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Message on behalf of our President

Welcome to the first issue of the YVDC Newsletter online! Members without access to email will still receive a 'hard copy'. But the Committee would encourage everyone to join us online as we do our bit to reduce our environmental footprint on the planet.



It is great to see the Club getting back into action again after the EI outbreak. The Freshman's Competition was well supported by members – many thanks to Adam Reiss and Carol Ross for judging. Lunch was delicious as usual. It was certainly an exciting day for some of the young horses too! Thanks to all those who helped make the day run smoothly.

Our first official competition has been scheduled for April 6th at Werribee and we are calling for members to lend a hand in any way they can. Even if you are not competing please consider car pooling and coming down to support our riders and the Club. It is just before Dressage with the Stars and so will give many riders the opportunity for an outing with their young horses before the big weekend.

You will see in the Club Calendar that the Breast Cancer Fundraiser official event has been scheduled for October (date yet to be finalized), so if you have any suggestions for Sponsors please contact a Committee Member.

Cheers,
 Pam Miskin (Editor)

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Faye Hinchcliffe wins *Junior Sports Star of the Year!*



Congratulations to one of our youngest members, Faye Hinchcliffe and her lovely mount Northern Leandro (Lee) who have just been awarded the Yarra Valley Leader Newspaper **Junior Sports Star of the Year**. Up against strong competition from many other nominated, some world ranked, elite sports stars Faye was selected by a panel of judges and awarded a Gold Medal and a \$800 cash prize presented at a glittering awards evening hosted by Stephen Quartermain (TV sports broadcaster).

Faye and Lee also had great success at the recent Barastoc Horse of the Year Show, winning Junior Show Hunter Hack and Runner-Up Rider Under 18 years.

The pair has been accepted onto the Victorian Young Rider Dressage Squad and is looking forward to a successful year of training and competition in 2008.

Bouquets and cheers Faye and Lee - well done!!



Vale

Donna Patrice Peacock 17.03.1956 – 04.01.2008

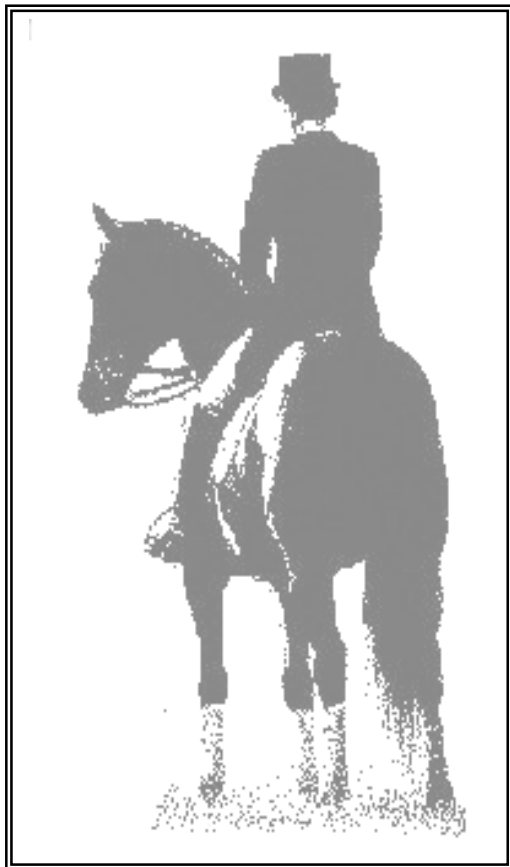


It is with great sadness that we report the accidental death of Donna Peacock on Friday 4th January 2008, as a result of a motor cycle crash on her much loved Harley Davison, while riding down to the coast to go fishing. Donna and her family are very well known in the Yarra Valley as the owners of the Shirley Heights Equestrian Centre in Gladysdale and also the local Warburton timber mill. Donna was a passionate horse woman, training and competing on her lovely dressage gelding Shirley Heights Adam. She was the Manager of the Equestrian Centre and was a much loved Riding Instructor at the facility.

The extent of Donna's impact on the local community and beyond was demonstrated when more than 800 people attended her funeral at Lilydale on an incredibly hot afternoon. A large escort of Harley Davison motorcycles from her HOG Club (and Police bikes) and Hot Rods (another of her passions) led the funeral procession back to the family property Riverview Farm for the wake, which was a true celebration of her love of life.....the rock band played on for hours!

Donna was full of fun and always had a smile on her face. Her wise personal philosophy was to live every day as though it were her last. She was the sort of person that no matter how long it had been since you had last seen her, you could pick up where you had left off. She will be missed by everyone who knew her. Yarra Valley Dressage Club sent sincere condolences to her grieving family and friends.

**Yarra Valley Dressage Club
Official Competition
Sunday 6th April 2008
Werribee Park Equestrian Centre**



Tests

1.1, 1.3, 2.1, 2.3, 3.1, 3.3, 4.1, 4.3, 5.1, 5.3

Club Members: \$25 per test

Non Members: \$35 per test

Prix St George, Inter 1, Inter 11, Grand Prix

FEI - Club Members: \$30 per test

FEI - Non members: \$40 per test

(Please add the facility fee \$1 per test)

Entries close:

Monday 17th March 2008

Event Secretary:

**Michelle Oliver Phone: 03 9739 1753
P.O. Box 297 Wandin North Victoria 3139**

- Ribbons to 6th place
- EFA rules apply
- SSAE A4 envelope or provide an email address for return of the draw
- Competitors report to gear check 20 minutes prior to riding
- Catering available
- Open to all current EFA members
- No refunds without certificates within 7 days, 25% admin. fee retained
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- Yards and stables available
- Scratchings on the day: Michelle Oliver 0418 171 872

**For more information
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Equestrian Federation of
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website at:**

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**Volunteers needed!!
If you can help please contact:**

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Maurice Bruce Retires



Long time Australian dressage rider, trainer and breeder Maurice Bruce has announced his retirement. Highly respected Australian & International Equestrian Star, Maurice Bruce has been forced to retire from riding following an assessment of a recent head injury by his medical advisors.

Maurice suffered a Traumatic Brain Injury at a Dressage Competition in April 2007 when his horse slipped and fell throwing him to the ground where he lay unconscious until airlifted to St. George Hospital. He remained in a life and death coma for two weeks before finally regaining consciousness.

The road back to health has been a long, however after many months of intense rehabilitation his improvement has been excellent and over the past few

weeks Maurice has ridden several times at his indoor arena in Berry - recently requesting clearance from his medical advisors prior to recommencing his competitive career.

The verdict was final and devastating: another head trauma could be fatal and he should never ride again. Brain trauma is accumulative and this was not the first time he had been 'knocked out', there had been other occasions. As a young man he played 1st grade Rugby Union for Gordon, playing 42 first grade games before he was 21 and was listed as an Australian Rugby Representative to play South Africa in 1966. Between football and riding he has been taken to hospital, unconscious, 5 times. This most recent incident has spelt the end of an illustrious riding career and if ignored could very well end his life.

Maurice remains shattered by the findings: a former Pharmacist, for the past 27 years he and his wife Jane have built their lives around their own Neversfelde Stud: breeding, training and competing at the top level on Warmblood horses they have produced.

A highly respected rider both here and internationally, Maurice has a long list of awards to his name which include 3 time winner of the Volvo Australasian World Cup Dressage Championships, World Equestrian Games representative for Australia & a string of National titles including Australian Eventing Champion.

A Tribute Dinner is currently being organised for later in the year:

For further enquiries call Jenifer Symes on 0411478147 or 02 44486264

(Press release from Shoalhaven Dressage Association)

Australia Qualified Team for 2008 Olympic Games

After rain forced a change of arenas and delayed the start of the competition, the Australian representatives at the Regional Olympic Dressage Team Assessment at the Sydney International Equestrian Centre scored well to go into the lead.

The Australian team score of 196.167 put Australia in the lead, in front of the Japanese, who had a team score of 194.792. New Zealand still has three riders to complete the assessment in Palmerston North next Thursday.

Brett Parbery and Victory Salute, owned by Carolyn Lieutenant, were the stars of the day finishing as Australia's highest placed combination. "I really felt the tension in the lead-up to this event, not so much today but in the weeks before" commented Parbery. "The Japanese set a really high standard, they have invested a lot of time and money into this. They have some really good horses and riders so it was great to beat their Team score today"



Parbery was unsure how his test would score when he left the competition arena. "I finished the test and thought I had blown it" said Parbery, but the judges thought otherwise, scoring him 66.917%.

Heath Ryan was the first rider of the day and did not have the best morning. Firstly, Heath had to hurriedly put a shoe on Clyde Wunderwald's Greenoaks Dundee after he pulled one off walking out of his stable, and then Heath was disadvantaged by the change of start time as he was already warming up when the 1-hour delay was announced. Ryan was disappointed with his test but said the distractions of the morning had nothing to do with it. "None of that was the

reason that my test was not as good as I hoped" said Ryan. "My horse felt good but I made mistakes, which is not like me. I was pushing for the best test. I usually gun for a big test and typically I get away with it but today I had little mistakes that interfered with the score." Ryan reflected on his training in preparation for this competition, "I have been training the horse with a view to producing a higher level of power than ever before, that means a lot of gymnastic exercises, really going to the edge" said Ryan, "But you still have to be able to put the test together on the day. If I got to ride this test again next week I would probably run through the test a few more times in training." Rozzie Ryan was pleased with Susan Duddy's Donna Carrera. "She felt good, if I could just get her happier in piaffe her score would really improve" said Rozzie. "She is a real woman, she likes to have a discussion on everything but today she felt pretty good."

With the Olympic Team place now guaranteed for an Australian Team the riders can breathe a sigh of relief. "We are really thrilled" said Rozzie Ryan, "We achieved what we set out to do." One team position at the Olympic Games is still available for this region. The battle is now between New Zealand and Japan. The New Zealand Team will compete this Thursday, 7 January, at Palmerston North. Their score will determine if they can out-class Japan for the right to compete at the 2008 Olympic Games.

Club Calendar 2008

March 16th	Club Day Competition at Glenbrae .3 tests (see entry form page 14)
April 6th	Open Competition at Werribee NEC Preliminary to Grand Prix Club member volunteers needed to assist contact Maureen Howe ph: 5968 8521
April 20th	Club Day Competition at Glenbrae .4 tests
May 17th & 18th	Clinic – to be confirmed
June 22nd	TBA
July 27th	TBA
August 17th	TBA
September 21st	TBA
October ?	Breast Cancer Fundraiser at Werribee NEC
November 16th	TBA
December ?	Christmas break-up party



Dr Ulf Moller, Bundeschampionate, Warendorf 2007

Krack C Retired

The KWPN licensed stallion Krack C (by Flemmingh) has been retired from competition. In an official ceremony at the 2008 KWPN Stallion Licensing in 's-Hertogenbosch, The Netherlands, Anky van Grunsven and Krack C symbolically performed Cees Slings' renowned Tango Kur one last time, though some miscommunications between the stallion and the rider took place. Krack C will not longer be competed, but the stallion will remain to stand at stud.

"I think it's great that I had the opportunity to ride such a wonderful stallion. Even though he wasn't focused on me tonight, he has showed his qualities to the breeders one more time. He has earned a nicer, more quite time now. He has absolutely deserved this. You have to stop at a highpoint in your career and this is his highpoint," Van Grunsven said.

The bay Krack C has been one of the most successful KWPN dressage horses on the international show scene. Under Anky van Grunsven, Krack C was always the second in line to Bonfire and Salinero to win trophies and claim ribbons. The last few years, Krack C suffered from some injuries and competed at a scarce few shows, though always with success. The gorgeous Krack C has nine licensed sons with the KWPN studbook, two in Germany and one with the NRPS society.

Open Letter from Former Olympic Riders on the Swiss Olympic Upheaval (January 26, 2008)

With great interest we have read the reader's letter "Great Disappointment" by Mr. Christoph Ringier as well as the statement of Mr. Jürgen Koschel in Pferwoche, the issue of January 16, 2008. Mr C. Ringier has been a long time, generous and versatile sponsor of the Swiss dressage sport. Mr. Jürgen Koschel was the national team trainer and has announced his resignation after he heard about the withdrawal of Switzerland from the Olympics. We fully share the opinions of both.



It is incomprehensible that Silvia Ikle delayed her decision to withdraw both her horses Salieri and Romario from Olympic participation until begin January 2008. She has taken away every possibility for other team members and for owners and sponsors to come forth with a new Grand Prix horse. The rule says that a horse, which wants to go for an Olympic berth, has to be in Swiss ownership before 31st December 2007. It is unfair towards the FEI, the Olympic committee, and the foreign teams which still have the possibility to qualify.

The rash decision of the Swiss Equestrian Federation not to send a team to Hong Kong without Silvia Ikle, is very disappointing for the other team riders. They have also trained and prepared for the Olympics. It is the goal and dream of every rider to participate at the Olympic Games. Of course we would have no chance there for a top team placing without Ikle, but there are also other nations which can not rely on one top rider in their team.



After all, current team members such as Marie Line Wettstein with Le Primeur, Marcela Krinke with Corinth and Christian Plage with Regent have already scored over 70% on multiple occasions. Elisabeth Eversfield rides consistently up to 69% with Lion King, Simonne Staub and Robespierre scored 69% in the Grand Prix and 73% in the Kur at the highly visited CDI Stuttgart and achieved comparable results at the CDI Stadl Paura. The young Patricia Scharli scores 69% in the Special and 70% in the Kur at the Swiss Dressage Championships.

With this trend these riders would have been able to improve until August to obtain an Olympic berth. This team withdrawal by the Swiss Equestrian Federation is not in line with the Olympic spirit and does not address the symbolism of the 5 Olympic rings!

It is known that Silvia Ikle announced after the Olympics in Athens that she would not transport her horse to China.

She qualified Salieri twice for the World Cup Finals in Las Vegas and withdrew from participating there.

As arguments for her withdrawal, she listed the subtropics climate, the long quarantine time and the 11-hour flight (we have to mention that the current comfort for horses aboard an airplane is better than ground transportation). All these facts have been known since it was decided that the Olympic Games would be held in Hong Kong. Also, a test event with horses from Europe has taken place there last summer and the results were communicated to the national federations. Furthermore, air-conditioned stables and warm up ring as well as a veterinary service for these special circumstances are at the disposal of the riders.

Silvia Ikle's statement that she is acting out of the welfare of her horses not to ride at the Olympics casts a suspicious light on the dressage, show jumping and eventing riders of the world and makes one wonder whether they do not think about the welfare of their horses.

We regret the hurried decision of the Swiss Equestrian Federation not to allow a dressage rider to participate in the Olympics.

Signed by: *Doris Ramseier, Daniel Ramseier, Christinge Stückelberger, Otto Hofer, Samuel Schatzmann, Amy Katrin de Bary, Ruth Hunkele, Barbara von Grebel, Beatrice Bürchler, Hans Staub, Francoise Cantamessa.*



Control of Worms in Horses



Non-anthelmintic control methods

The basic rationale behind non-anthelmintic methods of control is to prevent re-infection with parasites by breaking the lifecycle of parasites. When applying this concept, there are three populations of parasites that need to be considered.

1. The parasites living in the horse (reproductive population)
2. The parasite eggs that contaminate the ground (contaminant population)
3. The larvae that can infect the horse (infective population)

Non-anthelmintic control methods target the contaminant and infective populations of parasites. The aim of these control methods is to decrease the infectivity of the pasture.

One of the best ways to decrease infectivity of pasture is to “spell” the pasture by removing stock from the pasture for a period of 12 weeks over summer. This works because larvae are killed during hot periods and will also die when their food reserves eventually run out. If the pasture is not being continually re-infected by animals, eventually the pastures own level of infectivity will decrease considerably.

Another method of reducing the level of pasture infectivity for horses is to cross graze with sheep and/or cattle. This works because sheep and cattle only share one parasite with horses; *Trichostrongylus axei*. *T. axei* does not cause disease in horses until horses have a very large burden.

However, the most effective strategy to reduce the infectivity of pasture is the removal of all faeces from your horses paddock 3 – 4 times per week. We suggest you use the following checklist to evaluate your current non-anthelmintic control practices.

- * Remove all faeces from pasture 3 – 4 times per week.
- * Use feed bins – don’t just throw feed on the ground.
- * Remove all visible bot eggs from your horses’ legs.

Chemical control

Drenching horses targets the reproductive population of parasites that are living in the horse. Unfortunately, many parasites have developed resistance to some of the available classes of anthelmintic drugs. The mechanisms by which parasites develop resistance are complex, but a general rule of thumb is that frequent and repeated use of one class of anthelmintic will select for resistance amongst parasites. So, drenching needs to be carried out strategically to gain maximal benefit for the horse and minimise the chance of increasing the level of anthelmintic resistance. The following concepts need to be taken into consideration when designing an anthelmintic control program for your horse.



1. Choose an effective worming product

We know, that resistance to the benzimidazole (BZ - fenbendazole, oxfendazole, albendazole) and tetrahydropyrimidine (TP - morantel, pyrantel, oxantel) classes of anthelmintic drugs is common. At the present time, resistance to macrocyclic lactone (ML - avermectin, ivermectin, moxidectin) class of drugs is not reported to be common in the parasites that infect horses.

We recommend that faecal egg count reduction tests be carried out once per year to assess the efficacy of your chosen anthelmintic drug. Faecal egg count reduction tests involve doing a faecal egg count before you drench your horse then doing another faecal egg count 14 days after you drenched your horse. Resistance is regarded to have developed if there is less than a 95% reduction in your horses' faecal egg count.

2. Administer the correct dose of anthelmintic drug

Weight bands available from most saddlery stores are the best way to estimate your horses weight if a set of scales is not available. Administering less than the correct dose of anthelmintic drug is recognised as a factor in the development of anthelmintic resistance.

It is very important to ensure your horse does not spit out its worm paste. If you have great difficulty administering paste to your horse, it may be worthwhile having a vet stomach tube your horse to ensure he or she receives the correct dose. Rotate classes of anthelmintic drugs annually.

3. Rotate classes of anthelmintic drugs annually

It is widely accepted that alternating classes of anthelmintic drugs can delay the development of resistance and prolong the effectiveness of anthelmintic drugs. However, this presents a challenge to the horse owner, because resistance has already developed to BZ and THP drugs. It is not useful to rotate classes of drugs simply for the sake of rotating them when a particular class of drug is known to be ineffective.

A combination anthelmintic product can be useful in a rotation program. Combination products are comprised of two different classes of drugs. Individually, there may be some resistance to each drug, but when combined in a product, the drugs work synergistically to negate any resistance that may have developed. One combination product currently available for horses is Strategy-T paste (pyrantel and oxfendazole). Strategy-T paste may be useful in a rotation program with one of the ivermectin drugs. However, we recommend that a faecal egg reduction test be undertaken when the use of Strategy-T is implemented in your parasite control program to assess the efficacy of this product on the population of parasites on your property.

4. Develop and implement a strategic program for the use of anthelmintic drugs

The common practice is to drench paddocked horses every 6-8 weeks. This protocol is reasonable and easy to follow. However, it is possible that a 6-8 treatment interval may cause resistance to develop faster, than would a more strategic treatment program. Consult your local veterinarian for advice to devise a strategic worming program suitable for your property and horse management system.

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NOVICE

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SUE CORNISH – ARIETTY – 3
CHRIS SUDAL – NORTHERN JUPITER – 3
JUDY FORD – JUST BILLY – 2
JOY FRICKE – RAYNICK MOLOSO - 2
ANITA JACKSON – DD CHATSWOOD – 2
MARY NEWHAM – THE SHU - 1

MEDIUM

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MONICA BIRD – FERRO 11 – 12
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SMALL TOUR (PRIX ST GEORGE, INTER 1)

JILL SINCLAIR – NORTHERN GABRIELLA – 12
ELAINE CASTELLINI – NORTHERN CHARMER – 12
VIV AXTON – BELCAM COSTELLO - 5
AMANDA GOODMAN – BARNEY – 5
DANIELLE POOLES – PRETZEL - 4
LEANNE ATWELL – CHAMPAGNE RILEY – 4

LARGE TOUR (INTER 11, GRAND PRIX)

CAROL ROSS – MIDNIGHT WINGS – 6



Freshman's Competition Results 24th February 2008

Preliminary

= 1 st Elaine Castellini	Rudolph	69.6%
= 1 st Josie Chambers	Peppermint Dream	69.6%
3 rd Rudy Droessler	Belcam Cash	67.2%
4 th Aurelia Kruize	Saddle Up Stirling	66.1%
5 th Kathryn Niemiec	Charlie	64.4%
6 th Laura Thorbecke	ESB Irish Compassion	64.1%



Novice

= 1 st Judy Thompson	The Poet	68.0%
= 1 st Elaine Castellini	Rudolph	68.0%
3 rd Rudy Droessler	Belcam Carlton	66.0%
4 th Kim Anning	Greta	65.1%
5 th Brent Fullerton	Glenleigh Park Fletcher	64.0%
6 th Chris Sudal	Jupiter	62.0%

Elementary

1 st Jan Kennan	Let's Cruise	62.1%
2 nd Rudy Droessler	Belcam Carlton	59.1%
= 3 rd Brent Fullerton	Glenleigh Park Fletcher	55.1%
= 3 rd Kim Anning	Greta	55.1%
5 th Judy Ford	Just Billy	54.1%
6 th Mary Newham	The Shu	52.9%

Medium

= 1 st Kim Salisbury	W. King of Hearts	62.9%
= 1 st Karalyn McDonald	Ruby Red	62.9%
3 rd Jan Kennan	Let's Cruise	59.3%
4 th Sue Cornish	Arrietty	52.5%

Advanced

1 st Danielle Pooles	Pretzel	65.0%
2 nd Monica Bird	Peru	59.0%

Prix St George

1 st Elaine Castellini	Northern Charmer	59.0%
2 nd Viv Axton	Belcam Costello	58.0%
3 rd Danielle Pooles	Pretzel	57.0%

Inter 1

1 st Elaine Castellini	Northern Charmer	64.0%
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Classifieds

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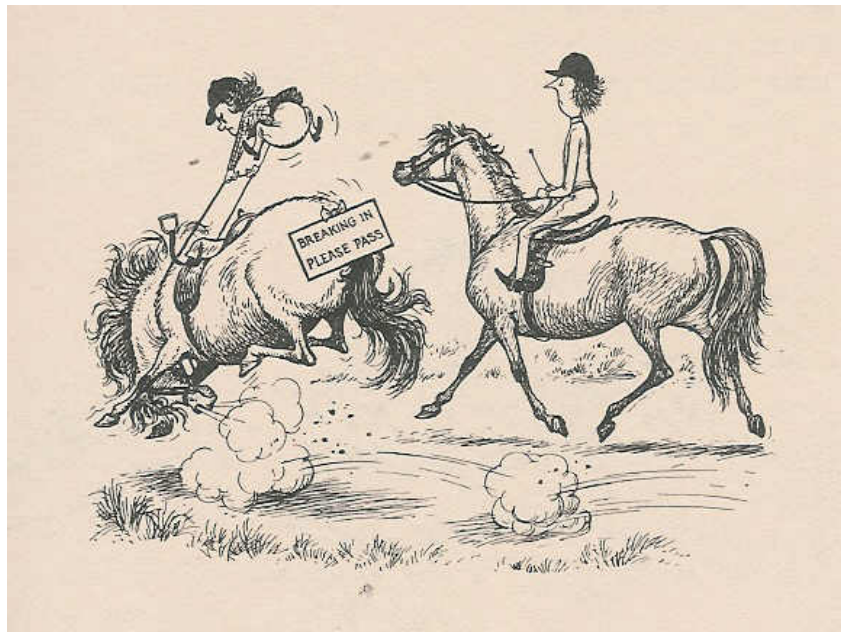
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YVDC Club Day Competition

Sunday March 16th 2008

Glenbrae Equestrian Centre Wandin



TESTS: 1.3, 2.3, 3.3, 4.3, 5.3
Prix St Georges, Inter 1, Inter 11, Grand Prix

ENTRIES CLOSE: Monday 17th March 2008

FEES: Club Members \$15 per test

EVENT SECRETARY:

Michelle Oliver

P.O Box 297, Wandin North. 3139

Scratchings on the day -
Contact Michelle Oliver on 0418 171 872

- ◆ Points awarded to club trophies
- ◆ Ribbons to 6th place
- ◆ EFA rules apply
- ◆ **Plaiting and jackets optional**
- ◆ **Draw will be emailed to you, unless otherwise organised**
- ◆ Competitors to report to gear check 20 minutes prior to riding
- ◆ NO DOGS ALLOWED
- ◆ Open to current YVDC members only



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Claire Ballantyne Clinic

International Instructor



Claire trained in Germany for nine years with some of the top trainers, including Holga Finken and Hannes Baumgart from Verden. She trains horses from breaking-in to FEI level and is at the moment very successful with her own horses in England at Advanced and FEI competitions. Claire now has her own busy yard at "The Heart of England Equestrian" www.ballantyne.co.uk and is committed to helping all riders gain a greater understanding of the principles of dressage. There are occasional opportunities for Australian riders to travel to England and train with Claire.

**Her next clinic is to be held at Treehaven Equestrian Centre.
53 Western Port Highway, Somerville (Melway reference pg 149 E5/6)**



**Monday 17th & Tuesday 18th March 2008 and
Tuesday 25th & Wednesday 27th March 2008**

Lessons cost \$150.00

To book or for more information please contact:

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