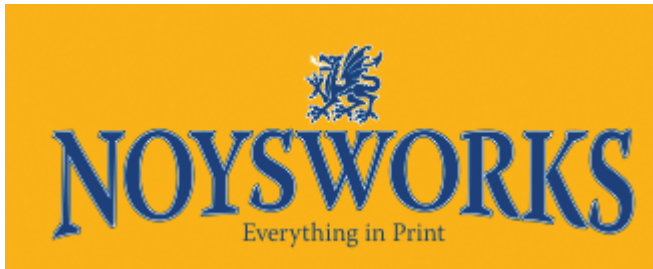
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