

HURSTBRIDGE DISTRICT ADULT RIDING CLUB NEWSLETTER May 2014

FROM YOUR COMMITTEE

Cooler, shorter days are bringing out the inner FLUFFY in our horses. It feels like I am clipping earlier and earlier each year – it might be easier to invest in laser hair removal J. We have had some wonderful days for riding! No doubt Melbourne will deliver a proper winter and the wet months with mud and wind will come, but for now riding is great.

Lots of things are being discussed through your committee and some of these include:

- Producing a document outlining membership obligations for all our members to make comment on
- A new member booklet for people freshly joining our club and needing to know all the things that some long time members take for granted as just knowing.
- A trial run of an open 'General' meeting on 16th July. This is for all members to have their say, to encourage productive, positive conversation about our club and any improvements or changes to be discussed openly. Not necessarily motions passed or resolutions, but a way to have it brought up, minuted to be discussed at the committee meetings. Anything that you want to discuss at this meeting should be forwarded prior to the meeting to the committee.
- We are looking into if we can have a yearly disclaimer for our club grounds rather than having to fill one out each time you ride if you are not a member.
- Dressage Day on the 12th of October – Committee put together and an update on that next month.
- Show jumping Day booked in for 24th of August
- Discussions around how to get some plants for our club – what do members think about donating a native plant tube to the club?
- HDARC 30th Anniversary Celebration – 9th of August at Wellers, make sure you secure a tickets ASAP. Make sure that you're spreading to word to any past members you may still be in contact with!!
- Finally, another reminder that club president, secretary and treasurer positions are going to be vacant at the end of this membership year, and if you think that you would like to make a difference, or give it a shot, then you should definitely have a think about putting your hand up at the end of this year!

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A couple of reminders to members:

Try not to have long conversations with instructors when they are teaching, this distracts them from their riding students

Lesson payments – make sure you pay for your lessons prior to riding. You can either put your payment in the letterbox in the clubrooms or via direct debit. Cash popped into somebodys car console is very hard to identify and find for our treasurer and we don't want the job off balancing our banking any harder than it already is – so please label money with your name and what it is for and put it in either letter box or bank.

IMPORTANT DATES

3rd May—Sat Rally
4th May—PC Rally
17th May—Sat Rally
**18th May-Appaloosa
Club using grounds
Day**
1st June—PC Rally
7th June—Sat Rally
21st June—Sat Rally
5th July—Sat Rally
6th July—PC Rally
19th July—Sat Rally
**20th July-Appaloosa
Club using grounds**
**9th August—30th
Anniversary Dinner**
**17th August—PC
Show**
**24th August HDARC
SJ Day**
**21st September—PC
Dressage Day**
**12th October—
HDARC Dressage
Day**

**HDARC
30th Anniversary
Sat 9th August
Put the date in
you diary**

Don't forget our website www.hdarc.org.au where all the information you need is just waiting for you! If it isn't there let us know so we can update it and add it in for the next person who is asking. Also, if you are on Facebook, there is a HDARC page where lots of daily info and news is put and not to forget our Team App that pushes out information to your phone/computer. With so many ways to communicate we hope you're not missing out on any news and remember communication is two ways, so let your committee know if you have something to say – share it with the people you have voted to run your club and to make change, not just with the few members. If we don't know it won't change!

Happy riding and I hope to see you at TTT Horse Trails at Yarrambat waving the HDARC flag!

HDARC Committee

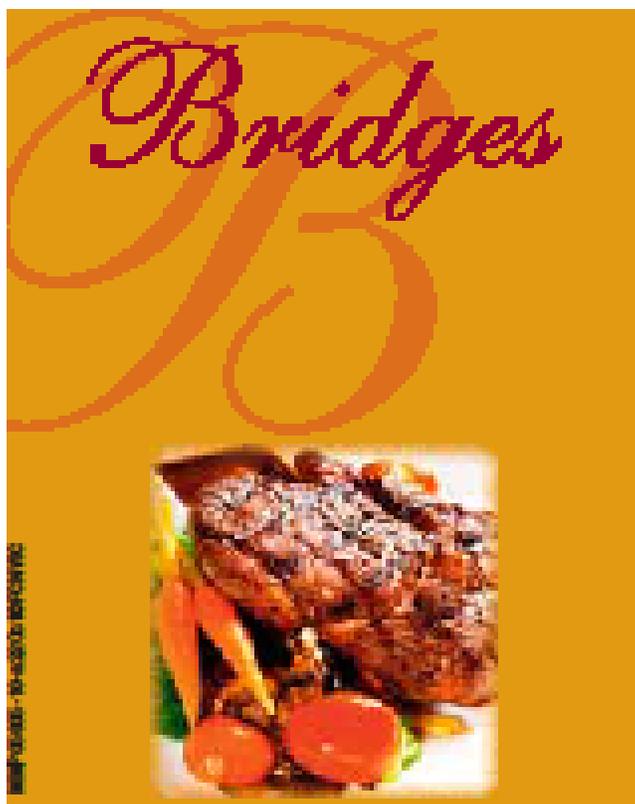
SATURDAY RALLIES



3 May – Lisa Bray (Flat and Jumping)

17 May – Felicity Yucken (Flat)

Committee Contacts & Uniforms..please see website—www.hdarc.org.au



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from \$15.00

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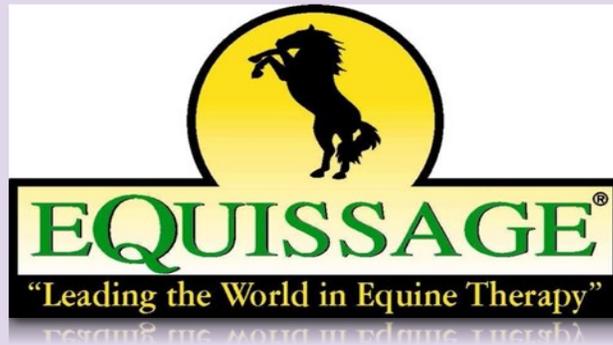
OUT & ABOUT

Nepean HT 6th April 2014

Kelly Rechichi and Balzare, sitting 4th after dressage, cleared xc and showjumping to take out 1st place and point out of Level 4.

Wandin HT 13th April 2014

Kelly Rechichi and Balzare 24th after dressage cleared xc and have a rail down in show jumping to come back up to 14th, first Level 3 Official competition



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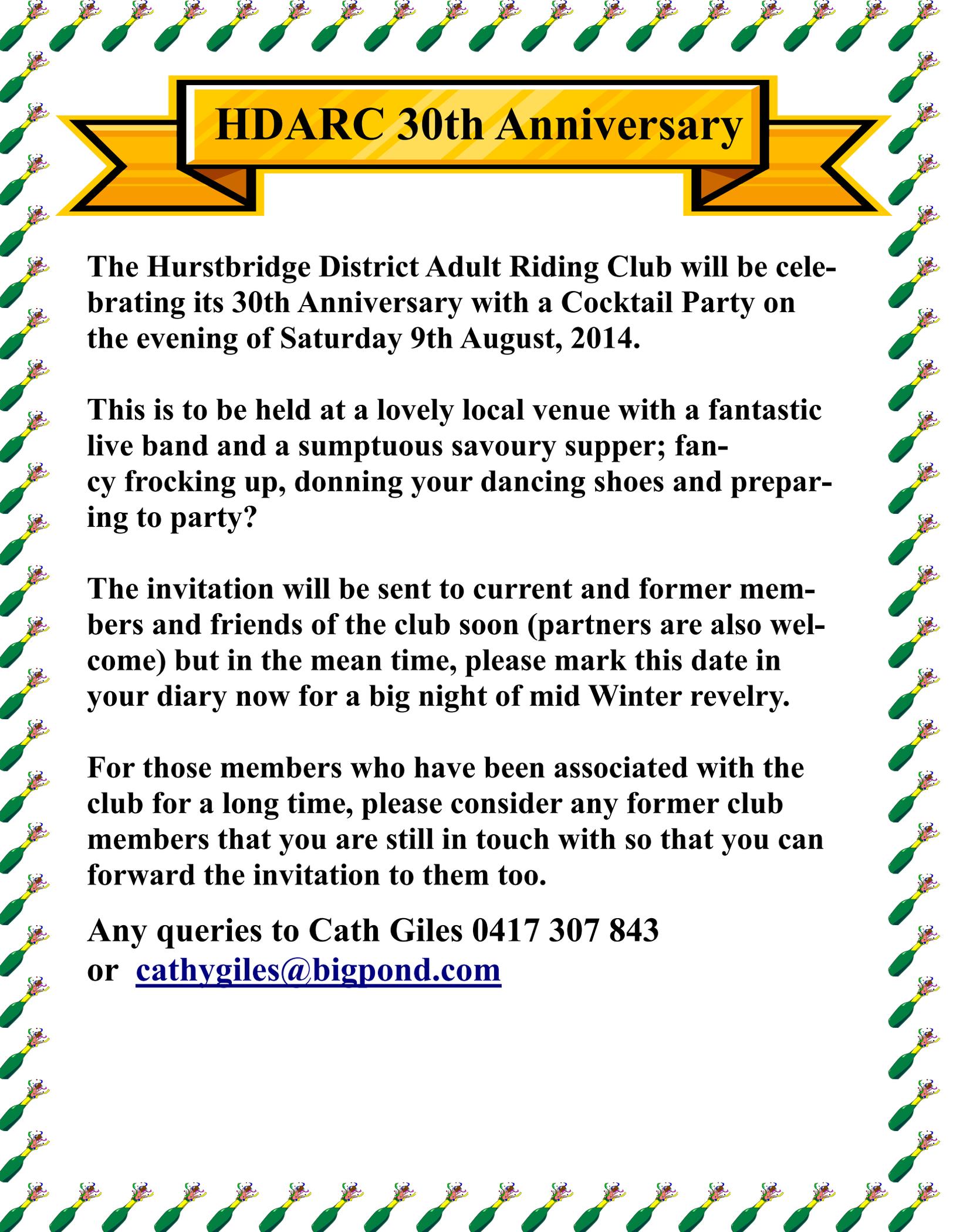
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HDARC 30th Anniversary

The Hurstbridge District Adult Riding Club will be celebrating its 30th Anniversary with a Cocktail Party on the evening of Saturday 9th August, 2014.

This is to be held at a lovely local venue with a fantastic live band and a sumptuous savoury supper; fancy frocking up, donning your dancing shoes and preparing to party?

The invitation will be sent to current and former members and friends of the club soon (partners are also welcome) but in the mean time, please mark this date in your diary now for a big night of mid Winter revelry.

For those members who have been associated with the club for a long time, please consider any former club members that you are still in touch with so that you can forward the invitation to them too.

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