



# HURSTBRIDGE DISTRICT ADULT RIDING CLUB NEWSLETTER

## August 2013

### FROM YOUR COMMITTEE

And the **WINNER OF THE HDARC lucky member of the month trip to Bali** is.....

Well, maybe not but PLEASE keep reading as there are a few important items of information this month...

#### IMPORTANT DATES

3 August - Felicity Yuncken  
17 August – Lisa Bray (Flat and Jumping)  
18th August—HHPC CT day  
7 September – Felicity Yuncken  
21 September – Lisa Bray (Flat and Jumping)  
13th October—Dressage Day  
25th -27th October - Flowerdale trail riding weekend

**KEYS** – if you wish to enter the club via the bottom (over the ditch) gate, this is now locked and you will need a club key to enter. Please ensure this gate is kept locked.

**MEMBERS OBLIGATIONS-** please remember your obligations to the club. The lovely SIMONE FREEMAN is looking for helpers for TTT at the moment – this is a great opportunity to fulfil your obligations. Also, please don't expect that there will be jobs available at the Dressage Day – there are only so many jobs to go around. PLEASE try to meet your obligations before the end of year rush. You can also contact DI WILSON [dwplumb@bigpond.net.au](mailto:dwplumb@bigpond.net.au) who looks after member obligations.(see below)

**Club ground upgrades** – members will have noticed some major works having taken place at club recently. A huge thanks on your behalf to the hardworking members who have got those works happening to continue to improve your club's facilities.

**Dressage Day** just around the corner. AMANDA STARK has been working hard at planning our annual Dressage Jackpot day. More news in upcoming editions of the newsletter.

Our best wishes and thoughts go out this week to CHERYL BRENT as we all wish her a speedy recovery from an accident at home. Thinking of you Cheryl and wishing you all the very best.

Congratulations to members who have been out and about. HEATHER WILSON had a well deserved win over a series at WPVDC, taking out the champion. Congratulations Heather... Who else has been out???

Time for us to remember to keep our mouths closed when grooming lest we risk getting a face full of horse hair. At least it means the winter solstice has been and bit by bit the days are getting longer.

Kind regards,  
Your committee

From Di— I am looking for a member to repair any chains on the holding yards that need repairing. You would need to supply any tools required . The time will go to your membership obligations.

I will take the first offer, so if you think you could do this, please contact me on [dwplumb@bigpond.net.au](mailto:dwplumb@bigpond.net.au) Cheers Di J

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## SATURDAY RALLIES

3 August - Felicity Yuncken  
17 August – Lisa Bray (Flat and Jumping)

7 September – Felicity Yuncken  
21 September – Lisa Bray (Flat and Jumping)

5 October– Felicity Yuncken  
19 October – Lisa Bray (Flat and Jumping)



Hi Guys,

Over the next three months will be having the same two instructors teaching on Saturdays. Hopefully this will give everyone a bit of consistency coming into the competition season. For those of you who have not been instructed by Lisa Bray – she gives an excellent flat lesson as well as jumping – so if you have been contemplating having a go at jumping – please book in as you will definitely have a fun lesson J

### Harrowing the Arena

I normally Harrow the arena before Saturday rallies – but I realise that this may be taking jobs/hours away from members who need to make up their helping times. So if you are at all keen to make up your hours – you are more than welcome to harrow the arena before the Saturday rallies – let me know if you want to do this as I travel up from Melbourne so it saves me from getting up an hour earlier – so I would not mind at all if anyone wanted to do it J

Wishing all our equine buddies a very happy birthday

Lisa J



## OUT & ABOUT

A huge congratulations to Heather and Bella who won the Series Champion Preliminary Pony at Whittlesea Plenty Valley Dressage Club Winter Series competition held over May, June and July



# TRAIL RIDING WEEKEND IN THE FLOWERDALE VALLEY

Friday (pm) 25th – Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October, 2013

Based at ‘Kinlochiel’, 320 Moores Rd. Flowerdale  
(over the King Parrot Creek, behind the Flowerdale Hotel)

This club weekend has been booked for a lovely few days of magnificent riding in the beautiful countryside around Flowerdale; from bush tracks to spectacular grassy hilltops with stunning valley views. Our hosts are Deb and Alan Schulz, and Alan (with decades of experience) will escort rides on the Saturday and Sunday (from 2-4 hours) ensuring a diverse, interesting and enjoyable time for all. Horses need to be reasonably fit and used to riding out in a group (this is mainly a walk/trot ride with the opportunity to canter for those who would like to).

The terrain, once up on the dramatic (but not precarious) hilltop ridgeline of ‘The Three Sisters’, is naturally elevated and exposed which ensures some spectacular vistas. However, should you suffer from vertigo, this can prove a little challenging and it would be wise to discuss this with me prior to the weekend to ensure everyone’s comfort, safety and enjoyment on the day.

Accommodation is very comfortable but basic bunkhouse style with mattresses, bottom sheet, pillow and case and spare blanket provided. It is recommended people provide their own sleeping bag or doona as desired, towel and of course all other personal items. The Continental breakfast consists of OJ, cereal, toast and spreads, tea and coffee. There are shared bathroom facilities with hot showers and toilets.

The cost per person, per night is \$35.00 including the ‘Continental’ breakfast.

Friday dinner, lunch and other snacks will need to be arranged between the group, but dinner on the Saturday night is enjoyed at the Flowerdale Hotel just two minutes away back over the bridge! These details will be worked out closer to the weekend, once I finalise the numbers attending.

Yarding/some paddocks are available for the horses at no extra cost, but everyone must BYO feed. Depending on the number and temperaments of horses, some portable yards may be necessary. Yarding together horses that are familiar with one another is helpful to maximise space.

For members unable to make the whole weekend, it is possible to come just for a night and ride on one of the days. Also, non-riding members (and partners) are welcome to join in the social aspects of the weekend. There are plenty of nice, non-riding activities to be enjoyed locally.

**BOOKINGS WILL ONLY BE CONFIRMED ONCE PAYMENT IS RECEIVED AND DIRECTIONS TO THE PROPERTY WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO PARTICIPANTS CLOSER TO THE TIME.**

All enquiries and bookings to Cath Giles 0417 307 843 or [cathygiles@bigpond.com](mailto:cathygiles@bigpond.com)

Please send the booking slip with a cheque made out to D. Schulz to:  
Cath Giles, 265 Flat Rock Rd. HURSTBRIDGE 3099.

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Name/s:

Contact No.s: (M)

I wish to book \_\_\_\_\_ place(s) for the whole Flowerdale weekend (2 nts) @ \$70.00pp = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

OR “ “ “ \_\_\_\_\_ place(s) for one night’s accommodation @ \$35.00pp = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

OR I am planning to join the group just for the ride on the SATURDAY / SUNDAY (please circle)





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