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Bungendore Riding Club

Issue 1
February 2005

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February Activity Day

Its time to get back in the saddle and work off those Christmas calories.
So dust off those boots and oil up your gear, its the first activity day for 2005.
Polocrosse hosted by the Bungendore Polocrosse Club
Date: 27th February 2005
Venue: Bungendore Showground
Start Time: 10.00 am
Instruction and equipment will be provided by the Bungendore Polocrosse Club
See your Information Sheet for further details or contact Marty Walsh on 62 369 534.

BRC Christmas Party 04

What a fun night on the Top Pub balcony!

The view spectacular,
The weather just perfect,
The food and wine delicious!
Many thanks to the committee for organising such a great night.
And, thanks to the Top Pub for hosting a Top night!
For those who couldn't attend and new members, we hope that you make it to the next one.

Welcome back!

What a successful first year for the BRC. Many thanks for the hours of hard work put in by the Committee and volunteer helpers.

Highlights included:

The wonderful tuition from experienced local instructors, I think that most riders can say that they and their horses have benefited.

The One Day Event/Chicken Run - the dressage arenas, show jumping and cross country courses looked fantastic, so professionally set up. Our thanks once again to the Committee, judges and all volunteer helpers. The 30 inches of rain on the day was disappointing, but thank God we didn't need to call in *Noah* to ship our horses out.

Our thanks also to the people that provided the yummy smelling and tasting sausage sizzles for the famished riders each activity day.

Dates for Your Diaries—2005

The Activity Day dates for the rest of the year are as follows:

27	February	Polocrosse Instruction
3	March	BRC Committee Meeting
27	March	Easter Sunday. Date may change to 3 April, to be confirmed
17	April	Instruction & Activities - TBA
21/22	May	Trail Ride weekend at Caloola Farm - riding in Namadgi National Park
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Possible Activities for 2005
Polocrosse
Restaurant ride
Mounted games
Quadrille
Fun Show Day
Orienteering
Tent pegging
Trail rides

The events secretary will investigate options for activity days

IMPORTANT!

Next Committee Meeting will be held at the Bungendore Royal Hotel (top pub) on **Thursday 3 March** at 7.30pm.

Check with pub staff which room we are in. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Contributions

Do you have any interesting stories or snippets of information that could be published in our newsletter? Please email them to Anna <anna_mcauliffe@yahoo.com.au>

This story is courtesy of Aust Arabian News:

"A horse called Synbaad recently was awarded the 2004 AHA International Award which is given each year to an Arabian horse for a significant accomplishment not based on competition. Synbaad' s owner, Kirsten, is paralysed from the waist down. Synbaad lies down on command so that she can mount from her wheelchair. In 8 years he and Kirsten have travelled over 4,000 miles of trails. Synbaad steps so carefully that Kirsten who has no use of legs or seat has never fallen. And he's helped Kirsten gain her goal of retaining her independence. To go on a ride, Kirsten loads Synbaad from her ATV, gets in her handicapped accessible truck and drives to meet her friends."
- What a wonderful horse!

Thanks to Helen Locke for submitting this story.

Classifieds

Got a horse or gear to sell/ lease?

Advertise through our Club and keep it local.

Remember if things are going from bad to worse, try not to blame a horse for thinking like a horse!
Anon

Try Us Out - Only $15

BRC is a great adult riding club providing a range of experiences to riders and horses of all levels of ability. It also provides the opportunity to meet like minded people and form new friendships. Help and advice is available from a range of experienced people in the club. So come along and share your ideas and develop you and your horse's skills.
Know someone who might like to join the club? We are able to provide a "test us out" fee of $15 (to cover insurance, administration costs and showground hire if you bring your horse) for ONE activity day only. NB. $15 Does not include the special lesson or clinic fees which varies with instructors.
Please contact one of the committee members below for more information.

News of Members
Congratulations to Marion Kilby and "*Jeremy*" for being brave enough to enter their first led class at the Bungendore Show on the 30th January. Well done!

Contact Details
Please ensure that you have lodged the correct details or if you know of someone who is not receiving the newsletters etc; please contact one of the committee members so we can adjust our records.

Cancellation of Activity Days
Notice of cancellation will be sent out on the Friday before the activity day to ensure those with work email addresses get notice in time. People on mail out will be run by one of the members
If in doubt, please ring Helen Blain on 6238 2467

Suggestions for future events/activities
We would love to hear from you. Please feel free to suggest things that are of interest to you and the committee will endeavour to organise this.
All suggestions for future events or activities can be made to one of the committee members or come along to one of the meetings to discuss your ideas. We want to make the club a success for all members—to be fun, interactive and educational.

BRC 2005 Officers:

President	Sandra Risa	sandra.risa@lawcouncil.asn.au
Vice President	Keith Churchill	Ph: 6236 9257
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March 2005

Welcome to the March edition of the Bungendore Riding Club Newsletter

February Polocrosse Activity Day

What a fun and successful day thoroughly enjoyed by members that attended. There were a few sore butts going around on Monday morning that's for sure! The Polocrosse started with instruction on the ground including learning to pass and catch the ball before trying it from our trusty steeds. I must say we looked quite professional passing balls accurately in the wrong direction and cleverly making catches only to find a hole in our racket. We had never seen so many enthusiastic balls bouncing around laughing at us. We were then ready to introduce the ball and racket to our horses and mount up. The next part of our instruction involved passing, catching and bouncing the ball to each other whilst mounted. By this stage most riders had a little more ball control except for the occasional ball bouncing off an unsuspecting rump. We were then able to attempt a relay, after which we joined the rest of the PoloX Club and watched them play a set. Then in teams of 3 players, we had a game against the PoloX members who paired up with each of us and talked us through the game. Marty after playing GD in her netball days finally had a chance to score a goal thanks to Keith. Anna was so excited that she actually caught a "chukka" she didn't know what to do next and lost the ball to the opposition. Searle scored a neat goal, well done. And, what about the unbeatable father/daughter combo, Woody and Linsey! What a great day!

The Cross Country Cruise was led by Helen Blain. The morning started out with a warm up over the first group of jumps and then a leisurely cruise/ride around the rest of the course. The riders faced new challenges and achieved greater confidence in themselves and their horses. The experience was very enjoyable especially for the riders of new/young horses which require small quiet challenges at this stage.

Many thanks to Janet Silis, Jane Woodward and members of the Bungendore Polocrosse Club for their patient and skilful instruction; and for providing a delicious sausage sizzle.
Many thanks to Helen Blain for organising the enjoyable and safe Cross Country Cruise.

Members who attended the Polocrosse included:
Marty & *Cooper*
John & *Girl*
Linsey & *Nipper*
Keith & *Big Ted*
David & *Blue*
Anna & *Asti*
Marion & *Jeremy*
Searle & *Borris*
Kirsten & *Tim Tam*
Val & *Flashdancer*
Edwina & *Trimble*

Members who attended the Cross Country Cruise included:
Helen B & *Flick*
Helen L & *Orion*
Jodie & *Nikki-Nell*
Glenda & *Roxanne*
Bev & *Ken*
Karen & *Harmony*

Non riders included
Sandra
Gloria
Elaine

March Activity Day now changed to Sunday April 3

Pizza Trail Ride
Date: 3 April 2005
Meet at: Geary's Gap Pony Club, Birriwa Rd, Bywong
Start Time: 10.00 am
Lunch: Gourmet Pizza Lambert's Winery
Cost: $15 Per head

See your Information Sheet for further details or contact Helen Locke on 6238 3030

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Insurance—Very Important!
Insurance unfortunately is a modern day reality and we have to have it to run our club. The committee will continue to investigate all avenues to provide members with the best insurance cover for the least cost. Members please note that the club insurance is Public Liability Insurance ONLY. This covers the club if an incident occurs where the club is found to be negligent. For example if you are a beginner rider and Marty tells you to jump an A grade log because everyone else is doing it and you hurt yourself—that is considered to be negligent. Our insurance does not cover Personal Injury due to NO fault of the club.

Due to the regulations in regards to our insurance, members are covered for BRC activities ONLY. If you attend a BRC day and participate in activities not approved by the committee, you won't be covered and do so at your own risk. If you have an idea for an activity then please contact a committee member. A complete insurance policy document can be found by following the links from www. efnational.com/ insurance/menu/clubs.htm
NB. EFA offers Equine Multicover which is personal accident insrce, personal pub liab and death of horse, saddlery /float insrce.

Dates for Your Diaries—2005

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17	April	Combined Training Day (Dressage & Showjumping) Amanda Graydon
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News of Members
We hope to see Gloria and *Kristy* back in action once *Kristy's* wound heals.
We're sorry to hear of the sudden passing of Gil's mare "Millie". Our thoughts are with you.

Welcome New Members
Welcome new and existing members. This is the second year for the club and it has already got off to a great start with the successful Polocrosse and Cross Country Cruise activity day. Following is a list of the BRC members 2005. Some new members recently joined may not be listed.

Virginia Arrowsmith
Victoria Bartlett
Helen Blain
Shelley Blackely
Elaine Brownhall
Keith Churchill
Sally Clarke
Joanne Cullen
Carl Davies
Gillie Driver
Gloria Elder
Jodie Farrah
Anne Field
Glenda Georges
Karen Glover
Searle Johnston
Marion Kilby
David Le Mesurier
Judy Lind
Helen Locke
Anna McAuliffe
Tanya Morgan
Lynette Nicholson
Karen Pearce
Kirsten Proudfoot
Sandra Risa
Amanda Roberts
Joseph Stablum
Rachel Stackpoole
Bev Turner
Erin Wallace
Marty Walsh
John Wood
Val Woodward
Phillipa Wyrdeman

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- Try a new email account
- Post $5 to the club and receive the info via mail (postal address PO Box 512, BUNGENDORE 2621)
- Ask another member to forward the emails
- Email Gillie <gillnick@bigpond.com> and check that your details are correct
- Phone/email a committee member to check activity day dates

Classifieds
Got a horse or gear to sell/lease?

Wanted
Brilliant/clever person to set up a BRC Website
OR
Do you have field contacts that could assist us??

"A good horse is never a bad colour"

Mark Rashid

Contributions
Do you have any interesting stories or snippets of information that could be published in our newsletter? Please email them to Anna <anna_mcauliffe@yahoo.com.au>

Website

We are planning on setting up a web site so that all members will have access to BRC information any time. Anyone able to help with this would be much appreciated.

Some equine (of sorts!) news. The winner of the oddest book title of 2004 was the book entitled "Bombproof your Horse". The award is awarded each year by the British Magazine "The Booksellers". Also on the short list for 2004 were "Applications of High Tech Squids", "Equids in Time and Space". Another book was a likely contender until it changed its name from "When Horses Reveal Themselves" to "What Horses Reveal". Story from SMH 22/1/05.

Thanks to Helen L for submitting this article

Please Read!

Bungendore Riding Club Code of Conduct

1. Riders to wear approved AS/NZ 3838 helmet at all times whilst mounted. It must be structurally sound.
2. When riding in groups the rider of the horse following is responsible for keeping his/her horse at a safe distance from the horse in front. A horse known to kick should have a red ribbon in its tail.
3. Suitable riding attire must be worn. It is recommended that riders wear full length trousers or jodhpurs and a sleeved shirt.
4. Suitable footwear. Stirrup/boot combination – the stirrup must be the correct size for the boot being worn. It must prevent the footwear from slipping forward or getting stuck. Caged stirrups may be worn to prevent boot slipping forward.
5. A first aid kit and communication link is to be available at Club activity days.
6. Dogs must be restrained and under control at all times.
7. The Committee reserves the right to ask members to remove a horse which is being disruptive or is not sufficiently under control.
8. Owners of stallions are to notify a Committee member that they are bringing a stallion to an activity day.
9. Members are not to engage in riding which will endanger themselves or others.
10. Members are not to drink alcohol or take drugs prohibited by law before or during an activity day.
11. Horses must be in a condition fit to undertake the activities and saddlery must be in proper condition for safe riding.

Trail riding in Namadgi National Park – 21/22 May 2005

The Club has booked the farmhouse at Caloola Farm for 21 May 2005 (Saturday night only). Caloola Farm is an accommodation centre adjoining the beautiful Namadgi National Park, about 20 kms south of Tharwa. The farmhouse sleeps 20 and is fully self contained and there is a communal horse paddock. You may bring your own portable yards. Cost is to be advised but will be very reasonable. We expect to have a day ride on the Sunday and if there is sufficient interest perhaps a trail ride on the Saturday afternoon. So start getting your horses fit – this should be a fabulous weekend of great riding.

Results of 2004 BRC One Day Event—Chicken Run

Class 1 - 45cm, under 18
Place Order

NO.	Name	Place
7	Laura Field	1
6	Rachel French	2
11	Gabrielle Simpkin	3
10	Jamie Steele	4
8	Alex Fretwell	5
9	Elizabeth Barter	6
5	Ashleigh Bennett	7
12	Lee Yonge	8
4	Tomas Walsh	9
1	Sam Lovern	10
3	Jessica Borg	11
13	Samantha Reichstein	12
2	Jordana Clough	13

Class 2 - 45cm, over 18
Place Order

NO.	Name	Place
30	Susan Crawley	1
33	Bev Kerr	2
21	Joanna Iriving	3
28	Rachel Stackpool	4
27	Karen Glover	5
23	Joanne Cullen	=6
29	Kate Yonge	=6
31	Damian Rudd	8
24	David LeMesurier	9
22	Leslie Bennett	10
32	John Woods	11
25	Gloria Elder	12
26	Rianna Johnston	13

Class 3 - 65cm, under 18
Place Order

NO.	Name	Place
51.	Sarah Burke	1
48.	Ginny Larer	2
47.	D'arcy Bush	3
41.	Emma Lewis	4
44.	Casey Ivey	5
42.	Emma Simons	6
52.	Richard Thorek	7
46.	Caitlin Brewer	8
54.	Lee Yonge	9
45.	Emma Fretwell	10
43.	Nell Larer	11
53.	Tiffany Falez	12
50.	Zinta Walsh	R
56.	Monique Falez	R
49.	Alice Taylor	E
57.	Kathryn Fretwell	E

Class 4 - 65cm, over 18
Place Order

NO.	Name	Place
66.	Victoria Bartlett	1
64.	Carey Smith	2
67.	Gemma Mastin-Smith	3
70.	Paul Patti	4
68.	Anna McAuliffe	5
69.	Bev Turner	6
63.	Kate Yonge	R
62.	Lucy Martin	E
65.	Fiona Simmonds	E
71.	Fiona Bakker	DNS

Anna & Asti Photo courtesy of Marion K

Course designed by Keith Churchill

Poles designed by Rachel Stackpoole

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Issue 3
April 2005

Welcome to the April edition of the Bungendore Riding Club Newsletter

April Pizza Trail

Fourteen club members "gathered to the fray" to conquer the gale force, dusty winds for the Pizza Trail ride. We started at Les Reardon Reserve and followed the Greenways to Lambert's winery and back again. Marty turned up to see the riders off and couldn't resist not coming so she raced back home, threw a saddle on *Nikki* and was back in the flash to join the ride.

Helen L led the slow group and Keith led the fast group. Lucky they have excellent knowledge of the maze of shortcuts, Greenways, dirt roads, lanes and roads. Without this local knowledge, I'm sure many of us would still be there aimlessly searching for clues on how to get back to the Les Reardon Reserve. John, Linsey and Carl made the most of having access to fallen logs and occasionally went bush for the thrill of jumping a log spied off the track. The Greenways proved to be a great shelter from the high winds and a good test for the young horses who had to contend with flapping cardboard and iron from nearby buildings, local horses in adjacent paddocks (obviously use to the horse traffic), and dogs keen to assert their territory. It was noted though on the way back that even these chaps had lost their bark and were likely in the comfort of their shelters. *Jeremy* on his second trail ride was feeling slightly insecure and has now introduced himself to every single horse in the Wamboin area. We may need to bring ear muffs next time.

At Lambert's we declined the offer to sit inside out of the wind when we found out that they were unable to seat our four legged friends as well. The gourmet pizzas were delicious and there was plenty to go around, even *Girl* and *Orion* had a taste test.

It was great to have some new members joining up, as the company for the day was excellent.

Many thanks to Helen L and Anna for organising the ride and Keith for leading the fast group.

Thanks to Lambert's winery for supplying us with such yummy food and great service.

Thanks also to the Les Reardon Reserve Committee for allowing us to park our vehicles and floats on their grounds.

Members who attended the Pizza Trail ride included:

Helen L & *Orion*
Helen B & *Flick*
Marty & *Nikky*
John & *Girl*
Linsey & *Nipper*
Keith & *Big Ted*
Carl & *Sonny*
Anna & *Jeremy*
Marion & *Toby*
Tanya & *Bonkers*
Karen P & *Missy*
Di & *Louie*

Try Us Out riders:
Karen B & *Bingo*
Clare & *Phoebe*

It's always a good day. when I am riding.

May Activity Day

Trail riding in Namadgi National Park –

Date: 21/22 May 2005
Meet at: Caloola Farm
Start Time: Saturday 1.30pm
Cost: See your information sheet

Registration forms will be sent soon. See your Information Sheet for further details or contact
Helen Locke Ph: 6238 3030 or
Email <hlocke76@hotmail.com>

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Trail riding in Namadgi National Park – 21/22 May 2005

Check out the website <www.caloola.com> - click on caloola retreat.

Travel time approximately 1.5hrs towing a float

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Congratulations to Anne F for having such a successful and fun day at the Beckford Chicken Run on 3 April. We hope that you and *Annie* make the 60cm Class next time. Great to hear that it was very well organised with over 200 competitors!

Marty took her daughter to the Albury International Horse Trials over the Easter weekend . She reported that it was a 3 Star event with Heath Ryan and Sam Lyle riding. She got some great ideas for our BRC Chicken Run.

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Di Dilley
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Nikki Roach

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TORSION TREELESS SADDLE
in excellent condition Black leather 17" seat Will sell fully mounted black woollen/fleece saddle blanket that suits the shape of the saddle. Asking price is $1500 ono. This is an excellent and secure saddle which will fit just about any horse.For further info. Call Elaine Brownhall on 62380078 (evening) and 0417 265463 (day).

Wanted: All Purpose saddle for 10 year old girl. Phone Kate on 6238 1555

HORSE FOR SALE: Stunning black brown gelding, 15.2hh, rising 9. Has loads of potential and needs an experienced, confident and kind home. He has done pony club, adult riding club, combined training, trails, ODE, dressage, easy to shoe, float etc. etc. He is generally a quiet horse, but needs his confidence boosted and training continued. Reluctantly for sale due to my lack of time. Please contact Marty on 62369 534.

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"The hardest thing to do on a horse is nothing"

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Did you know?
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Thanks to Helen L for submitting this article

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Bungendore Riding Club

Issue 4
May 2005

Welcome to the May/June edition of the Bungendore Riding Club Newsletter

April Activity Day
Combined Training Day

What a fantastic day! On Sunday 17th April, 15 riders attended the Combined Training Day held at the Bungendore showground. We couldn't have asked for better weather; it was absolutely perfect for the day, sunny and warm.

The wonderful Amanda Graydon was our instructor for the day and taught 6 classes in total. She must have been exhausted but maintained her enthusiasm to the end.

There were 3 groups of 5 riders to ensure maximum attention from Amanda.

The day started with dressage in the arena. Amanda's instruction was clear and easy to understand. Now all we have to do is practice the following: grip the reins to maintain contact, bend your elbows, move with the horse, relax, imagine pushing down on your thighs, put your weight in the stirrups, stand on your horse, imagine yourself being lifted up at the top of your head, and lastly a corner is the edge of a ten metre circle - bend your horse around your inside leg. One Day Event, here we come! I'm sure all riders and horses benefited from the experience.

By lunch time every one had developed quite an appetite after the morning lessons. We all gathered around the BBQ for a "chit- chat" and to devour gourmet sausages and salad.

After lunch we bounded back into the saddle for the show jumping clinic. All stirrups were shortened by two holes to practice the jumping seat, which we discovered was very different to the dressage seat but you still maintain your centre of gravity. Thanks Rachel for clearly demonstrating the jumping seat, but we won't go into the details here.

Amanda did a wonderful job in the design of the poles and jumps making it very interesting and challenging for us, especially members on "green" horses. Her instructions were easy to understand and once again all riders and horses benefited from the experience.

The club would like to thank Amanda for providing us with excellent instruction and helpful hints.

Many thanks to Marty for booking the event and contacting Amanda.

Thanks also to Helen B and Anne for coordinating the day.

A big thanks to Jodie for providing lunch and delicious home made Anzacs biscuits to have with out cuppa's.

Thanks to Gillie's husband, Nick for being our gourmet chef for the day.

Lastly, thanks to all members who assisted in helping with setting up and putting away equipment.

Members who attended the Combined Training Day included:

Kristen & *Tim Tam*	Karen & *Harmony*
Searle & *Borris*	Virgina & *Rosie*
Val & Flashdancer	Anna & *Gypsy*
Gillie & *Becky*	Shelley & *Bo*
Tanya & *Bonkers*	
Nikki & *Chester*	Non-riders:
Marion & *Jeremy*	Carle
Anne & *Annie*	Keith
Di & *Louie*	Helen B
Jodie & *Nikki-Nel*	Sandra
Rachel & *Buddy*	

June Activity Day
Sporting/Mounted Games & Fun Competition

All levels of horse and rider catered for
Date: 26 June 2005
Meet at: Bungendore Showground
Start Time: 10.00 am
Lunch: BBQ & toasted marshmallows
Cost: $10 members
Non-Members an additional $15 to cover insurance and administration

Registration forms will be sent soon. See your Information Sheet for further details or contact Anna Ph: 6238 0771 or email <anna_mcauliffe@yahoo.com.au>

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"It can get lonely in the saddle if you don't have a horse"

Trail Ride in Tallanganda State Forest - Friday 1 July.
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Trail riding in Namadgi National Park – 21/22 May 2005

What a fantastic weekend! The weather was perfect, the accommodation very comfortable, the food scrumptious and the company excellent. Everyone arrived at Caloola Farm in time for a leisurely ride along the Bicentennial National Trail for a couple of hours on Saturday afternoon. The Farmhouse proved very comfortable with 4 bedrooms 2 bathrooms and a large kitchen and lounge room complete with slow combustion heater. Saturday dinner was an absolute feast – thanks to Helen Blain for organising us; we had dips, cheese, bread and other exotic nibbles, pasta for mains, cheesecake, a platter of chocolates and other goodies for dessert. The group retired fairly early for bed and were up at 7.00am next morning. The horses seemed to enjoy their overnight stay in the communal paddock known as "The Ponderosa". Another feast of bacon and eggs after which we saddled up and headed up the trail to Brandy's Flat Hut. We arrived back in time for a yummy lunch of leftovers from dinner after which we packed up and headed home. Here are some comments from those who attended:

"A few highlights for me were: The beauty of Namadgi particularly at the hut on Sunday. It was so peaceful & I imagine even more beautiful after rain; the delicious dishes provided by all for Saturday's dinner; everyone's consideration to each other throughout the rides; and
the quality of the tracks we rode upon which were kind to the horses feet."

"I think the highlight for me was suddenly seeing the lovely vista of
Brandy's flat, overlooked by the hut, appearing after the long trek up through the forest. Although I knew we were heading for a hut of some kind, I had expected something much more basic and run-down, and it looked like an idyllic scene from a bygone era. And then of course there was the fantastic outlook from the hut itself."

"There were many highlights to the weekend - for me the spectacular nature of Sunday's ride was very memorable. The ride to the Hut was exceptional conditioning for horses and provided spectacular
views. How often do we get all things combined to make a fantastic ride - that is, soft safe ground tracks winding gently up the valley to reveal a spectacular vista from a flat site at the head of a valley, cool clear and sunny weather, good company and hut nestled in the trees."

"It was really great to meet such nice people and I appreciated the help and advice I received regarding Bingo. Looking forward to the next event."

"Everything on the weekend was perfect, the food, the weather, the company, and the venue. The only thing that was less than perfect was my young mares manners - so she's about to get her first lesson in 'group riding etiquette'. Thank you to everyone for being so patient with us - I hope we can impress you with our 'best behaviour' next time round."

"Loved sitting around the warm fire on Saturday night chatting non stop for hours talking horses, horses and more horses"

"Loved the contrasts on Saturday's ride- at first riding across the wide open plains and then along the beautiful track winding through the bush."

"The highlight for me was definitely lying in the grass out front of Brandy Flat hut in brilliant sunshine, with a cloudless sky above, the bush and the valley below, listening to contented horses grazing around us. Not only was the ride a very social and friendly occasion, but the horses seemed genuinely happy as well. I'll never forget the expressions of the five horses we put in the 'Ponderosa' paddock down at the campground, out of sight of the farmhouse,when I went to see them at dawn on Sunday morning. Ears pricked, eyes wide, happy after their 'slumber party' but so pleased that a human was returning and they hadn't been abandoned at the edge of the forest!"

Attendees included:

Tanya Morgan – *Bonkers*
Annabel Dobson – *Stella*
Helen Locke – *Orion*
Helen Blain – *Blossom*
Glenda Georges – *Hakim*
Karen Broadhurst – *Bingo*
Cate Mabey – *Shahnee*
Amanda Roberts – *Johnnie*
John Woods – *Girl*
Karen Pearce – *Missy*
Sandra Hoy – *Jazmen*
Anne Field – *Annie*

A huge thank you to Helen L for spending hours researching/organising the Caloola Farm Stay/Trail rides including visiting the area before hand to make sure that it was suitable for BRC riders and their horses.

A big thank you to Helen B for her help in organising the weekend including the "Dinner Club"and also a many thanks to Val Woodward for delivering the supplies for the weekend on Saturday afternoon. Caloola Farm is a great venue and we hope to make this weekend an annual event in the Club's calender.

Welcome New Members

This is the second year for the club and it has already got off to a great start with the successful Polocrosse, Trail Ride, Combined Training and Namadgi Trail ride. New members recently joined include:

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Cate Mabey

BRC members 2005

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Dear Horserider

The entry form for the 2005 Holiday on Horseback is now available as a pdf from our website at www.msevents.org.au - click the More Information button under Holiday on Horseback. We will post the brochure out in a week or so once printed. Our raffle is also organised and tickets are available to help you to fundraise. To register as a fundraiser or buy raffle tickets please email your details to sup-portms@msnsw.org.au phone 02 9413 4166 or tick the boxes on the entry form and return to us. We are receiving lots of enquiries from people about this year's ride so thank you and keep up the good work telling people about this great ride. Plans are well advanced for the ride and I'll be visiting Braidwood this weekend to map the courses including morning tea and lunch locations. Support from locals continues to be terrific.That's it for now. All the best. Karl Kinsella Manager, Events MS Society of NSW Ph 02 9413 4166 Fax 02 9413 4177 Website: www.msnsw.org.au

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2005 Membership $70

"If you lose your temper, you'll lose the horse"

Classifieds
Got a horse or gear to sell/ lease?

Dates for Your Diaries—2005

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24	July	Dressage & Showjumping Instruction
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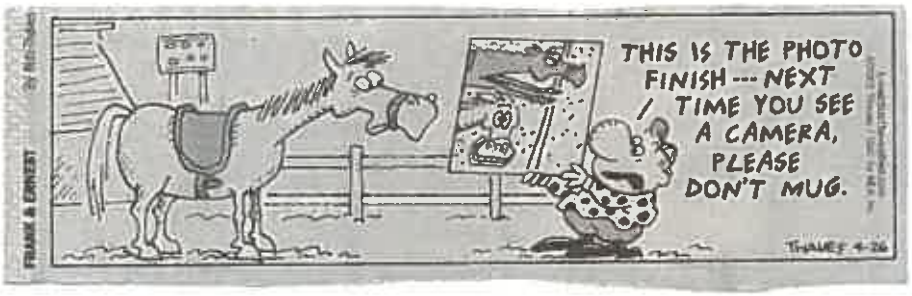

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Bungendore Riding Club

Issue 5
July 2005

Welcome to the July edition of the Bungendore Riding Club Newsletter

June Activity Day
Sporting/Mounted Games Day
Rain, Rain, Rain—the Sporting Day was postponed due to the lovely rain (we had thought that we would be "safe" as Marty wasn't even going to be there!!)
Anyway, we didn't fancy slipping and sliding our way round the barrels, poles and cavellettis, so we opted for coffee at the Woodworks Café, Bungendore.
Members gathered in the warmth of the Café which was filled with the smells of freshly made coffee and bacon and eggs—uummm! We found a nice cosy corner on the lounge chairs for a leisurely chat. It was a great opportunity to get together without having to race off to saddle up for the next activity. Thanks for the pleasant company!

Social Dinner—Horses Birthday
Come along and celebrate your four legged friend's birthday (well, we thought it was a good excuse to go out) for dinner at the Top Pub. This is the 2nd year of the club and we're all still getting to know each other. So come and join in on the fun! Partners and friends are welcome.
When: Sat 30th July 2005
Where: Royal Hotel (Top Pub) Bungendore
Time: 7pm for 7.30pm
BRC will contribute to the evening
RSVP: Helen Locke by 26th July
Ph: 6238 3030 or email
hlocke76@hotmail.com

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July Activity Day—Combined Training Jumping and Dressage Instruction—Leanne Quick
All levels of horse and rider catered for
Date: 24 July 2005
Meet at: Bungendore Showground
Start Time: To be advised
Lunch: BBQ
Cost: Members $25 plus
Showground fee: $5 per horse
Try Us Out an additional $15 to cover insurance and administration

Registration forms will be sent soon.
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Please Read!

Registration for Activity Days
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Also, it is helpful to know how many people we need to cater for.
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BRC Profile—2005
This is the second year for the BRC club with the successful Activity days including:

Trail ride—Kowen Forest

Polocrosse Instruction

Pizza Trail Ride to Lambert's Winery

Combined Training Day(Dressage and Show jumping)

Trail ride—Namadgi National Park (overnight stay)

Sporting/Mounted Games (Postponed)

IMPORTANT!

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Musical Rides- What are they?

Musical rides involve a group of 2 or more riding in formation and/or forming figures to music (Quadrille means 4 riders riding in formation). Musical Rides have centuries of tradition behind them and are a blend of cavalry parade ground manoeuvers and the Baroque era enthusiasm for riding as an art.

Often rides were staged for the entertainment of the royal court and visiting dignitaries the sovereign wished to impress. As the cavalry tended to dominate the battle fields of Europe for about 300 years, impressing one's neighbours with the quality of one's horses and horsemanship would have had diplomatic value as well as providing entertainment.

Musical rides can and often do include horse drawn vehicles. The Edinburgh Tattoo one year included a ride with ancient field cannons. Each cannon was drawn by a team of 4 horses ridden by postillions and performed at the gallop. WOW!

Imagination and choreographic skills are a bonus when working out drills but plagiarizing other group's musical rides is very effective. If you blend moves from several groups it is research and not plagiarism. Some moves work well with small numbers but become unworkable with large numbers and vice versa.

Some general guide lines:-

*Practise figures at the walk first.

*If the leaders can set and keep an even pace at all gaits, it's easier for all other riders.

*Keeping your place is more important than being in the correct gait, even if you are cantering or walking while everyone else is trotting.

*If something goes wrong get back into your place as quickly as possible.

*When approaching another rider head on, you pass left hand to left hand. The Europeans made this rule. They drive their cars the same way.

The Canberra C.H.I. (Classical Horse mastership International) group will be giving a demonstration for our club at the September Rally. Share the fun and participate in the musical rides that will follow. No previous experience needed.

So take off your bumper sticker that says **'Poverty is owning a horse'** and put on one that says **' Musical rides can send you Baroque"!**

Come along in September and join in!

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BRC One Day Event/ Chicken Run Wanted– Volunteer Helpers

When: 16th October 2005
Where: Bungendore Showground
We need as many volunteers as possible to assist in the organisation and administration of the day. Last year, the set-up and running of the ODE was outstanding. We would like to continue to produce a top local ODE for adults and children. Ask your partners and friends if they can assist. The more helpers we have, the less work for everyone
Please give Marty Walsh a call if you can donate some of your time either leading up to the event or on the day.
Phone: 6236 9534 or
email<martywalsh@bigpond.com>

25th September AGM

Members are invited to attend the Annual General Meeting at our September Activity Day on 25th September. We need as many members to attend as possible.

- Interested in joining the Committee and having input into the running of the Club?
- Interested in nominating and voting for the new Committee members?

More details later

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Emails: Your Responsibility

Some members are unable to receive the BRC emails but can receive a forwarded copy from another member. We aren't sure why, but it seems to be common with yahoo email accounts. If you haven't been contacted by the club when an activity day is coming up, then please contact a committee member.

Your options are:

- Try a new email account
- Post $5 to the club and receive the info via mail (postal address PO Box 512, BUNGENDORE 2621)
- Ask another member to forward the emails
- Email Gillie <gillnick@bigpond.com> and check that your details are correct
- Phone/email a committee member to check activity day dates

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Bungendore Riding Club

Issue 6
August 2005

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July Activity Day

Once again the Club provided another fantastic Training Day at the Showground on the 24th of July. The lovely Leanne Quick was our instructor for the day. We were very fortunate with the weather, sunny but a little breezy at times. Occasionally, riders were indecisive as to take their jumpers off or leave them on. I think it all depended on how hard Leanne was working them.

The day started with instruction in jumping and then dressage in the afternoon. Non-riders had the pleasure of sipping cups of tea while watching the lovely turn out of horses. Leanne provided fun and challenging lessons where riders could improve their skills and push themselves and their horses beyond their usual limits. There was many a smiling face after achieving an extended trot or cantering a 20 metre circle without a buck!

The jumping equipment was put away before lunch and then members gathered around the fire to devour a delicious BBQ lunch. We also had the pleasure of meeting some of the members' families who are always welcome at our Activity Days.

A BIG thank you to the following people:

- Leanne for her cheery and helpful instruction
- Anna for coordinating the day
- Jodie for organising the food
- Helen B for admin and cooking the BBQ
- Helen L for her assistance during the day
- Marty for the last minute running around and

All those members who assisted with setting up and putting away the jumps

Members who attended the Combined Training Day included:

Karen Y & *Harmony*
Kristen & *Tim Tam*
Shelley & *Rosie*
Robert & *Eli*
Helen B & *Flick*
Bev & *Ken*
Helen L & *Orion*
Val & *Flash Dancer*
Virginia & *Millie*
Searle & *Boris*

Non-Riders:
Gloria
Marty
Anna
Marion
Keith & *Vaquero*

Many thanks to Karen Y for providing these great action shots at the July Training Day

Val & Flash Dancer

Kristen & Tim Tam

Searle & Borris

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Polocrosse Instruction

Pizza Trail Ride to Lambert's Winery

Combined Training Day (Dressage and Show jumping)

Trail ride—Namadgi National Park (overnight stay)

Sporting/Mounted Games (Postponed)

Combined Training Day (Jumping and Dressage)

IMPORTANT!

Next Committee Meeting:
Thursday 1st September
7.30pm.
Bungendore Royal Hotel (top pub)

Check with pub staff which room we are in. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

BRC Social Dinner 30th July

18 people gathered at the "Harvest" restaurant—Top Pub for a very enjoyable social evening. The atmosphere was very relaxing with open fires and tea light candles. The meal was delicious and the company fabulous!

It was a great opportunity to chat about our four legged friends as well as getting to know each other without our helmets on!! Everyone enjoyed the evening and we look forward to the next one!

Horsy Websites

Why not check out the following websites!

Website <equitour.co.uk>
- this company organises horse riding holidays all around the world - US, Canada India, Europe - it is just fun to look and dream! Club members might be interested in knowing about the website.

<thenakedhoof.com.au> *and* <equethy.com> *have some interesting articles on barefoot trimming and how to check if your saddle fits your horse properly.*

If you know of an interesting website that we could include in the newsletter then email details to <anna_mcauliffe@yahoo.com.au>

"Here's the nuts and bolts.... if you go nuts on me, I'm gonna' bolt!"

Contributions

Do you have any interesting stories or snippets of information that could be published in our newsletter? Please email them to Anna <anna_mcauliffe@yahoo.com.au>

MS (Multiple Sclerosis) Holiday on Horseback

Where: Braidwood area
When: 17 to 24 September 2005.
Accommodation: BYO camping but all meals for humans and horses are included. Plenty of hot showers and toilets. Horses can be kept in communal paddocks or individual steel/ electric fenced yards.
Cost: Last year was $800 for the week and $400 for half a week. Helen Locke is planning to do the second half of the week and it would be great to get a BRC group together. If you are interested send an email to Helen Locke <hlocke76@hotmail.com> or Karl Kinsella Manager, Events MS Society of NSW Ph: 02 9413 4166, Fax: 02 9413 4177 Website: www.msnsw.org.au

Email Reminder—The Newsletter etc is usually sent the 2nd week after an Activity Day. If you don't receive an email then contact a committee member. The group email can "drop out" (internet issue) while sending and some people miss out. The sender is NOT notified that this has happened and assumes that everyone has received the email. Check the "Dates for your Diary" for upcoming days.

August Activity Day—Eventing Clinic Simon Kale

All levels of horse and rider catered for
Date: 28th August 2005
Meet at: Bungendore Showground
Start Time: To be advised
Lunch: BBQ
Cost: Members $45 plus
Showground fee: $5 per horse

Registration forms will be sent soon.
See your Information Sheet for further details or contact the **Coordinator**: Helen Locke
Ph: 6238 3030 or email <hlocke76@hotmail.com>

News of Members

A big welcome back to Bev! Its great to see that you and *Ken* are back in action!

Good luck to Marion and family who are traveling to Central Australia for 6 months. We wish you all best and will miss you. Looking forward to seeing you and *Jeremy* back at our Activity Days upon your return!

Congratulations to Keith on the successful first outing of his new stallion, *Vaquero* (which is Spanish for *Cowboy*). I'm sure he turned a few mares heads with his good looks and charm!!

Dates for Your Diaries—2005

28	August	Eventing Clinic—Simon Kale
25	September	Musical Rides (morning) BRC Annual AGM (lunch) **Demo:** Kurt Gacki—Horse Dentist and Massage services Practice Dressage Test (afternoon)
16	October	BRC ODE—Chicken Run
27	November	Sporting/Mounted Games
3	December	BRC Christmas Dinner

2006 Dates already booked

29	April	Overnight Trail ride—Caloola Farm Stay

BRC members 2005

Welcome New Member
Robert Hughes & *Eli*

Virginia Arrowsmith
Victoria Bartlett
Helen Blain
Shelley Blackely
Karen Broadhurst
Elaine Brownhall
Keith Churchill
Sally Clarke
Joanne Cullen
Carl Davies
Di Dilley
Annabel Dobson
Gillie Driver
Gloria Elder
Jodie Farrah
Anne Field
Glenda Georges
Karen Glover
Searle Johnston
Marion Kilby
Linsey Kemp
David Le Mesurier
Judy Lind
Helen Locke
Cate Mabey
Anna McAuliffe
Tanya Morgan
Lynette Nicholson
Karen Pearce
Kirsten Proudfoot
Sandra Risa
Nikki Roach
Amanda Roberts
Joseph Stablum
Rachel Stackpoole
Bev Turner
Erin Wallace
Marty Walsh
John Wood
Val Woodward
Phillipa Wyrdeman
Karen Yanik

Try Us Out

Know someone who might like to join the club? We are able to provide a "try us out" fee of $15 (to cover insurance and administration costs) for ONE activity day only.
NB. $15 Does not include:
Showground hire fee of $5 or
Lesson or clinic fees which varies with instructors.

Membership $70

REMEMBER–BRC IS A VOLUNTEER CLUB!

Please Read!

Registration for Activity Days
If you plan to attend an activity day, please register with the **Co-ordinator** for that activity. If the day is cancelled then the Coordinator will be able to email/phone and let you know.
Also, the Coordinator allocates lesson times/groups etc and informs the **caterer on numbers.**

Please note: You do not have to register prior to the day to attend an activity day (unless it is a lesson or clinic) but the coordinator won't know to contact you if there are any changes.

Generally, notice of cancellation will be sent out on the Friday before the activity day to ensure those with work email addresses get notice in time.
If in doubt, please ring Helen Blain on 6238 2467

Annual General Meeting 25th September

The BRC Committee organises and coordinates the BRC Activity Days. The reason that BRC has a variety of excellent activities is due to the variety of backgrounds of the people on the committee. If you are keen on hanging out with horsey people and can spare a night once a month plus an activity day now & then—well, think about joining the committee!!

Members are invited to attend the AGM at our September Activity Day on 25th September. We need as many members to attend as possible.

- Interested in joining the Committee and having input into the running of the Club?
- Interested in nominating and voting for the new Committee members?

All members will receive notification of the AGM and associated papers

BRC Membership Renewals Due

Renewals of Membership for 2006 will be due on the 30th September

Fees to be advised

Our Biggest Fund Raiser is...

BRC One Day Event/ Chicken Run

WANTED! Volunteer Helpers

Leading up to &/or on the day

When: 16th October 2005
Where: Bungendore Showground
We need as many volunteers as possible to assist in the organisation and administration of the day. Last year, the set-up and running of the ODE was outstanding. We would like to continue to produce a top local ODE for adults and children. Ask your partners and friends if they can assist. The more helpers we have, the less work for everyone
Please give Marty Walsh a call if you can donate some of your time either leading up to the event or on the day.
Phone: 6236 9534 or
BRC Secretary
Helen Blain Ph: 6238 2467

Classifieds
Got a horse or gear to sell? Why don't you advertise with us and keep it local—that is unless you have been told... "I think the way to solve the problem with this horse—is well umm!....is to um.... to cut his head off!!"

Musical Rides- What are they?

Musical rides involve a group of 2 or more riding in formation and/or forming figures to music (Quadrille means 4 riders riding in formation). Musical Rides have centuries of tradition behind them and are a blend of cavalry parade ground manoeuvers and the Baroque era enthusiasm for riding as an art.

Often rides were staged for the entertainment of the royal court and visiting dignitaries the sovereign wished to impress. As the cavalry tended to dominate the battle fields of Europe for about 300 years, impressing one's neighbours with the quality of one's horses and horsemanship would have had diplomatic value as well as providing entertainment.

Musical rides can and often do include horse drawn vehicles. The Edinburgh Tattoo one year included a ride with ancient field cannons. Each cannon was drawn by a team of 4 horses ridden by postillions and performed at the gallop. WOW!

Imagination and choreographic skills are a bonus when working out drills but plagiarizing other group's musical rides is very effective. If you blend moves from several groups it is research and not plagiarism. Some moves work well with small numbers but become unworkable with large numbers and vice versa.

Some general guide lines:-

*Practise figures at the walk first.
*If the leaders can set and keep an even pace at all gaits, it's easier for all other riders.
*Keeping your place is more important than being in the correct gait, even if you are cantering or walking while everyone else is trotting.
*If something goes wrong get back into your place as quickly as possible.
*When approaching another rider head on, you pass left hand to left hand.
The Europeans made this rule. They drive their cars the same way.

The Canberra C.H.I. (Classical Horsemastership International) group will be giving a demonstration for our club at the September Rally. Share the fun and participate in the musical rides that will follow. No previous experience needed.

So take off your bumper sticker that says **'Poverty is owning a horse'** and put on one that says **' Musical rides can send you Baroque"!**

Come along in September and join in!

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Bungendore Riding Club

Issue 7
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August Activity Day by Helen Locke

Spring was in the air for the Simon Kale clinic on 28th August. Simon once again brought with him perfect 20 degree weather and everyone had a great day of jumping including some cross country cruising. People and horses enjoyed the spring like weather – in fact some horses were enjoying themselves a little too much for their riders!

The intermediate and advanced classes did some big jumping particularly on the cross country course. Rob was very impressive - riding 2 horses on the day for a total of 4 hours of lessons! The beginners looked on in awe at the more advanced riders' bravery and skills but were certainly feeling a lot more confident about their jumping by the end of the day. As Simon said - "you can learn a lot just from watching other people". As well as being qualified to Level 3 EFA, Simon is a charismatic, entertaining and encouraging instructor. Laughing and fun were the main ingredients of the lessons. Although, he did correct a number of riders for "clicking" at their horses. He told us that he never "clicks" at his horse unless they are coming into a big combination jump on a cross country course. This is to let his horse know he is coming up to something big and he will need to put in an extra effort. Must be wonderful to have such a relationship with your horse!

Everyone gathered under the shade of the Club's new gazebo for a BBQ lunch. We welcomed four new members to the Club– Janet, Michelle, Alana and Samantha.

In the beginners group one participant commented that she was hoping to get up the courage to compete at the Club's "chicken run" on 16 October. Simon joked that she should not call it a chicken run but should tell people she was entering an "Unofficial EFA One Day Event". Everyone thought that sounded much more prestigious! By the end of the day Simon declared that the beginners were definitely ready for an "Unofficial EFA One Day Event"!

Everyone had a great day and Simon has promised to return in 2006 – keep an eye on your Newsletter for his next clinic.

I think that the following quote sums up the day:
"It has been such a perfect day. Do I really have to go home?"

Check out the FANTASTIC photos at:
http://aerg.canberra.edu.au/BRC/

A HUGE THANKS to
Karen Yanik and Arthur Georges
For taking such awesome photos for the club members!

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Michelle & *Gandolf*
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Alana & *King Of Sports*
Samantha & *Suzi*
Marty & *Mr Scott Beauman*
Karen G & *Emma*
Janet & *Oakey*
Karen & *Missy*
Non-Riders:
Gillie, Anna, Keith & Val

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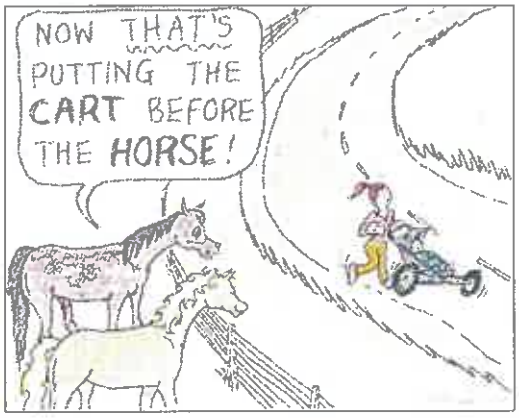

September Activity Day—Quadrille

Please Note: We will be sharing the Show ground with Zone PC. The meeting place won't be at the shed—registrations will be advised prior. A sign will be posted on showground gate.

Protocol Dressage Test (morning)
Demo: Kurt Gacki—Horse Dentist & Massage services
Annual General Meeting (lunch)
Musical rides hosted by Canberra Classical Horsemastership International (afternoon)

All levels of horse and rider catered for
Date: 25th September 2005
Meet at: Bungendore Showground
Start Time: 9.30am
Lunch: Biscottis Catering $5 (or Non-members $10)
Total Instruction: Members $20 plus
Showground fee: $5 per horse

Contact the **Coordinator**: Anna McAuliffe
Ph: 6238 0771 or email
<anna_mcauliffe@yahoo.com.au>

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Combined Training Day (Show Jumping and Cross Country)

IMPORTANT!

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Committee Meeting:
Thursday 29th September
7.30pm
Bungendore Royal Hotel (top pub)

Check with pub staff which room we are in. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

News of Members

Thanks to Rob for his inspiring recount of his first ODE at Harden in almost 2 decades on his new buddy, Eli. Well done!

Day One: Harden One Day Event 6th August 2005 – Dressage and Show jumping

I was first up on Saturday, well officially I was second but the other person was scratched. 8:30am start and I was away. Our dressage test was reasonable. *Eli* stayed within the ropes and his canter a little crooked but at least we were having a go. Some of the comments from the judge were encouraging for both horse and "The Old Rider".

That afternoon was the show jumping and I do not mind saying, watching the preliminary going around before hand and the troubles experienced by them, I was starting to feel that my ambition was far exceeding my ability. At the practice fence, *Eli* had a little look but jumped it OK, though with all the other 300 competitors flying around at the same time it was more like the charge of the light brigade! Anyway, the call came, "rider 101, ready to go?" I thought I was going to be sick! I have walked down the aisle, I have witnessed childbirth, I have played some pretty important rugby matches in my life, but these all paled in significance as I headed out to show jump the second phase of my first ODE in 18 years 10 months and some days.

With a quick salute to the judge, I was off! Cantering around to the first fence, all I could keep thinking was "look straight beyond the fence, hold, sit and **ride**". Over the first fence not a worry, cantered off nicely, over the second and third no worries, 4th fence was large triple bar, not a problem, the 5th was planks. To my knowledge *Eli* has never seen any thing quite like this or as colourful. Remembering to breath, I thought, "look straight beyond the fence, hold, sit and **ride**", I could have jumped the car! Fence 6 was a double! (Remembering my schooling from the week before were he jumps the first and I am not quite sure if he even saw the second; Crash! Bang! The whole thing came crashing down!) Well, with this in mind, over the first, sit, one stride very nicely, and over the second part. By now I am full of confidence, though there are three more fences to go. Three more opportunities to realise that ability is far short of ambition. The 7th not a problem, No. 8 was a wall painted purple with arches underneath. To my way of thinking the only time *Eli* would have seen any thing remotely like this would have been in some kind of horsey induced psychotic episode. I had to turn slightly onto it, I can remember walking the course and beyond the fence was a telegraph pole, I had a focus coming into the fence I am talking to my self out loud, "telegraph pole, look at the telegraph pole", *Eli* sucked back a little (remembering his fermented molasses induced psychotic episode), I rode like Michael Whittaker at Hickstead and before I new it we were on the other side together and on the right lead to come around to the last. Still one more chance to prove my first instincts correct, though by this stage, my confidence and adrenalin were so high! Just to remind me I am human and not some super human show jump rider we gave the last fence a good rattle but it stayed up. Whoa hoo!!!!. I was rapped, not only for me but for *Eli*, the whole time I was worried that something would upset him and we would shatter his confidence, what a great little horse!

Day Two: Harden One Day Event 7th August 2005 – Cross Country

Having the confidence boost of day one, I was quietly confident we would be OK for the cross country, though walking it again in the morning, little ambition/ability doubts came flooding in. Though, what I had learnt on day 1 was to keep a focus beyond the fence. In other words pick a line and ride straight, holding the horse in the hand and pushing through with your leg. Really there wasn't any thing out there that *Eli* couldn't physically jump. A lot to be said about rational thought when you get legged up to go out and jump your first cross country course in almost 2 decades on a horse to your knowledge has never done any thing remotely like this and has been prepared by a rider with delusions of grandeur and thinks that at the most, 30 schooling jumps is plenty to prepare.

Any way, "10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3", "Bugger! My medical arm band is falling off", "2", "flick it off". "Bugger! I dropped my whip", "1", "Excuse me, could you pass me my whip please". "Why certainly", comes the reply from the start judge. "Good start, Rob!!" All this sorted and we're off to the 1st fence, house in distance. "Look at the door, nicely over and away". Second fence, telegraph pole in distance "sit & ride, good jump", next fence a bold jump and *Eli* takes it in his stride he is really settling down and I am really starting to enjoy it. The 4th fence tight turn onto a small log with a steep embankment falling away from it, I decided to trot in and pop over and trot down the hill. He did everything according to plan, down the hill through the creek, tight left hand turn over a coffin, up a rise, over a skinny log to another 6a & b. "Hey! We are going great!" Over a rail part of a complex of fences, then down hill to a "Skinny" log, really skinny. Coming down the hill I am thinking, "do not let him get on the forehand and run out, **do not** let him get on the forehand and run out, where's my focus, I have lost my focus, Ah well! I'll just look at the jump instead". Next minute I know we are passing the jump on the left. "Damn!" I bring him around in the trot, focus on the line I picked out when walking the course and popped over it like it was a trotting pole. Up a bank and down for 9a & b, down a drop fence which I over rode because of the spectators, quick right hand turn along a narrow path to another "Skinny" log. "**Do not** let him get on the forehand and run out, where's my focus, I have lost my focus, Ah well! I'll just look at the jump instead." Next minute I know we are passing the jump on the left. "Damn!" I bring him around in the trot focus on the line I picked out walking the course and popped over it like it was a trotting pole. "Sounds familiar?" "Yes, it happened again, like cutting and pasting". Well by this stage with 2 run outs, I was in it for the training and wanted no more mistakes. We had some compulsory flags and a wooden bridge, through a narrow track to a water jump out of the water over a pipe fence without missing a beat. Up a large hill to a vivid white pipe around over a stone wall and *Eli* is firing, down a steep hill back to the trot, no worries, another Skinny fence in the shape of a fruit stall. "Ah! Got my focus, a pile of dirt in the back ground". Steady, hands, seat, legs; pop! Over he goes with out a second look. Over the tyres painted with white stripes, down along the creek over the park bench, final fence barrel held above the ground. We had finished. I was so pleased, though a little disappointed that I fell asleep at those 2 fences. *Eli* was in good order and all I wanted to do was take him round again. What a HOOT!

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Annual General Meeting 25th September

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Members are invited to attend the AGM at our September Activity Day on 25th September. We need as many members to attend as possible.

- Interested in joining the Committee and having input into the running of the Club?
- Interested in nominating and voting for the new Committee members?

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Horsy Websites
Why not check out the following websites!

Website <equitour.co.uk>
- this company organises horse riding holidays all around the world - US, Canada India, Europe - it is just fun to look and dream! Club members might be interested in knowing about the website.

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Bungendore Riding Club

Issue 8
October 2005

Welcome to the October edition of the Bungendore Riding Club Newsletter

September Activity Day

Have to say this but, "another huge and fantastic BRC Activity day!" Thoroughly, enjoyed by all who attended. It was a very busy day at the showground as we were sharing with the Zone Pony Club who were training for the State Mounted Games and Eventing Championships. New members were relieved to find that they weren't expected to whiz around obstacles or jump the huge show jumps set up; and found us quietly trotting around over near the dressage arena.

The day started with individual practice dressage tests judged by the lovely Leanne Quick. She gave beneficial feedback to the riders who had a chance to re-do the test. Then, we had an informative talk and demonstration on horse dental care by Kurt Gacki. He included: how to "age" a horse by looking at the line which grows on the outside of the incisor, called the Galvayne's groove; the bone structure of the skull including the TMJ joint, molars and incisors, and how they should be level. The state of his demo horse skull was a great insight as to the importance of looking after their teeth. He then demonstrated on a "live" horse, thanks to Blossom for modeling her teeth and behaving beautifully whilst "in the dental chair".

Afterwards members gathered on the veranda of the Pavilion to enjoy a delicious lunch, before our AGM commenced. Congratulations to all members who accepted nominations to form the 2006 BRC Committee. Check the back page for details.

Also, some awards were given out to members for their participation during 2005. See page 2 for details.

The afternoon was hosted by the Canberra Classical Horsemastership International group (CHI) who looked fantastic in their maroon and black attire with white jodhpurs. Their horses were immaculate and could have been presented at the Royal show. 5 riders including Val on *Flashdancer* demonstrated ground training skills before performing a Quadrille, meaning four riders riding a sequence to music. The origins of their training comes from the Spanish. Members were in awe of the side passes, shoulder ins and pirouettes. Afterwards, members had the opportunity to try out Quadrille themselves under the guidance of the CHI and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. It was another huge and successful Activity day for our club.

Welcome new members Catherine & *Trouble* and Wendy & *Thomas*.

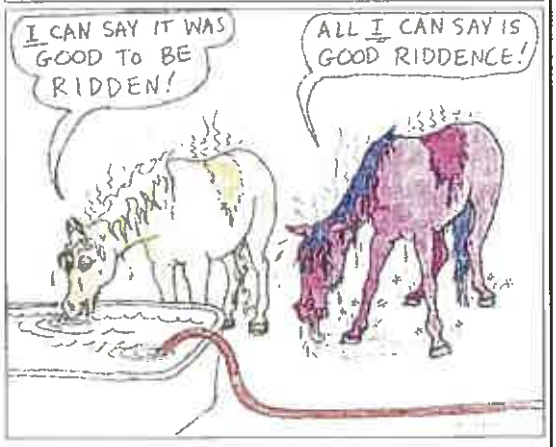
Members who attended the Dressage Protocol and Quadrille Training Day included:

Karen Y & *Harmony*
Anne & *Annie*
Anna & *Asti*
Helen B & *Blossom*
Alana & *King Of Sports*
Samantha & *Suzi*
Karen P & *Missy*
Val & *Flash Dancer*
Kristen & *Tim Tam*
Searle & *Boris*
Tanya & *Bonkers*
Wendy & *Thomas*
Di & *Louie*
Catherine & *Trouble*

Non-Riders:
Gillie, Keith, Helen L, Karen B, Marty, Glenda

A BIG thank you to the following people:

Leanne for her cheerful and constructive feedback
Kurt for his wonderful and informative horse dentist Demo
CHI for their fabulous demonstration and instruction
Anna for coordinating the day
Anne for setting up the "letters" to the arena and chairing the AGM
Helen L for organising the catering from Biscottis
Jodie for purchasing the necessities
Rachel & **Marty** for bringing catering boxes
Gillie and **Nick** for admin and picking up the food
Val and **Keith** for organising the Canberra Classical Horsemastership International demo and instruction



Helpers Wanted!
October One Day Event/Chicken Run

Open to all levels of horse and rider
Members and **Non—Members**
Date: 16th October 2005
Venue: Bungendore Showground
Lunch: Canteen—Bungendore Fire Brigade
Cost: Members $50, Non—members $60
Entries are available now!
Contact the **Coordinator**: Marty Walsh Ph: 6236 9534 or email <mwa67053@bigpond.net.au>
OR Check out the website: **www.brc.org.au**

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BRC Profile—2005

This is the second year for the BRC club with the successful Activity days including:

Trail ride—Kowen Forest

Polocrosse Instruction

Pizza Trail Ride to Lambert's Winery

Combined Training Day (Dressage and Show jumping)

Trail ride—Namadgi National Park (overnight stay)

Sporting/Mounted Games (Postponed)

Combined Training Day (Jumping and Dressage)

Combined Training Day (Show Jumping and Cross Country)

Practice Dressage & Quadrille

IMPORTANT!
Next Committee Meeting
Thursday 20th October
7.30pm.
Bungendore Royal Hotel (top pub)

Check with pub staff which room we are in. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

News of Members

Thanks to Helen L for her report on the MS Trail Ride. What a great experience!

MS Holiday on Horseback 2005

Glenda Georges and Helen Locke attended the second half of the MS ride on 21 September. The ride base was in the Majors Creek area just outside Braidwood.

The camping area at Bourke's Hill Station was a huge paddock overlooking the Shoalhaven River. Glenda and I set up our tents so we could enjoy a view of the river.

We rode for 3 days. The first day was about 30 kms. The second day had a short option of 16 kms or long option of 30ks. The last day was a relaxing stroll of about 12 kms. Each day, volunteers met riders out on the track with morning tea and lunch which one day was yummy hamburgers! The rides climbed out of the flood plain up into the hills each day providing spectacular views across the area.

It was luxury camping - hot showers and delicious meals were provided at the end of the day while volunteers fed your horses hay at regular intervals. There was also entertainment at night including a Red Faces competition one night which brought budding bush poets, Russell Coight impersonators and talented singers out of the wood work.

The ride is scheduled for the Braidwood area again next year so keep an eye on the website – msnsw.org.au. Organisers expected to raise $100,000 from the 2005 ride.

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THE MEANING BEHIND THE CLASSIFIED ADS

Event Prospect.	-	Big, Fast Horse
Dressage Prospect	-	Big, Slow Horse
Hack Prospect	-	Pretty Colour
Sporting Prospect	-	Short, Fast Horse
Campdraft Prospect	-	Horse which can turn fast
Endurance Prospect	-	Fast Horse which will turn sometimes
Flashy	-	White Socks
Attractive	-	Bay
15.2hh	-	14.3hh
16.2hh	-	15.3hh
To Loving Home Only	-	Expensive
To Show Home Only	-	Very Expensive
Needs Experienced Rider	-	Potentially Lethal
Elegant	-	Thin
In Good Condition	-	Previously foundered
Free Moving	-	Bolts
Quiet	-	Lame in Both Front Legs
Dead Quiet	-	Lame in All Four Legs
Good in Traffic (Bombproof)	-	Deaf and Blind
Loves Children	-	Kicks and Bites
Pony Type	-	Small and Hairy
Arab Type	-	Looks Startled
TB Type	-	Looks Terrified
Quarter Horse Type	-	Fat
Cob Type	-	Big and Hairy
Draught Type	-	Big and Exceedingly Hairy
Easy to Catch	-	Very Old
Owner forced to give up	-	Bolts, bites and bucks
Must Sell	-	Eats 3 times as much as any other horse but is always lame.
Able to take walls and timber	-	Crashes through fences, doors, sheds
A good stayer	-	Won't budge from the stable
Sound feet	-	Kicks the stable and float
All Offers Considered	-	I am in Traction

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Most Improved horse—Karen Yanik
Encouragement—Marion Kilby
Encouragement—Val Woodward
Encouragement-Jumping—Anne Field

Biggest Adrenalin rush—Marty Walsh
Biggest XCountry Jump—Rob Hughes
Quietist Race horse—Tanya Morgan
Best Floater—Anna McAuliffe
Quietist Trail Horse—Karen Broadhurst

Classifieds

Horse Truck
Want comfort. Ready for a good sleep, hassle free truck? 1985/2? Not sure Isuzu Diesel large fuel tank electric hydraulic tailgate—a god send! White with blue stripes, pretty truck.
18? back. Easy to drive. Real tyres, Bullbar scoopie air thing on top, rings to tie horse onto side of truck. It has an annex too.
!/2 living area, fridge, microwaves, real beds, shelves, cupboards, saddle racks, bridle hangers etc.
Other half for horses 3 large or 4 smaller ponies.
Exc cond goes well, daughter no longer riding. Only used twice in 2 years.
$25,500.00 Rego till Dec Bummer but she's got to go?..boohoo
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Bungendore Riding Club

Issue 10
November 2005

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October One Day Event/Chicken Run
Sunday the 16th of October 2005
Bungendore Show Ground

Members and volunteer helpers gathered at the showground on the Saturday to madly set up all the equipment, sponsorship display and administration desks. It was a great eye opener into just how much work it takes to put on such an event. It took us all day but, Phew! Didn't the Sponsorship display, Dressage arenas, Show jumping rings and Cross Country course look fantastic when everyone had finished?
There were 65 entries for the event on Sunday and a lovely turn out of ponies and horses.
The day started with dressage, then show jumping and finally the biggest adrenalin rush, the cross country!! It was a fantastic day!!!
Thank you to EVERYONE who volunteered their time. A huge thanks must go to Marty Walsh for coordinating the day. She spent the past couple of months planning and organising the whole event. Because of her expertise, contacts and time, the event was a great success!
Check out the great photos thanks to Arthur Georges:
http://aerg.canberra.edu.au/BRC/

November Activity Day—Sporting/Mounted Games
All levels of horse and rider catered for
Date: Saturday 26th November 2005
Meet at: Bungendore Showground
Start Time: To be advised
Lunch: BBQ
Cost: Members $10 plus
Showground fee: $5 per horse

Registration forms will be sent soon.
See your Information Sheet for further details or contact the **Coordinator**: Anne Field
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Ph: 6238 2418

ODE Results for each class are as follows:

Class One: 45cm Encourager Under 18

1	Rachael Fowler
2	Kelsey LeMesurier
3	Kirsty Field
4	Tom Thorek
5	Kate Dugdale
6	Mikaela Maisano
7	Jenny Hodgman
8	Kelsey Szczepanik
E	Caitlin Judd
E	Megan Judd
E	Sarah Camp

Class Two: 45 cm Encourager 18 & Over

1	Robyn James
2	Karen Pearce
3	Carl Davies
4	Samantha Van Dyke
5	Kate Yonge
6	Glenda Georges
7	Searle Johnston
E	Catherine Hamilton
E	Helen Blain
E	Tanya Morgan
E	Rae Mammino

Class Three: 60cm Trainer Under 18

1	D'Arcy Bush
2	Laura Pearce
3	Josie Laver
4	Katie Gibson
5	Laura Field
6	Rachel French
7	Jamie Steele
8	Brittnye Abbey
9	Casey Ivey
10	Richard Thorek
11	Amy Reilly
12	Bradley Luttrell
E	Jess Mitchell
E	Kristen Whiting
E	Caitlin Brewer
E	Zoe Lynch

Class Four: 60cm Trainer 18 & Over

1	Fiona Simmonds
2	Karen Yanik
3	Anne Field
4	Edwina Biro
5	Alison Morehead
6	Anna McAuliffe
7	Bridget McCosker
8	Sam Woodford (Minky)
9	Patricia London-Rennie
10	Lyn Reid
E	Sam Woodford (Suzy)
E	Robyn McCaughan
E	Bev Turner

Class Five: 75cm Introductory—Open

1	Susie Kearnes
2	Alyson Burgess (Richazam)
3	Alyson Burgess (Serenska)
4	Alex Reid
5	Shelley McCulloch
6	Ginny Laver
7	Zinta Walsh
8	Emma Lewis
E	Kristen Szczepanik
E	Alana Scicluna
E	Holly McCosker

The "Ultimate Chicken Runner Award" went to

Mr Searle Johnston

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This is BRC's second year with the successful Club days including:

Trail ride—Kowen Forest

Polocrosse Instruction

Pizza Trail Ride to Lambert's Winery

Combined Training Day (Dressage and Show jumping)

Trail ride—Namadgi National Park (overnight stay)

Sporting/Mounted Games (Postponed)

Combined Training Day (Jumping and Dressage)

Combined Training Day (Show Jumping and Cross Country)

Practice Dressage & Quadrille

ODE/Chicken Run

IMPORTANT!
Next Committee Meeting:
Thursday 8th December
7.30pm.
Bungendore Royal Hotel (top pub)
Check with pub staff which room we are in. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

October One Day Event—Behind the Scenes!

The Preparations:
My horse hates her mane being pulled. *Don't worry, try NAIR hair removal, it works a treat!* OK! Great! Its not working, perhaps if I add some more and leave it a bit longer? Oh! No! Her mane is now all patchy!! Arrgg!! Bugger! Oh dear! Perhaps if I plait it, no one will notice??

No, no, don't worry about plaiting her tail, just trim it. What! You dill! You only trim the sides, not the whole lot, it looks ridiculous!! Oh, No! Oh, No! I trimmed the top of her tail wrong! Stop thinking about it; think about your dressage test. Yes! Think about the dressage test! I can't, her tail looks stupid, I can't sleeep..... her tail looks stupid, think about your dressage test, but the taaaiiil!!

No! No! Not a problem, my husband won't even notice that I've trimmed the pines. Where do you want the greenery?

The Dressage:
Oh! No! I learnt the dressage test upside down, I'm meant to be at M and I'm at K, that's right, the arenas were the other way around last year!!!

Enter straight, why aren't you entering straight, come on, you entered straight yesterday!

Working canter to M! Working canter to M! No, No, don't start trotting now, Woorrking canter to M, doh!

No, No, we're meant to be cantering a circle, no, please don't, no, don't pig root, that's not on the test!!

What are you doing, no, no, don't go sideways, we're not doing Spanish side pass! Go straight!

The Show Jumping:
My helmet, my helmet has slipped over my eyes! Wait, wait, I can't see properly! Oh! No! Here comes the next jump, push it back, puuusssh it back!!

Come on, they're just hay bales! You like hay, don't you? Nothing to be afraid of.....just go over.....please!!!!!

Bugger! I've lost my stirrup, where is it, where is it? Oh, No! Too late! Here comes the next jump! Whizz! Over! Thank god! We made it! There it is! Right! Onto the next jump!!

You're going too fast!! You're going to fast!! What? Jump No. 9?? No, No! Turn around! No. 5, the double is next!

Bugger! *What!* I left my saddle, bridle and helmet in the boot of that car that has just driven off. *Don't stress! I've got a spare saddle! I've got a spare bridle! What size is your head ? Oh! That small???.....we will ask one of the kids!!!* Saved!!! The car came back!!

The Cross country:
Whoa, Whoa, Whoa, Jump - whizz! Grunt! We made it! Whoa, Whoa, Whoa, Jump - whizz! Grunt! We made it!

Here comes, the ski jump, I know it looks like a ramp, No, No, you don't walk up it, you jump it!!

My stirrups are too long! My stirrups are too long! Bugger! Why didn't I shorten them more? Can't stop now.....keep going, keep going! Arrrrg...My stirrups are tooo long!!

I feel sick! Yes! I feel sick! *No, You're right!* But I feel siiiccck.....*10, 9, 8....You're right!.....2, 1...Go!* I'm a going.....yippee!!!

I need to go to the toilet. *But you just went.* But I think I need to go again...Do I? Maybe I don't? .....*10, 9, 8*.....doh!....*2, 1.....Go!*

Dates for Your Diaries—2005

6	November	Beckford Chicken Run http://www.beckford.info/chickenruns.htm
15	November	Rotary Meeting 7.30pm Bungendore Bowling Club
26	November	Sporting/Mounted Games **Note: Date Change!**
3	December	BRC Christmas Dinner

2006 Dates already booked

29	April	Overnight Trail ride Caloola Farm Stay

Christmas Dinner !

You are invited to attend the annual BRC Christmas dinner and partners are welcome. Come along and help celebrate another fun and successful year with the Bungendore Riding Club.
Where: Balcony, Royal Hotel (Top Pub) Bungendore
When: Saturday, 3rd December
Time: 7.30pm
Cost: Per head—To be advised
The Club will contribute to the evening

RSVP: Gillie by Wed 30th November
Email: gillnick@bigpond.com or
Phone: 6238 1252

BRC Membership Renewals

2006 Membership starts now!

1st October 2005 to 30th September 2006
If you would like to re-join then send in the New Membership form
A new form will be emailed/posted to all 2005 members
Forms are also available on our website

2006 Fees $70

Classifieds

Found at ODE
1 fold out camping chair, green
Contact Anna 6238 0771

For Sale
Maremma Puppies, 6 weeks old, fully immunised and wormed.
$350 each.
Phone: David 6238 1028 or 0411 541 362

BRC Website

www.brc.org.au

Contributions
Do you have any interesting stories or snippets of information that could be published in our newsletter? Please email them to Anna <anna_mcauliffe@yahoo.com.au>

"The hardest thing when learning to ride..... is the ground!"

BRC Members 2006

To be advised

BRC October 2005 ODE Prizes

Bungendore Riding Club would like to thank our generous sponsors. The ODE prizes were a wonderful range of practical horse products; and gift and money vouchers.
Also, a special thanks to Rachel Stackpoole for organising such great prizes, delivering them to the show ground and setting up a fantastic display. Sashes were presented up to fifth place and all riders received a participation ribbon.

Class One: 45cm
Encourager Under 18
Sponsored by Horseland, Belconnen
1 First aid Kit—Bungendore Vets, Horseland saddle cloth in bag with worming paste etc
2 Horseland saddle cloth in bag with worming paste, curry comb etc
3 Horseland saddle cloth
4 Horseland cap

Class Two: 45 cm
Encourager 18 & Over
1 Rug by Kurt Gacki—Professional Horse Dentistry
2 $50 voucher from Hawker, Lyneham or Nicholls Local Liquor
3 $25 voucher from Campbell Local Liquor
4 Horseland cap

Class Three: 60cm
Trainer Under 18
Sponsored by Bungendore Produce
1 $100 voucher from Bungendore Produce
2 Bag of Winergy and wheaten chaff
3 Bag of Winergy
4 Bag of Easi-Result

Class Four: 60cm
Trainer 18 & Over
1 $100 present by Horizon Real Estate from Terrace Interiors
2 $50 voucher from Hawker, Lyneham or Nicholls Local Liquor
3 $25 voucher from Bungendore Local Liquor
4 Horseland cap

Class Five: 75cm
Introductory—Open
Sponsored by Horizon Real Estate
1 Rug by Horizon Real Estate
2 Economix, Lucerne chaff and wheaten chaff—Bungendore Produce
3 Lucerne chaff and worming paste
4 Bag of economixf

Additional Prizes
Madew wine valued at $60 presented to the "Ultimate Chicken Runner"

BRC Thank You's!!

Bungendore Riding Club would like to thank the following people very much for volunteering their talent, expertise and time organising, setting up/putting away equipment and the running of BRC ODE 2005

ODE Committee

Overall Coordinator	Marty Walsh
Dressage	Anne Field
Show Jumping	Rob Hughes
Cross Country	Carl Davies
Technical Delegate	Steve Davis
Administration Desk	Gillie Driver
Scorer	Greg Field
PA Announcer	Nick Driver
PR & media	Anna McAuliffe
Sponsor display	Rachel Stackpoole
	Anna McAuliffe
	Shelley Blakely
Dressage Judges	Mandy Lewis
	Ann Reilly
	Amanda Graydon
	Natalie Hardwicke
Dressage Marshall	Helen Locke
	All volunteer
	Dressage Pencillers
SJ Course Design	Chris Hardwicke
Show Jump Rings	Keith Churchill
	Robert Hughes
	Petrina Hughes
	Tomas Walsh
	Julie Abbey
	Tim Walsh
Cross Country	Carl Davies
	Mark Thorek
	Tim Walsh
	Jenny Davies
	Tina Brewer
	All the volunteer
	Jump Judges
Hampers for Judges	Marty Walsh
	Karen Yanik
Helpers - Other:	Val Woodward
	Tanya Morgan
	Karen Pearce
	Helen Blain
	Glenda Georges
Canteen	Bungendore Bush Fire Brigade
Photos	Arthur Georges

Bungendore Show Ground Trust—use of facilities
Bungendore Show Society—use of facilities
Bungendore Pony Club—use of equipment
Geary's Gap Pony Club – use of equipment
Zone 16 Pony Club —use of back No.s

Emails—empty your "Inbox"
The newsletter is a big document, if you don't receive it, it may be because your email inbox needs emptying. It doesn't matter if you have a few emails in it, the problem occurs when you let it fill up and never delete anything. We are hoping to set up a "link" to the newsletter so that we send you the link rather the big document.

Reminder—The Newsletter etc is usually sent the 2nd week after an Activity Day. If you don't receive an email then contact a committee member or email:
<info@brc.org.au>
.
Check the "Dates for your Diary" for upcoming days.
<www.brc.org.au>

Insurance
Very Important!
Members please note that the club insurance is Public Liability Insurance ONLY. This covers the club if an incident occurs where the club is found to be negligent. Our insurance does not cover Personal Injury through NO fault of the club.

Due to the regulations in regards to our insurance, members are covered for BRC activities ONLY. If you attend a BRC day and participate in activities not approved by the committee, you won't be covered and do so at your own risk. If you have an idea for an activity then please contact a committee member. A complete insurance policy document can be found by following the links from www. efnational.com/insurance/menu/clubs.htm NB. EFA offers Equine Multicover which is personal accident insurance, personal public liability and death of horse, saddlery /float insurance.

Registration for Activity Days
Please register with the Coordinator for that activity. If the day is cancelled then the Coordinator will be able to email/phone and let you know. Also, the Coordinator allocates lesson times/ groups etc and informs the caterer on numbers. Generally, notice of cancellation will be sent out on the Friday before the activity day to ensure those with work email addresses get notice in time.
If in doubt, please ring Helen Blain on 6238 2467

Bungendore Riding Club Code of Conduct

1. Riders to wear approved AS/NZ 3838 helmet at all times whilst mounted. It must be structurally sound.
2. When riding in groups the rider of the horse following is responsible for keeping his/her horse at a safe distance from the horse in front. A horse known to kick should have a red ribbon in its tail.
3. Suitable riding attire must be worn. It is recommended that riders wear full length trousers or jodhpurs and a sleeved shirt.
4. Suitable footwear which prevents the foot from sliding forward through the stirrup iron must be worn or caged stirrups must be used. Stirrups must be the correct size for the boot.
5. A first aid kit and communication link is to be available at Club activity days.
6. Dogs must be restrained and under control at all times.
7. The Committee reserves the right to ask members to remove a horse which is being disruptive or is not sufficiently under control.
8. Owners of stallions are to notify a Committee member that they are bringing a stallion to an activity day.
9. Members are not to engage in riding which will endanger themselves or others.
10. Members should not be under the influence of alcohol or drugs prohibited by law during an activity day.
11. Horses must be in a condition fit to undertake the activities and riders are responsible for the condition and safety of their tack.

Sponsors

Horizon Real Estate
Bungendore Produce
Horseland, Belconnen
Kurt Gacki—Professional Horse Dentistry & Physio-therapy
Bungendore Vets
Local Liquor—Hawker, Lyneham & Nicholls
Local Liquor—Campbell
Local Liquor—Bungendore
Madew Wines

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