



# Hurstbridge DARC Newsletter

MARCH 2016



## Club Calendar

Midweek rallies run every Wednesday.

- 5 Mar - Saturday Rally
- 6 Mar - Pony Club Rally
- 19 Mar - Saturday Rally
- 24 April - HDARC Autumn Show
- 4 May - HDARC Midweek Dressage

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## News In Brief

### From the Editor

Hi and welcome to the March issue. This months cover photo (taken by Saturday rally coordinator extraordinaire, Lisa Utting) features some of our Saturday rally regulars enjoying lessons and a gasbag on a gorgeous summers day.

If you have any rally photos or even a small achievement you'd like to share, we would love to hear from you. And don't forget, if you have anything to advertise, please email me at [kerinapark@bigpond.com](mailto:kerinapark@bigpond.com).

Happy reading :)

### Arena Harrowing - March Roster

- 7th Di Wilson
- 14th Rachel Williams
- 21st Natalie Williams
- 28th Maxine Wileman

For those that have not harrowed before, you do not need a 4WD. The harrows are beside the arena and you do not need to move the jumps.

### TTT Combined Training 2016

We wish our members competing in this years TTT CT the best of luck for a safe and successful ride. If you'd like to head out and show your support for our teams, the event will be held at Yarrambat Park

on the 5th and 6th of March 2016. Good luck all !!

### Hurstbridge ARC Autumn Show

The sub-committee has been filled and preparations are well under way for our annual Autumn Show, scheduled for Sunday 24th April 2016. We have some awesome prizes up for grabs including gorgeous High Plains trophy rugs for Level Hi-Point Winners. The canteen will be in full swing with a delicious autumn menu and don't forget the lucky dip raffle which was a real hit last year. Check out the attached program for more details.

### Donations for Show Raffle

And speaking of the lucky dip raffle - the show sub-committee are looking for members to contribute items for the raffle. Bottles of wine, cheese boards, candles, horse products etc. or if you are a business owner and you could donate a suitable product or service, all would be gratefully received. A basket will be placed in the clubrooms for any contributions or you can contact Cheryl Hargreaves via email at [cheryl.matt@optusnet.com](mailto:cheryl.matt@optusnet.com).

### Thanks Mr Wilson

A big thanks and thumbs up to Di Wilsons hubby for replacing the stolen tap at the club grounds.



# Official Reports

## Committee Report

\* Another busy meeting with plans for the sand for the bottom arena well in hand and quotes obtained for an arena rake that will do a better job of keeping the edges maintained. The new harrowing roster is going well although there has been a few hiccups with regards to days; so just a reminder that it is preferred that when you are rostered on, please try to harrow on Monday or Tuesday with Sunday a possibility if those days don't work.

\* Di Wilson has kept the gardens at the club in great shape over the dry summer and will be working on the garden in front of the clubhouse during this year. A huge thanks to the partners of Kerri and Di for donating their time to help the club, we are very fortunate to have the support of these and other horse husbands who quietly contribute throughout the year.

\* Shade has been an issue for instructors and we have been discussing various options at committee meetings so please provide any ideas you may have, keeping safety of horse and rider in mind.

\* Spiders are an issue in the equipment shed and we are obtaining quotes for pest control spraying of the shed and club-rooms; in the meantime please take care with opening the shed and getting equipment.

\* To those that pack-up after Jenny Shepard, please, please

pack the trailer correctly; dazzle boards go on the bottom, we are working on preparing a laminated instruction sheet but in the meantime if you are unsure please ask someone.

\* The sub-committees for the car boot sale (29 May) is in full swing, so now is the time to sort out your tack room for the sale!

\* There will be several opportunities during the year to help out and meet your commitment to the club, with the Show 24 April, Mid-week Dressage 4 May, Show jumping 11 September and Dressage 9 October so please do not put yourself in the position of not being issued a membership renewal at the end of October.

\* We are seeing more riders at rally and there have been a few concerns raised with regards to arena etiquette, so please respect your fellow riders. When rallies are on please do not ride or use the arenas until the paid lessons have finished. If you are riding at rally and your horse is not behaving, please take a moment away from the class to work it out, particularly if you are in a class with young horses.

\* We are arranging with council to complete the necessary regulatory requirements for our canteen and there may be some minimal record keeping required by canteen staff on event days but we will provide plenty of guidance if needed.

\* Thanks to all those actively involved in the club at the moment, it is once again becoming the case that those who can't get to rally experience rally envy!

## Presidents Report

It's been wonderful to see so many riders at rallies with Saturdays now being as well attended as Wednesday. We are starting to see some new members coming to rallies so do remember to keep making new members welcome and maintain our reputation as a friendly and welcoming place to ride and socialise. On both of those notes we have some new ideas for on and off the horse. There is a real buzz regarding the proposed Working Equitation clinics that Trish Kruse is putting together and it is terrific that members want to try new things and also to get involved in

bringing new ideas to the club. On the social side we are looking to arrange some casual dinners locally for those who feel like an after-hours catch-up, with such a large membership base we need to keep maintaining the social aspect so that the club represents more than just a venue with good facilities. It has also been great to see so much enthusiasm for hosting events this year with new members getting involved and it has been very welcome to have some new members inquire about joining the committee, so the club is in for a great year! As always, please feel free to raise any concerns or ideas with myself or any of the other committee members.

*Kim*



# Working Equitation

Dear Hursty Members,

With thanks to the HDARC committee, we have been given the go ahead to run some Working Equitation workshops and training sessions. A relatively new and fun sport, Working Equitation has three phases:

**1: Dressage**

**2: Ease of Handling/ "style"** - in which horses must overcome obstacles similar to those likely to appear in the field, such as bridges and gates)

**3: Speed** - where similar obstacles must be overcome, but against time.

Competition events may be individual or for teams. This sport is really getting popular and is heaps of fun! I am in the process of putting together a program for us. We could start with an info/social evening at clubrooms. You'll be given all the relevant info/rules/examples of the obstacle/how to ride them/scoring and points (and also a ...nice excuse for a social catch up). We can watch a few clips of the big guns showing us how it should be done. Then we will have a series of workshops/clinics with a view towards having a small competition at the end of the year. (gives us something to aim towards) I have teed up an experienced WE competitor/instructor to come and run the sessions.

Thanks to the committee for their support.

If you would like to help with any aspects of this, and make your contribution to the club (which will count towards your hours) please let me know. There will be heaps to do. Especially looking for creative/practical people who are handy with a hammer/drill/paintbrush.

Info about upcoming sessions will go out to members via normal email processes. Please phone or email me to let me know that you would like to help or if you want any further info.

Trish Kruse: 0417571496 or [kruse.patricia.p@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:kruse.patricia.p@edumail.vic.gov.au).





# Members News

COTTLES BRIDGE

## So small and so strong

ICELAND HORSES RARE IN OZ

Brittany Shanahan

ARADIS, a furry ball of cuteness, has made history.

The foal is the first purebred Icelandic horse to be born in Nillumbik.

Owner Renska Younger, who is also president of the Icelandic Horse Association of Australia, said Aradis's six-year-old mother, Tru, had a "textbook" pregnancy at her Cottles Bridge property, with the foal born on January 1.

Ms Younger said Aradis was one of only 200 Icelandic horses in Australia, according to the international purebred database.

The breed was developed in Iceland during the 9th century. They were used for shepherding, leisure, showing and racing.

"They're a beautiful and eye-catching breed," she said. "They have adapted to the Australian climate quite well. Just like other horses their summer coat will be quite short and, in the cooler months, they will really fluff up and get a really good winter coat. They are very

### AT A GLANCE

■ Icelandic horses grow only to 120cm and 142cm

■ The breed comes in many coat colours, including chestnut, dun, bay, black, grey, palomino, roan and pinto

■ Their double coat acts as insulation in cold climates

small, only 12-14 hands, but are very strong and can carry adults easily."

Ms Younger said a hand was a unit used to measure the height of a horse which equates to four inches.

She also said the horses cost between \$5000 and \$15,000 each due to their rarity.

"They are very unique in that they are a five-gaited breed. This means they can not only walk, trot, canter/gallop, but they can tolt and pace.

"A tolt is known for its explosive acceleration and speed while pace means they move in a fast and smooth motion up to 50km/h."



Renska Younger and Neave take Tru and little Aradis for a walk.

Picture: CARMELO BAZZANO

Hursty member Renska Younger and her gorgeous Icelandic Horses featured in the January edition of the Diamond Valley Leader. Renska, president of the Icelandic Horse Association of Australia, recently welcomed the arrival of 'Aradis' who has taken the title as being the first Icelandic Horse born in Nillumbik. And what a cutie he is!!

## Competition Results

Congratulations to **Jaqui Coates** who competed in the HRC AV ring at Seymour Open Show on the weekend. Riding 'Made You Look' (Dante), Jaqui placed 4th in Rider L5, 3rd in Ridden Exhibit L5 and WON the Mount Most Suitable L5.

Well done to **Kelly Rechichi** and Darwin Park Smash Hit who placed 6th at the Whittlesea Adult Riders Official Combined Training 2016. What a great result!

Congratulations to **Jessica Stevens** and her lovely steed 'Fifty Shades' for winning the Open Level 1 Dressage Overall Jackpot at the Kangaroo Ground PC Dressage Day in December. The partnership also took out first place Level 4 at the Whittlesea ARC Combined Training Day.



Jessica Stevens and 'Fifty Shades'





## Classifieds



### FOR SALE: Bates Isabell Werth Dressage Saddle

17 inch and less than 1 year old in excellent as new condition. A truly beautiful saddle that puts you in a great position and has a changeable gullet. Comes with official stirrup leathers, stirrups, girth, saddle cover and saddle

bag. Asking \$3,000

Please call Floor on 0467 074 187



## For Sale - Phil

10 year old 15hh Riding Pony

He has competed novice dressage and is currently training elementary. Does shoulder ins, walk to canter, laterals. Perfect to float, shoe, catch. He has done interschools, pc and is a great little jumper as well.

An ideal home would be an older lady who wants to do dressage/adult riding and perhaps some trail riding.

\$6,000 - although for the right home, would consider a long trial period or a free lease with the option to buy.

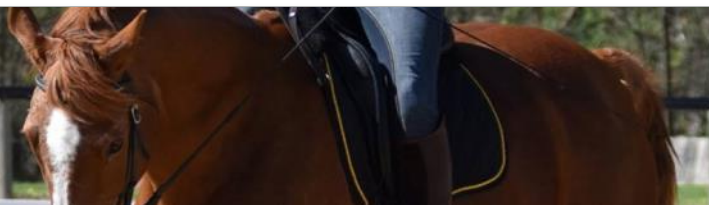
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# Wednesday Rallies



	9:00 am	10:00am	11:00am	12:00pm
<b>WEDNESDAY 2ND MARCH 2016</b>		<b>Duty: Andrea Barton &amp; Jenny Webb</b>		
<b>Dale Murie</b>		Flatwork L 3/2	Flatwork L 5/4	
<b>Kirsten Beard-Adams</b>		Flatwork L 3/2	Flatwork L 5/4	
<b>Jenny Sheppard</b>	Showjumping L 3/2	Showjumping L 4	Showjumping L 5	
<b>WEDNESDAY 9TH MARCH 2016</b>		<b>Duty: Kayleen Chatfield-Jones &amp; Julia Walker</b>		
<b>Vanessa Canning</b>	Flatwork L 2/3	Showjumping L 3/2	Flatwork - L 5/4	Showjumping L 5/4
<b>Tanja van Bokhoven</b>		Flatwork L 3/2	Flatwork L5/4	
<b>WEDNESDAY 16TH MARCH 2016</b>		<b>Duty: Jane Ashton &amp; Charlotte Ashton</b>		
<b>Dale Murie</b>		Flatwork L 3/2	Flatwork L 5/4	
<b>Kirsten Beard-Adams</b>		Flatwork L 3/2	Flatwork L 5/4	
<b>Robbie Allen</b>		Showjumping L 3/2	Showjumping L 5/4	
<b>WEDNESDAY 23RD MARCH 2016</b>		<b>Duty: Corinne Normington &amp; Penny Scott</b>		
<b>Dale Murie</b>		Flatwork L 3/2	Flatwork L 5/4	
<b>Viv Axton</b>		Flatwork L 3/2	Flatwork L 5/4	

## Rally Information

Each lesson is \$25 and payments can be made either online before the rally or cash on the day.

**Online Payments:** Account name: Hurstbridge & District Adult Riding BSB: 633000 Account number: 112585229

Please have the reference as your surname then first initial and date, eg. "Smith T 15/2"

Payments must be made before the rally and you need to tick your name off the rally sheet on the day to say you have paid online.

**Cash on the day:** We will still offer cash payments on the day of the rally as per usual, however please observe the following rules:

- pay for your rally before you ride
- remember to bring the correct amount (i.e. \$25) and do not expect to get change
- put your payment along with a completed payment slip in **one** envelope per rider

**Bookings:** Email [melissa@ech.com.au](mailto:melissa@ech.com.au) and include your level and preference. Cancellations must be made by Sunday 8.00pm prior to the Wednesday rally or you are obligated to pay for your lesson. For booking enquiries &/or cancellations, call Melissa - 0439 080 861

**Duty Roster:** Duty requires setting up, packing up, providing morning tea and looking after instructors. Members rostered on should make contact to agree how to share the duties. If you are unable to do your rostered duty, please arrange a swap with another member and notify Melissa of changes.

**Wednesday Rally Coordinator: Melissa Dawson E: [melissa@ech.com.au](mailto:melissa@ech.com.au) P:0439 080 861**

# Saturday Rallies

Rally Date	Instructor/s
5 March	Carly Reid (flat/jump/poles/ground work) Felicity Yuncken (flat)
19 March	Bruce Hughan (flat, jump, poles and ground work )
2 April	Carly Reid (flat/jump/poles/ground work) <b>TBA</b>
16 April	Dale Muire (flat) Lisa Bray (flat/jump/poles)

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Saturday Rally Coordinator: Lisa Utting E: [lisaathome@gmail.com](mailto:lisaathome@gmail.com) P:0411 027 656



*HDARC invite you to their*  
**OFFICIAL HRCVA**  
*MIDWEEK*  
*DRESSAGE*  
*Wed 4<sup>TH</sup> May 2016*

**Saddle blankets**  
**GENEROUSLY DONATED BY**



ADV	LEVEL 1	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 3	LEVEL 4	LEVEL 5
Adv.3	1.3	2.3	3.3	4.3	5.3
Adv.5 (Adv.only)					

**All Weather Arenas 60 x 20m      Jan 1<sup>st</sup> 2016 Tests**

- VENUE:** HDARC & PC Grounds. Gates Open 7AM.  
Heidelberg/Kinglake Rd. Hurstbridge (Mel Ref 263 B7)
- ENTRY FEE:** \$25.00 First test  
\$20.00 Second test
- ENTRIES CLOSE:** **April 29<sup>th</sup> 2016**, or earlier if sections are filled
- ENTRIES TO:** Entries to be submitted online at <http://eventsecretary.org.au/>
- ENQUIRIES:** Andrea [andrea.barton@bigpond.com](mailto:andrea.barton@bigpond.com) 0417 382 984
- SCRATCHINGS:** On the day 0417 382 984
- PRIZES:** Sashes as Per Event Rule 25  
Saddle Blankets for section winners

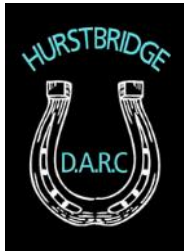
**CONDITIONS OF ENTRY**

- Event runs according to HRCVA rules.
- Competitors must ride a test at their assessed level and may ride a test one level above.
- Competitors to supply own numbers.
- Membership and performance cards to be presented to secretary prior to first test. No card no ride.
- Riders must present for gear check at least 20 minutes prior to first test.
- No refunds after closing date unless a vet or doctors certificate is provided within 7 days.
- Protests must be lodged within 30 minutes of posting of results accompanied by a \$20.00 deposit.
- The Ground Jury's decision is final.
- The organizers reserve the right to cancel any class, to divide any class, to alter advertised times or to refuse entry with or without stating a reason.
- Hurstbridge & District ARC does not accept liability for any accident, damage, injury, damage or loss arising from attendance at the event.
- HDARC uses events for publicity on our website. If you do not wish your photo to be published, please state this when submitting your membership card.
- All refunds will incur a \$10 administration fee. No refunds after closing date 29th April unless notified prior to ride time and a valid veterinary or medical certificate supplied to [kslade@eventsecretary.com.au](mailto:kslade@eventsecretary.com.au) within 7 days of notification of scratching
- **NO DOGS ALLOWED ON GROUNDS**

*Raffles on the Day*

*Full Canteen Facilities*





Hurstbridge and District Adult Riding Club

# Official Autumn Show

## Sunday 24th April 2016

(Plaiting Optional)



- VENUE:** HDARC and PC Grounds - Heidelberg/Kinglake Rd, Hurstbridge (Melways Ref: 263 B7)
- ENTRY FEES:** Pre entry: \$35 for all classes - closing 5:00pm Thursday 21st April 2016  
On the day: \$45 for all classes
- ENTRIES TO:** Event Secretary, 52 Talbot Street, Brunswick 3056 or  
mscbateman@gmail.com (along with proof of electronic payment)
- PAYMENTS:** Cheques: Payable to Hurstbridge and District ARC  
EFT: Bendigo Bank BSB: 633 000 Acct: 112585229 Ref your name and HRCVA No.
- ENQUIRIES:** Cath Bateman p: 0410 540 354 e: mscbateman@gmail.com
- CARD SECRETARY:** Maxine Wileman
- PRIZES:** Ribbons to 4th place. Sashes to 6th place for Smartest on Parade, Champions and Reserves.  
Hi-Point Award for each level and Overall Hi-Point Award.

RING 1 - LEVELS 1, 2 & 3	RING 2 - LEVELS 4 & 5
<p><b>Judge: Justine Mizzi</b> <b>Start: 9:30am</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*SMARTEST ON PARADE LEVELS 1 &amp; 2</li> <li>*SMARTEST ON PARADE LEVEL 3</li> <li>LED EXHIBIT UNDER 15HH LEVELS 1-3</li> <li>LED EXHIBIT 15HH AND OVER - LEVELS 1-3</li> </ol> <p><b>CHAMPION LED EXHIBIT LEVELS 1-3</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*RIDDEN MOUNT LEVELS 1 &amp; 2</li> <li>*RIDDEN MOUNT LEVEL 3</li> </ol> <p><b>*CHAMPION RIDDEN MOUNT LEVELS 1-3</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*RIDER LEVEL 1</li> <li>*RIDER LEVEL 2</li> <li>*RIDER LEVEL 3</li> </ol> <p><b>*CHAMPION RIDER LEVELS 1-3</b></p> <p><i>Meal Break (30mins)</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*MOUNT MOST SUITABLE LEVELS 1 &amp; 2 #</li> <li>*MOUNT MOST SUITABLE LEVEL 3 #</li> </ol> <p><b>*CHAMPION MOUNT MOST SUITABLE LEVELS 1-3 #</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PLEASURE MOUNT LEVELS 1-3</li> <li>BEST EDUCATED LEVELS 1-3</li> <li>PAIR OF RIDERS LEVELS 1-3</li> </ol>	<p><b>Judge: Erin Dunne</b> <b>Start: 9:30am</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*SMARTEST ON PARADE LEVEL 4</li> <li>*SMARTEST ON PARADE LEVEL 5</li> <li>LED EXHIBIT UNDER 15HH LEVELS 4 &amp; 5</li> <li>LED EXHIBIT 15HH AND OVER - LEVELS 4 &amp; 5</li> </ol> <p><b>CHAMPION LED EXHIBIT LEVELS 4 &amp; 5</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*RIDDEN MOUNT LEVEL 4</li> <li>*RIDDEN MOUNT LEVEL 5</li> </ol> <p><b>*CHAMPION RIDDEN MOUNT LEVELS 4 &amp; 5</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*RIDER LEVEL 4</li> <li>*RIDER LEVEL 5</li> </ol> <p><b>*CHAMPION RIDER LEVELS 4 &amp; 5</b></p> <p><i>Meal Break (30mins)</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*MOUNT MOST SUITABLE LEVEL 4 #</li> <li>*MOUNT MOST SUITABLE LEVEL 5 #</li> </ol> <p><b>*CHAMPION MOUNT MOST SUITABLE LEVELS 4 &amp; 5 #</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PLEASURE MOUNT LEVELS 4 &amp; 5</li> <li>MOUNT MOST SUITABLE BEGINNER LEVELS 4 &amp; 5</li> <li>PAIR OF RIDERS LEVELS 4 &amp; 5</li> </ol>

**All classes count towards Hi-Point Awards** \*Denotes classes eligible for HRCVA performance points.  
Classes marked # may be required to jump and medical armbands MUST be worn.



**Level Hi-Point Rugs Sponsored by Fletchers Real Estate**  
**Overall Hi-Point Trophy Sponsored by Walking Forward Disaster Relief Team**



### CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

- Competitions will be run according to HRCVA rules and regulations. Standard HRCVA entry forms must be used.
- Riders must present valid membership and showing cards to the card secretary 30mins prior to commencement of classes.
- Competitors to supply their own numbers.
- Registered HRCVA club colours, approved helmets and riding boots must be worn.
- No refunds after closing date unless a vet or medical certificate is lodged with 14 days of the event.
- HDARC accepts no responsibility for accidents, damage, injury, illness or loss to any person or property.
- Judges decision on the day
- Classes may be combined or split depending on numbers.
- Please leave your dog at home.



**Full Canteen Available with an Autumn menu**

**Lucky Dip Raffle - Awesome Prizes**