



# Saddlebags

Bungendore Riding  
Club

Issue 2  
March 2009

## Welcome to the 2nd Edition—2009 Bungendore Riding Club Newsletter

### March Dressage & Show jumping competition

**Sunday, 22nd March 2009**

BRC enjoyed another fun and successful event at Bungendore Showground. The weather was perfect and the atmosphere very friendly and cruisey!! 50 riders ascended on Bungendore to compete. Events included Dressage - Prep 3, Preliminary 1.2, 1.4 and Novice 2.1, 2.3; and Showjumping classes - 45cm, 60cm, 80cm and 90cm.

There was a slight panic on the Saturday when an electrical fault on NCEC trailer meant that the piped Dressage arenas could not be delivered to the Showground for setup! A mad dash for alternate markers and use of BPC's rope arenas put setting up for the event back on track! Phew! The show jumping rings look fantastic with the newly acquired numbers and "dressings" which formerly graced the show jumps of "Beckford" (thanks to Gail Bain) and the Prize/Sponsorship display once again also looked fantastic!

All competitors had a great time and there were plenty of smiling faces on the day! A special congratulations to our Membership secretary Rebecca Gaukroger for coming 2nd in 60cm Show jumping and our former Secretary, Cath Hamilton (who is just back riding after a broken arm) to win the DR 1.4, taking home a Trophy rug, also Megan Hodge = 1st in 1.2 and 1st Prep 3, closely followed by Helen Locke who placed 2nd. Well done to all competitors! See results on P.2.

**A special HUGE thanks and congratulations** to our wonderful Events secretary, Beck Morsink for all her hard work in organising the first BRC DR and SJ comp and still managing to maintain her "sanity" to Coordinate a very fun and successful day!  
Well done, Beck!

**THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEER HELPERS!!!**  
A HUGE thanks to all our volunteers who assisted/ helped out for this event! We really appreciated having so many willing helpers and could not have done this comp without your support!

**Thanks to all Saturday helpers!**  
setting up/building Show jumping rings, Dressage arenas and cleaning canteen, toilets etc

**Thanks to all Sunday helpers!**  
Judges, stewards, runners, registration desk, raffle, canteen/BBQ, packing up equipment & cleaning up!



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## Next Event....

**April Training Day—Trevor Morris  
Show jumping Clinic  
&  
Practise for STARCC**

**When: Sunday 26th April 2009**

**Details will be sent soon**

For further details contact:  
**Coordinator:** Rebecca Morsink  
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**Contact:** Beck  
**Ph:** 6238 1042



## News from the BRC Committee

### STARCC

Closing Date: **Wed, 15th April 2009**

If you plan to participate in the Pairs and Fours, please contact Rebecca Gaukroger with the Section you will be competing in, so we can try to Pair riders up in advance. If you have already paired yourself up with someone, please let Rebecca G know.

Riders will have the opportunity to practise for STARCC at the April Training day.

Important Information - see page 3 for more details on preparation for STARCC a guide on hacking terminology.

### Bungendore Showground Trust

[www.bungendoreshowground.com](http://www.bungendoreshowground.com)  
Go to their website to see the latest proposals for BSG.

### BRC New Equipment update

The new BRC jumps haven't arrived yet.

The Club is now raising further funds to purchase a safe PVC dressage arena for training days and competitions.

**Date for Diary changes** – see below

### 2009 BRC Dates for Your Diary

26th Apr - Trevor Morris SJ clinic  
3rd May - STARCC  
31st May - Trail Ride  
28th Jun - Dressage Clinic  
19th or 26th July - Trail ride  
30th Aug - Eventer Clinic  
27th Sep - Orienteering  
25th Oct - One Day Event comp  
29th Nov - Trail ride or Sporting  
? Dec - Club Xmas Dinner

## BRC Dressage & Show jumping Competition Results 22/3/09

### Preparatory 3

1. Megan Hodge 75%
- 2 Helen Locke 74%
- =3 Lynne Rixon 72%
- =3 Danelle Lane 72%
- 5 Gemma Mastin-Smith 64%

### Preliminary 1.2

- =1 Victoria Bartlett 64.8%
- =1 Megan Hodge 64.8%
- 3 Danelle Lane 62.8%
- 4 Cathrine Hamilton 58%
- 5 Sam Woodford 57.6%

### Preliminary 1.4

- 1 Catherine Hamilton 68.4%
- 2 Amanda Ruggerio 66%
- 3 Naomi Flynn 64.8%
- 4 Karen Griffiths 62%
- 5 Hayley Smith 61.2%

### Novice 2.1

- 1 Josephine Laver 64%
- 2 Victoria Bartlett 63.2%
- 3 Gemma Mastin-Smith 60.4%
- 4 Josephine Laver 59.6%
- 5 Vicki Brownlie 56.4%

### Novice 2.3

- 1 Josephine Laver 64%
- 2 Lucy Micklethwaite 59.2%
- 3 Victoria Bartlett 58.4%
- 4 Gemma Mastin-Smith 57.6%
- 5 Josephine Laver 54.8%

### 45cm

- 1 Natasha Hickling
- 2 Tyla Harris
- 3 Jenni Hodgman
- 4 Amy Griffin
- 5 Lucy Micklethwaite

### 60cm

- 1 Mikaela Maisano
- 2 Rebecca Gaukroger
- 3 Natasha Hickling
- 4 Emily Lloyd

### 80cm

- 1 Josephine Laver
- 2 Natasha Hickling
- 3 Josephine Laver
- 4 Danelle Lane
- 5 Hayley Smith

### 95cm

- 1 Vicki Brownlie
- =2 Josephine Laver
- =2 Josephine Laver
- 4 Vicki Brownlie
- 5 Danelle Lane

## 2008/2009 BRC Membership

**1st October 2008 - 30th September 2009**

Changes have been made to the membership fees and form. More options have been created. Updated Member forms can now be downloaded from BRC website under "Membership"

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download and include a  
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### Annual Membership Options

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## BRC Website!!

**Is continually UPDATED!!  
Please check it for up-  
coming events, forms to  
download, and riding  
times/program prior to  
Activity days—it will all  
be there!!!**

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## Next Comp...

Southern Tablelands Adult Riding Club Competition  
STARCC



### STARCC

Southern Tablelands  
Adult Riding Clubs  
Competition

### 2009 Host

Tuggeranong ARC

**When: Sunday, 3rd May**

**Where: Equestrian Park,  
Yarralumla ACT**

**Events:** Dressage, hacking  
and games.  
Pairs, fours and club parade.

**Club points** for "Snap Happy"  
- the STARCC trophy.

**Entry forms** have been sent  
or available on home page of  
BRC's website

[www.brc.org.au](http://www.brc.org.au)

### Closing Date

Wednesday, 15th April 2009

**BRC Club colours** are black  
and white. Clothing order  
forms are available on the  
BRC website under  
"membership" (scroll down). If  
you don't have a club shirt,  
you can just wear club colours  
or borrow on the day.

We hope to see you all  
there!!!

## How to Prepare for STARCC 2009

You may not know this, but there's more to hacking classes than just merely looking good! Read on for an insight into the world of hack classes and what to expect in some of the classes at STARCC. (Note: Prep/beginner riders will not be expected to canter or hand gallop.)

For all of the classes, horses should be presented neatly as hacks or hunters (hunters don't wear blingy browbands and usually have neat "workmanlike" gear).

These classes will be judged on performance rather than type to encourage everyone to compete, this is not just for the "hackie" type riders.

As STARCC is an inter-club competition, riders should compete in their club uniform rather than dragging out their hacking gear.

### Hacking Terminology

**Working Hunter** - a horse of substance who is capable of hunting. Judged over jumps as well as on the flat. Obedience is important. The odd scar or bump does not go against these horses. We will ask judges on the day to take into account the requirements above regarding the heaviness of the horse might be overlooked as we have not provided a regular hack class as we wanted to make all the classes more performance oriented, not type oriented. Horses should be capable of a hand gallop.

**Show Hunter** - as above without the jumps.

**Bridle Path Hack** - this is a rail class. Horses need to work calmly "on the rail" and perform a change of direction and a rein back. Horses will be judged on obedience.

**Pleasure Hack** - horse to be ridden one handed in a snaffle type bit, no drop nosebands, no spurs or whips. At the discretion of the judge, a workout may or may not be required. Horses should be a pleasure to ride. Rein back and changes of pace and direction are often asked on the ring by the judge. Canter to halt can be asked for.

**ARC Mount** - a horse suitable for ARC - sound, reliable and obedient. Well presented and conditioned, judged like PC hack but for adults, a small jump or obstacle might be used by some judges.

**Best Educated Mount** - horse's level of education is judged. Horses should be able to rein back, make good changes (preferably flying) demonstrate lengthened trot and hand gallop or canter and turns on hind or forehand. Judges sometimes give a "free" workout for this only describing the requirements they wish to see.



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April 2009

## Welcome to the 3rd Edition—2009 Bungendore Riding Club Newsletter

### April Trevor Morris Show jumping Clinic

Sunday, 26th April 2009

Unfortunately due to the terrible weather—wet, windy and cold—the Trevor Morris clinic was CANCELLED and will be re-scheduled later in the year.

### Southern Tablelands Adult Riding Clubs Competition STARCC

Sunday, 3rd May 2009

Adult riding clubs assembled at Equestrian Park, Yarralumla for the second annual Southern Tablelands Adult Riding Club Competition. This year the host club was Tuggeranong Adult Riding Club (TARC) who put on a fantastic program which flowed well throughout the course of the day.

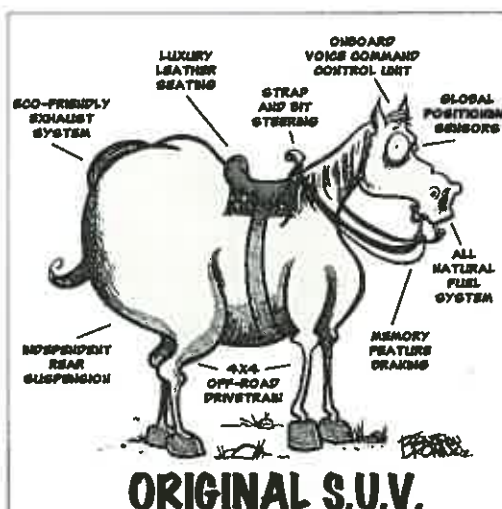
58 horses and riders from Bungendore (BRC), Murrumbateman (MARC) and Tuggeranong (TARC) riding clubs, as well as a small number from National Capital Equestrian Club (NCEC) turned out for a the beautiful sunny day to put their hacking, dressage and sporting skills to the test. 15 members from Bungendore proudly represented our club. Competitors had the choice of entering one of three levels of difficulty, all including hacking and hunter classes, a dressage test and sporting events. The class that made this competition slightly different from other comps was the 'Handy Horse'. Riders had to take their horse over a timed course which included weaving through a grid, riding through cones, a few jumps and other 'unfamiliar' obstacles. Every rider had lots of fun with this event and it was a great one for spectators as well. MARC proved too good on the day and won the STARCC trophy with 32 points, TARC coming in second with 23 and BRC hot on their tails with 22. The 'Best on Parade' was won by TARC who were awarded a newly donated perpetual Trophy. BRC looked pretty flash, especially with the addition of our little mascot, Madeline who was very cute and we came third.

BRC riders had an excellent day with everyone having fun and also taking home quite a few ribbons. A few who did very well on the day have shared their results for the newsletter.

### Sporting

Bec Purdie and Amanda Blandon were the sporting stars with both winning first in their respective sections in bending and barrel-ling. Amanda also won her egg and spoon and walk, trot, lead. Bec P won her handy horse and also came second in her walk, trot, lead and third in egg and spoon. Barb Hunt also came third in egg and spoon. New member Bec Laurie won her handy horse as well as barrels and bending and came 2<sup>nd</sup> in egg and spoon. Another new member (and sister to Bec L) Rhiannon Ford came 2<sup>nd</sup> in bending, 3<sup>rd</sup> in barrels and 4<sup>th</sup> in egg and spoon. The other BRC riders did very well in the sporting and won themselves a few placings.

Report cont'd on Page 2.....



## Next BRC Event....

### Trail Ride

When: Sunday 31st May 2009

Put this date in your Diary  
Details will be sent soon

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### Inside this issue:

STARCC report & photos

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Thursday  
4th June

Time: 7.30pm  
Venue: Morsink house,  
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## News from the BRC Committee

### MEMBERSHIP

Late (half year) Membership is now available from 1st May to 30th September for \$35.

### COMPETITIONS

Check the BRC website for Entry Forms, there are many suitable Comps during May and June.

### NEW EVENTS COORDINATOR

BRC welcomes Amanda Ruggiero to our Committee. Amanda will be joining ranks with Rebecca Morsink to Coordinate our BRC training days, clinics and competitions. Also, to continue and maintain the variety of activities BRC's provide for our members, we will soon have a regular Trail Ride coordinator as well (more details next newsletter).

Please be considerate whilst the Committee is sorting out the new roles which will spread the load of our hard working VOLUNTEERS!

### INSURANCE & EFA AFFILIATED CLUBS

If you are a financial member of an EFA affiliated club then you do not have to pay the extra insurance levy when you attend an event conducted by another EFA affiliated club, but you are still required to complete the 'waiver' for each event. For example BRC members can attend latest MARC competition without paying insurance as both clubs are affiliated.

### DATES FOR DIARY

See changes below....

#### Dates for Your Diary

17th May—MARC DR & SJ comp

24th May—Moss Vale ODE

**31st May - BRC Trail Ride**

31st May—ACTSJ—Round 2

14th June—VHOTY comp

20/21 June—Canberra ODE

**28th Jun - BRC Dressage Clinic**

**19th July - BRC DR & SJ comp**

30th Aug - Eventer Clinic

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**1st Nov - BRC ODE comp**

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### STARCC cont'd.....

#### Hacking

For some the hacking was a bit of a challenge with horses choosing to be naughty rather than focus on the task. Others did really well though and took out a quite a few blues. A congratulations to Elena and Kaaren Sutcliffe, Deb Parsons, Karen Griffiths, Glenda Georges, Bec Laurie, Rhiannon Ford, Pip Wyrdean and Amanda B (and others who I'm sorry I didn't get your results). The ladies did very well and claimed a range of ribbons from firsts to fifths. Their wonderful rides also won the club a fair few points to help with our overall score.

#### Dressage

There was less pressure in the dressage for the horses making them relaxed and focused on their riders. We had quite a few good scores with Kaaren Sutcliffe coming 1<sup>st</sup>, Amanda Ruggiero coming 3<sup>rd</sup>, Deb Parsons coming 5<sup>th</sup> and Barb Hunt coming 7<sup>th</sup> in their respective levels.

#### Pairs & Fours

BRC did extraordinarily well considering we were unable to practice as the STARCC training on 26 March was cancelled due to terrible weather. We entered one team of fours, Pip W, Kaaren S, Bec & Maureen P who took out first place. As for pairs the results were:

1<sup>st</sup> Bec and Maureen Purdie

1<sup>st</sup> Bec L and Rhiannon F

3<sup>rd</sup> Deb P and Amanda B

3<sup>rd</sup> Kaaren S and Pip Wyrdean

3<sup>rd</sup> Karen G and Bec G

The feedback received from riders on the day was quite positive and everyone had a fun filled day of riding. Congratulations to all who participated and keep up the wonderful riding.

If you loved this day plus Handy Horse then don't forget to enter TARC's Versatile Horse of the Year (VHOTY) comp in June. The Entry form can be downloaded from the BRC website. Get in quick, places are limited.

Bec Gaukroger  
BRC Membership Secretary

Many thanks to Bec for this report!

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## STARCC Photos 2009

**Club Parade**



**BRC Mascot**



**Winning Fours**



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1. Horse riding at Bungendore Riding Club activity days is restricted to financial members of the club or others who are otherwise covered by temporary insurance cover (e.g riders at ODE events)
2. Members are to follow the procedures set down by the BRC Event Organisers including making payments on time/by the due date as required.
3. Riders must wear approved AS/NZ 3838 or EFA approved helmet at all times whilst mounted. It must be structurally sound. **Riders are encouraged to wear helmets at all other times when handling horses.**
4. Suitable footwear which prevents the foot from sliding forward through the stirrup iron must be worn or caged stirrups must be used. Stirrups must be the correct size for the boot.
5. Suitable riding attire must be worn. It is recommended that riders wear full length trousers or jodhpurs and a sleeved shirt.
6. A first aid kit and communication link is to be available at Club activity days.
7. Members should not be under the influence of alcohol or drugs prohibited by law during an activity day.
8. Pregnant riders should be aware of the benefits and risks associated with riding in this condition and must obtain and act upon professional medical advice regarding their fitness to continue participating in equine activities.
9. Members are to participate in a polite, honest and respectful manner in dealings with fellow members, officials and others associated with BRC. Inappropriate behaviour and/or abusive language will not be tolerated. Members must accept responsibility for their actions.
10. Members are not to engage in riding which will endanger themselves or others. Riders must consult other riders before increasing pace and/or distance from the group on trail rides and other group activities.
11. When riding in groups the rider of the horse following is responsible for keeping his/her horse at a safe distance from the horse in front. A horse known to kick should have a red ribbon in its tail.
12. Horses must be in a condition fit to undertake the activities and riders are responsible for the condition and safety of their tack
13. Owners of stallions are to notify a Committee member that they are bringing a stallion to an activity day.
14. BRC Committee reserves the right to ask members to remove a horse which is being disruptive or is not sufficiently under control.
15. Dogs must be restrained and under control at all times.
16. Spectators should be at a safe distance from riding events.
17. Parents and carers must ensure children in their care are supervised and kept a safe distance from horses, vehicles and equipment.
18. Members are to act in accordance to the BRC Code of Conduct. The committee reserves the right to refuse participation of members in breach of the BRC Code of Conduct.

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Issue 4  
MAY 2009

## Welcome to the 4th Edition—2009 Bungendore Riding Club Newsletter

### May Kowen Forest Trail Ride Sunday, 31st May 2009

Even though the weather was a bit chilly, drizzly and cold, 14 of the 20 registered riders turned up for a fabulous and relaxing day of trail riding and socialising. We set out from the Kowen Homestead Recreation Area to "brave" the forest trails. We had split into 3 groups according to choice of pace, and of course "ol' hands" Endurance riders, Searle and Kristen, with Bindi, were streets ahead of anybody else! We enjoyed some very 'pretty' trails over a couple of hours, with a few steep ascents and descents thrown in. There were some spectacular views of our local surrounds! Everyone got back to 'base' dry and unscathed. By the time the rain came upon us we were already undercover enjoying a nice, sociable BBQ luncheon (I call it a luncheon because we had plates AND cutlery!!) with plenty of hot coffee and tea! Many thanks to Beck M for organising the event. I am sure everyone had a wonderful day!  
Many Thanks to Sam Goesch for this report.

#### Riders and their neddies on the Trail Ride:

Laurene Edsor "Rocky"  
Gloria Elder "Shanne"  
Catherine Foley "Fox"  
Steve Foley "Romany"  
Sue Fraser "Banda" (Wagga JC)  
Sam Goesch "Zoe"  
Pauline Hopkins "Rhapsody in Blue" (TARC)  
Helen Locke "Ennovyar Estelle"  
Bindi Nicholson  
Helen Blain  
Kristen Proudfoot "Tirra Lirra"  
Searle Johnston "Boris"  
Sally Townsend "Rory" (MARC)  
Beck Morsink "Shine"

#### Note from the Co-Event Coordinator:

A special welcome and thank you to visiting members from MARC, TARC and Wagga SJ who rode with us on the Kowen Forest Trail Ride. It was lovely to be able to share a BRC experience with members from other clubs and very flattering that they would deem the ride enjoyable enough to come some distance (from Wagga in particular) to come along. Beck Morsink

### 2009 Dates for Diary

Please note changes and additional BRC Events for 2009!

28 Jun – Derby mini-comp (Dressage and Jumping)

5 July – Trail ride @ Tallaganda

19 July – Sporting Teams

1 Aug – Horse's Birthday Bash  
(at the Bungendore Royal Hotel)

5 August – Trail @ Monga

29 Aug – SJ clinic (1.5 hours each)  
30 Aug – XC clinic (2 hours each)

27 Sep – Dressage Clinic

1 Nov – BRC ODE

21/22 Nov – Sth Coast Overnight Trail ride

? Dec – Orienteering

? Dec – BRC Xmas dinner

### Next BRC Event....

**Derby mini-comp  
(Dressage and Jumping)**

**When: Sunday 28th June 2009**

Details will be sent and posted on BRC website soon!

**Coordinator: Rebecca Morsink  
Email: Rebecca@sysfig.com.au  
Ph: 6238 1042**

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**Next BRC Committee Meeting:**

**Thursday  
2nd July**

**Time: 7.30pm  
Venue: Morsink house,  
13 Elmslea DR, Bungendore.  
Contact: Beck  
Ph: 6238 1042**





## News from the BRC Committee

### Working Bee for Derby comp

To check/setup the jumps and tidy up the container

**When:** Saturday, 27th June 2009

**Where:** Bungendore Showground

**Time:** 1pm to 4 pm.

All help no matter how long for will be appreciated!!

### BRC ODE HELPERS!

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**WHEN: 1st August** (set up) Also, anyone who is able to help on the day of comp **2nd August** with pencilling, marshalling, cross country jump judging would be VERY welcome!

Please contact Anne at [acfield@aol.com](mailto:acfield@aol.com), or on 6238 2418 or 0437 527 376.

More details on Set up times etc will be emailed closer to the date.

## Classifieds!!

### Wanted to Buy

**Double horse float up to \$4500.**

**Must haves...**  
Great floor,  
spring loaded tail gate,  
solid bum bars (not chains),  
electric brakes,  
up to 750 tare weight

**Please contact Sam Goesch on;  
62381980 or 0428575617**

### Other Dates for Your Diary

14th June—VHOTY comp  
20/21 June—Canberra ODE

## BRC Riders Out & About!

### MARC

#### Showjumping & Dressage Comp Sunday, 17th May 2009

The wild, windy weather over consecutive days prior the event, was not looking promising, until thankfully it "blew out" on Saturday evening. Sunday dawned absolutely perfect! - still, crisp & sunny for the competition; perfect "hacking jacket weather" and as always, MARC put on a wonderfully fun day to boot.

Amongst the sea of friendly faces, there were a number of BRC members and their families including: Kim Gaspari, Glenda Georges, Caryn Bulmer, Marion Kilby, Megan Hodge, Jacqui Lavis, Amy Griffin, Takira Gaspari (JR) and Andrew Thorek (BPC). Non riders included Val Woodward (owner/trainer), Keith Churchill, Mark Thorek and Rebecca Morsink (judging) plus the other family members that got "dragged" along for the day!

The turnout of horse and rider was generally quite smart with most riders in hacking jackets and a few horses here and there plaited up - not surprisingly, seeing that MARC offered an Associate Dressage Test. It was a super fun day and in the jumping, as always, spectators and judges were allowed to call out where the next jump was if anyone got "lost". We were all thankful for this as it was set out as a Derby course with 15 jumping efforts in total including a double, two "squeezes", a roll-top and various other obstacles - quite a challenge but it got everyone thinking and by the end of the course, smiling. Congratulations to all participants and thank you to Murrumbateman Adult Riding Club for running another successful and enjoyable outing! Many thanks to Amy Griffin for this report.

Results for BRC riders are as follows:

<b>Prelim 1.3 Adult</b>	<b>Showjumping 45cm</b>
1st Megan Hodge	1st Amy Griffin
	3rd Caryn Bulmer
<b>Prelim 1.1 Adult</b>	4th Jacqui Lavis
1st Megan Hodge	5th Kim Gaspari
4th Amy Griffin	
	<b>Showjumping 60cm</b>
	1st Megan Hodge

The full results of the MARC comp can be downloaded from the BRC website.

### ACT ShowJump Club Showjumping Comp Sunday, 31st May 2009

The weather was a bit of concern? - raining at Bungendore at 6am!?! - no one fancies jumping around a wet/slippery course! But by the time we loaded the horses and ventured into the ACT, the gods were on our side and "went round" Equestrian Park! It was perfect riding weather and perfect underfoot! Woohoo!!

There was large turn out of riders with 25-30 entries in EACH class and the "warm up" area in-between the two Rings, was def not for the "faint hearted"!! Lots of horses flying around in all different directions/going over the practice jumps! I had to keep thinking "which is the correct? "etiquette" side to "pass" an oncoming horse"!?!? But managed to avoid any mishaps!

Many riders had more than one horse, some were riding two, three or more on the day, and competing at various levels. Ring 1 was for the gunho's! Ring 2 was for the lower classes - 65cm, 75cm and 85cm. The 65cm class was based on clear and closest to "optimum" time. The 75 and 85 was "2 Phase", which means if you go clear for the first part of the course, then you go straight onto the second part and results are based on clear and fastest time for the 2nd phase. The course was a lovely big flowing one and very inviting which was perfect for "green" horses and/or confidence building for the more experienced but "still working on it" types, like my horse.

I entered the 65cm Class and was very happy with Dan's major improvement in his confidence to mostly "flow" without any "silliness" and go "clear"! Everyone had a fun and successful time with their horses! And the bonus for the day, we actually placed 5th! Report by Anna McAuliffe



## From Beck Morsink, Co-Event Coordinator: Time for BRC Members to Put on Their Shades

It is with great delight (and much relief) that I can announce that Amanda Ruggiero has joined me as co-event coordinator at BRC. What does this mean? Well, basically there are two heads rather than one coordinating riding events. I think fewer things will fall through the cracks in terms of getting days organized early, sorted and setup. Coordinating these days are, you are aware, a huge task, made harder for me since Marcus was born 8 months ago and I felt my performance slipping. Amanda rang me and offered to come on board, initially as an assistant. Her extensive knowledge of the local equestrian community and clubs, not to mention her role as owner and riding instructor at King's Hill, determined that there would be no question of assistant...we would both wear the mantle (though already she has mentored, coached and given me, personally, so much more than I could ever hope to return). I hope all members can be as excited about this as I am. It will bring a different facet to this great club and, I believe, will make BRC much richer for it. However, Amanda's committee position must come with a warning...she is deeply passionate about dressage...don't be surprised if a few more dressage days get slipped into the calendar!

Upon Amanda's offer to come on board, we immediately sat down to review the 2009 Schedule. Always a "live" document, the old one was extensively re-worked. Please take the time to review the new schedule. Amanda and I are very excited about it. We hope it reflects something for everyone...as it should. We are open to all suggestions and requests, so please feel free to approach either Amanda or I with

With regard to trailing at BRC...the future looks VERY bright. I must admit that, as a newcomer to the area, I have no idea about trails...where, what or how. I acknowledge that my lack of knowledge ended up with a lack of opportunity for BRC trail rides. As part of our solution, Amanda and myself have asked Helen Locke to be the "trail ride expert" at BRC. With her help and guidance, BRC will be offering you far more and varied trailing. Check out the new 2009 Schedule of Events for the trail dates which are no longer at the end of the month. Helen has Tallaganda and Monga tagged for July and August and whispers in the wind tell of attempts to arrange an overnight beach trail 2009/2010. A huge thank you to Helen for agreeing to consult and organise the BRC Trailing for us. Helen also has a magic key which has already proved it can work miracles...she's definitely a good one to have onside!

June will see the introduction of a new activity at BRC...a Derby Day! It's all about fun and doing things a little differently. The dressage test is one with a difference...check it out on the next page 2b... (remember to read the "unstructions" at the top!) A little tongue in cheek approach for all. I would hope those who love sporting obstacle courses will be keen to enter, alongside the dressage dandies! The test will be judged, but a prerequisite of the judge will be that they have a definite sense of humor. Of course, no plaiting is required!!! The jumping event will be over a short course that includes both showjump and cross country jumps, starting at 45cm, there will be a class for everyone, but no water...this year! Beck

*Hi BRC members,*

*My name is Amanda and I've been teaching for longer than I really care to remember?! ☺*

*I operate a small riding school just outside of Bungendore Village where I teach Children and Adult Beginners....*

*But my passion is Dressage.....I try to specialize in showing riders how to improve the way their horse is going, by learning about balance, posture and correct use of the aids. I also have a bit of a penchant for "Arena Geography".*

*I 'studied' and did many "Train to Teach" clinics with English Instructor Sandra Pearson-Adams, (now located in Qld).*

*I am at present Re-schooling a lovely, youngish, WB Gelding, Red, in the "Classic Art of Dressage"...We are progressing slowly.*

*I became a member of BRC earlier this year and am looking forward to doing some 'Flatwork' days and attending monthly meetings and events as your new (second) Co-Event Coordinator!*



Amanda Ruggiero on Red at the recent STARCC

**UNSTRUCTIONS:**

Transitions into and out of the trot may be made through the walk.

To be ridden in an ordinary snaffle

All trot work is optional either sitting or rising.

10 Excellent  
9 Very Good  
8 Good  
7 Fairly Good  
6 Satisfactory  
5 Sufficient

4 Insufficient  
3 Fairly Bad  
2 Bad  
1 Very Bad  
0 Not Executed

# BRC Derby Day

## Dressage Trail Class

Arena 60m x 20m

**NO: HORSE NAME:**

**RIDER:**

**VENUE:**

		Movement	Directive Ideas	Pts	Coe	Tot	Remarks
1	A X	Enter working trot Trot through trot poles on c-line Halt, salute. Proceed working trot	Straightness on c-line, Willingness to trot through poles Quality of trot	10			
2	C E  E-K	Track left Circle left 20 metres, then halt at mailbox at E. Open mailbox and sort through mail to find the card with a 10 on it. Show card to judge and return it to mailbox, closing the mailbox. Proceed at medium walk	Quality of turn at C Execution and size of circle. Quality of halt and willingness of horse to stand quietly. Immobility not required, but encouraged.	10			
3	K	Enter the "L" obstacle. Within the "L" show at least three steps of rein back. Exit "L", turn left and continue on the track	Willingness of horse, straightness of rein back.	10			
4	F-X-H	Change rein and medium walk crossing bridge on the diagonal	Willingness of horse to cross bridge. All four feet should step onto the bridge.	10			
5	H-C  C	Between H and C Working trot  Working trot Circle right 20 meters	Smoothness of transition. Execution and size of circle.	10			
6	C	Halt. Pick up an egg from the judge. With the reins in one hand, ride a 15 meter circle at the trot, halting at C to return egg to the judge.	Quality of transition to halt. Roundness of circle. Rider position while holding egg.	10			
7	C C-M  M to A C to A	Proceed working trot Between C and M working canter right lead Working canter right Working trot	Quality of transition to trot and then to canter. Straightness on the rail	10	2		
8	K-X-M M M to C  C to A	Change rein working trot Working trot Between M and C working canter left lead Working canter	Straightness, quality of trot on diagonal. Quality of transition into canter. Straightness on the rail	10			
9	A F to B B	Working trot Between F and B medium walk Turn left and walk to stack of bales. Pick up the softball and proceed to walk to C. From E throw the ball at the animal on the bales trying to knock over the animal	Quality of downward transitions. Quality of turn at B. Rider's ability to hit a fixed object and horses tolerance of thrown ball.	10			
10	E  H C M	Working trot proceeding along rail to C Bridge reins in one hand Wave to the judge Pick up the reins in two hands and proceed towards F	Quality of transition Horses willingness to maintain the gait and cadence with the reins bridged.	10			
11	A X	Down centre line (through the trot poles) Halt, salute	Straightness on c-line, Willingness to trot through poles. Quality of halt.	10			

Leave arena at free walk on a long rein at A

Note: Riders may only take three attempts at any obstacle in the trail and must then move on to the next movement





## Adventures of Marion and Amy

### Part 1 – The Incident

After having a lovely day at the recent MARC Dressage and Show Jumping Competition, we set off home with horses in tow, happily chatting about the days events. Just as we were nearing Smith's Gap, without any warning whatsoever, there was a loud "BANG!" behind us followed by the screeching of metal on bitumen. Assuming that a tyre had blown out, we pulled over and got out to inspect the damage. Horses, "check", surprisingly they were unscathed and seemingly unaware of any peril but even more surprising we found there was no rear wheel on the float at all - all five wheel studs had sheared off! At this point we cast our eyes down the road to where a car had pulled over...sure enough there were two figures apparently clearing debris from the road. The figures started to walk up the hill towards us and I slowly realized what happened. A slightly perturbed fellow explained the wheel had hit their car - still in shock we exchanged details.

### Part 2 – In the meantime...

While all this was happening, a friendly BRC member and her young niece had pulled over to help and kindly offered for us to leave the two horses at their place, only 100 or so metres up the road. We felt very lucky at this point; there were no injuries and we had a safe place to leave the horses. As we walked up the road, the young lady chatted to us excitedly as though this were a fun adventure; we were so pleased to have her company as it took our minds off the seriousness of what had happened.

### Part 3 – Going home

We limped the float into Bungendore where it could be repaired without risk of us being run over. A friend (yes, another BRC member) was kind enough to loan us a float in our sticky situation and we went out in the dark to retrieve the horses. Being in unfamiliar territory, the horses met us at the gate and we both sighed with relief when the horses loaded with no objections. Ahhh, the beauty of having a light in a float, it changes the dark abyss into a warm welcome as far as the horses were concerned! The horses were pleased to be home and so were we.

Thank you to Sam, Cassidy and Val for saving our butts! We are so grateful for your help!

## 2008/2009 BRC Membership

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**1st October 2008 - 30th September  
2009**

**New member \$70  
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Family (2) \$100  
Family (3+) \$150**

Club information is sent via email by BRC membership secretary Rebecca Gaukroger for free. If you wish to receive info via Postal, then please add an extra \$5

## BRC Website!!

**Is continually UPDATED!!  
Please check it for up-  
coming events, forms to  
download, and riding  
times/program prior to  
riding days!**

**www.brc.org.au**

## Canberra Equestrian Clubs & Associations

### Murrumbateman Adult Riding Club

<http://murrumbatemanarc.multiply.com/>

### Tuggeranong Adult Riding Club

[www.tuggeranongarc.equestrian.org.au/](http://www.tuggeranongarc.equestrian.org.au/)

### ACT Equestrian Association (ACTEA)

<http://www.actequestrian.com/>

Any club can register their dates for upcoming events for free. It also includes a Classified section.

ACTEA manages Equestrian Park, Cotter Rd—Curtin

### National Capital Equestrian Club (NCEC)

<http://www.ncec.asn.au/>

Organises competitions in Dressage and Hacking. Occasionally they will liaise with the ACT Show jumping club and organise a Combined Training Competition in Dressage and Show jumping.

### ACT Show Jumping Club (ACTSJC)

<http://www.actshowjumpclub.com.au/default.htm>

Promotes Show Jumping in Canberra region. Organises training and competitions, sometimes in combination with other organisations such as NCEC.

### National Capital Horse Trials (NCHTA)

NCHTA aims to promote the sport of Eventing and conducts safe and enjoyable training days and competitions.

<http://www.nchta.com.au/>

Contact for their newsletter and calendar is:

"Greg Edwards" <[datashet@actewagl.net.au](mailto:datashet@actewagl.net.au)>

### ACT Dressage Association (ACTDA)

<http://www.actda.com.au/>

Organises Dressage Competitions located at Exhibition Park in Canberra (EPIC)

### National Equestrian Centre Kerrabee

<http://www.neqc.com.au/index.htm>

Conducts competitions in Mini-Dressage, Mini-show jumping and Mini-One Day Eventing. Located in Weston Creek.

### Local Canberra Horse forum

<http://cbrhorse.potts.net.au/Forum/default.asp>

The Bush Capital Horse Directory contains equestrian information including links relevant to ACT. It also operates a discussion forum.

### Other Horsey Websites

EFA NSW

<http://www.efansw.com.au/index.html>

Eventing NSW

<http://www.horsetrials.com.au/>

New South Wales Polo Crosse

[http://www.polocrosse.net/aus/nsw/index\\_nsw.html](http://www.polocrosse.net/aus/nsw/index_nsw.html)

NSW ERA—Endurance Riding

[www.nswera.asn.au](http://www.nswera.asn.au)



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# Saddlebags

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Issue 5  
June 2009

## Welcome to the 5th Edition—2009 Bungendore Riding Club Newsletter

### June Derby - Dressage & Jumping Bungendore Showground Sunday, 28th June 2009

What a hilarious and fun day this was!!! BRC's first Derby Day proved most popular with 33 riders registered. It was great to have quite a few visiting riders from our fellow adult riding clubs TARC and MARC. The events included a Dressage "Derby" (novelty) test and a Jumping Derby which included a combined Cross country and Show jump course.

The Dressage Derby was great fun but also proved most challenging at times! The retrieval of the bag of balls on the hay bales proved very tricky for those on (tall) 16.3hh horses and those on horses not familiar with "Cookie Monsters"?!! The throwing of the balls at poor Cookie Monster (much to his luck), everyone missed knocking him off except for Kylie H. Although some riders "cheated"!! by knocking him off with their horse's nose - poor Cookie!!! - but the Judge was "onto them" and of course this was an "error of course"!

The Jumping Derby was very exciting for riders and once again it was challenging to ride Cross country style jumps and then to "bring back" your horse for the more vertical Show jumps! It was very exciting to "christen" our brand new, gorgeous Feedshed sponsored Show jump (see pic next page).

Full results will be posted on the BRC website soon and don't forget to check out the new pics, thanks to Catherine Daniel!!

Many thanks to the Coordinator of the day, Rebecca Morsink for organising such a fun day!

A huge thanks to EVERYONE - members, family and friends (there are too many to name) who assisted with setting up of equipment, judging, jump judging, penicillin and food/BBQ etc... without the help of so many people we would not be able to run this kind of FUN event.

Also, a very special thanks to our over enthusiastic helpers who also started to pack up the Dog Trial equipment (a week too early, guys!!!) Ooops!!!

### Derby Day pics!

Go to [www.brc.org.au](http://www.brc.org.au)  
Open up the "Photo Gallery" page and click on the direct link to photobucket (you don't have to log on)  
Once in photobucket,  
scroll down left hand side and the Folder is

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You can download/save the photos (open first) and/or if you would like a copy of the original picture, contact Catherine Daniel via email [[catherine.daniel@bigpond.com](mailto:catherine.daniel@bigpond.com)]

### BRC Trail rides

Lots of great trail rides are planned for the rest of the year and next year. This weekend gone (5 July) was the beautiful ride at Tallaganda. On Sunday 2 August 2009 there will be a ride at Monga which is 20 km from Braidwood just before you head down the Clyde Mountain. This ride will be about 25 kms and horses need to be reasonably fit. This is also a beautiful ride through tree fern filled gullies. In November there is a weekend on the south coast planned. Riding will include Mogo State Forest on the Saturday with a stay at the horse-o-tel in Moruya (comfy motel rooms, stables, yards and a walk to Moruya's cafes) and a lake and beach ride on the Sunday. In 2010 ideas for rides include Mt Ainslie equestrian trails, the Snowy Mtns, Namadgi, the Wamboin greenways including a stop for gourmet pizza at Lamberts winery. Helen Locke

### Next BRC Event....

#### Sporting Teams at Bungendore showground 19th July 2009

Details will be sent and posted on BRC website soon!

Coordinator: Rebecca Morsink  
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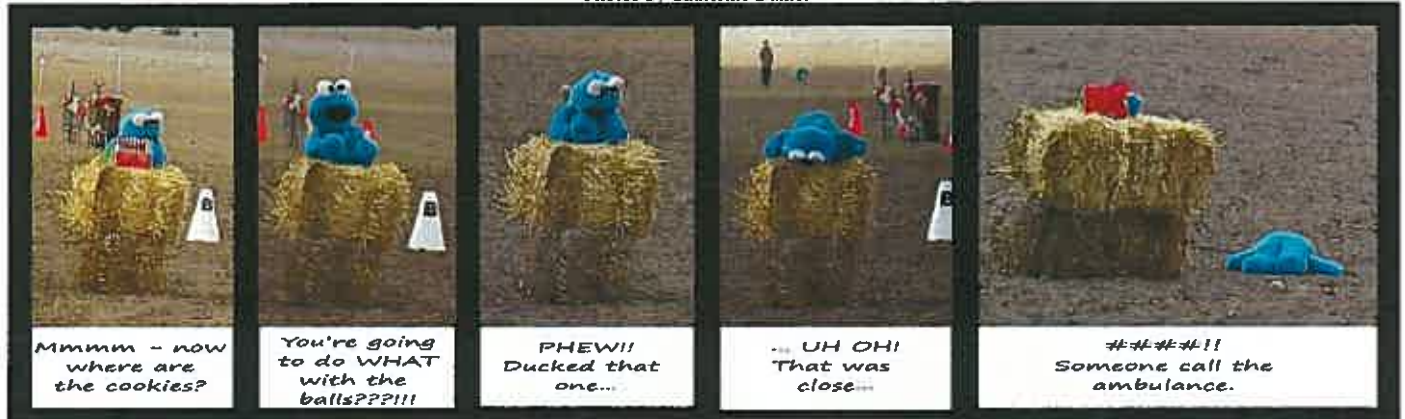
**Thursday**  
**23rd July**

**Time:** 7.30pm  
**Venue:** Morsink house,  
13 Elmslea DR, Bungendore.  
**Contact:** Beck  
**Ph:** 6238 1042



## BRC Derby Day pics!

Photos by Catherine Daniel



Go Kylie!

Kylie Higginbotham jumping BRC's new Show jump, sponsored by The Feedshed



Sam Welch on Mo in the Dressage Derby!



Sally Townsend from Murrumbateman on Jumping course!"

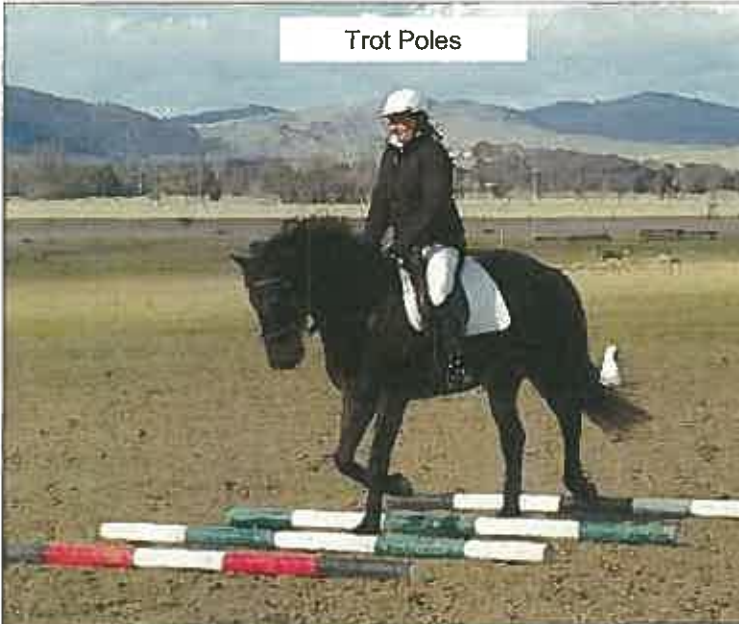




## BRC Derby Day pics!

Photos by Catherine Daniel

Trot Poles



Backup



Throw the ball (at poor Cookie Monster!)



What the?? a Barbie Doll rider!



Walk the Bridge - HA! Finally!!!



Don't forget to wave to the Judge at "C"!







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### Local Canberra Horse forum

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## BRC Riders Out and About

### Annual Cathcart Trail Ride May 2009

By Catherine Daniel

Scott and I participated in the Annual Cathcart Trail ride this year.

Cathcart is a tiny village near Bombala, nestled below the Snowy Mountains. Each year they run the Cathcart Charity Trail Ride and this year there were 83 riders (ranging from age 9 to around 80) plus various support crew in the village for the event. Scott and I travelled in convoy with a group of friends, arriving the afternoon before the ride, giving us time to settle the horses in and meet fellow riders. After over a week of horrible weather here (such as the weekend before that resulted in the jumping clinic being cancelled) I was more than a little concerned about how cold it would be. The God's blessed us and we woke to a chilly but still, clear day. We were up early to make the 6:00am HUGE country style cooked breakfast - the perfect way to start a long day. Not too long for chatting as we were back to getting the horses saddled up for our 7:30am start - Scott was riding *Scream* and I was on my new, young horse *Buddy* (who had only ever seen a race track and a sand arena previously to this ride). *Buddy* was very excited to see all the horses and we spent the first half of the day jogging and prancing around - but overall, he did very well considering it was such a strange, new environment for him. He got edgy when he couldn't see any of the horses he knew (yes, we will need to work on this), but once he was next to one of them, he relaxed and was happy to stretch his neck out and walk on a loose rein.

Our first river crossing (Coolumbooka River) came up pretty quickly and luckily for me, *Buddy* was halfway through before he realised he was in the water (I kept him close up the back of *Scream* so he didn't realise he was going into water). He jumped out the other side - but was really pretty well behaved and crossed the river many more times during the ride without issue. Some horses (and riders) had hesitations with the water but we all made it through in one form or another. We headed through some steep forest trails before coming back onto the plains near the river for a fantastic morning tea - imagine a chilly few hours of riding, then stopping in a



picturesque valley with tables laid out with all the cakes, pastries, slices and hot foods you could imagine - Yummo! It was so well organised, they even placed very respectable toilets with real toilet paper out for us. We headed off again through a mixture of valleys and steep forested hills and arrived at lunch by the river - even more amazing food including salad wraps, BBQ and steaming hot soup (and lots more cakes and biscuits). After lunch it was back through the river and up some pretty steep hills. In all, we travelled nearly 40Kms of some really pretty countryside. The organisation was fantastic and we were flanked by "marshals" the whole ride, helping some of the less experienced riders through some difficult areas - but generally, happy to have a chat and find out where you came from, what you do, etc. Just as our butts were saying "no more" we came down the last hill to cross the final river crossing before we returned to the village - around 4:00pm. The day finished with a spectacular deep water crash in the river by one of the riders who thought it would be smart to canter along the centre of the river rather than just crossing it like everyone else! After having a quick (but hot) shower and feeding the horses, we returned to the hall for another amazing meal, followed by "DJ Dave's" disco. There was lots of chatting and drinking by the many fires outside but we all crashed pretty early after such a long day. We were back for another huge cooked breakfast the following morning before we packed up to head home. I really recommend this event to everyone - families and singles alike. All the riders and volunteers were so friendly and I can't speak highly enough about how well organised the whole event was (and it was really well priced as well).







## BRC Riders Out and About cont'd

### Versatile Horse of the Year Competition hosted by TARC Equestrian Park, Yarralumla 14th June 2009

By Anna McAuliffe

Wow! This was a fun but very challenging Event - with all of us trying to "remember" everything for the different workouts, Dressage (DR) and other events. It was also physically challenging (especially for someone like me), to remain "clean"!?! Dan "snotted" on the back of my Jacket and then I sat in "something" in my "clean" jodis, ... and I somehow got "stuff" on my front as well?! .....Guess I'm not cut out to be an "Hackie"?! .....Anyway...It was a very well organised event and I don't know how they managed to coordinate such an amazing Draw for the day to run so smoothly, an absolute credit to TARC!!

There were 4 Classes increasing in the level of difficulty and ability.

1. Preparatory DR & Cross rails SJ,
2. Preliminary DR & 45cm SJ,
3. Novice DR & 60cm SJ and
4. Elementary DR and 80cm SJ.

The Hacking events were based on the level of dressage entered. Each class had six events, but you were only required to complete 4 events for a final score. The events included a Led workout, a Hack workout, Dressage test, Handy horse, Sporting and Showjumping. I decided to enter the "Novice" class with 60cm SJ as I wanted to keep our jumping momentum going for Canberra ODE which was the following weekend. But the novice dressage test 2.3 was beyond my level of experience but thought to give it a go?! Our practice at home and warm up on the day wasn't too bad, considering my lack of experience, and we were doing correct canter leads etc and relatively "accurate" - Oh! and I was coping with the "sitting trot"!; so I was thinking that we would get round more or less okay?!..... Well, if there had of been a prize for "how NOT to ride the 2.3, then we would have won hands down! We totally topped in all aspects of the "incorrect" - we had no "frame" the whole time - "above bit", bending out from the arena pipes, wobbly, crooked, hollow in back, off centre line, circles too big, no length shown, and usually our best moves - wrong canter leads both ways, with the second one to be topped off by going "disunited"! (good one!!)... It was such a disaster and I think that the Judge was mortified by our "un"performance?!!!!! ....

The Showjumping was a nice course (thanks to Forest Park Riding school) - the Ring was smaller than usual (due to fitting in all the other events as part of the grounds are closed off in preparation for the construction of new Dressage arenas). Anyway, the jumps were "flowing" with lots of change of rein.



Roxanne (ridden by Glenda Georges) who came 5th Overall in the Preparatory Class

It was a fun course and we did a nice round, except I rode crooked into, unrelated No.7 to "pull the rail"; costing me 2nd place as we were 1 second off Optimum time! But that didn't really bother me as such, I was more happy with how well Dan went round - smoothly and without being silly.

The Handy Horse event was disappointing for my "level" as the course didn't really "measure" how handy a horse could be. It was based on fastest time had a key hole, then couple little jumps (which could be stepped over), bending around cones, through an S bend (poles on ground), over some trot poles, round some trees, to finish through a pole laneway. I was expecting to be asked to "back up", carry items and walk a tarp/carpet maybe?

The Novice hack workout was fun and a challenge to fit the workout inside the small area, and I was happy with our accuracy for the canter "serpentine with 2 different changes"; (correct leads this time!) and even though we didn't achieve any "extension" in our trot, it was a huge improvement on our dressage.

The other events included the Led workout; and Sporting - which involved the bending and barrel races timed all in one go and that was a bit of fun being a bit "uncouth", and guess it would have looked slightly funny to see all these riders in "Hack attire" hooning around barrels!

My results in Novice class—Led - 10th, Hack - 12th, Showjumping - 11th, Handy horse 8th, Sporting - 8th and Dressage—am pretty sure we would have come last with an impressive 42%!!! It was a fun day, but guess I won't be attempting another novice DR test for a long time!



## BRC Riders Out and About cont'd

### Versatile Horse of the Year Competition Cont'd.....

#### BRC Riders and Horses at VHOTY

##### Preparatory

Karen Sutcliffe and Jade  
Glenda Georges and Roxanne  
Caryn Bulmer and Portia  
Deb Parsons and Kildonan Sunrise  
Duncan McLaughlin and Kholonial Sebastian  
Helen Locke and Ennovyor Estelle

##### Preliminary

Elena Sutcliffe and Toroanado  
Megan Hodge and Somerhill Cue  
Samantha Welch and Mo-Yo

##### Novice

Anna McAuliffe and Flamingo Dance

Congratulations to all BRC riders who took on the challenge of VHOTY. Well done!



Karen Sutcliffe on her lovely 4yo HaflingerX pony, Jade.  
Overall 3rd Place in Preparatory Class

*Photo courtesy of All Creatures Photography  
Many thanks to Nicole Hewitt  
[www.all-creatures.net/](http://www.all-creatures.net/)*

By Kaaren Sutcliffe

Overall, 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Prep class – just loooove the lilac sash, which matched Jade's chestnut, blonde and white colouring perfectly.

Most challenging parts of the day: keeping Jade's 4 white stockings vaguely near white...especially with the Led class last... and remembering where to be when and the different work-out instructions. The night before I had three separate dreams that all involved me being lost somewhere...no, I wasn't that worried, really.

Most fun parts of the day: half way around the jumping course Jade suddenly clicked what 'jump' meant as opposed to 'trot/step over poles'. Things sped up considerably from there and Elena reckoned she could hear me going "Yee hah, hooney Haflinger" from the next arena. We also learned a valuable lesson at the end of the course that if there are two jumps one after the other this is called 'a double' and you are supposed to jump both, and a serpentine between them is not actually required. Jade told me later that she saw Helen Lock's Elle do the serpentine first, so she thought it was a special combo jump/dressage deal.

We also gave impromptu pony rides to a couple of wee girls whose parents had brought them out to watch. Jade thinks she came first in that event as she was very nice to the girls and they were happily asking their parents for a pony afterwards.

My results in the Prep class—Dressage 5th, Led 2nd, Hack 2nd, Sporting 7th, Handy Horse 7th, Show jumping 8th.

Overall we had fun and enjoyed catching up with fellow BRC members and other long lost friends that I hadn't seen for years. Thank you so much to the organisers and all the helpers for putting it all together; I can't imagine how long it took to get the draws and sequencing sorted and then to calculate all the results on the day.

By Sam Welch

Mo and I competed at VHOTY. It was such good weather and well organised day. Nikita was supposed to go with Mikaela, but she sprung a shoe the night before - shame. I was very professional and went the wrong way in the sporting which meant elimination in that event, and got my times wrong for the dressage and missed it, so didn't get to be in the running at all as dressage was compulsory. But the whole idea was to get Mo out, and he had a ball, making sure he said hello to everybody, and having a roll right in the thick of things, as what else was that lovely sandy ground for? Just glad he had a good outing and enjoyed himself, and that there were lots of BRC faces there too.

We had a fun day!



## BRC Riders Out and About cont'd

**Canberra One Day Event  
20/21 June 2009  
Hosted by  
National Capital Horse Trials Association  
(NCHTA)  
at  
Equestrian Park, Yarralumla  
BRC Riders and Horses  
Newcomers class  
Caryn Bulmer and Portia  
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Megan Hodge and Somerhill Cue**

By Anna McAuliffe

Caryn, Megan and myself ventured into Equestrian Park for an exciting 2 days of Eventing. We got to see some of the "Pro's" riding their magnificent horses in between riding our own events. We were all entered in the Newcomers class which included Dressage test 1.1 (thats more like it!), 60cm Showjumping and 60cm Cross country. Newcomers is a class designed to introduce and/or build confidence in you and your horse for the 3 phases of Eventing. Results are based on a penalty system with the lowest number of penalties after all 3 phases wins. Your Dressage % score is converted to penalties. For Megan, it was her "baby's" first ODE! He is only 4 years and has been broken in about 7months! It was also Caryn's first official ODE and 2nd ODE on her lovely mare, Portia. For me, having done a number of NC's over the last 3 years (take out the EI break) on Dan; I'm still in the process of re-building his confidence after previous owner issues! I am hopeful though, that we will one day eventually move onto the next level, Introductory.

### Day One:

Dressage. Megan attained a great result, considering that the warm up area was near 600m from the actual arena; and after conversion was on 56.20 penalties. Caryn was on 63.12 achieving their best DR test to date, and myself not far behind, on 64.38. We went so much better compared to last weekend's disaster at VHOTY!

Showjumping. The course was "inviting" for green horses but a lot of the course was built down and many of the jumps were only 45cm. This proved the undoing for many of the "big" horses who lazily pulled rail after rail. No.7 Oxer on a slight downhill slope also proved to cause a lot of trouble including lots of refusals. Megan was very proud of her boy doing an easy clear round as per Caryn who also went clear. Whilst I also managed a clear round as well, it wasn't as nice as the last few rounds we have done recently. Dan slightly reverted back to some of his previous "silly" behaviour, but it was very minor and nothing compared to "Canberra 2007" where we "found our line" into the first jump more or less sideways!!!

There were 31 competitors in our class and after the first 2 Phases, Megan was coming about 15th, and Caryn and I were around 20-22nd mark.

### Day Two:

Cross Country. Equestrian park received a huge dumping of rain overnight and it was a bit of a concern that the XC course would be really slippery? A course walk, saw only a couple parts to 'err on the side of caution' and in actual fact, it was really good under foot.

Jump one was a lovely, newly constructed box/ski with concrete pillars as wings; but quite a "scary" and confronting looking jump for the first one "on course" and proved for many refusals especially the "green" horses. The course also included logs, roll tops, skis, drop off, ditch, pipes, water and another newly constructed box jump to finish. Megan's boy was very brave and did a clear XC round; but racked up time penalties, due to Megan taking her time with such a young fellow to finish in 23rd place on 95.85 penalties. Caryn also took her time and was a little cautious with the downhill jumping, but unfortunately ended up with 3 refusals to be eliminated. Dan slightly hesitated into the new jump number 1 and number 2 raised spotted log, and but then set off at a nice cracking pace, woohoo!!!...Until, into the pines, Jump 5, an easy roll top, but had hay bales added to create "wings", which "surprised" Dan, for a refusal! Doh! But for the rest of the course, he didn't "bat an eye" to jump clear, confident and at a good pace - for only 6 time penalties considering slowing for wet parts and the stop. I was pleased with his efforts, and finished 19th with 91.18 penalties.

It was a great event and NCHTA is to be congratulated especially for the enormous preparation they put into the lovely Equestrian park Cross country course!



Anna McAuliffe on Dan during the Show jumping phase  
Photo courtesy of Main Event Photography

## Mounted Games Competition Results June 27/28th 2009

By Maureen Purdie

Rebecca and I competed in the Australian Mounted Games Competition held at Cudal on the weekend (June 27 and 28). The Individuals were held on Saturday. Rebecca came 2nd and I came 3rd in the Veterans.

On the Sunday it was a teams event and we teamed up with Millie McInnes and Kieran Chapman. We placed 1st in the B final.





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Bungendore Riding  
Club

Issue 6  
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## Welcome to the 6th Edition—2009 Bungendore Riding Club Newsletter

### Tallaganda Trail Ride Sunday, July 5th 2009

Only the 2 Helens (Locke and Thompson) braved the heights of Tallaganda on 5 July. After a few days of arctic winds, the day was sunny and calm; and beautifully sheltered amongst the bush and pine forests. We had a lovely ride with lots of long canters along the trails. Helen's horse Impi is still quite green and travelled well with the old hand Elle and we managed to do a bit of trail training along the way. Motor bike riders were heard but they kept to the narrow tracks inside the pine forest and we only had one encounter up close - Helen took the opportunity to introduced Impi to the bikes as he has a history of not being fond of them. He was fine as they started up the engines and drove away. Lunch of hot soup and BBQ back at the picnic spot warmed us up as we pondered where the water comes from that keeps the water wheel spinning. The water tap coming out of the rocks with a rock basin is rather cute too!! Many thanks to Helen L for organising the ride and the report.

### July - Sporting Bungendore Showground Sunday, 19th July 2009

This event was postponed. Apologies to all members who had planned to attend to this day. The GREAT NEWS is that the Sporting Spectacular has been rescheduled to Sunday, August 30.

### BRC Horses' Birthday Bash

Please join us for drinks to celebrate the common birth date of our 4-legged friends!

**Where:** Royal Hotel (top pub)  
Bungendore

**Time:** 5.30pm.....

**When:** Saturday, 1st August



## Next BRC Events....

### Monga Trail Ride 2nd August 2009

### Sporting Spectacular Bungendore showground 30th August 2009

Details for both these events have been emailed to members and also posted on BRC website!

**Coordinator:** Rebecca Morsink  
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One Day Event—Open Competition (max height 75cm)  
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### IMPORTANT!

Next BRC Committee  
Meeting:

**Thursday**  
**3rd September**

**Time:** 7.30pm  
**Venue:** Morsink house,  
13 Elmslea DR, Bungendore.  
**Contact:** Beck  
**Ph:** 6238 1042



## News from the BRC Committee

### August Eventing Clinic

A clash with the NSW Eventing calendar has caused BRC to postpone the Eventing clinic scheduled for 30th August. The Sporting Spectacular will now be held on this date.

### Don't Forget BRC ODE HELPERS Wanted!!

For BPC's ODE at Bungendore show-ground.

**WHEN: 1st August** (set up) Also, anyone who is able to help on the day of comp **2nd August** with pencilling, marshalling, cross country jump judging would be VERY much appreciated!

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### NEW Dressage Arenas

BRC is in the process of purchasing 2 portable PVC dressage arenas.

### Overnight South Coast Trail Ride

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### Horse Biosecurity

The club received an email from Lauchlan McIntosh regarding Bungendore Show-ground Horse Events Biosecurity - the Federal Govt has put out a draft booklet for comment with suggestions for managing biosecurity at horse events <http://www.animalhealthaustralia.com.au/aahc/index.cfm?76A6BF05-B6C4-64C7-A66A-B3225B2D58B9>

He was sending to us as we might like to respond collectively or individually - it was thought some members might be interested and would like to respond.

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## BRC Riders Out and About

### Dilutes Gymkhana July 2009

Catherine Daniel recently attended the Dilutes Gymkhana at Canberra Riding Club. She took one of her ponies, Remi, for the in-hand classes. This was a first for her as she had only shown Quarter Horses in hand before, so a completely different change in style and presentation. Remi was very excited at being out and had trouble standing still in line ups – a near kick after a work out in an early class meant he didn't like being near other horses in following classes. It was all a bit of fun and an opportunity to get Remi out. He looked fabulous and took out a ribbon in every class – two firsts, two seconds, a third and a fourth. It was a small consolation for Catherine who had previously planned on riding her big boy in the hack classes, but a broken foot (horse not Catherine) put an end to those plans. At least she got the opportunity to put on a pretty hat :-)

Remi is registered Buckskin, Riding Pony, Australian Pony, Welsh and Arab (and is currently up for sale).



*Remi all spruced up for the Hack ring*

### Mounted Games Competition 11/12th July 2009

By Maureen Purdie

Rebecca and I again competed in Mounted Games on the 11/12th July 2009.

I came third in the Veterans and in a very tough competition. Then Rebecca and I teamed up with Katie Gibson and Millie McInnes and placed 2nd in the 'B' Final of the Teams.

Our ponies, Polly and Breeze, are currently competing in Sydney at the National Pony Club Championships.

### Berrima Horse Trials—One Day Event 18/19th June 2009

By Anna McAuliffe

Eventing is a funny sport, like one minute you really love your horse, then the next you don't, then the next you do again!?. Regardless of whether you are an amateur in Newcomers or a Pro 4 Star rider, Eventing gives you such a roller coaster ride from intense disappointments to ecstatic highs during a mere total 15mins of competition?!

Berrima dawned a perfect winters morning – a crisp frost followed by a gorgeous sunny day. The Southern Highlands provided a scenic drive to the property "Araluen" where the event was held.

As far as I know, I was the only BRC rider entered. Lets hope to see more of you there next time!

Dressage was first on the agenda and our "warm up" wasn't looking too promising?!. Unfortunately, the close proximity of some Cross country jumps, "tricked" my horse into thinking that he was about to go jumping and he got a little "pumped" - there was no time to "work" through as the Judge beeped to start, gulp! Dan was quite naughty initially, but by the second part of the test, then settled into DR mode, but not in time to impress the Judge, for 73 penalties. I didn't really love my horse too much at this point.

Showjumping was next and the course was perfect for Dan to get into a forward and settled rhythm. It was a big flowing ring with plenty of time between the fences. Primarily made up of oxers, there were two vertical fillers, with the second one being a "narrow" blue wave; which proved for a refusal by some. Dan jumped a lovely clear round dissolving all my earlier disappointment, and I was back to "loving" my horse!

With Day One ending on a good note, we happily headed back to our cosy B&B for a hearty dinner and relaxed evening around a wood fire. Cont'd.....



## BRC Riders Out and About cont'd



*Anna on Dan jumping the "Tyres" on the Berrima NC Cross Country Course*

*Photo courtesy of Main Event Photography*

### Berrima ODE cont'd.....

Day Two: Cross Country. Dan felt great and (surprisingly) was very relaxed in the warm up area. Even the horse bolting across grounds – having left the Cross country course prematurely, minus rider and half a bridle, didn't bother him?! Same again, a few minutes later, when a second riderless horse, returned earlier than expected?! In retrospect, perhaps I should have been "bothered", as it was something you don't often see in Newcomers?!. Anyway, aside from the water jump in front of the spectators area, the course "ran" backwards. Some of the jumps, can only be jumped one way eg. a ski jump – so for some parts of the course you had to turn a 180 loop back to go over the jump and then another again to continue along the course. This worked quite well, but some parts "rode" a bit choppy and made it difficult to get into a really forward momentum. Perhaps, more suited to smaller horses being at times a little "goat tracky", as having to come back to a trot. We started off with our usual "wobble" into the first 2 jumps and then we were away! It was a very "busy" course with lots to "see" and in the middle part of the course, we had 2 refusals which was disappointing; but the last part Dan rode very confidently as the course opened up for a couple of gallops between the fences. I was pleased overall with his progress on course especially his confidence between the fences (compared to last years comp where he "danced" along for half the course). Anyway, with the additional 40 jump plus time penalties, we finished 23 out of 33 competitors.

### BRC Riders Out and About!

We love hearing about what our members have been up to.... Please send in your stories, results and pics....

To  
anna.mcauliffe@det.nsw.edu.au  
Or  
Rebecca.Gaukroger@act.gov.au

### New! BRC Rider Profiles Starting with the BRC Committee

See next page.....

*Can you guess who this is??*

*Aged 14 years on her first pony, member of GGPC competing Sutton Gymkhana a long time ago!  
(see next page...)*







## BRC Rider Profiles

**Name:** Samantha Welch nee Woodford

**Position on Committee:** President

**Membership with BRC:** 4 years

### Riding Background

Geary's Gap Pony Club as kid. Associate Dip in horse husbandry as adult, then 10 years working with/competing event, hunter and steeplechase horses in England, and was eventually lucky enough to purchase my own young horse over there, George. Attained British Horse Society AI, which got transferred to EFA level one general upon return to Oz. Now enjoying bringing on the odd young horse. Some odder than others.

### Horse's Name & Background

Currently very keen on my riding pony gelding MoJo who I hope to get dressage with. Purchased unbroken locally.

### Main Discipline/s or Interests

Was Eventing, but that is way too serious for me these days! Enjoy educating/breaking young horses, and introducing them to as much as possible, and we can pretend we could still do it . . . !

### Best moment

Has to be a win at Savernake (UK) Horse Trials on my wonderful horse George, second was an Aussie too (Clayton Fredericks) and at the presentation it felt like an Aussie take over! Felt like all the work was worth it for a while!

### Worst moment

Leaving another Horse Trial in the paramedics van, the only time my Mum had come over to watch!! Sods law! . . .

### Funniest moment

Being stopped in the show jumping at Jerrawa show – I was wondering why they were going on about not being under 18 – I didn't realise I was riding in the junior class!

### Future goals

Try a bit of Dressage and keep getting out of bed every morning

### Favourite BRC activities

Packing up 😊

### Horse's Name & Background

Viva Relic, commonly known as Viva, is a now almost 9yo chestnut TB gelding by Canny Lad and out of Sarsdale. DOB is 23.09.00. I bought Viva off a race horse trainer and friend when he was 5 and had just been sacked as he was too slow. Through some difficulties (me not being confident or competent with a race horse) we have managed to build a great relationship. He is so human with his quirks - is a little scary, but that's why I love him so much, he is a complete individual.

### Main Discipline/s or Interests

Luckily we both enjoy the same disciplines of riding. That doesn't mean we are good at them but we have a lot of fun doing them. They are jumping, sporting and trail rides. I like to learn basic dressage and flat work too, but that's where we need the most work and lose focus ☺

### Best moment

Winning a second ribbon in a 60cm BRC jump course, never won a ribbon that wasn't by default ☺

### Worst moment

The second time I ever rode Viva and he took off on me in a paddock and ran for the fence, then ducked out and I fell on the barbed wire. Not a good way to start a relationship. Now have a fear of him bolting on me!

### Funniest moment

Can't think of one off the top of my head but had one funny moment when Viva tried to roll with me on him cos he was sweaty, he's never had someone jump off him so fast in his life!

### Future goals

To improve my riding, have fun, buy float and go to more activities, and to stay on!

### Favourite BRC activities

Sporting days, derby days, fun days 😊



*Bec G and her best pal, Viva*

**Name:** Bec Gaukroger

**Position on Committee:** Membership Secretary

**Membership with BRC:** 1 year

### Riding Background

I don't have a very extensive background – from years 7-12 at school I did weekly group lessons at Forest Park Riding school as well as the holiday camps (so didn't learn too much). At 17 took a break from riding, finished school and got a full time job at Canberra racetrack. Then bought my first horse, a 9yo TB mare called Fatty. Sold her to a friend after 6 months (as I moved) and then didn't ride for a year and a half, then got my boy Viva off the track as a 5yo. That really tested my riding and confidence as went from riding old school horses to educating a crazy race horse. Still not a pretty rider but I am competent enough to enjoy myself. ☺

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2. Members are to follow the procedures set down by the BRC Event Organisers including making payments on time/by the due date as required.
3. Riders must wear approved AS/NZ 3838 or EFA approved helmet at all times whilst mounted. It must be structurally sound. **Riders are encouraged to wear helmets at all other times when handling horses.**
4. Suitable footwear which prevents the foot from sliding forward through the stirrup iron must be worn or caged stirrups must be used. Stirrups must be the correct size for the boot.
5. Suitable riding attire must be worn. It is recommended that riders wear full length trousers or jodhpurs and a sleeved shirt.
6. A first aid kit and communication link is to be available at Club activity days.
7. Members should not be under the influence of alcohol or drugs prohibited by law during an activity day.
8. Pregnant riders should be aware of the benefits and risks associated with riding in this condition and must obtain and act upon professional medical advice regarding their fitness to continue participating in equine activities.
9. Members are to participate in a polite, honest and respectful manner in dealings with fellow members, officials and others associated with BRC. Inappropriate behaviour and/or abusive language will not be tolerated. Members must accept responsibility for their actions.
10. Members are not to engage in riding which will endanger themselves or others. Riders must consult other riders before increasing pace and/or distance from the group on trail rides and other group activities.
11. When riding in groups the rider of the horse following is responsible for keeping his/her horse at a safe distance from the horse in front. A horse known to kick should have a red ribbon in its tail.
12. Horses must be in a condition fit to undertake the activities and riders are responsible for the condition and safety of their tack
13. Owners of stallions are to notify a Committee member that they are bringing a stallion to an activity day.
14. BRC Committee reserves the right to ask members to remove a horse which is being disruptive or is not sufficiently under control.
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Bungendore Riding Club

Issue 7  
August 2009

## Welcome to the 7th Edition—2009 Bungendore Riding Club Newsletter

### Monga Trail Ride Sunday, 2nd August 2009 The big day out!

By Helen Locke

The BRC trail ride at Monga was a big day but fantastic. Monga is just beautiful with tree ferns lining the trails, valleys full of tree ferns and distant views of the Reidsdale valley and surrounding hills. Monga really does offer "coastal" riding without the long drive down the Clyde. We had 8 riders and a motley crew of horses! There were 2 young ponies on their first group trail ride, a couple of big thoroughbreds (some young and some old) a stockhorse and an Arab. Riders were Bindi Nicholson, Kaaren and Elena Sutcliffe, Cath Daniel and her partner Scott and a new member, Daniel Bogle. I was very impressed with Daniel who has only been riding for 6 months (having lessons at NEC) and coped really well with all the "fun" of a group ride. The day was perfect and there were plenty of opportunities for some lovely trots and canters along the trails. The horses all got on very well together and there were no dramas except for one occasion when Scott went galloping past us all on his ex race horse and we thought the horse had decided he was back on the track. Even more worrying was coming around the bend and seeing a saddlecloth on the ground but no Scott in sight. All was well luckily - Scott meant to have a gallop and he was still safely in the saddle! We stopped for lunch at a great picnic spot - we decided to make our base here next time as there were BBQ's, picnic tables and toilets. We then travelled the last few kms back to our floats. One car decided it liked the ride base and did not want to leave (it got stuck in the soft ground) but after much ingenuity on our parts we managed to persuade it to leave. This made us all a bit late home (I unloaded by moonlight) so it was big day but certainly a good one!

Many thanks to Helen for organising the ride and this report.

### Sporting Spectacular Bungendore Showground Sunday, 30th August 2009

Many thanks to Beck for organising a fun day!

By Rebecca Morsink

The decision to run a "Sporting Spectacular" for someone who has NO idea about sporting and mounted games was a major challenge for me. But thankfully, I had a huge amount of support and clarification of ideas/rules/games/equipment from my mentors, and so embarked on the path to enlightenment.

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### Next BRC Events....

**AGM**  
**27th September 2009**

**Eventer Clinic**  
**with Nat Blundell**  
**Bungendore showground**  
**27th September 2009**

Details for both these events have been emailed to members and also posted on BRC website!

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### BRC General Profile

Combined Training—Jumping and Dressage lessons  
Eventer Clinics  
Lessons—Indoor Arena  
Trail Rides—Day & Overnight  
Hacking Presentation & Fun Show  
Sporting/ Mounted Games  
One Day Event—Open Competition (max height 80cm)  
Horse Problems & Horse Ailments  
Ridden Demonstrations

### IMPORTANT!

Next BRC Committee Meeting:

**Thursday**  
**8th October 2009**

**Time:** 7.30pm  
**Venue:** Morsink house,  
13 Elmslea DR, Bungendore.  
**Contact:** Beck  
**Ph:** 6238 1042



### Sporting Spectacular cont'd.....

Two days of foul rain and wind prior the event caused me concern and setup on Saturday was done between light showers, gale force winds and torrential rain...but we managed to setup at a good moment. Thank you to Marion and Val, neither of which were riding but came to lend a hand anyway, couldn't have done it without you both there. Thanks also to Bec Laurie and Laurene Edsor, both of whom were intending to ride AND have a knowledge of sporting...a combination I found invaluable. They are both worth their weight in gold. Laurene single-handedly setup up the barrels, fitting BRC helping in between preparing for her daughter's 18th birthday party AT HER HOUSE that evening. I know I won't be anywhere near the showgrounds the afternoon prior to my kids 18th parties at my house!!

I was awake most of the night listening to the foul wind and weather...but Sunday dawned bright and held hope!? Windy, sure, but dry. OK, we're good to go! The ground on the main arena was great...it's been battered down so much that it was, surprisingly, not at all slippery underfoot. I found the barrels had blown way overnight, way away...off into the wilds of the XC course where I had to retrieve them in my van which couldn't even go in there! 14 people turned up despite the previous days' weather and were formed into 3 "teams" for the day - the "Pony Club Has-Beens", the "Pony Club Wanna-Be's" and the "Larrikins". I had to strictly remind the few with competitive glints in their eyes that the aim of the day was FUN and that the "Championship Freddos" were all that was on the line (the giant ones cause the little ones can't be called Championship anything!). Fortunately, all riders did remember that the day was aimed at fun...and fun we did have. There were giggles and cheers as the sporting and games activities were completed in teams. We all even had a little time to fit in a few bending and flagging races prior to lunch. Lunch was enjoyed together, as it should be. People chatting and taking a break in the shelter from the wind. A cup of tea was well received by most. Surprisingly, most riders were keen to remount for the afternoon session of team relays. More smiles, giggles and chatting all round. I had planned to end the day with a Musical Ride but the wind would have rendered the music impossible to hear, so we ended on a good note and everyone seemed happy.

Welcome to Robert and Sandra Tett who joined on the day, also to Sally Gibson and Melinda Melville, pony club mum friends of BRC member, Laurene Edsor who thought it sounded like fun and decided to come along for the day...hope you enjoyed yourselves.

Special mentions to more visiting riders, Guy Laurie and Kim Waddell, more sporting riders extraordinaire, who didn't look down upon my humble efforts on behalf of BRC...thanks!

For the record, the Larrikins won the day and the coveted Championship Freddos. Individual Championship Freddos were awarded to Rebecca Purdie (sporting and mounted games rider extraordinaire) who patiently explained nearly everything to most of us novices through-out.

### Riders & Horses

Daniel Bogle - Shade  
Laurene Edsor - Rocky  
Rhiannon Ford - Daybreak  
Sally Gibson - Fudge  
Bec Laurie - Jade  
Guy Laurie - Ullaru  
Helen Locke - Elle  
Melinda Melville - Rock Hill Charm

Maureen Purdie - Hari  
Rebecca Purdie - Cricket  
Robert Tett - Cindy  
Sandra Tett - Jack  
Kim Waddell - Invaders Girls  
Sam Goesch - Zoe



*Kim, Rhiannon, Bec and Guy with their Championship Freddos!*

Daniel, started the day as a Has-Been and ended as a Wanna Be...but may I say, he's no wanna-be, he's the real McCoy! This man has been riding for 6 months and took the day in his stride. His enthusiasm to get involved and give it all a go is exactly what I wanted to see when I took over this position as Co-event Secretary. I applauded his keenness to participate, learn and have fun...he can come to any event I put on, anytime!

Pack up was a cinch...everyone (and I mean EVERYONE) jumped off their horses (or not) and pitched in to get it all away. I was so impressed. Never have all the riders at an activity pitched in to help like that, it made the task easy, fun and quick. I was home by 4-ish. More on-the-day thanks to Sandra Hill for helping out, Sam Goesch for the yummy food, Helen Locke for BBQ duties and Clare Edsor and her friend, Claire Melville who both turned up to support their riding mums despite having enjoyed themselves to the full at Clare's party the night before - Happy Birthday, Clare!

22 people registered for the day, indicating there is a demand for fun events such as this. I suspect the weather killed off some people's enthusiasm, which I totally understand...but you missed a good day. Ideas have been thrown around for a bigger, better Sporting Spectacular next year when I, as the coordinator, might actually know what I'm doing. I fear not, however, knowing I have such fabulous, knowledgeable and generous members to support my efforts...a humble thank you.





## 2009 Dates for Diary

27 Sep – Eventer Clinic—Nat Blundell  
 27 Sep – AGM  
 18 Oct—SJ clinic—Jamie Grant  
 25th Oct—DR clinic—Kings Hill  
 31st Oct—setting up ODE  
 1 Nov - BRC ODE competition  
 21/22 Nov – Sth Coast Wk/E Trail ride  
 ? Dec – Orienteering  
 ? Dec - BRC Xmas dinner

## News from the BRC Committee

### Our Major Fund Raiser BRC One Day Event

Calling all members, family and friends!!!

### Volunteers Required!!

(even just 1-2hrs of your time either day would be greatly appreciated)

**WHEN: Sat, 31st October—Setting Up**  
 Morning - Dressage arenas, Afternoon Showjumping rings  
**Sun, 1st November—Competition day**  
 Helpers for pencilling, marshalling, cross country jump judging. No experience needed, you will be briefed on the day!

This is BRC's major fund raiser and we need all hands on deck!!

Please contact Val Woodward (who is compiling a list of helpers) either by email [dwoodward@yless4u.com.au](mailto:dwoodward@yless4u.com.au)  
 Or Ph: 6238 1318

More details on Set up times etc will be emailed closer to the date.

### BPC ODE

Many thanks to those members who helped out and assisted the pony club in running their one day event on 1st August. The Event was a huge success!!

### BRC Annual General Meeting

Members are invited to attend the AGM during the lunch break on Sunday, 27th September 2009. A notification will be sent and all positions will be declared vacant. If interested in a position, then let a Committee member know. Nominations will be taken on the day. We hope to see you all there to thank our outgoing Committee 2008/2009.

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Club information is sent via email by BRC membership secretary Rebecca Gaukroger for free. If you wish to receive info via Postal, then please add an extra \$5

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### ACT Equestrian Association (ACTEA)

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ACTEA manages Equestrian Park, Cotter Rd—Curtin

### National Capital Equestrian Club (NCEC)

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Organises competitions in Dressage and Hacking. Occasionally they will liaise with the ACT Show jumping club and organise a Combined Training Competition in Dressage and Show jumping.

### ACT Show Jumping Club (ACTSJC)

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Promotes Show Jumping in Canberra region. Organises training and competitions, sometimes in combination with other organisations such as NCEC.

### National Capital Horse Trials (NCHTA)

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### Chris Chugg Clinic July 2009

By Sam Welch

My horse Nikita has been leased by 14yo Pony Club rider Mikaela Maisano since January this year. My pony Mo and I and Mikaela and Nikita have been out a bit over the last few weeks.

Chris Chugg Clinic Equestrian Park - This was run over 2 days in July. It was organised through ACT SJ club. Mikaela's class was last on the Saturday, the weather was beautiful and the setting on the good green going in a sheltered area was inspiring (wished I was riding) but I don't think Chris noticed as he had food poisoning. He soldiered on - the class started promptly with trot poles, and then a grid of 3 bounces and then on to course work. He was keen on the riders stopping in a straight line after the jump and then looking over their shoulder at the jump to check for straightness, turning the horses on their haunches and jumping back over the jump. He told a lot of the riders to SLOW DOWN, and some to CARRY THE HAND to have contact and not sit on the neck, but short reins. He was also keen on the riders to jump from a more forward seat than I have seen taught before. We were always taught to stay upright in front of the fence, unless you were 6' 3" with legs of steel so you could stay there if the horse stopped!! He put Mikaela's stirrups up another hole. Another exercise that I thought was good was to jump some of the jumps on the course again, by riding a 30ish metre circle - the jumps he picked were both the middle jumps of 3 jump unrelated lines. He worked on angles as well, on his cleverly set up course. He was very positive and got on with it, (wishing the day would end so he could recover I think!!) and Sunday was pretty much a repeat of Saturday, which for Nikita and Mikaela was very valuable to build confidence - Nikita can still balk at spooky jumps but is improving all the time. A worthwhile clinic that pushed us along a notch in their jumping progress, and was great to watch the more advanced class too.



*Sam's lovely horse Nikita ridden by Mikaela*

### Berrima Cross Country Clinic 16th August 2009

By Anna McAuliffe

My niece and I ventured back up to the beautiful property, "Araluen" for a very interesting day. The clinic had 3 parts including a practise Showjump course, a 2 hour Cross country lesson and a competition open flagged cross country course. This was a perfect event to challenge ourselves at the Intro level. It was my first round of an 80cm Showjump course on Dan. After 2 refusals at the first oxer, the Instructor took off the back rail and we got over it to then school it a couple of times, then with the rail back on to jump the whole the course perfectly. I was stoked! Next our XC lesson, starting with the tyres and then to the Woodstock (not a high jump but was quite wide) where things got pear shaped! A sudden and late refusal sent me flying over the jump without my horse!!!! Quite stunned, I got back on to complete the clinic, ending on a great note at the Prelim jump in/out at the water. But stiffening up afterwards, I decided not to attempt the XC comp course as felt that we were not confident enough to go round without issues and there were no smaller optional jumps. Later, I pondered as to the why? and it occurred to me that it was not the jump that was the issue, it was the white sand on the other side of the jump that "surprised" Dan hence the late refusal (it used to be jumped in reverse and the sand was there to stabilise the take off point in the past). In retrospect, we should have been more particular and "checked" the landing side beforehand and even have attempted it from the other side first. It was good learning curve and the clinic was a great chance to school the jumps without the pressures of an actual competition.





## BRC Riders Out and About

### NCEC Green Horse / Green Rider / Associate Dressage 16th August 2009

By Deb Parsons

Sunday 16 August started as a lovely bright sunny day which was in complete contrast to the forecast. However by the time we had made the trek from Carwoola to the NCEC grounds the weather was changing rapidly.

I had entered the Green Rider events with Sunny and we were to do the Prep 1 and Prelim 1A dressage tests. I only realised on Thursday that the Prelim 1.1 and 1A are not the same tests.....so was feeling a little unprepared, although we rode the test in our lesson with Amanda on Saturday. We had a very good draw with our first test at 10:30am and the second at 12:00.

There were a lot of riders and horses with some of what I hope were green horses misbehaving. I saw a few good bucks from some of them.

I got Sunny tacked up and ready for warm up by 10 and by this time there was a lot of very black clouds. Sunny refused to work on the bit during our warm up, but in all other respects she worked nicely, as usually lovely and calm and no silly behaviour.

By the time we had warmed up and were waiting for our turn in the arena it was raining and very cold. We rode our test, but I wasn't very pleased with the way I rode it although we didn't make a mistake. By the time I got Sunny back to the float it was pouring with rain. I got her tack off, put her rug on and gave her some hay. David and I sat in the car waiting for the rain to pass. Some other riders decided to call it a day and went on home.

The rain had stopped and the sun came out in time for me to get Sunny ready for our second test. We warmed up nicely with more willingness from Sunny to work on the bit – maybe I was just more relaxed about it all. By the time we were ready for our test the wind had picked up and some of the other horses were carrying on a bit. I was very pleased with the test and Sunny did some lovely canter work and we didn't make any mistakes with the new test – always a bonus.



*Deb on Sunny at the recent NCEC event*

I took Sunny back to the float and as it looked like more rain was on the way we decided to head home, as I didn't think I would place in either test. We got home, unpacked and put Sunny out in the paddock with Lamina just as it started to pour with rain again, so good decision to head home.

Two days later I got my results in the post. I was happy we got 59.333% for our prep test and really happy to find out that we got 57.5% for Prelim which was 5<sup>th</sup> place.

All round we had a great time. If you are interested in dressage I thoroughly recommend the NCEC dressage days. They are fun and relaxed and just about everyone is helpful and friendly. It would be great to see some other BRC members come out and have some fun. The next dressage competition is 25<sup>th</sup> October. Hope to see some of you there.





## BRC Rider Profiles

**Name:** Sam Goesch  
**Position on Committee:** Enquiries Officer  
**Membership with BRC:** 3 years

### Riding Background

From age 5, I went to Miss Campbells out on the Monaro Hwy, every week religiously for a trail. Was taught to hang on, go with the horse, post, and mount and dismount! Got my own horse at 13 and bombed around agistment paddocks behind Quamby, and rode to yarralumla woodshed for the odd gymkhana. At 16 I got a job at Pegasus, where I had formal lessons with Bid Williams. After that did alot of work in alot of different riding schools and studs from Terry Hills to Darwin and met some amazing horsemen/ women. So a bit of a mixed bag.

### Horse's Name & Background

Zoe - 19yo, 14.2 Palomino QH type. 2 years ago, a local lady moved back to town and off loaded a maremma and Zoe onto me. Lovely little horse who will give anything a go, but comes into her own on the trails. She seems to have a calming effect on the not so easy going horses when out in "the wild"!!

Savannah - 19-20ish- 15.1 Stock horse type. Natural Horsemanship trained, My reliable back up girl who is great at teaching kids to ride.

### Main Discipline/s or Interests

ARC, Athra, Natural Horsemanship, (of which the principles are the same as what I have picked up over the years from all kinds of horsey people), and generally having fun with my horses.

### Best moment

Purchasing our first property, which meant I could have my horses with me 24/7. A dream fulfilled!!!

### Worst moment

Severe gravel rash from head to ankles when a lanky horse I was riding turned at a canter, and I kept going straight- on a dirt/ gravel road. (I was 10, mind you)!! Looked a treat!

### Funniest moment

Riding a friends' Appy over a tiny jump, when he just stopped and stood with front legs one side and hinds the other!! Embarrassing!

### Future goals

Ride around Australia.

### Favourite BRC activities

Trails, clinics, and sporting.

*Sam G and her girls at a favorite spot near Lake George*



**Name:** Amanda Ruggerio  
**Position on Committee:** Assistant Events Coordinators  
**Membership with BRC:** 1 year

### Riding Background

"100 years" or so it seems, doing a little of everything over that time... I now like the very 'sedate stuff' as I'm over 60

### Horse's Name & Background

Simply Red - 11 yo. 16.3hh WB

A little 'behind the 8 ball' as far as experience goes due to a couple of MAJOR injuries putting him out of action for a total of 3 years... Just getting back into it now

### Main Discipline/s or Interests

DRESSAGE & Teaching

### Best moment

Taking Red out to his first event and getting a 2<sup>nd</sup>!

### Worst moment

Seeing Red, from a distance, fall, coming down a wet, slippery hill at 100kph, and watching him get up with only "three legs"... when I got to him he was sweating and shaking... I thought I'd lost him. He had almost destroyed the meniscus in his knee and took 2 years of "bed-rest" to recover.

### Funniest moment

Riding a Freestyle on my Old Boy Galahad, to The Dance of The Knights from Romeo & Juliette. Coming to the end of the test a couple of seconds before the end of the music and letting go of the reins. (a sort of "pooh/bum" response) and getting 2<sup>nd</sup> due to the FOUR the judge gave me for being 'petulant' :oD

### Future goals

To get Red to elementary by the end of this year.

### Favourite BRC activities

Dressage training days



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Bungendore Riding  
Club

Issue 8  
September 2009

## Welcome to the 8th Edition—2009 Bungendore Riding Club Newsletter

**Nat Blundell Eventer Clinic**  
Sunday, 27th September 2009  
&

**Amanda Ruggiero Dressage Clinic**  
Sunday, 11 October 2009

By Rebecca Morsink

What is it with activity days I organise and the weather??? I'm beginning to take it personally!

### Nat Blundell XC Clinic

It is testimony to Nat's reputation and skill as an instructor that 18 riders braved what was officially the coldest Canberra September day since 1968. Horrid conditions did nothing to dampen determination as riders had a morning of show jump grid work and an afternoon session dusting away the cobwebs on cross country. Well done to all riders and their very tolerant horses. Thanks to unofficial instructor, Debby Courtney, who stepped in to lend a hand to get the XC training over so everyone could get home a little earlier. Brrrrrrrr.

### Amanda Ruggiero Dressage Clinic

A beautiful day for the first 2 groups...who all bailed VERY quickly at lunch time as the pitch black rumbling clouds swept in! Unfortunately the storm hit as the third group (my group) was about 15 mins into the lesson. Not to be deterred, we waited out the storm over a cuppa in the stables and remounted 20 mins later to finish off! EVERYONE I spoke to was in awe of Amanda's teaching style. To say she is an arena craft specialist is putting it mildly. Beginners to a little more advanced, Amanda showed everyone how to ride the movements of a dressage test accurately and utilise the entire arena correctly so as to not throw away valuable marks in a test. It truly becomes the "art of a test". One could hear surprised comments from most riders at some stage as suddenly the penny dropped at how easy it really is but how difficult we had made it for ourselves. Amanda's other focus on better positioning of rider on the horse in order to allow the horse to travel more freely and happily was also a key point of reinforcement for all participants. Thank you to Amanda for sharing her lovely property with BRC members. There is talk of making this a regular "thing" every 2nd month or so...I'd encourage anyone to come along, learn heaps and ride better.

Many thanks to Beck for this report and coordination of our Activity Days. Also many thanks to our BRC committee for helping with equipment and providing the BBQ lunch for our members.



### 2009 Dates for Diary

- 18th Oct – Show jumping clinic
- 31st Oct – setting up ODE
- 1 Nov - BRC ODE competition
- 21/22 Nov – Sth Coast Wk/E Trail ride
- ? Dec – Orienteering
- ? Dec - BRC Xmas dinner

### For those a little confused???

Note the Funkhana and Show at Bungendore Showground on 17th October 2009 is NOT just for Arabs, it is being run by the Arab Society open to all breeds of horses and ponies. Program is available on BRC website.

### Next BRC Events....

**Show jumping Clinic**  
Wamboin PC grounds  
18th October 2009

**One Day Event Competition**  
Bungendore Showground  
1st November 2009

Details for events have been emailed to members and also posted on BRC website!  
[www.brc.org.au](http://www.brc.org.au)

**Coordinator:** Rebecca Morsink  
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**Ph:** 6238 1042

### Inside this issue:

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### BRC General Profile

Combined Training—Jumping and Dressage lessons  
Eventer Clinics  
Lessons—Indoor Arena  
Trail Rides—Day & Overnight  
Hacking Presentation & Fun Show  
Sporting/ Mounted Games  
One Day Event—Open Competition (max height 80cm)  
Horse Problems & Horse Ailments  
Ridden Demonstrations

### IMPORTANT!

Next BRC Committee Meeting:

**Thursday**  
**5th November 2009**

**Time:** 7.30pm  
**Venue:** Morsink house,  
13 Elmslea DR, Bungendore.  
**Contact:** Beck  
**Ph:** 6238 1042



## BRC Presidents Report

### Annual General Meeting, 27th September 2009

Hi Members, thankyou for coming everybody, I am shamed not to be here today, I trust all of you participating in Nats clinic have had a great morning.

Bec, how many members are we now? Bec has been doing a wonderful job managing membership this year.

I'd just like on behalf of the committee to thank all the members for a great year. We've had an interesting range of activities, thankyou so much Bec M, and welcome to our new co-event organiser Amanda R. Thankyou also to Helen L for organising the trail rides, I hear a great time was had by all. It is good to know that the challenging task of organising our activity days, clinics and competitions is now a load shared.

Thankyou to Helen B and helpers for keeping us fed this year too!

The newsletter continues to be a must read, thanks to Anna and to some really great reports by members. Do keep up the good work and anyone that hasn't yet contributed please do, we all love to read what our fellow horse nuts have been up to. Even if it is only to commiserate!

We have had new equipment, thanks to a motivated committee, and help from sponsors and also the excitement of an arena on the way – Kate S informs me that the funds are now all with the Showground Trust, the contractor is about to receive his deposit, so they hope to set a date in November. Thankyou HEAPS to Kate for sticking with what was a protracted and I am sure frustrating project, the showground trust for their time and guidance and to Keith for his valuable input. Speaking of Keith, this year saw him proudly reach his 2 score and 10, which he chose to celebrate with horses and friends at his place, and I know we all appreciate the effort he has put in to the Riding Club too – our jumping rock.

Remember members, it's your club, if you have any ideas or wishes please talk to your committee today or email – we rely on your input to guide us in what to run, and of course physically to get these days set up.

Thankyou to everyone that has been helping with the setting up and packing up of days, Like all the wonderful support received at the sporting spectacular set up and pack up.

I don't think I ever attended a set up day where Anna McAuliffe was absent –thankyou Anna, Actually, I don't think I have ever attended a set up session where there wasn't a fair bit of laughter too – those who have not yet found time to come and help – I can recommend it as a giggle! There are quite a few regular helpers, but I will get into trouble if I try to list them and forget someone, so, Amy, Bec, Keith, Marion you know who you are – heroes, how about a big cheer for everyone, and for our husbands, wives, partners and children, who tolerate our equine interests, and sometimes even get roped in to helping!

And another big cheer for our sponsors.  
Oooh, and what about our horses?!

Our next big mission is to organise our ODE. We have a working bee planned for the Day before, 31<sup>st</sup> August, but I will be trying to flag and number the XC course in the days before that. I will send out an email when I know I will be at the showgrounds, listing specific tasks that we'll need a hand with – so I hope to get a good response then, thankyou to Helen and Val who did so much last year, but a couple more hands this year would be fab!

Cheers,

Samantha Welch

*(nee Woodford for those that don't know Sam tied the knot this year!)*



## News from the BRC Committee

### Our Major Fund Raiser BRC One Day Event

Calling all members, family and friends

#### Helpers Required!!

(even just 1-2hrs of your time either day would be appreciated)

**WHEN: Sat, 31st October—Setting Up**  
Morning - Dressage arenas, Afternoon  
Showjumping rings

**Sun, 1st November—Competition day**  
Helpers for pencilling, marshalling, cross  
country jump judging. No experience  
needed, you will be briefed on the day!

This is BRC's major fund raiser and we  
need all hands on deck!!

Please contact Val by email  
dwoodward@yless4u.com.au  
Or Ph: 6238 1318 if you can help.

More details on Set up times etc will be  
emailed closer to the date.

#### BRC Annual General Meeting

Many thanks to the outgoing BRC com-  
mittee. We appreciate all you hard work.  
A huge welcome and congratulations to  
the new 2009/2010 BRC committee. See  
page 5 for the list of the new committee .

#### A note from BRC Newsletter Coordinator 2005—2009

Dear Members,  
I have been writing for BRC the past 5  
years and sadly, this will be my last news-  
letter. The good news is, you will have a  
NEW newsletter coordinator, Catherine  
Daniel who is enthusiastic and keen to  
bring new and creative ideas to BRC.  
I have thoroughly enjoyed my role espe-  
cially writing up reports, taking photos and  
reading members' stories. I would like to  
thank all those who made contributions to  
the newsletter over the last 5 years; I  
really appreciated your support and hope  
that you continue sending in your results,  
stories, jokes and pics to Catherine!  
Thanks everyone!  
Cheers  
Anna McAuliffe

### BRC Membership Due now 2009/2010

#### Annual Membership Options

1st October 2009 - 30th Sep-  
tember 2010

New member \$70  
Renewal membership  
\$60  
Family (2) \$100  
Family (3+) \$150

#### Half year membership 1st May - 30th September 2010 \$35

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by BRC membership secretary  
Rebecca Gaukroger for free. If  
you wish to receive info via  
Postal, then please add an extra  
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coming events, forms to  
download, and riding  
times/program prior to  
riding days!

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## Canberra Equestrian Clubs & Associations

#### Murrumbateman Adult Riding Club

<http://www.murrumbatemanarc.equestrian.org.au>

#### Tuggeranong Adult Riding Club

[www.tuggeranongarc.equestrian.org.au/](http://www.tuggeranongarc.equestrian.org.au/)

#### ACT Equestrian Association (ACTEA)

<http://www.actequestrian.com/>

Any club can register their dates for upcoming events for  
free. It also includes a Classified section.

ACTEA manages Equestrian Park, Cotter Rd—Curtin

#### National Capital Equestrian Club (NCEC)

<http://www.ncec.asn.au/>

Organises competitions in Dressage and Hacking. Occa-  
sionally they will liaise with the ACT Show jumping club  
and organise a Combined Training Competition in Dres-  
sage and Show jumping.

#### ACT Show Jumping Club (ACTSJC)

[http://www.actshowjumpclub.com.au/  
default.htm](http://www.actshowjumpclub.com.au/default.htm)

Promotes Show Jumping in Canberra region. Organises  
training and competitions, sometimes in combination with  
other organisations such as NCEC.

#### National Capital Horse Trials (NCHTA)

NCHTA aims to promote the sport of Eventing and con-  
ducts safe and enjoyable training days and competitions.

<http://www.nchta.com.au/>

Contact for their newsletter and calendar is:

"Greg Edwards" <[datashet@actewagl.net.au](mailto:datashet@actewagl.net.au)>

#### ACT Dressage Association (ACTDA)

<http://www.actda.com.au/>

Organises Dressage Competitions located at Exhibition  
Park in Canberra (EPIC)

#### National Equestrian Centre Kerrabee

<http://www.neqc.com.au/index.htm>

Conducts competitions in Mini-Dressage, Mini-show jump-  
ing and Mini-One Day Eventing. Located in Weston Creek

#### Local Canberra Horse forum

[http://cbrhorse.potts.net.au/Forum/  
default.asp](http://cbrhorse.potts.net.au/Forum/default.asp)

The Bush Capital Horse Directory contains equestrian  
information including links relevant to ACT. It also operates  
a discussion forum.

#### Other Horsey Websites

EFA NSW

<http://www.efansw.com.au/index.html>

Eventing NSW

<http://www.horsetrials.com.au/>

New South Wales Polo Crosse

[http://www.polocrosse.net/aus/nsw/  
index\\_nsw.html](http://www.polocrosse.net/aus/nsw/index_nsw.html)

NSW ERA—Endurance Riding

[www.nswera.asn.au](http://www.nswera.asn.au)





## BRC Riders Out and About!

We love hearing about what our members have been up to.... Please send in your stories, results and pics....

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*(author and location of sales lot unknown)*



## BRC Rider Profiles

**Name:** Amy Griffin

**Position on Committee:** Sponsorship Coordinator

**Membership with BRC (yrs):** 3ish?

### Riding Background

Loved eventing as a teenager but was constantly let down by my poor dressage scores. I had a break from riding for a couple of years but since then I have become totally fascinated by dressage and have been putting most effort into it.

### Horse's Name & Background

Chester is 7yrs old (Sire: Glenloch Ozzie) and has been out and about a little over the years but mostly is just enjoyment.

Leigh is my brave eventer from the "old" days (if I can say that!). She is currently a stay-at-home Mum and has just birthed her second foal (see above description for her first "child"). I'm not quite sure what I was thinking when I sent her off to see Kilharken last year, perhaps deep down I still want a big brave eventer!

### Main Discipline/s or Interests

Dressage but jumping is in no way out of the question.

### Best moment

I have had too many great moments to pick one...but if I had to choose a special moment, perhaps coming 1<sup>st</sup> in a dressage test for the first time – ok it may have only been a Prep test but it was a bit of a miles stone!

### Worst moment

Again too many! Collectively though, the amount of times I have finished a dressage test and been in tears.

### Funniest moment

Watching my first cross country round, caught on video thanks to my Mum – there was some pretty interesting running commentary reminding us all that when using a video camera it is best to say as little as possible!

### Future goals

To have many more moments that take my breath away.

### Favourite BRC activities

ODE & any chance I get to have-a-chat



*Chester and my better side*

**Name:** Amanda Blandon

**Position on Committee:** Safety Officer

**Membership with BRC:** 3yrs

### Riding Background

I started riding as a kid on the old pony dad broke in, he was absolutely bombproof and one of the best stock horses around. I mainly ride around the valley and do stockwork. I joined the BRC and trail riding clubs to get out more, improve my riding skills, meet other horsey people and have fun J

### Horse's Name & Background

- *Clarke*: 14.2hh Part-Thoroughbred - Clarke came from a horse dealer near Braidwood; he was the first horse I ever bought. He is a great sporter and with cattle, can be a little cheeky if you don't know him but he goes all out when he is needed – even when he is tired.

- *Molly*: 15hh Thoroughbred - Molly is a racehorse my great uncle owned, who retired from racing as she was found to be claustrophobic. Molly was given to me to ride and is used for general riding and really enjoys stockwork.

- *Bonnie*: 12.3hh Palouse - Bonnie was bought for my brother to learn to ride, we are her fourth home and I would not think of selling her, she is happy running with her 34yr boyfriend, and is currently in foal to an ASH stallion and is due in October.

- *Nugget*: 14.2hh - My Newest addition, he has been broken in for a little over 6 months and is a dream to ride. He has a nice lopey canter and feels like he plods along. Nugget is my trail riding horse.

### Main Discipline/s or Interests

I am interested in trying new things, but still enjoy Trail Riding/Sporting/Stock work and pleasure riding.

*Cont'd over page.....*



## BRC Rider Profiles



*"Bringing in the horses" Amanda on Clarke leading Molly*

Cont'd.....

### Best moment

One of my best moments was winning and placing at the 2009 STARCC Competition – Clarke is not one for being very obedient when it comes to keeping the same distance behind another horse, so it was a thrill when we got called up into the placing's

### Worst moment

Every time I have fallen off and when Clarke went down on the float – very scary L

### Funniest moment

My Funniest moment would have to be when my cousin and I were out riding and returned home to find the boys rushing the motorbikes out the gate, which meant a cow was out – turned out that the bull had broken the fence. I was riding Molly (ex-racehorse) and my cousin was on Clarke, the bull was down under a tree, instinctively I kicked her on and we were under cantering towards the gap between the cows and the bull when she all of a sudden cat leaped (due to the tall grass wrapping around her legs) and I ended up hanging from her mane with my leg over the knee pad and my foot digging into her flank, thankfully she just stood there and waited for me to get back in the saddle. I then rode over to my shocked cousin (in shock from what she'd just seen) and swapped horses.

### Future goals

To improve my riding and to break in the foal to saddle and harness. I would like to take Nugget to STARCC next year and attempt everything (except jumping – never jumped) including the dressage.

### Favourite BRC activities

It's hard to just pick one..... Anything really except jumping – I like to have a go at everything but can't jump confidently over 8-12 inches.

## News of Members

### Birth Announcement

Leigh has delivered a sprightly little colt in the early hours of Monday morning! (14th Sept) He was a little early (born at 324 days) making his first hours almost as scary as they were exciting – everything seems to be working though so I can't complain.

Congratulations to Amy on the safe arrival of this gorgeous little colt! Leigh is also Chester's mum!!!



*Leigh and her new colt, Guinnie*





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## jamie grant SHOWJUMPING clinic

### INSIDE THIS MONTH:

Clinic Report

Notes for your Diary

Membership Renewals

Member Profile

Spring has Sprung!

#### Ed's Intro:

Thanks must first go to Anna who has done a fantastic job of coordinating and presenting our newsletter for the past 5 years.

The reins have been officially passed into my hands and I am now keen to hear from you, our members, about what you want to see in **your** newsletter.

I'd love to receive more contributions for member profiles so we can all get to know you or details (and pictures) of what you have been doing horse-wise outside of the club (email to [catherine.daniel@bigpond.com](mailto:catherine.daniel@bigpond.com)).

If you have suggestions for future BRC events, please let us know so we can get planning for another fantastic year.

Sit back, relax and I hope you enjoy this issue!

*Ride Safely - Catherine*

BRC ran a showjumping clinic with local champion show jump rider, Jamie Grant on 18th October 2009. Jamie is the current NSW Senior State Champion and 3 time Australian team member.

When I asked for reports on how the clinic ran, I was presented with a string of "yeah it was fantastic, but gee I'm sore!" from most attendees!! Luckily we have one member willing to give a more "detailed" account of the day...

Group number two, a 45cm class, was made up of Deb Parsons and Sunny, Bec G and Viva, and Lyn Reid and Sox. Kick off was 9.45 am and class went ahead as scheduled. Apparently it rained (a lot) the night before and so the arena was a little soppy in parts but not too slippery. Jamie started off with grid work which extended into grid work and cross rails, which extended into several combinations and it continued to flow like that for the duration of the class. At the end a course was set up and all horses and riders jumped this with ease. Kudos to Sunny and Sox who were very relaxed and keen to please their riders and kudos to Viva for not throwing Bec out of the arena in one of his many tantrums. The class was enjoyed immensely by all riders who feel they got a lot out of

Jamie's schooling. It was definitely a confidence booster. Thank you to Beck M for organising!

*Ed's note: An even BIGGER thanks to Beck for packing up at the end of the day*

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1 Oct 2009 - 30 Sept 2010

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# Daniel Bogle

## Riding Background

Not much riding background to speak of prior to riding horses I was jumping out of planes for fun. I started my riding after a weekend job I had at a Paintball Field just outside of Canberra. From there I started taking riding lessons shortly after in February '09 once a week at the National Equestrian Centre at Kerrabee. A few months after taking lessons I moved house so I could have a horse at home then I joined BRC

I started off on a borrowed 20yo chestnut Thoroughbred named Shade and have just recently purchased my first

horse. A 12yo chestnut stock horse named "Uncle Buck" aka Snuffy. Who can get a little bit excited on cross country course.

## Main Discipline / Interests

I am trying out any event I can get myself to at the moment I have done most events with BRC since I have joined. Outside of that I have attended a weekend at Mounted games and done a day of training in Jousting, but I would like to get myself to a level where I can compete in an official ODE.

## Best moment

Standing on a horse

while at a canter and somehow managed to keep my balance long enough not to fall off, during a introductory vaulting lesson at Kerrabee.

## Worst moment

Having Shade bolt on me over rocky ground, I had not even learnt to canter when this happened and here I was at a full Gallop with a scared horse thinking this is really going to hurt.

## Funniest moment

During my first ever event at a mini showjumping comp at Kerrabee. The second jump I came across, the horse I was riding decided it was going around the jump while I went through it head first and managed to break the jump pole at the same time. With only my pride bruised I managed to finish and compete in the next event which went a lot smoother.

## Future goals

Getting my riding level up enough to compete in an official ODE

## Favourite BRC activity

So far I have enjoyed them all but the sporting day is the one that stands out the most so far.



member profile:



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**Spring has  
SPRUNG!**

Ahhh!! Spring is finally here. After a long, wet winter I bet you are all cheering up... The birds are singing, the days are warmer and longer, the grass is growing and our paddocks are looking lush and green.

But... have you noticed your four legged, horsey friends are also feeling pretty good within themselves? Rides might present new challenges as they develop their Spring spring!!

If our horses were running free (and yes, surviving without rugs, hand feeding and all of our love) they would be pretty poor coming out of winter so Mother Nature produces excellent feed to bring them back into condition, ready for breeding and the approaching dry summer. Unfortunately, due to our insistence on keeping them well fed during winter, they don't need the excessive sugar content that spring pasture offers to them.

**BE WARNED!!** Not only will they bounce around like kids on red lollies - your horse may be in danger...

Winter grasses that are boosted in growth by warmer, early and wet Spring condition after rain, with cool nights and warm days, often become lush and highly productive. Lush pasture, especially ryegrass, phalaris

and fescue dominant pastures, are considered high risk pastures, as well as succulent, rapidly growing clover in pastures in early

Spring. These grasses are able to accumulate large amounts of nonstructural carbohydrates in the form of fructans and other simple sugars. Under cold overnight and early morning conditions, these sugars are not transferred into the plant stems for growth.

These sugars can lead to your horse foundering (laminitis). There is a wealth of information available on the Internet and in horse books about laminitis and the dangers to your horse both immediately and into the future (a horse that develops laminitis is more prone to laminitis again in the future).



A foundered horse is reluctant to move, and often leans back in an attempt to take weight off the front of the hooves. The pain is such that the horse often prefers to lay down. There is generally a palpable increase in the pulse to the

hooves, pain on compression of the sole and often the horse's weight is shifted from one limb to the other.

As soon as a horse is suspected of having foundered Veterinary attention or advice should be sought.

There are many treatments available. The most important initially is to remove or treat the cause. Restrict access to lush spring pastures to 1 ½ hours in the early to mid-morning to 10 am, and again in the mid to late afternoon, as the peak production of fructan sugars in the leaves of plants synthesised by sunlight photosynthesis occurs over the late morning to mid afternoon period.



If you aren't able to separate your horse from its pasture, consider purchasing a grazing muzzle to limit the amount of pasture your horse can consume whilst also eliminating stress and anxiety that could be experienced if the horse was separated from its paddock mates.



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Ridden Demonstrations

**Next BRC Committee  
Meeting:**

Thursday, 5th November  
2009

Time: 7.30pm  
Venue: Morink house

13 Elmslea Dr  
Bungendore

Contact: Beck M  
Ph: 6238 1042

## coming up...

1 Nov - BRC ODE competition  
21/22 Nov - Sth Coast Week End Trail ride  
Dec - Orienteering

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**ACT Equestrian Association (ACTEA)**

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**National Capital Equestrian Club (NCEC)**

[www.ncec.asn.au](http://www.ncec.asn.au)

*Organises competitions in Dressage and Hack-  
ing.*

**ACT Show Jumping Club (ACTSJC)**

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**ACT Dressage Association (ACTDA)**

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### **BRC Website...**

is undergoing a transformation and is continually being updated. Please check it for upcoming events, forms to download, and riding times/program prior to riding days!  
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## report **ONE DAY EVENT**

### **INSIDE THIS MONTH:**

ODE Report

Snakes and Horses

Trail Riding Weekend Report

Member Profile

Baby News!

#### **Ed's Intro:**

The end of another year is fast approaching - and so is Christmas!!

Well done to everyone who had a hand in organising the ODE this year. What a HUGE day and from all accounts a successful day! It is especially nice to receive letters of thanks from some of our competitors - we love to hear that you enjoyed yourselves.

This month has certainly been busy - see inside for some great photos and stories from the South Coast Trail Riding Weekend (including beach riding)!

Keep an eye out for a mini-survey on events you would like to see next year. This will be your opportunity to shape our calendar and our opportunity to hear what our members want.

Have a safe and happy Christmas wherever you are.

*Ride Safely - Catherine*

The 2009 BRC ODE was the culmination of 9 months of occasional work and three months of reasonably intensive work and a day of pure hard slog by myself, the committee and a few hardy volunteers. An event of any sort is only as good as it's organising body and it's volunteers...with a bit of winging it on the side. Fortunately for me, the BRC ODE had fabulous people helping at every level and every turn, willing to pitch in and aid me not look totally incompetent. There are too many people to thank individually, and I will invariably miss someone I shouldn't have. All I can say is that if you put one minute of time into the behind the scene organisation, thank you for helping me make the ODE a success for BRC and enjoyable for the competitors.

While I thank everyone, a special mention from me must go to a few on the day. Mark Thorek for his steady, calm, patient and determined assistance before, during and after the day...members may not realise it but to some degree the event would not have happened without him. Simon Cahill for his uncompromising attitude to the rules and to how an event should be run. Feisty and not always PC - yes, but unashamedly a stickler for the rules as they are written and fair interpretation if they are not. I learnt so much from him as our TD and look forward to working with him in 2010. Greg Field for taking on the scoring, yet again. A thankless task organised with efficiency. Just knowing the scoring is in good hands is a weight off any organisers shoulders...with Greg, the scoring is in VERY good hands. Last but not least, Neil Judd for being the voice of the event. His calm and cheerful voice makes the organisers "sound" competent!

We had 110 entries. A huge number compared to the 69 entries from 2008.

Strange but true the word has leaked that BRC put on a great low level event catering to a niche market of riders, some of whom are never going to or never wanting to go to the bigger, official events. It is testimony to the fabulous work by Marty Walsh and her team that coordinated the ODE in previous years that people now look for this "little" event. There were people coming from EVERYWHERE...not just Bungendore and it's surrounds. We had people from the Hawkesbury, Gosford, heaps from the Kangaroo Valley/Nowra region, quite a few from the Southern Highlands. I was astounded. There were seasoned eventers (proof that we're not totally yokel and do a pretty good job at imitating bigger events), regular have-a-go's and most satisfying for me, quite a number who were competing at their first ODE. Amongst this group a few inspirations (you know who you are from me) and even a few who had never jumped prior to entering...not recommended but the stories were good for a laugh!

1 November came. The ODE happened. There were the inevitable behind-the-scene dramas that unfolded unbeknownst to most people attending (thank goodness!), and some dramas that were more widely known. No matter. At the end of the day, there were euphoric and exhausted smiles, words of support and congratulations and many, many promises of return from competitors and quite a few of our volunteers. I am humbled and appreciative to think that I played my part in putting it together and that others would speak well of the event. That first wine on Sunday afternoon was the most anticipated of my life!

Bring on 2010.  
Happy eventing...Beck





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## Deb Parsons

**Position on Committee:**

General Secretary

**Member:** 3 years

**Riding Background:**

Started riding about 5 years old, after nagging my parents for ages, and rode through to about 10 when we left the UK and moved to Australia, then apart from the odd trail ride here and there, I didn't ride for more than 20 years. Got back into riding and bought my very own horse 6 mths later. I started learning to jump 5 years ago after purchasing Sunny but stopped after losing my confidence. Moving to Carwoola and having my horses with me I further lost my confidence but have regained it through my lessons with Amanda at Kings Hill, the BRC activities and support from a number of BRC members. Having a great horse helps. Now go out regularly and compete in Dressage at BRC, NCEC and other adult riding clubs. I started jumping again 3 months ago and even competed in my first ODE this year with BRC. I have also done a number of courses relating to horses including sports massage, which my girls love, myofascial release, acupressure and photonic torch.

**Horse's Name & Background:**

Kildonan Sunrise (Sunny or Pony to her friends). Sunny is an un-raced TB from Sydney, who is an experienced Eventer. Before I bought her she has just started competing Novice level but had a major accident which put her

out of work for 18 mths. Her owner then got her back into work and made the hard decision to sell her as she was bringing on a younger horse. Sunny trained and was competed by Tarsha Hammond in her early years.

**Main Discipline/s or Interests:**

I love dressage for the beauty and gracefulness. I am now happily back jumping and cant wait to do my next cross country.

**Best moment:**

I have a few - Buying (rescuing) my first horse Lamina. Finding and purchasing Sunny after a 6 month search for the right horse. Getting 5th place at NCEC in Prelim 1A this year the first time we rode it and completing the BRC ODE.

**Worst moment:**

There are a few of these too. Finding that Lamina and gone through 2 fences one morning, cut her legs and underneath severely, she was in shock and wouldn't/couldn't move, there was lots of blood and swelling. I rang the vet and I have no idea how he understood anything I said to him. Floating Sunny for the very first time and finding out that she doesn't float well straight, as well as being the first time I floated Sunny it was the first time I had towed anything, I was a mess by the time I got the Bungendore Showground - said I would never do it again but we solved Sunny's issue and now do it every week. While I was still in Sydney when I found out that a bush fire went through the place where I agisted Lamina and I wasn't there for her as I was unaware due to a fire also being at my back fence.

As soon as I heard I jumped in my car and got there as fast as I could, only to find out the road was closed. The policeman at the road blocked asked me where I was going and I explained the situation and he let me through telling me to take it slowly. Lamina was fine she had been taken out of her yard and was in the far paddock with all the other horses.

**Funniest moment:**

Plaiting up Sunny for the first time - I had no idea what I was doing and I don't think Sunny was very impressed with the result. Sadly I haven't improved that much yet.

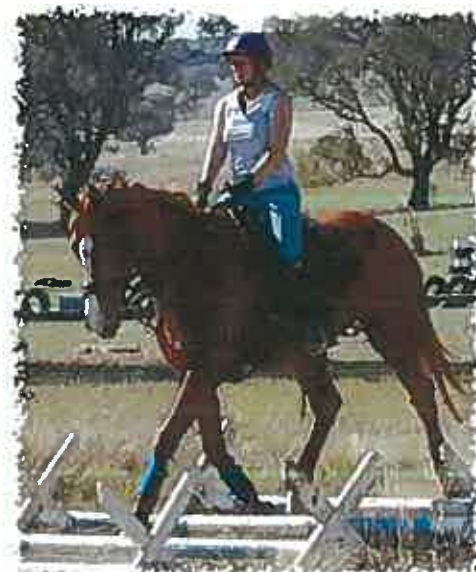
Nearly coming off a couple of times in the Jamie Grant clinic - not so funny for me, but I'm sure it looked hilarious.

**Future goals:**

Improve my dressage, jumping and XC. Compete at the next BRC ODE doing 60 cm.

**Favourite BRC activities:**

Just about all of them - but I especially enjoy the dressage and now the jumping.



member profile:



**Bungendore Veterinary Surgery**



**BUNGENDORE  
RIDING CLUB**



Bungendore Riding Club exists purely through the devotion and hard work of the **unpaid** volunteers within the club.

Each and every event, clinic and rally day we hold requires a lot of background work such as organising instructors / judges, taking entries, scheduling classes, catering and most importantly setting up and packing away.

Too many times it's the same people who give up their time away from their families and horses to make these things happen.

For example, our ODE is our biggest fund raiser each year - the club would struggle to continue without the income it generates - yet sadly, there were very few people who were prepared to assist with the setting up and packing away of the equipment. What should have taken an hour to setup took over 4 hours.

When we ask for helpers we really mean it - even if you aren't riding on the day, your assistance will always be appreciated. Many hands make light work - this is **YOUR** club so **PLEASE** find that hour to spare when we ask for your help!

## THE SNAKEbite



With the hot weather upon us, our slithery mates the snakes

are out in force. Here's some advice to hopefully help you if you find your horse has been bitten:

**Rule number one: NO panicking!**

Horses have a good chance of survival if bitten by a snake, as they are large in size, meaning that it would take much more venom to kill a horse than it would a human, and snakes are said to have a conscious choice as to whether or not to just bite the victim, or to bite and inject venom.

Apparently, more often than not, snakes do not bite to kill horses, more to warn them off, and therefore, on occasion, no venom is injected.

If you have found your horse with a swollen bite site that you think may be related to a snakebite, call your vet **IMMEDIATELY**. If you've seen the snake, then that's even better, you know for sure what caused the bite.

Next, try to establish where your

horse has been bitten, most commonly this is on the muzzle, as a horse will have lowered his head to get a good look at the thing slithering beneath his nose. The biggest danger with these bites is that the muzzle swells so much that it makes breathing difficult or impossible for the horse. In this case, carrying two lengths of flexible but strong garden hose (each approx 6 inches long) may save your equine friend's life. The pieces of hose can be lubricated (with vaseline or similar product) and inserted into each nostril to keep the swelling from cutting off your horse's airways. This will buy you some time for the vet to arrive. As with a human victim, keep your horse quiet, and do not move him more than necessary. If you need to take him home, get a float out to where the bite occurred and float him home.

It is important to get treatment for your horse, as sometimes antivenom may not be the best answer. Some horses also can go into shock, and so may require further veterinary attention. (Source: <http://www.horserides.org/horsesandsnakebites.html>)

## BABY NEWS...

Introducing "Rocky"

Born: 30 Sept 2009

Time: Approx 0830

Mother: Bonnie

Owner: Amanda Blandon

Congratulations Amanda

we look forward to seeing Rocky at BRC in the years to come!!







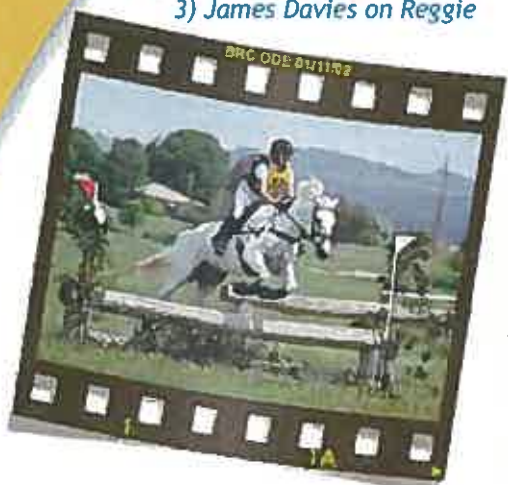
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# ODE

one day event wrap-up

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- 1) Sally Townsend on Roarie
- 2) Kylie Higginbotham on Amie
- 3) James Davies on Reggie



## RESULTS:

### Introductory (Open)

1. Clinton van der Sanden (Billy)
2. Nina Finch (Teddy)
3. Vicky Brownlie (Artegra)
4. Sally Townsend (Roary)
5. Lyn Yates (Jehorah's Gift)

### Introductory (Junior)

1. Keely Pasfield (Nick)
2. Kathleen (McGrath on Ice)
3. Emma Lewis (Let's Cruise)
4. Kirsty Field (Sienna Shah-K)
5. Sally Brownlie (Dutchess)

### Newcomer (Open)

1. James Davies (Reggie)
2. Rob Creer (Bella)
3. Nicole Smith (The Saltire)
4. Margaret Forster (Blackall Park Clementine)
5. Dawn Richardson (Dream-catcher)

### Newcomer (Junior)

1. Loren Slater (Firestorm)
2. Tom Thorek (Oscar)
3. Estelle Wenn (Mumbulla Barnacle)
4. Mikaela Maisano (BHM Nikita)
5. Merrin Boyer (Re-Pete)

### Encourager (Open)

1. Leisa Doggett (Oscar)
2. Lyn Walker (Sam)
3. Isabel Widdison (Dash)
4. Kerry Williams (Eaglehawk)
5. Michelle Davis (Ziglauee)

### Encourage (Junior)

1. Sophie Williams (Indi)
2. Kelsey Szczepanik (Allengreen Gift)
3. Annie Creer (Harry)
4. Charley-Maree Baum (GP Cilla)
5. Rosalind Moran (Tiddles)

## COOKING UP A STORM AT THE ODE

Thanks to the fantastic efforts of the cooks, the cake makers, other donators and the customers we had a very successful day with the canteen making profits in excess of \$850.00.

We particularly thank Eric, Dennis, Mick and Lilly who gave up their day to cook for us and help out in the canteen. We thank also all those other volunteers who dropped in, help set up, serve and clean up. This was a great team effort. The cakes and slices were wonderfully received and really added to the day.

Eric's signature egg and bacon sandwiches were most popular and I'm hoping we can get the team together again next year to cook up a storm of cakes and food for the day. So once again THANKS TO EVERYONE and best wishes

*- Helen Blain*



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# My First ODE

I bought Sunny 5 years ago with the aim of learning to Event, but due to a scare when learning to jump about 4 years ago I stopped jumping altogether. 3 months ago I regained the confidence to start jumping again and in a moment of craziness decided to enter the BRC ODE. I prepared by doing the Nat Blundell's cross country, Jamie Grant jumping and Amanda's dressage clinics. So by the time 1 November rolled around I had jumped about 4 times, probably not the best preparation. However for some strange reason I wasn't nervous on the day - probably too tired from helping with setup on the Saturday etc.

I was feeling confident until I walked the SJ course and then the XC course - I started to think what have I got myself into here??? Am I crazy??? My first event at my age... The jumps look higher from the ground. I thought I could manage the SJ but didn't think I would get around the XC but was determined to have a go.

The dressage went ok, although Sunny wasn't really in the mood. Changed saddles and went straight over to the SJ did a couple of practice jumps and then over to the ring. Jumped clear and was feeling really good even though I brought Sunny back to a trot before each jump. I later found out that I missed a whole jump..... arghhhhhh!!!

Time came for the XC and Sunny didn't want to warm up and just wanted to go back to the float. Could also see lightening in the distance and hear thunder start to grumble. Just before I entered the starter's box I remembered that Sunny hasn't evented in 5.5 years and then she seriously injured herself in a bad fall. Oh dear too late now. The starter counted down, Sunny was quiet, he said "Go" and Sunny suddenly

came to life - yes, she thought this is what I like doing - not that dressage stuff you make me do!

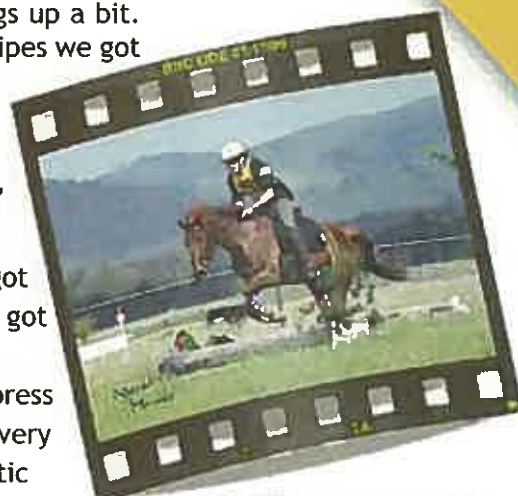
We started slowly but increased our speed, by the time we got to the tire jump where David (hubby) was stationed he thought I looked totally in control. Then Sunny decided to speed things up a bit. Unfortunately at the pipes we got caught up behind 2 people and I wasn't confident to yell out 'horse coming through' and we had to go back to a walk (eventually got around them). But we got over taken a couple of times which didn't impress Sunny at all. We did every jump and had a fantastic time - what an adrenaline rush. I can't wait for the next one - this will definitely not be my one and only - I loved it. It really helped having a horse that knew exactly what to do.

The day was fantastic. A big thank you to Beck M for lending me her beautiful jump saddle, I am so grateful. All the committee members put in such a big effort in organizing and setting up. I had no idea until the Saturday how complicated and time consuming it is to put up a dressage arena and we had 4 to do. Even the storm afterwards was spectacular. Can't wait for next year!

- Deb Parsons



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7) Daniel Bogle on Snuffy  
6) Deb Parsons on Sunny  
5) Kate Williams on Glenluck Radi  
4) Rebecca Purdie on Breeze



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Hi Beck,

I am so pleased I came to your event, thank you for such a fantastic job in organising the whole thing! You even turned on a terrific storm to remember the event by for years to come, well done!!! The event was a fun one and it went smoothly which makes it a joy. Has your voice recovered yet? We were very surprised to have done well. We have done one ODE before (Harden), and we placed in the bottom third. Oscar is a perfect all-rounder and specialist of none! I looked back on the DVD of my dressage test and nearly cried, but his jumping is ok, and XC is fantastic, for a rookie! I was surprised at how confident he is - just point and shoot even the water! We have been to a few ag shows and the judge has a quick glance our way and I think has a bit of a chuckle! We do ARC and trail rides and that's it - it's all fun! I think I am hooked on the ODE thing now - will have a go at Berrima I think! Thanks again Beck, you did a superb job and thank you. Must put me on your email list so I don't miss next year's event!!!

Leisa [Doggett] & Oscar

# ODE

## letters of thanks

Hi Rebecca,

Thanks for running a most enjoyable ODE last Sunday - well, I enjoyed it until my pony thought to give me flying lessons & then the ambo's decamped me to Canberra! I'm pleased to report that I've not suffered injury other than a rather deeply bruised hip, but I'm grateful to all involved in attending to me, as it could easily have been serious. (but then we equestrians are a tough lot aren't we).

In particular could you thank via your newsletter the numerous people who helped me, my wife and Steel after the accident. I don't know the names of those who lent a hand (other than Janene, but I don't know her surname), looking after Steel until I was able to get back there late in the afternoon, and securing my gear, car & float against that incredible storm. Whoever you are, I am immensely grateful for your help; I don't know what we would have done without it.

I think that the company of people who will show such generosity is one of the most valuable aspects of being a part of our equestrian community (apart that is from the pleasure & companionship of our ponies, even when they do try to launch us into orbit). Would it be possible for you to send me my Dressage Test report please? I arrived back rather too late to be able to pick it up.

Thanks, Greg [Edwards].

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## South Coast TRAIL RIDE WEEKEND



14 of our Club Members set off for an overnight trail ride weekend on 22 - 23 November. It began with a ride at Mogo, staying at a motel in Moruya and then riding on the beach at Congo.

Amanda Blandon prepared this report:

My Mum and I took our new green horses to the Bungendore Riding Clubs overnight trail ride weekend.

You could not have asked for two better behaved horses, their second float ride and they had to travel down the Clyde, they got tired just before the Bay, but they were so good, they came off nicely and were complete gems on the 15km ride.

Sunday we drove the 10km to the beach, our guys had never seen the ocean before and they were well behaved, we got within 10ft of the waters edge, we are hoping to try and get to the waters edge next year. The whole time I was riding down the beach I couldn't believe I was there, coz I have always wanted to ride along a beach.

Both were tired in the end and to our surprise the little mare self

loaded (first time with out any coaxing), I dare say they will sleep most of this week :) By yesterday morning Nuggie was getting easier to catch, well it wasn't taking as long, I will do some work with his catching problem the weekend after next when I have a bit more time.

All in all it was a great weekend, everyone who attended (13 riders in total) were great, if we could we all helped each other out and things ran smoothly, and the mounting block my brother made got a lot of use on Sunday, which is great. :)

*Many thanks to Helen Locke for organising - although attending, Helen unfortunately didn't get to ride due to an injury .*







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## important NOTES

### BRC General Profile

#### 2010 Profile...

As the end of another year draws near, it is time to start planning our events for next year. So... as this is your club, we are asking for your input.

You will receive a survey form so that you can indicate what rally days and events you would be interested in attending next year. We are also asking for offers to assist in organising rally days and events - especially for some of the new events that we may not necessarily have the experience in organising.

Please feel free to suggest other events if they haven't been included on the survey.

### coming up...

Jan - Due to expected EXTREME heat - we will be organising a "Walking Only" Trail Ride through the shady Kowen Forest (entrance via Millpost Lane). More details to be posted soon.

### just been...

#### CHRISTMAS PARTY:

On the 27th November a group of club members and family gathered at Le Tres Bon in Bungendore for a beautiful meal to celebrate Christmas. A great night was had by all.



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BRC acknowledges and thanks our fabulous  
sponsors for their support of our club!

Next BRC Committee  
Meeting:  
21 January 2010

Time: 7.30pm

Venue: To be confirmed

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## **BRC Website...**

is undergoing a transformation and is continually being updated. Please check it for upcoming events, forms to download, and riding times/programs prior to riding days!

[www.brc.org.au](http://www.brc.org.au)

## **Facebook**

We now have a FACEBOOK Group!  
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### **Local Equestrian Clubs/Associations**

Murrumbateman Adult Riding Club

[www.murrumbatemanarc.equestrian.org.au](http://www.murrumbatemanarc.equestrian.org.au)

Tuggeranong Adult Riding Club

[www.tuggeranongarc.equestrian.org.au](http://www.tuggeranongarc.equestrian.org.au)

ACT Equestrian Association (ACTEA)

[www.actequestrian.com](http://www.actequestrian.com)

*Any club can register their dates for upcoming events for free. It also includes a Classified section. ACTEA manages Equestrian Park, Cotter Rd—Curtin*

National Capital Equestrian Club (NCEC)

[www.ncec.asn.au](http://www.ncec.asn.au)

*Organises competitions in Dressage and Hacking.*

ACT Show Jumping Club (ACTSJC)

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

*Organises training and competitions, sometimes in combination with other organisations such as NCEC.*

ACT Dressage Association (ACTDA)

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

*Organises Dressage Competitions located at Exhibition Park in Canberra*

National Capital Horse Trials (NCHTA)

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

*NCHTA aims to promote the sport of Eventing and conducts safe and enjoyable training days and competitions.*

National Equestrian Centre Kerrabee

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

*Conducts competitions in Mini-Dressage, Mini-show jumping and Mini-One Day Eventing. Located in Weston Creek.*

Local Canberra Horse forum

[cbrhorse.potts.net.au](http://cbrhorse.potts.net.au)

*The Bush Capital Horse Directory contains equestrian information including links relevant to ACT. It also operates a discussion forum.*

### **Other Horsey Websites**

EFA NSW

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

Eventing NSW

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

New South Wales Polo Crosse

[www.polocrosse.net/aus/nsw](http://www.polocrosse.net/aus/nsw)

NSW ERA—Endurance Riding

[www.nswera.asn.au](http://www.nswera.asn.au)

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## BRC Code of Conduct

1. Horse riding at Bungendore Riding Club activity days is restricted to financial members of the club or others who are otherwise covered by temporary insurance cover (e.g riders at ODE events)
2. Members are to follow the procedures set down by the BRC Event Organisers including making payments on time/by the due date as required.
3. Riders must wear approved AS/NZ 3838 or EFA approved helmet at all times whilst mounted. It must be structurally sound. Riders are encouraged to wear helmets at all other times when handling horses.
4. Suitable footwear which prevents the foot from sliding forward through the stirrup iron must be worn or caged stirrups must be used. Stirrups must be the correct size for the boot.
5. Suitable riding attire must be worn. It is recommended that riders wear full length trousers or jodhpurs and a sleeved shirt.
6. A first aid kit and communication link is to be available at Club activity days.
7. Members should not be under the influence of alcohol or drugs prohibited by law during an activity day.
8. Pregnant riders should be aware of the benefits and risks associated with riding in this condition and must obtain and act upon professional medical advice regarding their fitness to continue participating in equine activities.
9. Members are to participate in a polite, honest and respectful manner in dealings with fellow members, officials and others associated with BRC. Inappropriate behaviour and/or abusive language will not be tolerated. Members must accept responsibility for their actions.
10. Members are not to engage in riding which will endanger themselves or others. Riders must consult other riders before increasing pace and/or distance from the group on trail rides and other group activities.
11. When riding in groups the rider of the horse following is responsible for keeping his/her horse at a safe distance from the horse in front. A horse known to kick should have a red ribbon in its tail.
12. Horses must be in a condition fit to undertake the activities and riders are responsible for the condition and safety of their tack
13. Owners of stallions are to notify a Committee member that they are bringing a stallion to an activity day.
14. BRC Committee reserves the right to ask members to remove a horse which is being disruptive or is not sufficiently under control.
15. Dogs must be restrained and under control at all times.
16. Spectators should be at a safe distance from riding events.
17. Parents and carers must ensure children in their care are supervised and kept a safe distance from horses, vehicles and equipment.
18. Members are to act in accordance to the BRC Code of Conduct. The committee reserves the right to refuse participation of members in breach of the BRC Code of Conduct.