

HURSTBRIDGE DISTRICT ADULT RIDING CLUB

Newsletter

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FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

So much for a gentle easing into winter it feels as though we're into the thick of it already, although the rain is very welcome. Rallies continue to be well attended and the Wednesday roster seems to be a new source of competition as we are treated to delicious home baked goods on a weekly basis! Hursty riders are proving to be a force to be reckoned with out and about in the HRCV competition scene. We have a great Show prep clinic coming up this month ahead of the new addition to the calendar, the Pre Winter Woollies Show. There is certainly a high level of enthusiasm around the club at the moment which is fantastic to see.

COMMITTEE REPORT

We're still waiting on a final price for sand for the top arena and as soon as we have the best price we will work to getting the arena topped up. We appreciate your patience, as you will probably be aware the cost is quite high, around \$8-\$10,00 so we need to ensure that the club can comfortably afford it and we have obtained the best value. We have looked into the option of adding rubber to the surface, however the expense is too great at this point in time, so this may be a project for the future. We are still looking at a social event and at this stage we are canvassing potential numbers for a Christmas in July. We will probably hold this at Bridges; the cost is relatively inexpensive, it's a good way to maintain a good relationship with our neighbour who lets us use his grounds and is the most central point for members. We would love your feedback on this or any other matter you would like discussed at committee meetings.



Committee Contacts & Uniforms..please see website—

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IMPORTANT DATES

16th May HDARC Rally

17th May HHPC

Freshmans SJ

24th May—HDARC

Show prep Clinic

May 31st—HDARC

Show

6th June HDARC Rally

7th June HHPC Rally

20th June HDARC Rally

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4th July HDARC Rally

5th HDARC Rally

18th July HDARC Rally

19th July—HHPC Winter
Woollies

HURSTBRIDGE



HDARC
Pre Winter
Woollies Show
Sunday
May 31st

HDARC SHOW SUNDAY MAY 31st

Don't forget our upcoming show on May 31st. There are fabulous prizes including rugs for all highpoint level winners and a show set for our overall highpoint winner. There is also a unofficial ring for those who are starting out. It would be great to see this ring well supported on the day.

HDARC SHOW PREP CLINIC SUNDAY MAY 24th

The Sunday prior to the show we are running a show prep clinic so you can learn all the tricks of the trade. This doesn't have to necessarily be just about showing—presentation can apply in all disciplines—learn how to sew when doing plaits—its very quick and holds better than bands, learn how to pull a mane properly, trim your horse, etc etc.

Peta has had decades of experience and is a wealth of knowledge preparing horses for all levels right up to royals. She and Haidee will bring a demonstration horse so no need to bring anything just yourselves. Starting at 10.30 am they will take you right through the steps to presenting your horse beautifully for any competition.

This clinic is free to our members so please take advantage of it and come down—we ran one last year on a Wednesday and the members who attended loved it.

Please RSVP to waltonfamily@evolutionmotorcycles.com.au so we can attain numbers on the day.

HDARC SHOW RAFFLE

On the day of the show we are running a lucky dip raffle so we need heaps and heaps of prizes. You pay \$5 and get to pick your prize there and then—everybody is a winner and no waiting around for draws. There is a box in the clubrooms so please drop down donations anything from chocolates, bottles of wine, hand cream, anything horsey. We have some great prizes already but need more!!!

OUT AND ABOUT

Mum and I just got back from a six week trek along the Bicentennial National Trail with our trusty ponies Victor and Missy. We thought members might be interested in our adventure.

The trail runs 5330kms from Healesville to Cooktown and we were planning to do the first 1000kms from Healesville to Canberra but had a few issues with injuries and mechanical problems with our back up vehicle so we ended up doing 550kms from Healesville to Khancoban. This meant we did get to cross the Murray into NSW which was a pretty momentous occasion.

The trip was incredible. Incredibly stressful for me, as the main organiser and horsewoman (mum only started learning to ride in May 2014). Incredibly beautiful with us reaching up to 1700ms above sea level and crossing some of the most beautiful parts of the high country. Incredibly tough, with one climb reaching a steepness of 1 in 2 and one day of 40kms (which doesn't seem like much having done endurance rides but when you're carrying all your gear and getting on and off a dozen times for gates and then you think you're nearly there but really you have another 7kms to go!). We mostly did it unassisted, carrying everything we needed on our ponies and our backs and approximately once every four or five days we got a visit from dad in the packwagon with a change of socks and some fresh food! We were incredibly lucky with the weather having NO raining riding days and only a few hours of riding in light drizzle in the whole ride. We met incredibly helpful and welcoming people who gave us cups of tea and dinners and distance reports and even gave our stand in packwagon driver a lift out of the Wongangatta Valley.

We're both hoping to be able to go back in the next 12 months and do some of the sections we had to miss such as the two day ride from Royston River over Mt Terrible to Knockwood and a few days from near there up into the Howitt High Plains as well as the last two weeks of riding from Khancoban into Canberra, or at least through Namadgi National Park. There's plenty of shorter trips that riders can do on the BNT including weekends and longer adventures. I would particularly recommend a circular weekend ride you can do from Marysville up to Keppels Hut and back down again. You can make most of it a circuit so you're not doubling over much ground and it was in this section that we saw some of the most interesting wildlife. If anyone wants to hear more or get some ideas for adventures of their own, please feel free to get in touch.

Catherine Bateman



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FRESHMAN'S SHOWJUMPING

A perfect training opportunity to build experience and have fun in a low-stress atmosphere

WHERE: HURSTBRIDGE PONY CLUB GROUNDS behind St Peter's Church, Melways ref 263B7

WHEN: Sunday May 17th, 2015

COST: \$5.00 per ROUND, tickets available for purchase

TIME: STARTING AT 9.30 AM

Approximate times and heights:

9.30 am: 30 cm (can be lead)

10.30 am: 45 cm

12.00 pm: 60 cm

1.30 pm: 75 cm

2.30 pm: 90 cm

3.00 pm: 1.00 M or higher if required



CANTEEN: Full canteen available (the best hamburgers too!)

Course Builder: accomplished rider and instructor Nina Walker Riders must provide proof of insurance upon purchase of tickets. Medical armbands must be worn. Spot gear check will be done. It is each competitor's responsibility to ensure that their helmet meets one of the following standards AS/NZS 3838, EN1384, ASTM F1163 or PAS105. Contact Melissa Dawson 0439080861 or Andrea Barton 0417382984 for queries.