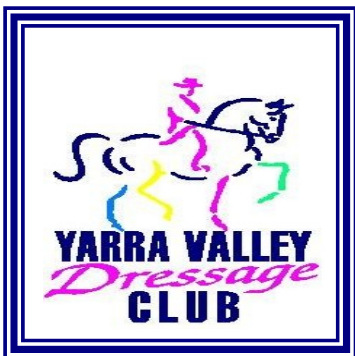


# Newsletter February 2010



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## **ADVERTISING RATES**

### ***Businesses***

Full page \$25 Half page \$15

Quarter page \$10

### ***Club Members***

Small display ads for members selling saddles, horses etc are free of charge.

[www.yvdc.com.au](http://www.yvdc.com.au)

## **President's Report**

Greetings to all riders,

It was great to see a good turn out at our February club day. The day started with a bit of heavy drizzle but ended up with some nice sunshine. We began the morning with the higher level horses which were judged by Viv Axton. It was really nice to see riders improving and moving up the grades and giving the higher levels a go. We then had a lunch break where a few riders have the opportunity to bring their young horse out to experience the indoor arena without the stress of doing a test. I highly recommended this to anybody who has a young or inexperienced horse. After lunch the novice and preliminary tests were run. Again the standard of horses and riders is improving and everybody ended their test with applause from the onlookers and a smile from the rider. We need to all keep in mind that we are doing these days for not only improvement but firstly for enjoyment and fun!!!

Thanks again for the club supplying the lunch for everybody and a special thank you to Barbara Geoffrey for her homemade delicious scones.

Jenny Wall & I and ventured down to Boneo Park a few weeks ago to watch the Heike Kemmer clinic. It is always great to see the best horses and riders going thru their paces. If you come away learning one thing from the day out then it is well worth the long drive. You rarely get to see one of the best riders in the world right in your own country. I highly recommend that everybody takes these opportunities as they arise.

**We have moved our March comp to the 14th** as we were clashing with Dressage with the Stars on the 21st. I am sure most will agree it is a great weekend for Dressage enthusiasts and I for one did not want to miss it. The Sunday young horse clinic with Dr Ulf Moller is a must for anybody starting with their new or existing young horse.

Look forward to seeing you on the 14th.

Happy Riding.

Michelle Oliver.

Club Calendar 2009

Sunday 14/3/10 – **Club Freshmans Day**

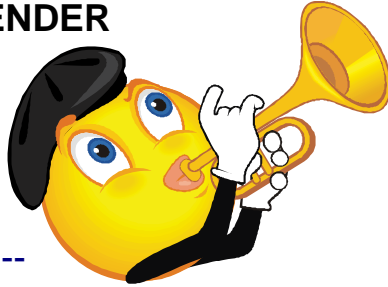
**D&JWTS – 18<sup>th</sup> – 21st March**

**Sunday 18/4/10 – Open Comp @ Glenbrae**

Sunday 16/5/10 - Club Day

And down the track!!! 27/6 – 25/7 – 15/8 – 19/9 – 14/11

**NOTE: NEXT CLUBDAY HAS BEEN CHANGED PLEASE SEE PRESIDENTS REPORT & CLUB CALENDER ABOVE.**



**Could I please ask anyone that has a camera & goes to the club days or comps to take some happy snaps, so they can be included in the letter. That would be brilliant! Thanks in advance!!! Joy.**

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**PRESS RELEASE**

**THE EA PRIX ST GEORGES CHALLENGE**

**VICTORIAN QUALIFYING COMPETITIONS CRITERIA. 2010.**

The competition is open to Prix St Georges horses aged between 7 and 11 years in the calendar year of competition with 80 Grading points, registered with EA and riders and owners financial members of EA.

Each state can hold up to five qualifying competitions, followed by a State Final, from which the 12 best performances are invited by the National Selectors to compete in the Australian Final at the National Dressage Championships in October at SIEC.

To be eligible to take part in 2010 horses must be born between 1/8/1999 and 31/7/2003.

Each combination seeking selection must compete in at least two qualifying competitions.

**1. Macedon Ranges @ WPNEC Sunday 7th February 2010**

**2. D&JWTS @ WPNEC - PSG Cup Thursday 18th March.**

**3. VDC @ WPNEC Sunday 16th May**

**4. VDC @ WPNEC Saturday 26th June**

**5. VDC Inter Club Teams Saturday 7th August**

**Victorian State Final at VDC Championships 11/12th September 2010.**

**In order to compete in 2010 you must apply for a**

**2010 EA Prix St Georges Challenge Nomination form available at**

**Equestrian Victoria, PO Box 616 , Werribee VIC 3030 Fax 03 9974 0577 or E-mail**

[dressage@equestrianvictoria.com.au](mailto:dressage@equestrianvictoria.com.au)

**All Nominations must be returned to the Equestrian Victoria Office before Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2010.**

Merrilyn Hamilton-



“YOUR MEMORIES DOCUMENTED 4 ALWAYS”

Ever wanted to document your life but didnt know where to start?

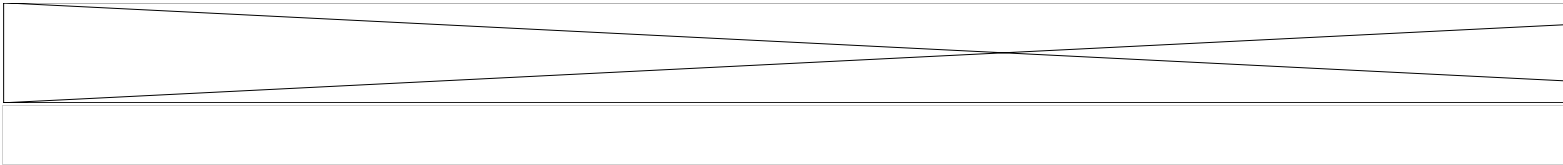
Writing memoirs are a thing of the past, but so much family history is lost because no one asked the questions or it was just too time consuming to write it all down.

Well not anymore. We have the answer for you.

A 4Always representative will come to your home, interview you and video tape your life stories as told by you. Photographs from your past and your favourite music are added to tell your story presented beautifully on a DVD.

Your grand children, your great grand children and generations to come will be able to get to know you; family history is documented and not lost, and your life becomes something that can be acknowledged and looked back on with love, laughter and warm memories.

Contact Joy on 0403 608 137



**Not sure of the readers ratings requirements (R, M, PG) – but this is funny.  
Forwarded by Lachlan Stonehouse**

Pocket Tazer Stun Gun, a great gift for the wife. A guy who purchased his lovely wife a pocket Tazer for their anniversary submitted this:

Last weekend I saw something at Larry's Pistol & Pawn Shop that sparked my interest. The occasion was our 15th anniversary and I was looking for a little something extra for my wife Julie. What I came across was a 100,000-volt, pocket/purse- sized tazer.

The effects of the tazer were supposed to be short lived, with no long-term adverse affect on your assailant, allowing her adequate time to retreat to safety....??

WAY TOO COOL! Long story short, I bought the device and brought it home. I loaded two AAA batteries in the darn thing and pushed the button. Nothing! I was disappointed. I learned, however, that

if I pushed the button and pressed it against a metal surface at the same time, I'd get the blue arc of electricity darting back and forth between the prongs. AWESOME!!!

Unfortunately, I have yet to explain to Julie what that burn spot is on the face of her microwave. Okay, so I was home alone with this new toy, thinking to myself that it couldn't be all that bad with only two AAA batteries, right? There I sat in my recliner, my cat Gracie looking on intently (trusting little soul) while I was reading the directions and thinking that I really needed to try this thing out on a flesh & blood moving target.

I must admit I thought about zapping Gracie (for a fraction of a second) and then thought better of it. She is such a sweet cat. But, if I was going to give this thing to my wife to protect herself against a mugger, I did want some assurance that it would work as advertised. Am I wrong?

So, there I sat in a pair of shorts and a tank top with my reading glasses perched delicately on the bridge of my nose, directions in one hand, and tazer in another.

The directions said that a one-second burst would shock and disorient your assailant; a two-second burst was supposed to cause muscle spasms and a major loss of bodily control; and a three-second burst would purportedly make your assailant flop on the ground like a fish out of water. Any burst longer than three seconds would be wasting the batteries.

All the while I'm looking at this little device measuring about 5" long, less than 3/4 inch in circumference (loaded with two itty, bitty AAA batteries); pretty cute really, and thinking to myself, 'no possible way!' What happened next is almost beyond description, but I'll do my best ...

I'm sitting there alone, Gracie looking on with her head cocked to one side so as to say, 'Don't do it stupid,' reasoning that a one second burst from such a tiny lil ole thing couldn't hurt all that bad. I decided to give myself a one second burst just for heck of it. I touched the prongs to my naked thigh, pushed the button, and ...

HOLY MOTHER OF... WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION . . . WHAT THE ....!!!

I'm pretty sure Hulk Hogan ran in through the side door, picked me up in the recliner, then body slammed us both on the carpet, over and over and over again. I vaguely recall waking up on my side in the fetal position, with tears in my eyes, body soaking wet, both nipples on fire, testicles nowhere to be found, with my left arm tucked under my body in the oddest position, and tingling in my legs!

The cat was making meowing sounds I had never heard before, clinging to a picture frame hanging above the fireplace, obviously in an attempt to avoid getting slammed by my body flopping all over the living room.

Note: If you ever feel compelled to 'mug' yourself with a tazer, one note of caution: there is NO such thing as a one second burst when you zap yourself! You will not let go of that thing until it is dislodged from your hand by a violent thrashing about on the floor! A three second burst would be considered conservative!

A minute or so later (I can't be sure, as time was a relative thing at that point), I collected my wits (what little I had left), sat up and surveyed the landscape.

My bent reading glasses were on the mantel of the fireplace. The recliner was upside down and about 8 feet or so from where it originally was. My triceps, right thigh and both nipples were still twitching. My face felt like it had been shot up with Novocain, and my bottom lip weighed 88 lbs.. I had no control over the drooling.

Apparently I had crapped in my shorts, but was too numb to know for sure, and my sense of smell was gone. I saw a faint smoke cloud above my head, which I believe came from my hair. I'm still looking for my testicles and I'm offering a significant reward for their safe return!

P.s... My wife can't stop laughing about my experience, loved the gift and now regularly threatens me with it!

If you think education is difficult, try being stupid !!!



### **Blonde on a Horse!**

A blonde decides to try horseback riding, even though she has had no lessons or prior experience.

She mounts the horse, unassisted, and the horse immediately springs into action.. As it gallops along at its steady and rhythmic pace, the blonde begins to slip from the saddle.

In terror, she grabs for the horse's mane, but cannot seem to get a firm grip. She tries to throw her arms around the horse's neck, but despite her best efforts, slides down the horse's flanks.



The horse continues to gallop along, seemingly oblivious to its slipping rider. Finally, giving up her frail grip, the blonde attempts to leap away from the horse and throw herself to safety.

Unfortunately, her foot has become entangled in the stirrup. She is now at the mercy of the horse's pounding hooves as her head is struck against the ground time and time again.

As her head is battered against the ground, she is mere moments away from unconsciousness when to her great fortune, Frank, the Woolworth's trolley boy, sees her dilemma and unplugs the horse.

## **YOUNG HORSE CLINIC FOR RIDERS, JUDGES & SPECTATORS**

Legendary young horse rider and trainer Dr Ulf Moeller and Australian international young horse judge Susie Hoevenaars are conducting a Young Horse Clinic on Sunday March 21 at the Werribee Park National Equestrian Centre, following this year's PSI Dressage & Jumping with the Stars event. Open to judges, riders and trainers, the morning will be both informative and inspiring as Ulf works with horses aged from 4 to 6 years, and shares his observations, insights and training principles that have made him one of the world's best young horse trainers. The requirements of the horse at each of the age levels will be discussed and shown which will be extremely beneficial for young horse judges attending. Many observers of this clinic in previous years have considered it to be one of their highlights of DJWTS !

Young horse riders have a unique opportunity to benefit from Ulf's expertise by participating in this clinic as one of the demonstration horses.

## **Jackie**

Lovely brown mare by Just de Pomme

15.2hh

10 years old

EFA registered

Jackie did some dressage and jumping and many dressage clinics before becoming a brood mare and producing four stunning foals.

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Jackie is easy to ride, has nice paces, is very reliable and has a super temperament.

She is very very kind, easy to handle in every way, a real sweetie and will make someone a great horse partner and friend.

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## **For Sale**

Anky Salinero AMS Dressage Saddle  
Black 16.5" Med/Wide Gullet  
Fitted with the Flair panel system.



This saddle has been fitted with the Flair panel system which is fantastic for your horses back. You can read more about Flair panels here <http://www.horobin.com.au/saddles/flair.html>

The saddle has a medium/wide gullet which is very easily changed by a saddler. The changeable gullet (not the X change system) along with the flair panels make this saddle extremely adjustable in fit.

Excellent condition saddle with very little use. Always kept inside, unmounted in saddle cover.

\$2200 neg

Contact Sue on 0425 736 550

(The saddle pictured above is an Anky Salinero – but not the actual saddle for sale)



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**CLUB COMPETITION - SUNDAY 14TH FEBRUARY 2010  
VENUE - GLENBRAE  
RESULTS**

**PRELIMINARY 1B INDOOR JUDGE: FELICITY ST JOHN**

Meg Stafford	Belcam Corrado	157	62.80%	1st
Maureen Howe	Highness McOhll	156	62.40%	2nd
Susan				
Vickering	Walvick Star	154	61.60%	3rd
Joy Fricke	Riverlad	149	59.60%	4th
Kim Anning	Findabair	148	59.20%	5th
Angela Doake	Kinlieth Ragdoll	145	58.00%	6th=
Karen Webb	Ernie	145	58.00%	6th=

**NOVICE 2B INDOOR JUDGE: FELICITY ST JOHN**

Birgitte Horn	Bob	210	63.64%	1st
Kerrie Aumann	Asif	209	63.33%	2nd
Susan				
Vickering	Walvick Star Highness	202	61.21%	3rd
Maureen Howe	McOhl	191	57.88%	4th
Kathy Minchin	Flaunting	189	57.27%	5th=
	Conspiracy			
Kris Ford	Theory	189	57.27%	5th=

**ELEMENTARY 3B INDOOR JUDGE: VIV AXTON**

Judy				
Thompson	The Poet	239	70.29%	1st
Meg Stafford	Apollo Prince	220	64.70%	2nd
Andrea				
Ramsay	Harry Who	218	64.12%	3rd
April Kerford	SP Lancombe	205	61.18%	4th
	Conspiracy			
Kris Ford	Theory	188	55.29%	5th
Mary Newham	The Shu	184	54.12%	6th

**MEDIUM 4C INDOOR JUDGE: VIV AXTON**

Andrea				
Ramsay	Harry Who	235	58.80%	1st

**ADVANCED 5C INDOOR JUDGE: VIV AXTON**

Karalyn				
McDonald	Ruby Red	242	63.684	1st
Lauren Bailey-	Avoca on the			
Smith	Move	233	61.30%	2nd

**PRIX ST GEORGE INDOOR JUDGE: VIV AXTON**

Lauren Bailey-	Avoca on the			
Smith	Move	244	64.20%	1st
Judy Gronn	Belcam Carob	235	61.80%	2nd

**INTERMEDIATE I INDOOR JUDGE: VIV AXTON**

Rae Ansell	Mr Casey	235	61.84%	1st
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**INTERMEDIATE II INDOOR JUDGE: VIV AXTON**

Elaine	Northern			
Castellini	Charmer	247	65.00%	1st

## LEADERBOARD 2009-2010

Updated Leaderboard including results from January 10th Open  
Competition plus February 14th Club Co

### PRELIMINARY

Michelle Oliver	Oliver Gray	16
Anne Dunlop	Quiggley	15
Anita Hummer	Sugarloaf Cruz	14
Leanne Atwell	Champagne Piper	11
Angela Doake	Kinlieth Ragdoll	11
Samantha Ruedegger	Floriana	10
Barb Geoffrey	Coldstream Shahlemar	9
Chris Sudul	Effie	7
Ruth Feltoe	Habafield Copper	7
Judy Gronn	Thomson Park Justine	7
Meg Ferguson	Jetstar	6
Meg Stafford	Belcam Corrado	6
Sharon Gorten	Yarra Vale Peru	5
Joy Fricke	Riverlad	5
Maureen Howe	Highness McOhi	5
Karen Webb	Ernie	4
Jan Kennan	Rodrigo	4
Susan Vickering	Walvick Star	4
Samantha Ruedegger	Ashleigh Rococo	3
Deborah Hodgson	Lanataca	3
Jenny Wall	Home Coming	3
Rae Ansell	Floriana	3
Stephanie Bartley	Rockabilly Rebel	2
Kellie Walsh	Harry	2
Kim Anning	Findabair	2
Kathryn Niemec	Mia	1

### NOVICE

Kylie Pedder	Coldstream Sherman	19
Kris Ford	Conspiracy Theory	15
Anne Dunlop	Quiggley	13
Amanda Goodman	Justin Thyme	8
Susan Vickering	Walvick Star	6
Meg Stafford	Apollo Prince	6
Monica Bird	Quinlin	6
Birgette Horn	Bob	6
Pam Miskin	Daintree Donomie	5
Anita Hummer	Sugarloaf Cruz	5
Kerrie aumann	Asif	5
Kathy Minchin	Albert	4
Deborah Hodgson	Lanataca	4
Kathy Minchin	Flaunting	4
Meg Ferguson	Jetstar	4
Ruth Feltoe	Habafield Beacon	4
Adam Benson	Brookwood Park Rome	3
Maureen howe	Highness McOhi	3
Jan Kennan	Rodrigo	2
Michelle Frey	Apen Park Feiner Leigh	1

## ELEMENTARY

Judy Thompson	The Poet	21
Mary Newham	The Shu	12
Meg Stafford	Apollo Prince	12
Kerrie Aumann	Kerron Park Benson	12
April Kerford	S.P. Lancombe	11
Andrea Ramsay	Harry Who	10
Pam Miskin	Daintree Domonie	9
Elaine Castellini	Rudolph	6
Monica Bird	Quinlin	6
Sandra Winzer	Monaco	5
Kathy Minchin	Nobodys Fool	5
Kris Ford	Conspiracy Theory	4
Kylie Pedder	Coldstream Sherman	2

## MEDIUM

Janice Herzig	Sienna Eyre	16
Kathy Cardwell	Cresendo	12
Sam Ruedegger	Vivace Caprice	12
Maureen Howe	Shadow Song	10
Judy Gronn	Belcam Carob	9
	Brookwood Park	
Adam Benson	Feuergress	7
Andrea Ramsay	Harry Who	6

## ADVANCED

Karalyn McDonald	Ruby Red	31
Liz Wright Smith	Monty	10
Lauren Bailey Smith	Avoca on the Move	10
Michelle Oliver	BP Fererisle	6
Kylie Pedder	Brierely Menna	5
Kathryn Caldwell	Cresendo	4

## SMALL TOUR

Rae Ansell	Mr Casey	31
Lauren Bailey- Smith	Avoca on the Move	12
Amanda Goodman	AEA ET One	11
Viv Axton	Belcam Castello	6
Judy Gronn	Belcam Carob	6

## LARGE TOUR

Elaine Castellini	Northern Charmer	18
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# Freshmans Competition - Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> March

Tests are ridden twice under EFA rules. Tests are ridden twice. The Judge will discuss your performance with you, before you ride the second 'competition test'. Ribbons are awarded to 6<sup>th</sup> place.



## Entry Form

RIDER \_\_\_\_\_

HORSE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

1<sup>st</sup> TEST ENTERED \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> TEST \_\_\_\_\_

ENTRY FEE ENCLOSED \_\_\_\_\_

### I will assist with:

RING SET UP  RING PULL DOWN

PENCIL  SCORE  SHEET COLLECTION

OTHER

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## Sunday 14th February 2010 GLENBRAE EQUESTRIAN CENTRE, VICTORIA ROAD WANDIN

Tests – 1C, 2C, 3C, 4A, 5A, Prix St George, Inter1, Inter 11, Grand Prix

Entries Close Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2010  
Fees – Club Members - \$20 per test

Event Secretary – Jan Herzig  
P.O Box 297 Wandin North Vic 3139

Scratchings on the day 0412 170 566

- ◆ **All competitors are required to assist before, during or after competition.**
- ◆ Points awarded to club trophies
- ◆ Ribbons to 6<sup>th</sup> place
- ◆ Competitors to report to gear check 20 minutes prior to riding
- ◆ 2nd test may be entered if sufficient time
- ◆ Open to current YVDC members only
- ◆ NO DOGS ALLOWED
- ◆ **Yummy free lunch!**