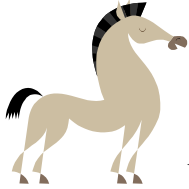


The Lakes Newsletter

MARCH



Well what a shock to ones system we are now back in full swing, no more lazy days, drinking by the pool, relaxing with friends, extra shopping or watching our horses playing in the paddock.

What we have to look forward too:

- Extra early mornings {no more sleep inns}
- Extra cost feeding our four legged friends {no more chocolates}
- Extra cost of entries/stabling/yards/fuel {no more concerts}
- Extra cost for lessons {good for instructors pocket}
- Extra special dinners for partner/husband {to keep the peace}
- Extra late nights cleaning horse/gear {no more videos}
- Extra phone expenses {checking the gossip}

But above all, this is the life we have chosen and we love it to bits together with our four legged friends and many close friendships that we have developed from the equestrian industry.

Congratulations must go to Joy Woodmason and her son Ben, what a fantastic job they have done with our new website; please keep check on the updates, news and gallery {www.lakesridingclub.com}

Please feel free to send in any items of interest, personal stories or if you have anything to sell, advertising is free.

Congratulations to all the Lakes members who competed at Smythesdale and Colac dressage days, ribbons do not necessary mean you did not achieve, be pleased with yourself and your horse, there are always more comps.

Colac Horse Show; Not sure of the results but I know Naomi Johnson, Leeane Lockhart and Cheryl Miller did compete, I am sure with ribbons to prove success {so a birdie tells me}. It would be good if any members can email me with results and photos.

LAKES RIDING CLUB DRESSAGE JACKPOT

This will be held on the 27th April, 2008. **A meeting will be held at Jodie Gleeson's, 112 Bowen Street Camperdown on Wednesday April 2nd at 7.30** to finalize all details. We will need lots of volunteers for various jobs including running of canteen, gear check, pencilers, assistant scorer, arena set up, cleaning and baking so please make sure you

attend this important meeting. If unable to attend please contact Cheryl or Joy and advise us of how you are able to help. Please give this serious consideration because if we all do a few hours or half a day each then we can all still compete as well.

RALLIES

The Lakes Riding club always encourages a friendly atmosphere expecting members to be polite and helpful to all other members as well as all officials, judges and helpers. We spend a lot of time and money in our sport so goodwill is of major importance.

At our rallies over the next few months we will share and change our venues so that we are fair to the members that have a long way to travel, we should be proud that we have members from as far as Colac to Hamilton.

The club would like to apologize to the members who did not get to ride at our last rally - due to an incident which was no fault of any of our members we were unable to conclude the day, I am sure we have all gained experience from that event and as a result we will strengthen and grow within the club.

RALLY DATES

5th	April	Venue	Fredrick Street Camperdown
		Instructor	Cherie Edmonds
10th	May	Venue	Fredrick Street Camperdown
		Instructor	Cherie Edmonds
7th	June	Venue	To be announced. Two day clinic.
8th	June	Instructor	Cherie Edmonds.
5th	July	Venue	To be announced.
		Instructor.	Cherie Edmonds.

Please make sure that you book with Jodie {55931180 evenings only}

If you have to cancel please do so earlier than later and try to fill your own spot. No attendance without ringing Jodie at least three days prior to the rally will mean you will have to pay in full. To be fair to all members only shared lessons are available on rally days. Please respect Cherie's professionalism and member's privacy by insuring that you do not conduct personal conversation with the instructor during other member's lesson time. Please also maintain a respectful distance when warming up.



Welcome to our new members Naomi Johnson, Anne Jelliff, Erica Grant and Wendy Heine.

Well done to Lauren Wiseman achieving the position of school Captain of Camperdown College.

Marie Gahan has offered to give us a day on Judging a Dressage Test, what we as riders should be looking for in our comments and how to decide if it is worth taking on board.....At times I am sure we all feel a little let down about what has been written or should I say what has not been written

Your best friend and aid in training is a video, so please try to have a friend video your test then you can see it for yourself.

What we feel is some times not enough..... We need to see.....To understand.....So please email me if you are interested to attend a day with Marie Gahan.

UPCOMING EVENTS

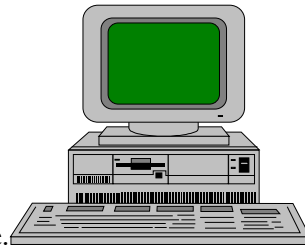
30/03/08 - Bannockburn and Teesdale Riding Club Official Combined Training and Dressage Jackpot, entries close 20/03/08.

13/04/08 - Beaufort Agriculture Society's Autumn Show - Official HRC AV Ring.

20/04/08 - Inverleigh Riding Club Official Dressage Jackpot, entries close 06/04/08.

27/04/08 - Lakes Riding Club Official Dressage Jackpot, entries close 16/04/08.

If anyone has something to sell please let us know as we will put it on the web for free, just a photo and a description of the item.



Have a look at “ Horse Hive “ on the web - a great site.

If you go to the links page on our website you can access it from there. If anyone else knows of some good sites please let me know so we can add them as well.

Hope that every one has a top Easter and lots of chocolate.

Enjoy your friends two and four legged.

Safe Traveling.



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