

Annual General Meeting & Leaderboard Presentation Dinner

Date: Thursday 14th July 2011
Venue: Judy & John Thompson's beautiful home
Address: 21 Boundary Road Coldstream
Time: 7pm for drinks – dinner starts at 7.30pm
Dinner: Buffet meal – vegetarian options available – please notify if required.
Cost: \$45 per person (payment on the night please) – drinks paid for by the YVDC

RSVP: Michelle Oliver phone: 9739 1753 - no later than Thursday 7th July

Please note that if you RSVP as attending, and then can't make it on the night for what ever reason, you are still liable for the full payment as the Club will be charged regardless.

Elections for the new Committee will be held at the AGM. Nomination forms are in this newsletter, please consider joining the team on the committee – the more the merrier! Meetings are held on the first Monday of every month at 7.45pm (to allow time to get home from work and have dinner before the meeting). It is a very friendly group of people who just want to enjoy their horses and give back to the sport.

YVDC Leaderboard Winners 2010 – 2011

Congratulations!!! to the following riders and horses on their success in the annual Leaderboard competition! The perpetual trophies for each level will be presented to the winners at the AGM Dinner on Thursday 14th July – these are engraved with the riders name and year and are kept by the winner for 12 months. Each winner is also presented with a trophy to keep as a permanent memento of their achievement.

Preliminary	Fiona Schilg & Flowervale Ferrari
Novice	Kerrie Aumann & Kerron Park Elle
Elementary	Mardi Trease & Woodleigh Roulette
Medium	Janice Herzig & Sienna Eyre
Advanced	Liz Wright-Smith & Yarra Valley Mountbatten
Prix St George	Karalyn McDonald & Ruby Red
Inter 11	Elaine Castellini & Northern Charmer



Member News

Floating Accident on the Monash Freeway!

By Devon Rankin

I will try to write this without the emotion I felt when our mare was finally returned to her paddock after a traumatic floating incident on the M1 on Tuesday morning at 7am last month. The aim of this article is not to convey what can go wrong, as we all know that bad things can happen. But what can we do about it when things with horses take a turn for the worst?

Last month my daughter Bobby's 5 year old mare was heading down to WPNEC to attend the Young Rider Dressage Championships for several days' competition. We were set to leave early to miss the peak hour traffic, however due to the rain and the road conditions, it became painfully slow on the freeway.

By the time we arrived at the Toorak Road stretch, we were in first gear, crawling along with water over the road. The mare gets incredibly impatient when we stop and start, and detests trucks. So when a truck came up the rear of us fast and loud, the mare, in an effort to escape, reared up and over the chest bar and put her head through the fibreglass roof, suspending herself on the roof frame. Her head was trapped completely