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President's Report

Hi Riders,

Well daylight savings is nearly here which means more hours to ride. Yippee!!! The weather is slowly improving and soon we will be complaining about dust and flies. The club day for September was small but was enjoyed by those who attended. Huge thanks to all concerned in making the day run smoothly.

Our open competition is coming up quickly in October so here's hoping we have good support and the day is a success. If you haven't been rung to help and would like to do so please call and put your name down for a job or two. It is always a good fun day and of course for a great cause. Cancer is something that seems to be affecting so many lives so it's great to think we as both individuals and a club can help in some way.

I attended the meeting for the Sugarloaf grant on Tuesday at Yarra Glen which was presented by Geoff Sinclair and Pam Miskin and some of the other Alliance members. Pam is putting a brief run down of the meeting in the newsletter so be sure to read about this fantastic opportunity. The Alliance members have worked so hard and put many of their precious hours into the proposal so I really hope it goes forward. If you are speaking to Pam, Sharon or Geoff make sure you say thank you for their amazing contribution to the Alliance.

Well I am making it short and sweet this month.

Happy Riding,

Michelle Oliver.

Club Calendar 2010

Sunday 17th October 2010

Sunday 14th November 2010

Sunday 9th January 2011

Sunday 13th February 2011

YVDC Open Comp at Werribee NEC – Breast Cancer Fundraiser

Freshman's Competition at Glenbrae – Entries close 5th November

YVDC Official Open Competition at Werribee NEC

Freshman's Competition at Glenbrae

Club News



Thank you!

It is with sincere thanks that I extend my gratitude to all members of the YVDC, for the flowers & expressions of sympathy following the sudden death of my husband, Colin.

Thank you, also to those of you that have sent cards, visited, cooked, shopped, cared for my horses, kept me warm with wood, listened, hugged, phoned, emailed & sent SMS messages.

It has been truly overwhelming, but, the nightmare would have been even worse if I was not lucky enough to have the support that you have shown & still showing!

All I can say is Thank You from the bottom of my heart, & I do hope that soon I will be back out there feeling a bit more like myself.

Love you all!! Joy Fricke xx

Congratulations



Former YVDC Member Jennie-Ann Ellis and her partner Daniel recently celebrated the birth of a son Nicholas Daniel George – mother and baby both healthy and hearty.

Thanks to Elaine Castellini for this snippet of happy news.

Ashleigh Drossel Dan



Dan has been selected to represent Brazil in the Show Jumping Team at the World Equestrian Games in Kentucky USA. He will be ridden by Athena Onassis' husband Alvaro de Miranda Neto who has had the ride since his purchase in May this year. If you want to watch any of the competition from the WEG you can subscribe online to FEITV and pay a month's subscription fee (about \$35) which will give you access to all the coverage live and archived. www.feitv.org



**NATIONAL
BREAST CANCER FOUNDATION**
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FUNDRAISING SUPPORTER

Sunday 17th October 2010

Fundraiser Competition at Werribee NEC - Have you put your entry in yet?

Thank you to all the members, friends, colleagues and companies who have come forward so far to sponsor classes for the dressage competition. Please contact Michelle Oliver (9739 1753) if you are able to assist in any way.

A **Silent Auction** is also held on the day of the competition and is another great fund raiser for the cause. We are inviting members to donate new items (don't have to be equestrian related) which would be suitable for the auction. The items are to be brought down to Werribee on the day of the competition, unless other arrangements for delivery have been made. However we do need donors of items to contact the committee beforehand to notify what their donated item is so that the auction sheets can be prepared for the day. Please contact Michelle Oliver (9739 1753) to donate for the Silent Auction.

If you are able to help out on the day, even if only for an hour or two please contact:

Chris Sudul phone: 5968 9908

Yarra Valley Equestrian Alliance Community Consultation Meeting

A very successful meeting was held on Tuesday 21st September at the Yarra Glen Memorial Hall to discuss the plans of the Yarra Valley Equestrian Alliance (YVEA) to establish a Werribee-like Equestrian facility in the Yarra Valley, using the grant obtained from the Sugarloaf Pipeline Regional Benefits scheme as the seed funding.

Members of more than 15 Equestrian Clubs contributed to the meeting through their attendance or by completing a survey which was circulated in the weeks preceding the meeting. Approximately 30 people attended (YVDC had a pretty poor attendance unfortunately) and all were 100% behind the concept and were keen to see it proceed. A vote was taken by the attendees to select the best venue for the development, and all agreed that the Argoon Road site in Healesville is the most suitable by far.

Argoon Road is a 100 acre site owned and operated by Yarra Valley Water as a Water Treatment Plant. The major issue with the site is the fact that it is not directly on the Sugarloaf Pipeline but is a 10 minute drive from Yarra Glen. The YVEA will be meeting with Melbourne Water to try to convince them that this is the only appropriate site for the development in the region and that regardless of where it is located it will provide enormous economic benefit to all the small towns within a 20 minute drive of the location. Werribee Township benefits by about \$15m per annum from the equestrian community using the NEC facilities!

Ben Bainbridge from the Shire of Yarra Ranges was also in attendance and provided useful information about the processes needed to be followed. He has offered Shire of Yarra Ranges assistance in drawing up a Master Plan and Economic Plan for the proposal.

Following the meeting Mandy Edwards (Maroondah ARC) who is an Urban Planner by profession contacted the YVEA and offered her services free of charge to draw up the plans for the facility in its stages. We are extremely grateful to Mandy and others like her who have kindly offered their assistance in moving this exciting project forward.

If you would like to receive a copy of the PowerPoint presentation (by email only) which was shown at the meeting please contact Pam Miskin on pjwmiskin@bigpond.com.



Argoon Road site in Healesville.



The view looking north from the treatment plant



The site overview from Ayres Road Healesville. The Treatment Plant hidden in the native vegetation.



The sealed road into the site.

Jill Sinclair reports on her recent trip judging dressage in Scotland

The love of horses continues to take me places I had never planned to go. Such was the case in July and August this year.



Geoff and I were fortunate enough to be invited to work at Blair Castle International Three Day Event in Scotland. I was asked to judge the 3* CIC and 3*CCI. CIC's are three day events where the Showjumping can be run before the Cross Country, and where the CC course is not as long as the CCI format – which is the system you see running at Melbourne and Sydney Three Day Events. Horses at 3* level are very experienced, as are the riders, and many were using this event as a qualifier for the World Equestrian Games. So this is the level immediately before Olympic standard. William Fox Pitt was the winner of my section in the CCI 3*. Some of the young artists in a textile trade stand asked me which tests were good. They then pointed to William and reflected that he looked like “part

of the horse” during the test. Clearly you don't need to have a dressage education to recognise harmony between horse and rider. I told them that they would make good judges in the future.

The landscape was emerald green in the valley in front of Blair Castle with rugged hills to the left and undulating hills and a pine forest to the right. The white castle with its black turrets reminded me of Walt Disney's Fairy Castle in “Fantasy Land”. As you drive past the residential section there is a wooded area for the public to enjoy walking tracks dotted with bronze statues celebrating various Gods of hunting.” Old Blair” where most of the judges and T.D's (Technical Officials) stayed is normally rented out throughout the year as a Lodge for those who like to hunt deer. Not my scene at all, but a lovely place to stay to enjoy the stunning stone buildings, history and countryside. The Scottish locals were very friendly, as were all the officials from all parts of the world.

Martin Plewa was the T.D. for my sections, however his mother passed away and he had to cancel a few days before the event. Geoff was then asked to move from 2* to 3*, and he then assisted the 1* T.D. from Mexico to work on the 2* events. The Global Education Program was alive and well at Blair. Geoff trains officials to be T.D's and Sue Stewart from England trains Judges. This mentoring is done in a very encouraging manner therefore the Mentors become “helpful friends “rather than threatening critics. Officials from Canada, South Africa, Britain and Mexico all benefited from this assistance while they worked at Blair.

I saw some lovely tests, and others challenged me, because the problems of implementing the training scale effectively are universal. I was however very excited to see Brooke Staples (Aus.) riding a lovely chestnut gelding. The horse was ridden with a soft back, the poll was the highest point, effective riding, and they placed second after dressage. In spite of the terrific going and a solidly built flowing course Brook had a sticky moment and fell off landing on his feet. All horse or rider falls now entail elimination, so that spelt the end of his great ride at Blair.

Even though my horses have missed out on competing most of the year, I must encourage you all to consider becoming a judge. You learn a lot which helps you as a competitor and a coach, and you meet some fabulous people along the way. People brought together to volunteer their time because of the love of the horse.



Go Aussie riders at the WEG!

CLUB COMPETITION - SUNDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER 2010

PRELIMINARY 1D JUDGE: LIHLA WYLES

Lauren Bailey-Smith	Avoca Synergy	159	72.00%	1st
Fiona Schilg	Flowervale Ferrari	139	63.00%	2nd
Deborah Hodgson	Belcam Shaniah	134	61.00%	3rd
Larissa Symec	Unicorn Walkennbruch	128	58.00%	4th
Melanie Farrant	Will of Grace	104	47.00%	5th



NOVICE 2D JUDGE: LILAH WYLES

Birgitte Horn	Bob	231	66.00%	1st
Lauren Bailey-Smith	Avoca Synergy	221	63.00%	2nd
Anne Dunlop	Quiggley	217	62.00%	3rd
Melanie Farrant	Will of Grace	215	61.00%	4th



ELEMENTARY 3D JUDGE: RAE ANSELL

Andrea Ramsay	Harry Who	237	61.00%	1st
Birgitte Horn	Bob	232	59.00%	2nd
Mardi Trease	Woodleigh Rouletto	228	58.00%	3rd
Chris Sudul	Northern Jupiter	209	54.00%	4th



MEDIUM 4C JUDGE: RAE ANSELL

Judy Thompson	The Poet	217	54.00%	1st
Andrea Ramsay	Harry Who	210	53.00%	2nd

PRIX ST GEORGE JUDGE: RAE ANSELL

Karalyn McDonald	Ruby Red	213	56.00%	1st
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YVDC Leaderboard 2010 – 2011

PRELIMINARY

Fiona Schilg	Flowervale Ferrari	9
Michelle Oliver	Charlie	6
Tracey Gaspari	Ilkeston	6
Lauren Bailey-Smith	Avoca Synergy	6
Meg Ferguson	Heatherton Park Chemistry	5
Kathy Minchin	Ebony	5
Kathy Minchin	Zara	5
Deborah Hodgson	Belcam Shaniah	5
Sandra Norster	Ronja	4
Kathy Minchin	Monty Walsh	3
Larissa Symec	Unicorn Walkenbruch	3
Chris Sudul	Rosie	2
Melanie Farrant	Will of Grace	2
Meg Ferguson	Jetstar	1
Barb Geoffrey	Coldstream Shahlemar	1

NOVICE

Brigette Horn	Bob	17
Meg Ferguson	ESB Irish Heart	6
Anne Dunlop	Quiggley	6
Meg Stafford	Andy	5
Lauren Bailey-Smith	Avoca Synergy	5
Meg Ferguson	Heatherton Park Chemistry	4
Michelle Frey	Apen Park Feiner Leigh	4
Maureen Howe	Highness McOhl	3
Melanie Farrant	Will of Grace	3
Meg Ferguson	Jetstar	2

ELEMENTARY

Brigette Horn	Bob	13
Mardi Trease	Woodleigh Roulette	12
Andrea Ramsay	Harry Who	11
Meg Ferguson	ESB Irish Heart	6
Meg Stafford	Apollo Prince	6
Mary Newham	The Shu	4
Chris Sudul	Northern Jupiter	3
Anne Dunlop	Quiggley	2

MEDIUM

Janice Herzig	Sienna Eyre	12
Andrea Ramsay	Harry Who	10
Judy Thompson	The Poet	10
Adam Benson	Brookwood Park Rome	6

ADVANCED

Liz Wright Smith	Yarra Valley Mountbatten	6
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PRIX ST GEORGE

Judy Gronn	Belcam Carob	6
Kylie Pedder	Brierely Menna	6
Karalyn McDonald	Ruby Red	6
Lauren Bailey-Smith	Avoca On the Move	4

INTERMEDIATE II

Elaine Castellini	Northern Charmer	6
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International News



Victory Salute (left) kept Moorlands Totilas company on his first air flight.

By KENNETH J. BRADDICK

The Dutch, German and Spanish dressage team horses for the World Equestrian Games arrived in the United States Thursday on the first of 11 flights from Europe as part of the largest airlift of horses in history.

Moorlands Totilas, the top ranked dressage horse in the world, made his first ever flight and arrived with no problems. The 10-year-old black stallion ridden by Edward Gal of The Netherlands, flew next to Victory Salute, the top rated Australian dressage horse ridden by Brett Parbery. Brett and Victory Salute have

been based at Edward's barn in the Netherlands for most of this year and are seasoned air travelers.

Totilas and Jerich Parzival, the second ranked horse who flew to Las Vegas for the World Cup Final in 2007 but was injured before the start of competition, were among the first off the aircraft in what officials said was an uneventful flight from Liege, Belgium.

They were taken to the temporary stabling for mandatory quarantine of at least 42 hours at the Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport before they will be transported to the Kentucky Horse Park, 70 miles (112 km) away.

A total of 787 horses from 58 countries are scheduled to compete at the world championships in dressage, driving, endurance, eventing, jumping, reining and vaulting as well as para-equestrian that are held once every four years and for the first time outside Europe beginning Sept. 25 and ending Oct. 10.

At the previous WEG in Aachen, Germany, in 2006, 850 horses from 61 nations competed.

Forty-eight horses for endurance, dressage and reining competitions arrived on Thursday's flight from Belgium.

In addition to the dressage horses, another arrival was the Dutch reining horse Whizashiningwall BB, ridden by Anky van Grunsven, nine-time World Cup champion and winner of three Olympic gold medals in dressage. She is on the reining team this year.

It was the first of 11 flights to bring about 450 horses from Europe and the Middle East. Another 50 horses from Latin America are being flown into Miami while about 20 from across the Pacific were shipped into Los Angeles.

About 267 horses are coming from across North America, include those from Canada, Mexico and the United States as well from several nations whose riders are based or have been competing in the continent.

Some European national federations—each federation is responsible for paying for their air transportation as well as other expenses—have complained about the high costs of competing in Kentucky.

Germany, for example, said that it will spend about €1.4 million ((US\$1.8 million) fielding teams in Kentucky, while The Netherlands will spend a similar amount. The costs have led to some countries cutting back on their participation. Great Britain is not sending a driving team, for example, and neither is Hungary although it was considered a medal contender.

The United States primarily, and Canada to a lesser extent, incur enormous expenses each year competing on the major international circuits, primarily in Europe.

In any given year, the U.S. fields up to 50 horses in international competitions that costs about US\$30,000 (€23,000) per horse, including rider, officials' and other expenses, or a total of about US\$1.5 million (€1.15 million) a year, pretty much every year.

Unlike many other nations, there is no government funding of horse sports in the United States.

Most of the funds are raised from individuals by the U.S. Equestrian Team Foundation, headed up by Jane Forbes Clark, who is also personally active in horse sports and sponsors athletes and horses who this year will be on three American teams—dressage, driving and jumping.

Temporary quarantine stables at Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport.



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Freshman's Competition - Sunday 14th November 2010

Tests are ridden twice under EFA rules. Ride once, then discuss with the judge before riding the test the second time. Ribbons are awarded to 6th place.



Entry Form

RIDER _____

HORSE _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

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1st TEST ENTERED _____ 2nd TEST _____

ENTRY FEE
ENCLOSED _____

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Sunday 14th November 2010 GLENBRAE EQUESTRIAN CENTRE, VICTORIA ROAD WANDIN

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

Entries Close – Friday 5th November 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. Please indicate your preferred job.**
- ◆ Points awarded to club trophies
- ◆ Ribbons to 6th place
- ◆ Each test is ridden twice
- ◆ 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!**

