



## PRESIDENT

Michelle Oliver 9739 1753

## SECRETARY

Chris Sudul 5968 9908

## TREASURER

Sharon Gorton 5964 6917

## COMPETITION SECRETARY

Jan Herzig 9737 9237

## EV DRESSAGE SUB-COMMITTEE DELEGATE

Rae Ansell 9728 2517

## EV DELEGATE

Kim Anning

## NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Pam Miskin 5967 1879  
[pjwmiskin@bigpond.com](mailto:pjwmiskin@bigpond.com)

## CATERING

Michelle Frey 5968 4100

## GENERAL COMMITTEE

Barbara Geoffrey 5964 3961  
Jenny Wall 0400 225 423  
Karen Webb 0417 929 433  
Catherine Foers 0408 577 046

## 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.

## Contents

President's Report	1	Dressage Clinic	8
Diary dates & Results	2	Property for Sale	9
YV Equestrian Alliance	3	Property for Rent	9
Member News	3	Classifieds	10
Hop to it!	7	Club Day entry form	13

## President's Report

Hi Riders,

Well I did not attend our last Freshman's competition as I was down at Werribee riding my naughty little red head Princess Aria.

I hear that all went well on the day and Janice was rapt with the way the day ran very smoothly with plenty of helpers. Thanks to all the volunteers and special thanks to Barb Geoffrey for stepping in to do the catering in Michelle Frey's absence.

Looking forward to our next Club Day on 12th June, so I will see you all then.

Happy Riding.

*Michelle Oliver*



## Club Calendar 2011

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2011

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2011

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2011

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2011

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2011

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2011

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2011

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2011

Closing date for the 12<sup>th</sup> June Club Day Competition

Club Day Competition at Glenbrae D tests & 4A, 5A

Freshman's Competition at Glenbrae A tests & 4B, 5B

YVDC Annual General Meeting

Club Day Competition at Glenbrae B tests & 4C, 5C

Freshman's Competition at Glenbrae C tests & 4A, 5A

YVDC Official Open Competition at Werribee NEC

Club Day Competition at Glenbrae D tests & 4B, 5B

## Results from YVDC May 15<sup>th</sup> Freshman's Competition at Glenbrae

### PRELIMINARY 1C Judge: Lorraine Porter

Jan Kennan	Rodrigo	154	70.00%	1st
Julie Fairway	Fairway Fields Reflection	148	67.30%	2nd=
Kathy Minchin	Fricsha	148	67.30%	2nd=
Lyn Scott	Billabongs Luck	145	66.40%	4th
Devon Rankin	Yoicks Sirocco	144	65.45%	5th=
Barbara Geoffrey	Coldstream Shahleamar	144	65.45%	5th=

### NOVICE 2C Judge: Tracey Neal

Kerrie Aumann	Kerran Park Elle	208	65.00%	1st
Tracey Gaspari	Ilkeston	201	62.81%	2nd
Kathy Minchin	Tibby's Diamond	197	61.56%	3rd
Jan Kennan	Rodrigo	196	61.25%	4th
Kathy Minchin	Larapinta Air Time	191	59.69%	5th
Rachel Rushby	Darrach Park Ebony Rose	185	57.81%	6th

### ELEMENTARY 3C Judge: Tracey Neal

Mardi Trease	Woodleigh Rouletto	238	59.50%	1st
Joy Fricke	Rakino Z	203	50.80%	2nd

### MEDIUM 4C Judge: Tracey Neal

Judy Thompson	The Poet	216	54.00%	1st
---------------	----------	-----	--------	-----

### PRIX ST GEORGE Judge: Tracey Neal

Karalyn McDonald	Ruby Red	236	62.10%	1st
------------------	----------	-----	--------	-----

**Thank you!**



Special thanks go to Monica Bird and Judy Gronn for putting out the letters on the outdoor arena for the Official competition at Glenbrae in April – E and B were back-to-front and no one noticed, including the judges, for the whole of the Preliminary class!!! Hehehe!

## **Leaderboard Trophies from 2010**

All trophy winners from last year are asked to please return their perpetual trophy at the June Club Day or drop it in to Michelle Oliver at Horseland Lilydale. Engraving needs to be organised for the new winners before the Annual General Meeting. Thank you!

Preliminary & Novice – Anne Dunlop  
Elementary – Judy Thompson  
Medium – Janice Herzig  
Advanced – Karalyn McDonald  
Small Tour – Rae Ansell  
Large Tour – Elaine Castellini  
Volunteer of the Year – Anne Dunlop

## **Dressage Festival (Victorian State Championships)**

The last official dressage event to gain a qualifying score for your horse to be able to compete at the DF is on 26<sup>th</sup> October 2011.

## **Yarra Valley Equestrian Alliance – Equestrian Centre update** by Pam Miskin

The YVEA members met again this week to begin the enormous task of developing and writing the Business Case for the proposed Equestrian Centre. Our sincere appreciation goes to Deborah Pollett (Hodgson) who has generously offered to prepare this daunting documentation task with the assistance of her staff and colleagues at Cube Management. The Business Case will include staged planning, financial/economic viability plans, due diligence, risk assessment plans, traffic management plans etc. Deb has many years experience working in this field and we are very fortunate to have her in our team!!

We received a very positive official letter this week from Yarra Valley Water supporting the use of the 100 acres of land at the Healesville Water Treatment Plant in Argoon Road. A meeting with the YVW Manager of Planning for the treatment plant is being organised to discuss in more detail the development and to work through any issues they may have with the security, logistics and plans.

The Shire of Yarra Ranges is being notified of the YVEA's intention to apply for a planning permit and to seek their assistance with the development as a whole. The SYR has already been briefed on the proposal when the YVEA members met with the Sport and Recreation Department staff last year. They were very keen to see the equestrian development in the region go forward. There will be many steps to follow in the application for a planning permit, including Environmental and Aboriginal Heritage assessments and there will be costs involved in submitting plans for a permit. The YVEA will be seeking financial contributions from the equestrian clubs currently in the Alliance to assist with the costs.

Once the Business Case documentation is finalised we will be applying to the Regional Development Australia Fund in their second round of funding later this year. This grant is from the Federal Government and it requires applicants to address at least one of the 6 government priorities and to show how it aligns with the East Melbourne Regional Development Plan. The YVEA will be submitting comments on the current draft RDP, so that our application may be able to address it more accurately.

It will be important for the YVEA to seek funding from other sources and applications will be submitted whenever grant opportunities arise. In addition we will be seeking funding from the State and Federal Government in the future through our local Parliamentary representatives. The YVEA has already briefed and received very positive support from the Federal and State MPs for our region.

We are currently investigating the need to incorporate the YVEA, so that any liability is moved from the Yarra Valley Dressage Club (as the current incorporated body applying for funding) to the various equestrian clubs which are part of the YVEA. This will ensure that the 'risk' is spread fairly across the users.

In the near future we plan to set up a Facebook page for the YVEA to enable us to keep members of YVDC and the wider equestrian community informed of the progress of the project.

**If you, or someone you know of, are able to offer any professional assistance to the YVEA to enable us to progress the development more smoothly through all the planning stages we would really appreciate hearing from you! Perhaps you have expertise in Environmental Assessment, Sustainable Building practices, Financial/Economic planning, Local Government Planning Regulations etc??** Contact: Pam Miskin [pjwmiskin@bigpond.com](mailto:pjwmiskin@bigpond.com)

## Member News

### Australian Young Rider and Junior Nationals 2011

By Faye Hinchliffe

Australian Young Rider Nationals 2011, and what a week it turned out to be, arriving on the Saturday night after long delays on the Monash Freeway, the Wyronga Park Team walked down the ramps and into the barn where they were staying for the week ahead.

We competed on the Sunday at the Victorian Dressage Club Competition as a pre competition run for the boys and did very well, so we were in good shape.

A brief run down for those who are unsure on the Young Rider competition format - it is split up into two sections - Junior (under 17years) and Young Rider (18 to 21years).

Monday was preparation day for Lynlea Classic owned by Angela Doake and Remi Rockefeller owned by Jane Veall.

Woke up very early Tuesday morning to hear the heavens had opened. The arenas were completely under water, to the point where arena three had to be closed and arena five, which was meant to be warm up, ended up being used for the competitions that were meant to be in ring three.

The rain eased off for George's test (Lynlea Classic) and what a ripper test he performed. He was so soft and responsive and achieved a winning test score of 72.273%. He was second in the next test and received Runner Up Pony Champion by 0.8% (This was George's first Nationals as he was only broken in last year.)

Remi Rockefeller was up next and he was in top form and knew everyone was 'ooing and aaring' at his impressive appearance. We went down the centre line but things were very scary, so our test wasn't as smooth as we had hoped for. In his defence the arena was very daunting with high winds coming through the indoor arena doors and catching on the judge's table cloths.

The next test was outside and as we halted on the centre line the heavens opened and down it came in full force. Rocky was very good and kept going but how unfortunate can you be? Rocky ended up with 4<sup>th</sup> in both tests and 4<sup>th</sup> in the overall Elementary Young Rider Nationals.

Wednesday we had the Medium tests on Northern Leandro (Lee) and Belcam Christos (Christos) and times were short between so with the help of our clients/friends and grooms we had them ready and I was off one and onto the other and did it all again. Both horses did beautiful tests and I came out incredibly pleased with them both. They received 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> in the 4B and 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 4C. (Both switched around in each tests as to who beat who) In the freestyle Christos worked really well, a little ahead of our music at the end, but we came out very pleased and received 3<sup>rd</sup> on 67.125%. Then it was Lee's turn to show off for his freestyle to 'We Will Rock You' by Queen, and show off he did. The audience was clapping and singing along and I couldn't wipe the smile off my face. It was the most incredible feeling - as we saluted a massive cheer went up - that's a feeling that you cannot explain. Neither is the feeling when you look at the score board and see your score at 70.375%, when second was 67.750%! Lee received Australian Young Rider Medium Champion and Medium Freestyle Champion; Christos received Runner Up by less than a point.

Thursday we had off to try and recover and then prepare Christos for the Advanced on Friday, where he had been selected by the Victorian Selectors Board to represent Victoria. Our freestyle was up first and there were a few mistakes, like 5 time changes instead of 4 and a few miscommunications but I was confident it would all come together for the next two tests that really counted and it certainly did. The Advance 5B we received 2<sup>nd</sup> place to Megan Bryant and Donnabella who represented Australia overseas in Germany late last year. In the 5C we received 3<sup>rd</sup> place, resulting in Christos and I being the Runner Up Advanced Champion to Donnabella (Such an amazing feeling).

So to cap off a great week where we did 13 tests in total and placed in every test with the lowest placing being 4<sup>th</sup> place. We now look forward to going to the NSW Young Rider Championships in July.

Thank you to my wonderful support team - couldn't have done it without you - and not to mention my mum and my coach Glenda Hinchliffe of Wyronga Park.

With saying that I'd also like to congratulate Glenda on the results of her pupils who cleaned up at the Young Rider and Junior Nationals and also those of the Wyronga Park Team who did so well. We are very proud of you all!!

## Life up North in Rocky by Lauren McGregor

Hi to all from Rockhampton, for those that are wondering whatever happened to Lauren! This is the town that I currently call home, "Beef Capital of Australia" they say and there is certainly some good beef up here.

I moved here over two years ago to get fit after my illness and to get on with my life. I have met some wonderful people up here. When I first moved here I met a lovely man by the name of Peter Hall and it has been through him that I have been able to continue riding and which has also allowed me to again have my own horse. Peter has been a wealth of knowledge and support.

Pete has a wonderful stallion that is highly trained for campdraft and cutting and is very exciting to sit on when working a cow, an experience I highly recommend, if you are ever are given a chance to take.



It was from Pete that I purchased a wonderful horse that I have called Maverick. He is black about 15.1hh and from the Acres Destiny lines which I am told are very good. He is 3 years old and we have broken him in, he is showing all signs of also being a very good cutting campdraft horse. I have now traded my dressage helmet for a cowboy hat, jodhpurs for jeans and long boots for shorts. I am on a learning curve for campdraft and cutting which I have to say is very exciting



Next month I will be riding and taking my boy on a "Pink Ride" at Longreach. For those of you who don't know, this is a fund raiser for Cancer. There are several of these rides across Australia. My horse and I and a very good friend from SA will make the 8 hour trek out there for the fun and celebrations at the Stockman's Hall of Fame. I will take some pictures and write a short article for next month.

I currently have a wonderful man in my life Alastair (Editor note: no picture of Alastair was supplied!), who is very supportive of me, hopefully one day some of you will meet him. My health is good am still having check ups every 3 months, but am now into my third year of remission, so life is surely going on for me.

I would like to again thank all who were there for me through that difficult time in my life of illness and my relationship breakdown; you made my life bearable at that time. I hope you are all well and also enjoying your riding, if anyone happens to find themselves in my area please don't hesitate to make contact.

Cheers and happy trails, *Lauren.*



Thanks to Maryanne Delf for sharing her wonderful drawings with us.  
This one is of a young off-the-track thoroughbred at his first Pony Club outing!!  
I'm sure we can all identify with this funny cartoon!

### Handy Hint for Mud Fever

The bacterium *Dermatophilus congolensis* causes mud fever and under normal circumstances this bacterium lives in soil as spores and can survive from year to year. These spores become activated by wet weather and this is why we see the disease when the ground is wet. This bacterium cannot invade healthy skin. In the winter the rain and mud soften the skin, constant wetting and drying of the legs causes the skin in this area to chap, and then the bacteria can enter. Indeed anything which breaks the skin such as a small cut or wound can allow the bacteria to invade. For this reason muddy conditions are not always necessary for mud fever to occur.

A friend told me of a great old treatment/cure for mud fever on horses' white socks which I have been using successfully during this wet season on Coco. Good old **Zinc Cream** – I bought the zinc sticks which are so easy to apply on the legs and it stays on for a couple of days! It is also good for making the socks look whiter! Or you could use other bright colours which are available too!



## Hop to it! New craze - country's first ever rabbit jumping competition



Hilarious show jumping pictures with a twist show how rabbits are being trained to run the gauntlet - leaping high obstacles in a new British craze.

Rabbit Jumping UK is the country's only rabbit jumping club and began when retired office worker Maureen Hoyle visited a fellow breeder in Sweden and got inspired. The unusual sport is popular there and in other parts of Scandinavia.

**Well trained: Vivien Jamieson jumping with her orange Netherland Dwarf on the UK's first Rabbit Jumping competition course**

Rabbit fan Maureen took the idea back home and appealed to others to join a new club. The rabbits are trained by owners at home who use treats to encourage the animals to make a leap of faith over barriers.

On Saturday members met at the Yorkshire Event Centre in Harrogate, North Yorks. They treated visitors attending the Bradford Excel Small Animals Show to two competitions and rabbit jumping displays.

© Barcroft Media

**Home-bred: Rebecca Brewster (24) jumping with her English rabbit on the competition yesterday**



© Barcroft Media



© Barcroft Media

**Tricky: The participants had to jump across six hurdles to get through the race**

'The rabbits love it,' said Maureen, from Huddersfield, West Yorks. 'The rabbits are very agile and a lot of people are surprised by what they can do. 'The rabbits have to clear the jump without touching it. 'In more serious competitions the obstacle has a delicately balanced weight at the top which will fall if the rabbit makes contact.

**Whoops... This mini Lop, Blackie, finds that the obstacle isn't as easy as it looks**

Nine competing rabbits wearing harnesses were guided by their owners on a lead through a course of six jumps. The world's champion bunnies can clear heights of up to three feet.

(Thanks to Carol Ross for this uplifting report!)



© Barcroft Media

**Editor's note: Ashleigh Drossel Dan must be quaking in his boots!!!**

# CLAIRE BALLANTYNE CLINIC

Qualified International Trainer  
BHSI & German FN  
German Silver Medal Rider

British Dressage International \*\* Trainer & British Dressage Listed Judge



**Dates** 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> July and 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> July 2011

**Venue** "Jesmond Dene", 4 Patterson Rd (Float Entrance) Officer  
(Melways Map 14 G12)

**Cost** \$150 per lesson, approximately 40 minutes

**Send To** Judy Gronn  
P. O. Box 146, Olinda, Victoria 3788  
Email: [cgja.gronn@pacific.net.au](mailto:cgja.gronn@pacific.net.au)  
Phone: 9751 2140 or Mobile: 0409 351 149  
Please make cheque payable to **J Gronn** or  
Direct Debit to: **ANZ Monbulk BSB 013-736; Account No: 5458-01713**

**Disclaimer** Neither the organisers nor the venue will be held responsible for any accident, damage, injury or loss to riders, attendants, spectators of any property whatsoever.



## Application Form

Please tick boxes to indicate which days you wish to ride

July 2011

**Sunday 3rd**       **Monday 4th**       **Thursday 7th**       **Friday 8th**       **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup>**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate times preferred \_\_\_\_\_

**In the event that you cannot ride for any reason, a replacement will need to be found before any money can be refunded.**

# “Plum Ridge”

Boundary Rd, Lilydale

**STOP PRESS!**  
Open House: May 21 & 28 from  
11 am—Noon.



Set on 10 acres - Superbly crafted substantial home with 4 large bedroom, 3 bathrooms, Pool, spa, character cellar, casual & formal living areas. Quality appointments throughout.

Multi vehicle garaging, enormous shedding and of course THE BARN.

Custom built purpose designed stables, feed, tack, float, hot wash etc all overlooking 20 x 60m ménage. 6 paddocks and 2 yards all with shelters. Price \$1.8 million.

**Inspections contact  
R.T Edgar 97275300  
or Mark Sutherland  
0407103811**



**FOR RENT**



## Quiet Country Setting

**\$340 per week**

### Brigadoon Cottage, Coldstream, VIC

 3  1  0

Situated on approximately 1 acre and set amongst some of our famous Yarra Valley Wineries, is this fantastic home waiting for it's new occupants. Features of the home include 3 bedrooms all with built in robes, polished floors throughout, open plan living areas, light and bright kitchen with gas cooking and dishwasher, gas ducted heating and air conditioner, and much more. Outside, there are verandahs that surround the home with a beautiful outlook. Weekly rent includes water usage and fortnightly lawn maintenance. Don't miss out on this one - Call us today!!!  
Sorry, No Pets.

Property ID: 914454

# Classifieds

## Young Horse for Sale

### Istvan Othello - "Otto"



Otto is a 4 year old bay gelding by Capone, who should mature to 16.2hh. He is a truly lovely young horse, with 3 excellent paces and a fantastic attitude to his work. He is energetic, forward and confident, with a generous temperament. As a bonus, he is incredibly comfortable to ride.

He has been in work with Michelle Oliver since breaking in and has not put a foot wrong.



Photos taken 5 & 6 weeks after breaking in – he is now more advanced and working consistently in a frame.

Sadly offered for sale by his owner/breeder who is about to have a career change and will not have time to do him justice. He is a super unspoilt horse, with a correct basic education and a great future looking for someone to take him there.

**Contact: Kim Anning 0412 141171 or Michelle Oliver 0418 171872**



### Luc Childeric Dressage Saddle

Immaculate black French saddle. 17 inch current DSG model, size 10 gullet. Without mounts. Excellent condition.

**Price: \$5,500 firm**

**Contact: Kerry Frampton Phone: 5967 4225**



### Brigadoon Horses "Equihay"

Plenty of freshly cut hay is available from the shed

**Prices: \$9.00 per square and \$50 per 5x4 roll**

**Contact: Jill Sinclair: 0418 386 771 or Geoff Sinclair: 0418 319 339**  
**[geoff@brigadoonhorses.com.au](mailto:geoff@brigadoonhorses.com.au)**

### Grass Hay for sale

**Price: \$7 per bale**

**Contact: Karalyn McDonald: 0427 989 676**



## Horse Wanted

I am looking for a horse to lease or buy for a 19 year old novice rider with 18 months experience. 16hh plus, quiet all-rounder required to do Adult Riding Club. The right horse must be quiet in company and on roads.

**Contact: Jan Kennan: 0412 031 746**



## Ambassador Dressage Saddle



Dark and with light brown 17 inch seat two-flap saddle with medium gullet. The saddle has been ridden only a handful of times and looks brand new. There are no marks or scratches. It is very comfortable to ride in and it is in excellent condition.

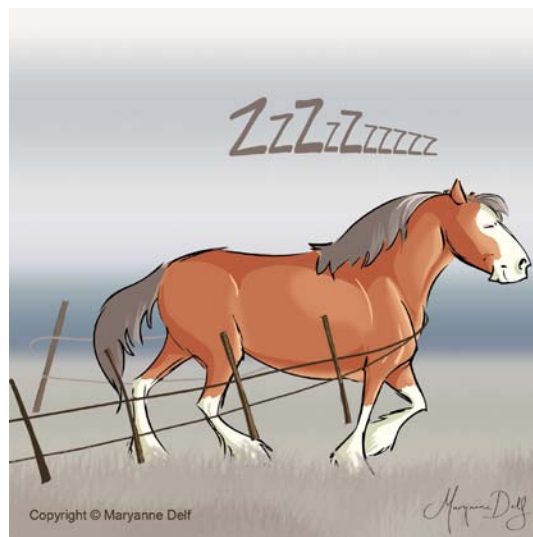
**Price: \$1,300 ono**

**Contact: Beth 0458 446 753 or Lachlan 0409 410 726**

## THE SADDLERY SHOP in Seville

YVDC member Kim Anning will be taking over “The Saddlery Shop” on June 30 and invites YVDC Club members to drop in for a coffee and a **15% discount** in July, August and September – just mention this newsletter. I will be increasing the dressage lines and also looking for good second-hand dressage/jumping saddles to sell on consignment.

**Contact: Kim Anning “The Saddlery Shop” 648 Warburton Highway, Seville  
Phone: 5964 4633**



“Boris” the Clydesdale sleepwalking!

# Club Day Competition – Sunday 12th June 2011

Tests are ridden once under EFA rules. 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

Neither the Yarra Valley Dressage Club Incorporated, it's agents not the owners of any property used by the YVDC Inc. accept any liability for any accident, damage, injury loss or illness to horse, riders, spectators or grounds or any person or property whatsoever.

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2011  
GLENBRAE EQUESTRIAN  
CENTRE, VICTORIA ROAD  
WANDIN

Tests - 1D, 2D, 3D, 4A, 5A, Prix St  
George, Inter1, Inter 11, Grand Prix

Entries Close - Friday 3rd June 2011

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. Please indicate your preferred job.
- ◆ Points awarded to club trophies
- ◆ Ribbons to 6<sup>th</sup> place
- ◆ Each test is ridden once
- ◆ EFA Rules apply
- ◆ 2nd test may be entered if sufficient time
- ◆ Clean and neat attire
- ◆ Open to current YVDC members only
- ◆ **NO DOGS ALLOWED**
- ◆ *Yummy free lunch!*