



Moorooduc Saddle Club News

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Presidents Report

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Important Dates

Mid-week	2nd
Trail ride	Sat 4th Feb
Post Trail BBQ	Sat 4th Feb
Sunday Rally	19th Feb
Social Night	24th March

Welcome back to another thrilled packed year. I hope everyone had a good rest and are ready for school or the workforce and your horses are fit and sound.

The Gymkhana went very well and everybody appeared to have a great time. Thanks also for the parent support and willingness to assist in the running of the rallies, canteen and fund raising.

I had the great honor of presenting the Presidents Trophy to Gayle Kelly. I would like to take this opportunity to outline just some of the hard and wonderful tasks that Gayle does for the club. Gayle is constantly around the club;

- Checking on the general condition of the grounds and clubhouse.
- Communicates with all committee members with updates on numerous concerns.
- Contacts myself immediately when something needs attending to.
- Tackles the mountainous paperwork involved with HRCav and OH &S, proof reading newsletters and takes on the Mid week coordination.

When I presented the trophy to Gayle she simply replied

“ I Love my Club!”.

This year the committee are planning many events for the club, including a car-boot sale, show jumping and training days, raffle and quiz nights (and open to more suggestions!).

Also would like to thank Marty, Brian and Chris who did some poisoning, slashing and clearing over the summer break. All the committee do a terrific job with a smiles and enthusiasm.

I look forward to another great year at the club. - Thanks Terry.

Mid-week 2nd February

The first mid week is the 2nd February and Andy Rouget will be instructing. It will start at 10am unless otherwise notified.

Mid week rallies are held on the first Thursday of each month.

Please remember the **no call/ no email no ride rule** and notify rally coordinator by the Monday night prior. The cost of the lesson is divided among the riders.

Trail Ride

Due to our usual very hot weather in February the Committee has decided that our first trail ride will be a twilight ride on Saturday 4th February leaving club grounds at 4pm. There will be a ride through the club grounds (for the not so venturous) and also a ride along the local roads.

Members are welcome to stay and have a BYO BBQ after the ride. Members can if they wish, camp overnight and take an early morning ride on Sunday morning.



Sunday Instruction Rally

For the warmer months the committee has decided to start the **Sunday rallies at 9am**. This means we can beat the heat as well as accommodate the many more riders that wish to participate. Those who have been attending the Sunday rallies will have noticed that the rallies have become more popular. This is testament to our club and the excellent instruction that is available. We are happy to have Andy Rouget and Joanne Blakey back as our main instructors this year.



Please remember the **no call/ no email no ride rule** and please appreciate the effort the rally coordinators put in to make the rallies run smoothly and successfully. Please notify as early as possible, preferably before the Tuesday night prior. Please be warmed up and ready to participate in a lesson at 9am—unless notified.



Please remember that if you cancel and do not notify the club the onus is on you to pay the instruction fee.

Social Night

With electricity and new garage doors the clubs funds are looking a little low – so the committee has decided to have a social night on the Saturday 24th March. It will be \$10 per head and \$5 per child under 18.

Bring your own everything – drinks nibbles etc. And most importantly bring your dancing shoes and gold coins (to join in the games). The committee will be having raffles and loads of games in order to raise extra funds. There will be plenty of prizes up for grabs. All club members, friends and family are welcome.



Arena Etiquette

When riding on the arena in groups there are certain conventions which make sense to the ease of all users;

Be punctual for lessons – it is expected you will have warmed up and be waiting in the arena when the instructor arrives.

When entering the arena make sure all horses are working clear of the gateway

Take your horse in to the centre to mount

If all horses are working in one direction start in the same direction

Where possible pass oncoming riders left shoulder to left shoulder

Usually the faster riders take the outside track therefore if you are walking and others are trotting then you ride on the inside and if you are trotting and they are cantering then you ride on the inside and leave the outer track to them.

When you pass a rider going in the same direction as you, pass on the inside. Never pass between the rail and another horse, and pass widely. If the rider in front of you is going slowly but you don't want to pass, cut across the arena or make a wide circle.

During a lesson it is important to show courtesy and respect to the instructor and the rest of the group. This involves asking permission to join a group if you are late or if leaving early. Listen to the instructor and do not carry on conversations with other riders during instruction.

Be aware that group lessons are not for prolonged private tuition although please ask if you do not understand the instruction.

During a lesson keep at least one horses length from the horse in front – you should be able to see its back hooves as they touch the ground. A horse known to kick should have a red ribbon in its tail – give these horses more clearance. Always keep a clear distance from the horses in front of you and don't permit your horse to rush up behind another

These are some general terms the instructor may use;

Track – the outer path around the arena closest to the fence

Open order - means you don't need to keep to a specific order in the group. Otherwise the instructor will tell you what order to ride in.

Go large or full school – follow the outside track. **X** is the centre point of the arena

There are markers around the arena – the instructor will call for things to happen at certain points. It is worth familiarising yourself with the main markers. I use the mnemonic **A Fat Black Mother Cat Has Eight Kittens**

If asked to cross the diagonal it means ride across between **F** and **H** or between **K** and **M**

A 20 metre circle has a diameter of 1/3 the length of the arena

For safety if someone is having difficulty halt you horse and wait until the trouble is settled

If the instructor says to dismount then do so immediately – they may be aware of a danger you have not seen.

General

Be a proud member of our fine club and show your colours.

T-shirts and caps are available.

T-Shirts - \$25 and Caps - \$15

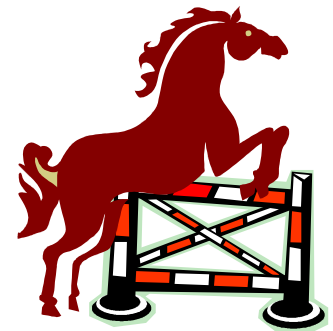
Website www.moorooducsaddleclub.com.au

Please take the time to look at the Club website.

Remember that the website is there for you to access if you need further information.

The website is a great starting point if you have items to sell, swap or may need.

Please feel free to suggest anything that may help us make our club better. If you have ideas we would love to hear them.



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