

WEYV NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2016



Happy New Year!



MERRY
CHRISTMAS

PRESIDENTS PONDERINGS

Welcome to the last newsletter of the year.

A big warm welcome also to all those new, and returning, members of WEYV. You will find us a warm friendly bunch of horsey people so don't be shy in introducing yourself. Sometimes it can be a bit difficult as we have 2 rallies a month on different days and, speaking for myself, as I can only attend a Wednesday rally I don't get to meet those weekend rally members!

I know some of our members will be glad to see the back of 2016 for various health/monetary/ horsey and plain just bad luck reasons.

Here's to a happy and healthy 2017 for all of our members, families and furry/feathered kids.

My president report from the AGM follows.

Presidents report AGM 16th November 2016

A warm welcome to our special guests, members and family.

As usual I have left this to the last minute to conjure up something interesting to write!

I had plans of going through the newsletters from the previous months and getting my inspiration from them but on Monday my laptop (where I keep all the main documents) had a relapse so I had to send it to the computer hospital for a check-up.

So now I am relying on my menopausal memory for inspiration - here goes.

The membership year of 2015/16 ended up with about 37 members I think? We have over half that number attending this AGM which is a fabulous effort. Thank you to all of you for supporting your club and

coming out for dinner, the meeting and to also hear our guest speakers Erica from Inside Out Equine Health, and Ashleigh and Lyn from the Bendigo Bank.

Over the past year our monthly rallies have had very good attendances. We were sharing the venues between Melrose Farm in Yarra Glen and also Maurice Rd in Gruyere. The complete obstacle course was set up a few times but the main content of the rallies was to practice a couple of the obstacles with the Classical dressage principles in mind. This varied of course depending on the instructor on the day. Susie was comfortable with the new rally format of 4 people in a 2 hour group which worked really well. We have tried to incorporate the services of a few new instructors that are happy to work along our WE Club principles and the list of instructors will gradually be expanded over the following year. The Garrocha pole work was introduced by Anna at a couple of rallies and was deemed a very good tool to use for Dressage. The club is now lucky enough to call the indoor arena at Maurice Rd, Gruyere our home ground, all our rallies for the coming year will be held there so the weather shouldn't be an excuse now for not joining us on a rally day!

We were lucky enough to gain another sponsorship just recently with Bendigo Community Bank, of which we are extremely grateful. This money was used to purchase some lovely polo tops for the club. We have the first samples coming off the line at the end of this week so very soon we shall see our members in wonderful new polos, just in time for summer. We were also able to finally purchase our latest obstacle with last year's sponsorship funds, a beautiful new bridge made by past member Chris Millott.

Our fundraising guru Carola was very busy this year. Firstly she was able to set up an account with Goodwill Wines, whereby any wines ordered through this company with our club logo on it generate a donation back to the club. Then she arranged a bulk buy of bulbs through Tesselaars in Monbulk. But her grand finale was the very successful sausage sizzle at Bunnings in Chirnside Park just recently on Melbourne Cup Day which raised a grand total of \$1650 profit for the club. This was a great effort

from Carola and all involved on that day so on behalf of all members we thank you for that. These funds will help to offset the shortfall in rally fees each month to help pay for the venue.

Also, a couple of weeks ago we finally used up a 'credit' that we had from an unused rally day at the Yarra Glen hunt club. Six members enjoyed being able to roam the grounds and pop over, around or through some of the many jumping obstacles there, even managing to all get home before the threatening weather hit! Back in April a few club members also attended a weekend away to Banyandah, Howlong, a beautiful property up along the Murray River border which was enjoyed by all.

As a relatively new club on the HRCav scene we are in a good position, both monetary and in popularity. I put this down to our very friendly and efficient committee members that go out of their way to help others, our policy regarding doing what's best for our equine partners and the supportive environment in which our members can ride and participate in this relatively new sport. We are edging towards the 700 member mark on Facebook so that means the word is getting out there in the 'normal' horse world. We are lucky to be one of the few clubs at the forefront to watch this sport evolve in popularity.

In closing, this club has made me a better person for being a member and I look forward to riding for many years amongst the wonderful friends I have made since joining WEVY.

Thank you.

DECEMBER RALLIES

I attended the Wed December rally and had a really good lesson with Susie doing the shoulder control stuff, using the obstacles that she'd put out to emphasize the control – or lack thereof!

Susie had also set up a tinsel 'Maypole' and had brought along Auntie Doris' singing reindeer Rudolph to add a little Christmas cheer. It totally fascinated the horses, some just staring, some a little more inquisitive,

some very daring in as much that Rudolph sat upon horses backs and saddles, and some just wanted to eat the poor thing and was rescued just in time (horse won't be named but he had a spotty butt!)



Ronnie the destroyer!



Deb also did a fabulous job putting real sheep wool on one of our lamb statues. As you can see it is very lifelike. I think the other lambs will also get a makeover in due course. Not sure how we'll go with the kangaroo fur on Kanga???



Julia also had her 1st ride on the new boy Ziggy

OUR NEW POLO TOPS

They're finally here, or will be once Julia brings them to the next rally (unfortunately not until February). We have ordered a few in a range of sizes so that we can then put in a bulk order.

BANYANDAH WE CLINIC - SEPTEMBER 2017

I have booked the beautiful Howlong property 'Banyandah' for a working equitation clinic to be taken by Steve Halfpenny of Light Hands Equitation.

The dates are 16th, 17th and 18th of September (Sat, Sun & Mon).

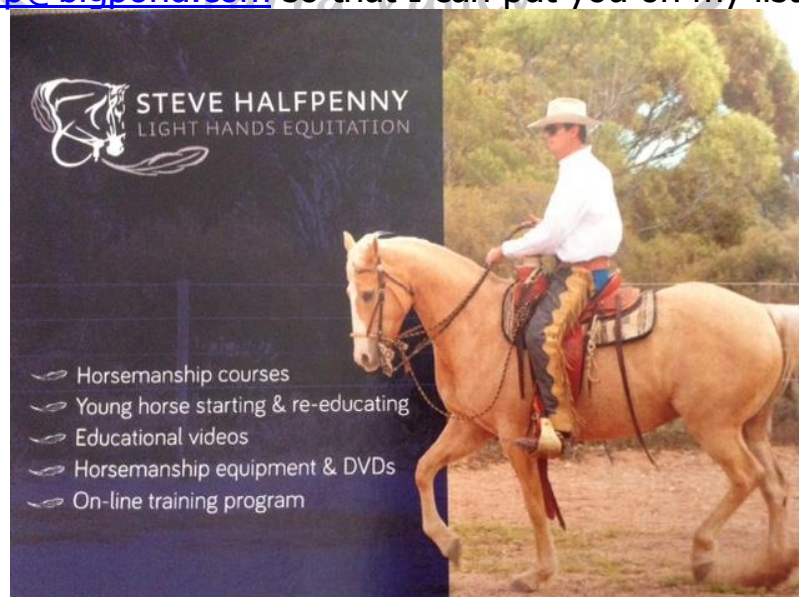
More details will be available in the new year but keep those dates free for a fabulous horsey weekend away. Numbers will be limited. I will keep costs to a minimum if possible but ball park figure will be about \$450 for the 3 days. Discounts available for early payments.

There is also another clinic booked with Steve prior to this one – midweek on 12th, 13th and 14th September. This won't be specifically WE but will run along similar lines if any members would prefer midweek instead.

We will have the use of the Banyandah cattle as well, to be able to practise some cow work and to put a purpose to all our training.

Steve is a very experienced horseman and has ridden/worked with Buck Brannaman and Manolo Mendez and has exhibited at Equitana (with his beautiful palomino horses) for many years. He lives in the Riverland, SA and has travelled the world helping people so that they can get the best out of their relationship with their horse. He comes to the Yarra Valley about 6 times a year for private and group lessons.

To let me know of your interest in attending this clinic please email me at helenjsharp@bigpond.com so that I can put you on my list.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2017

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.

MONTH	VENUE	DAY	DATE	INSTRUCTOR/S
FEB	GRUYERE	Wednesday	1 st	Susie walker-dressage, Anna Gust-Garrocha
FEB	GRUYERE	Saturday	4 th	Susie Walker (obstacle course)
FEB	GRUYERE	Sunday	5 th	Susie Walker (obstacle course)
MARCH	GRUYERE	Wednesday	1 st	Natasha Jones
MARCH	GRUYERE	Saturday	4 th	Jason McInnes
MARCH	GRUYERE	Saturday	18 th	Susie Walker (intro to WE clinic)
APRIL	GRUYERE	Wednesday	5 th	Susie Walker
APRIL	GRUYERE	Saturday	8 th	Susie Walker
MAY	GRUYERE	Wednesday	3 rd	Natasha Jones
MAY	GRUYERE	Saturday	6 th	Jason McInnes
MAY	GRUYERE	Wednesday	31 st	Susie Walker
JUNE	GRUYERE	Saturday	3 rd	Susie Walker
JUNE	GRUYERE	Sunday	18 th	Susie Walker (lightness clinic)
JULY	GRUYERE	Wednesday	5 th	Susie Walker
JULY	GRUYERE	Saturday	8 th	Susie Walker
AUGUST	GRUYERE	Wednesday	2 nd	Natasha Jones
AUGUST	GRUYERE	Saturday	5 th	Susie Walker (obstacle course)
AUGUST	GRUYERE	Sunday	6 th	Susie Walker (obstacle course)
SEPTEMBER	GRUYERE	Wednesday	6 th	Anna Gust- Garoccha
SEPTEMBER	GRUYERE	Saturday	9 th	Ro Jelbart
SEPTEMBER	BANYANDAH	Saturday-Monday	16 th -18th	Steve Halfpenny (cattle work) Banyandah, Howlong NSW
OCTOBER	GRUYERE	Wednesday	4 th	Natasha Jones
OCTOBER	GRUYERE	Saturday	7 th	Susie Walker
OCTOBER	TO BE ADVISED	Wednesday	25 th	Social trail ride
NOVEMBER	GRUYERE	Wednesday	1 st	Susie Walker
NOVEMBER	GRUYERE	Saturday	4 th	Susie Walker
NOVEMBER	GRUYERE	Saturday	18 th	Natasha Jones(clinic)

DECEMBER	GRUYERE	Wednesday	6 th	Susie Walker dressage, Anna Gust Garrocha
DECEMBER	GRUYERE	Saturday	9 th	Susie Walker

MEMBERS OUT AND ABOUT

A few words from Carola.

We went to Carlsruhe near Kyneton for the inaugural 'Mountain Trail' clinic with Tamara Coakley and Miki Corera at Affinity Equitation. We learnt heaps and had sooooo much fun! It's the most beautiful country up there with a view of Mt Macedon, and the obstacles were amazing. Teeter-totter and suspension bridge just two of them. Highly recommendable :-)

Merry Christmas to all from me and Timber. I'll see you at the March rally, if not before that down the coast :-) Will miss you lovely folks xox

Ed note:- For those that aren't aware or know Carola she will be moving to her dream home and property in the Otways after Christmas. We will miss her smiley face, her enthusiasm and her beautiful boy Timber at our rallies.

I know that she has mentioned an open invitation for club members to join her for a visit and a ride once she is settled, and we will be fortunate to catch up with her at the odd rally when she's able to make it back this way.

WE'LL ALL MISS YOU CAROLA AND TIMBER.





I was meant to include this in last month's newsletter but I forgot to add it in – oops! Sorry Kerry, so here it is now, better late than never.

Kerry and Cordy entered their first HRCV competition on a Sunday in late October and they were very proud to come home with second place in both tests. One of the judges commented "what a great horse - she worked very kindly for you" - which she is, and she did. Congrats to you both.



Kerry and Amanda also represented our club at the recent TADAC WE event held at Warragul. There wasn't time to have a report written but I have a few pics to whet the appetite!





Anna entered the Kangaroo Ground Dressage day a couple of months ago. Looks like she's learning her test whilst already on the arena? Lindy and Susie were there for moral support.



Some members at the Nicola Danner clinic.

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 HRCav 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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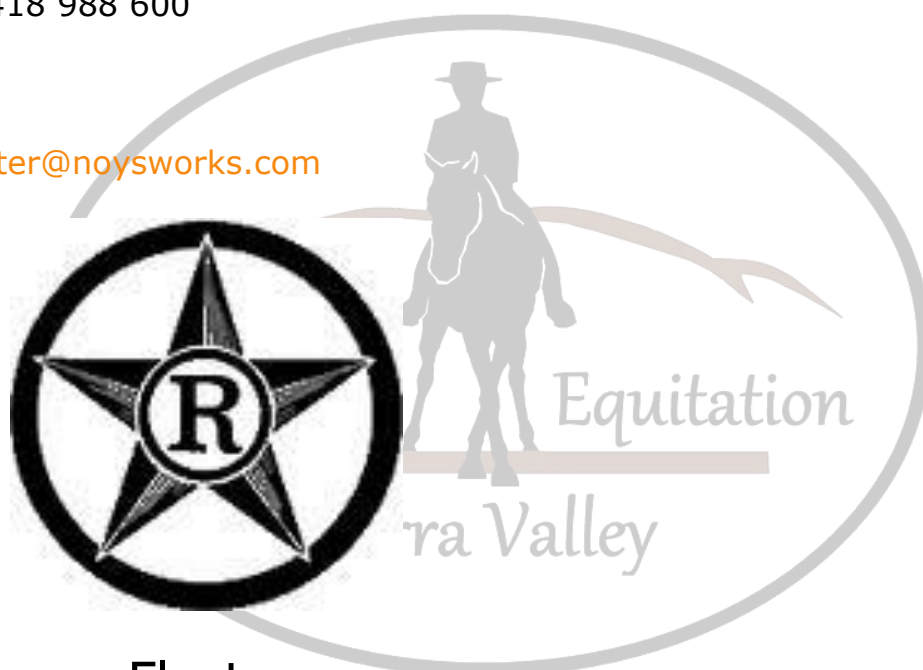
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