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RIDDELLS CREEK TRAIL HORSE RIDING CLUB **APRIL 2014 NEWSLETTER**

CALENDER OF EVENTS

MAY 18TH

PORT & PIKELETS RIDE- COBAWS
(Ride notice – Attached)

JUNE 7TH – 9TH
(Queens Birthday)

ELDORADO CAMP
RIDE FULL

JULY 19TH – 20TH

XMAS IN JULY - TOOLLEEN
(Ride notice – March) **Nominations by 14th July**

AUGUST

BOOMERANG RANCH – DAYLESFORD
More info to come

Hi everyone,

I'm late again as usual ! There's lots of stuff inside from Easter at Glenlyon to see and a great ride report from Kim. Thanks to those that put up their hands to do the Ride Reports I know it's not everyone's favourite chore, but it does help if we spread the load and we don't expect an essay. Anyone who has photos from rides please feel free to send them to me and I'll put them into the newsletter. Would also like to hear from members who have achieved something with their horses, like Julie Stanley who features this month.

See you on the trail
Enjoy ☺

SECRETARY STUFF.

Hi All,

First of all I owe an apology to Dave Falzon, I accidentally left Dave out of my Thank You's from our weekend at "John Brady's" without the generous donation of a full lamb cut into a huge bag full of chops we wouldn't have had such a GR8 BBQ, all that enjoyed the BBQ meal agreed that the chops made the meal.

Thanks Dave.

Committee/Club Meeting.

Wednesday, May 7th, 7.30pm at the Railway Hotel - Macedon

This meeting is open to all members and gives you all the opportunity to participate in a committee meeting. This is the ideal time to offer any suggestions and ideas you may have regarding the direction you want the club to aim for.

Please put the date in your diary and we look forward to seeing you all there on the night.

For those that are interested some members will be having dinner at the pub prior to the meeting at 6.00pm.

Nominating for Club Rides/Camps

We have had some problems lately with members who thought they had nominated for certain rides as they had left it up to other club members to nominate for them, unfortunately their friends had forgotten to nominate for them, which has caused some difficulty's. If you intend to nominate for any of our rides/camps I ask that you nominate yourself thus ensuring you are on the particular list.

"EASTER at GLENLYON 2014"

Another GR8 Easter was had by all that attended, we were very lucky with the weather and I'm sure the 70 or so attendees would agree that it was another Fantastic Easter Long Weekend @Glenlyon.

Kim Sinclair's ride report attached.

"Cobaws Port and Pikelet Ride from Benloch end."

Our infamous Port & Pikelets ride is on again this May, this is truly a GR8 social ride/event, one not to be missed.

"Queen's Birthday" weekend - ELDORADO

This ride is now FULL

"Christmas in JULY." @ Toolleen

We will be celebrating Xmas in July at the "Toolleen Hotel" in 2014 as a new ride/camp, this promises to be another FUN weekend at the Toolleen pub, catered Saturday night meal and we are happy to be able to have the services of "Jefferson Smith" to entertain us on Saturday night.

Nominations are a MUST for this weekend.

"Boomerang Ranch weekend"

We will be going back to the "Boomerang Ranch" in August 2014, full details next newsletter.

NEW MEMBERS

More new members we would like to WELCOME,

Debbie Austin, Abbey Brown, John Austin & Emma Menhennet.

Please make them feel Welcome on the next ride.

We currently have 165 Financial Members.

***"To seek the wind's power, the rain's
cleansing, and the sun's radiant life, one
need only look to the horse"***

*We ask all members were possible to support our FANTASTIC club
sponsors listed in this newsletter.*

Glenlyon Easter Riding Camp

There was movement in Glenlyon for the word had got around that Riddles Creek Horse Trail Riding Club was coming to town. They had come from far and wide to have a great Easter weekend ride.

So Thursday saw the first lot arrive, Lloyd and Rob already there and set up ready to welcome riders as they arrived.

With beautiful surroundings people started arriving anticipating the weekend to come, we all thought this place is great, toilets, hall, 40 acre community paddock for all, camp fire pit ready to light, and great company what more could you want.

A lot more arriving Friday morning every one started to get ready for a half day ride starting at 12.30. We also had some new comers to, it was great to meet them and look forward to seeing them again.

So every one saddled up and off we went heading into the bush with Rob lead rider, Julie first aid with her tic tacs of course and me and Billy as the drag queens. We rode through the bush for about 2 and half hours. It was a short ride but very enjoyable then back to camp. We all had tea then met back at the open fire for talks and a few drinks and got the juke box into gear. The kids had a great time with there coloured glow sticks too. Saturday morning arrived, 9.30 muster then 10.am ride off with 40 plus riders. This was a full day ride with a saddle bag lunch, so with every one saddled and ready to go, off we rode. Again beautiful country side, great conversation and weaving through the scrub off some tracks till we arrived at our spot for lunch and with the coffee and bickie guys turning up they were soooo welcome. After lunch some more riding till we arrived back at camp unsaddled fed horses and relaxed.

We waited at the camp fire for the caterers to set up tea in the hall and every one bought up on the raffle tickets as the raffle draw scheduled for Sunday after Easter bunny had been for the kids.

About 6pm tea was ready the caterers had done an awesome job roast pork, lamb, and chicken. Baked spuds and lots of yummy salad and sweets, well the sweets, Were toooo yummy, cheese cake, fruit salad, mud cake and cream you had a choice but which one to have I wanted them all.

After tea we went back to the camp fire pit and every body sat around with a drink. The juke box going and the start of another great night.

The kids again had so much fun this being a family club. They all to had an awesome time dancing to the music with their glow sticks and abit of sword fiting too. Rock n roll dancing happening also by the adults and as the night went on some boot scooting to.

Sunday morning was a buzz with kids hunting down all the eggs that Easter bunny had left it was great to see. Then came the raffle draw the last lot of tickets quickly sold out before it started. The kids did some of the ticket draws but as tickets were called that person would pic another out of the bucket and before long this to was finished.

Once again the time had come for our afternoon ride and before we left we did a surprise circle of riders around Young Tom to sing happy birthday. This ride was just over 4 hours and as per usual it was great. Some people headed home others stayed and some went to the pub at Malmsbury it was a good night. Next day Monday last day bugger didn't want to go home but we did have one ride left. This one I think was the best. There was only 9 of us, again with Rob leading the way, man he knows some great riding spots we came across a huge hill that was just a mass of rocks like blue stone and because of the fire that had happened in the past there was a big gum tree that had fallen side ways across the top of this hill of rocks so we decided to ride up as far as we could. Then some of us walked to the top. Some of the gum was only balancing at two small points eventually they will rot and down she'll come, what a site, A end to a awesome five days of great company and riding, thanks to Lloyd, Rob and all the members it was fantastic, looooved it.

We all packed up and went home.

Written by
Kim Sinclair.



Sunday egg hunt



Happy Birthday to Tom



Even the horses were in the spirit



EASTER AT 'GLENLYON' 2014



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Incorporation No, A0002157C.

Cobaws Port & Pikelet Ride from Benloch End. Sun 18th May 2014

Come and join us for a lovely Port and Yummy Pikelet's with cream & jam, for those that don't drink, we will have plenty of Tea & Coffee to enjoy with your Pikelets.

The ride will start just off the Burke and Wills track at Benloch. Parking will be a short distance from the turn off and RCTHRC signs will be displayed.

Riding will be on sandy / gravel, roads and tracks with flat to undulating terrain. There may be the odd hill but they will not be too severe.

Tea and Coffee & hopefully some Pikelets & cream left over from the morning will be available after the ride approx. 3:00 pm

- *Horses are to be reasonably fit, with feet adequately conditioned and / or shod.*
- *Stallions by approval only.*
- *Breastplates and Cruppers are recommended.*
- *Horses known to kick must wear a red ribbon in their tail.*
- *Under 18's must wear an approved riding helmet*
- *Riders under 16 must be under adult supervision and have a Signed approval.*
- *RCTHRC recommends that all riders have ambulance cover*
- *All riders must adhere to RCTHRC rules which incorporate the ATHRA Code of Conduct.*
- *All riders must advise the Ride Leader of any medical condition Prior to the commencement of the ride.*

Ride out time 10.00am but will need to be ready by 9:30 in order to enjoy the refreshments before we start.

BYO Saddle bag lunch and drink.

Ride Leader: Rob Stephens Enquiries: 0437226266

Cost: \$2.00 Members.

\$5.00 Non Members with ATHRA Insurance.

\$25.00 Ride fee for prospective members without ATHRA Insurance.



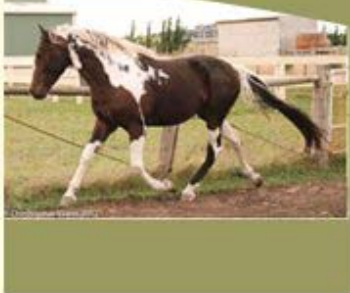
CONGRATULATIONS JULIE STANLEY !!

Julie recently competed in the Standardbred Pleasure & Performance Horse Association - Harness State Championships and scoped up an armful of ribbons -
Turnout: 2nd & Reserve Champion
Driven Standardbred: 1st & Champion
Best Educated: 1st
Best Pleasure: 1st
Supreme State Champion Harness Exhibit

STANLEY PARK
Coloured Standardbreds & Partbreds

Julie Stanley
'A Flash of Colour'
Homozygous Tobiano Stallion

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Dakenag Electric Fencing is now offering all Riddells Creek Trail Horse Riding Club Members a **10% Discount** on any purchase of our products. All you have to do is come to our branch at 852 Cooper Street, Campbellfield and show your membership card and we will happily help you with all your Electric Fencing needs.

