



Moorooduc Saddle Club News

SEPTEMBER 2010

Presidents Report

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Important Dates

Midweek	7th Oct
Trail ride	3rd Oct
Sunday rally	19th Sept
Quiz Night	16th Oct
Norm Glenn Clinic	6 & 7th Nov

Looking back on the last 12 months and the journey of our club, I realise that the MSC has been successful in so many areas, trail rides, instruction days, car boot sale just to mention just a few. Negotiations which have been quite lengthy and protracted are continuing with the Council and Abigroup to ensure the Club is dealt a fair deal in the Freeway plans, in particular safety for our club members, their horses, floats etc.

We have several new members signed up and socially the club seems to be buzzing. However a point of concern is that the hard yakka seems to be left to just a few at working bees which can only benefit the club & all members. Only four members attended the AGM along with the Committee, a poor turn up for a membership of 30+. As a result committee members swapped portfolios so that the Club could continue to function affectively. I was disappointed at those riders who that attended the rally prior to the AGM but didn't stay to support the committee. The committee I have worked with over the past 12 months have been generous with their time and efforts and we have all enjoyed the benefits.



The committee has put together a **survey** (see attached) so please take the time to complete and send back asap. It is important that club members take this opportunity to provide input on the future of our club. Please get involved MSC needs you, your ideas and your participation.

Thanks Terry Keet - President



Annual General Meeting—Outcomes

The AGM was held on August 15th at the clubrooms. This year we provided activities for those who could come along—and as a hook to get more members involved.

Many thanks to the members who did turn up to offer support to the club, and to have a say about what is happening at the club. As usual all committee positions were stood down to be re-elected, as there were no formal written nominations prior to the AGM, nominations were taken from the floor. Most positions remained the same—however Gayle Kelly stood down from treasurer (after 10 years !! - and incredible effort and deserves many many thanks) only to fill the vice presidency position—and Tanya Patterson will now be the new treasurer.

President Terry Keet	Rally Coordinators	Grounds Maintenance	General Committee
Vice President Gayle Kelly	Sunday Sharon	Marty Veldt	Andrea Peel
Secretary Lisa Hailes	Battin—Brown, Heather	Brian Barton	Wendy Symons
Treasurer Tanya Patterson	Geschke	Terry Keet	Key Register Sharon
	Thursday Gayle Kelly	Grant Kelly	Battin—Brown

Five Star Indoor Rally

Twelve lucky riders attended the rally at Five Star Indoor Arena. Andy Rouget was our instructor and everyone had excellent instruction and challenged themselves in the jumping classes. The weather was sunny and the horses enjoyed the facilities as did the riders. The Indoor has been booked again for our next August rally in 2011, Its a day not to be missed.



Mid Week Rally

The next mid week is on **Thursday 7th Oct.** If you are lucky enough to have the time on Thursdays it is an excellent way of gaining extra instruction. In the past the groups have been smaller than the Sunday rallies, great for introducing new horses and riders.

The grounds are extremely wet so please beware of this when parking. Mid week rallies are held on the first Thursday of each month. Again re-



Sunday Rally 18th September

We strive to make the rallies as enjoyable for everyone, hence the reason behind our survey, if you haven't filled in and handed back please do so, this is the best way we can serve you better.

Always be ready to ride at 10am unless otherwise notified.

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, before the Tuesday night prior.

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

Trail rides

Next trail ride will be Sunday October 3rd. The ride will be to Gunamatta Beach, leaving at 10am from Sandy Road, Boneo. Drive to the end of Sandy Road (dead end) parking available. BYO lunch. Marty will be leading the ride so email if you wish to attend. A reminder will be sent closer to the date. **This will be a Rating 3 ride**

- **Rating of 1-** will travel no faster than walking pace. These will usually be held within the club grounds. These rides are perfect for those new to riding or even those with new or unfamiliar horses.
- **Rating 2** - will travel no faster than a trot, and will also take place usually from the club grounds.
- **Rating 3** - will involve three paces – walk, trot and canter.



Quiz Night—New Date Saturday 16th OCT

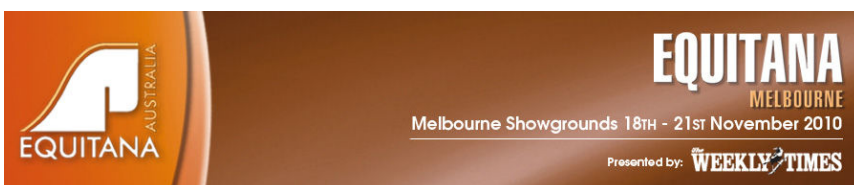
Come along and join in a relaxed fun night with friends, games and prizes. The quiz will be held at the club house on **Saturday 16th October, 6.30 pm for a 7 pm start**. BYO drinks and nibbles for your table, including glasses etc. All members are encouraged to make up tables and non-members very welcome.

\$10 per person, we are encouraging tables of approx 8 people, so get your friends together, or you can join in on another table.

This will be a popular event so please book early, space is limited,

Please call Tanya to book your table - 5987 1721

We are also looking for any donations (gifts and items) that we can use for prizes, especially items for a hamper, please let any of the committee know if you can assist, we will appreciate the help.



Equitana is coming up fast, have a look at the website to see what great clinics, evening shows and exhibitions they have to offer

Back by Popular Demand— Norm Glenn

Natural Horsemanship Clinic with Norm Glenn 6th & 7th November

The Saddle Club is planning a Natural Horsemanship Clinic for the weekend of 6th & 7th November with Norm Glenn. Norm will show you how to achieve great results, with easy-to-learn techniques that solve horse problems and create a partnership with your horse by building trust and respect.

www.normglenn.com

The Clinic will be held on the Club grounds with two groups of approximately 7-8 riders. The format of the groups will be instruction in different aspects of natural horsemanship consisting of eliminating pushiness/pulling, building confidence through safety cues, speed control and softness etc. There will be many more techniques taught during the weekend, so if you have problems with your horse and would like some help, think about coming along.

We estimate the cost of the two day clinic will be approx \$160.00 per rider for the weekend. Fence sitters are welcome at \$50.00 per day. Numbers are limited so if you are interested please advise ASAP.

The club has to provide Norm Glenn with a non refundable deposit of \$500 by 7th October, so if you commit to the Clinic a non refundable deposit of \$50.00 will need to be paid to secure your spot. This is a great opportunity to get in tune with your horse and learn some new horsemanship skills.

If you are interested please contact **Gayle Kelly on 59 775 102 or email the Club through the website.**

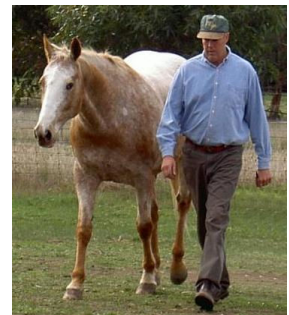
HRC AV

HRC AV Competitions are a useful way to test you and your horse, you never know you may win a ribbon or two!, and even if you don't it is a great way to spend time with your horse.



If you would like to ride for Moorooduc please let the club know.

Our uniform consists of a white polo or skivvy with the Moorooduc logo, (see Westernport embroidery) a grey waist coat (any brand) and beige jodhpurs. We are using a white saddle blanket for competitions. The Tack box in Tyabb can bind the saddle blankets with gold ribbon for a small fee.

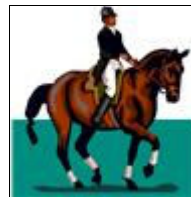


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Moorooduc Competitors

Heather and Gayle headed to Glen brae Equestrian Centre at Wandin for a mid week dressage comp. It was raining with spells of sunshine. Both horses went very well, with Forrest gaining two 3rd placings in his tests and BJ just missing out on equal 4th only because his "rider" made an error in the test!!!! There was an artist in attendance who did a pastel sketch of Gayle on BJ . She did an excellent job capturing a great likeness of BJ in the canter.



Congratulations to Sharyn riding Fagan in the Merricks Showjumping Day gaining 6th—excellent achievement



Sharon, Heather and Gayle entered for the Pakenham Upper Combined training day, but it was cancelled due to bad weather and the state of the grounds. They were all disappointed as they had been practising their tests for weeks but are looking forward to comps in October when hopefully the weather will have improved.

Mud fever: Causes, signs, prevention and treatment

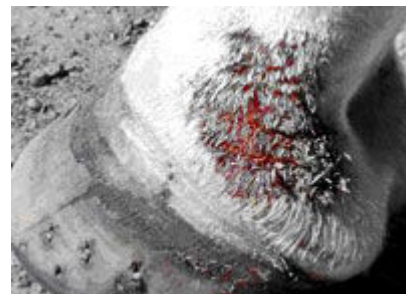
Mud fever also known as greasy heel will affect some horses during winter and early spring. Resulting in painful sores and scabs, which in severe cases can make a horse lame.

Mud fever is a skin condition that is not necessarily caused by mud but by a bacteria living in the mud called *Dermatophilus congolensis*. The bacterium thrives in wet environments and can enter the skin of the horse through cuts and abrasions.

Preventative action should be taken as soon as the paddocks start to become wet and muddy. Rotation of paddocks keeps horses from having to stand in wet, muddy ground. Electric fencing may also prevent horses from standing for long periods in the deep mud that collects in high traffic areas. Prevention is better than cure.

Washing the infected area with an antiseptic solution is part of the treatment for mud fever.

However, washing a horse's legs repeatedly can remove the natural oils in the skin and may allow the condition to become established. The legs should be dried thoroughly after washing with antibacterial shampoo using paper towels. Keeping the horse out of the wet and mud is the first step in treatment. Initial treatment also consists of clipping of the hair away from the infected area and use of an anti-bacterial lotion on the scabs to



General

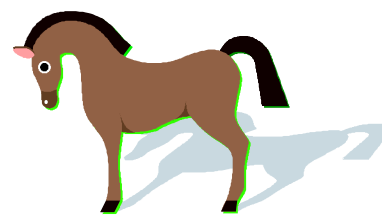
Website www.moorooducsaddleclub.com.au

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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