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February Rally Report

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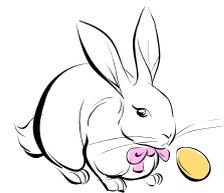
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For our February Rally we had Sam Caporn at the club for morning and afternoon lessons. Sam also had an very informative equipment talk in the hall at lunch time. Sam talked about ropes, why we have different lengths & their uses. This was followed up by a talk on bridle, bits etc. Sam said using a bridle/bit should be a progression of our horsemanship, he explains if used in the right hands bits are not severe.

Our afternoon lesson we focused on letting go of our reins. We started with indirect rein & how softly we could achieve this. The next stage was to walk forward (focusing on a point) then to flow into a back up (softly). Then this progressed to backing up without reins, just with a shift of weight and legs for support. Our next challenge was to ride a figure eight with no reins (or try!!). We had to use our shoulders & pelvis to make our turns, and using reins to make corrections. This was quite funny as everyone's figure 8's kept moving, so a little practice was required for that task!! Once again Sam conducted a fantastic lesson and as always we came home with lots to practice.

**Happy
Easter to
all our
members**



March Rally Report

Rachel Robertson



For our March rally we ran some Parelli Tournaments. Firstly we were lucky enough that Sam Caporn gave his morning to come and help us out and judge our obstacle course and give us the set up and music for the day.

We had an obstacle course that covered the five of the seven games, we had a friendly game where we had to get our horse to stand on a tarp for 7 seconds, a circling game, where we had to sit in a chair and have our horse circle around us twice each direction. We had a yo yo game where we yo yo'd our horse between 2 barrels (extra points the further we went) We had a jump set up as a squeeze game where our horse jumped turned faced and waited for 7 seconds each direction and a sideways game over poles on the ground. The time limit was 3 minutes, you could pass on a game or go over time and get penalties if you wanted to.

We split into two groups and while half of us were doing the obstacle course the other group did the timed events. This was set up around the rail of the arena, big thanks to our time keepers and helpers on the day. The timed events consisted of the fastest walk, slowest trot, fastest trot and slowest canter.

We then did the obstacle course freestyle, same scoring but it seemed to be easier on time, perhaps because it was our horses not us that had to run through the sand!

We packed up and finished around lunchtime then had a sausage sizzle provided by the club.

Everyone enjoyed themselves and there was a lot of support (and a bit of cheating) on the day ☺

Hopefully we will be able to run a similar event again later in the year.



Congratulations

Our members have been beavering away at their Levels, with the following people passing their auditions.

A big congratulations to

Jo Mckee: On line Level 2 ++

Elle Byers: On line Level 3+

Charity Magill: On line Level 4

Hakan Magill: On line Level 4, Freestyle Level 4, Liberty Level 4, Finesse Level 3++

If there is anyone else I have missed, please let me know for the next newsletter!!

Impulsion Clinic

Belinda Taylor

Sam Caporn held his Impulsion Clinic over 4 days in February. Seven brave souls braved the heat to learn more about balancing whoa and go and the ingredients needed to achieve this. Sam went into detail on the keys to impulsion: Responsiveness, Balance and Relaxation and the techniques to gain these.

He covered aspects of a good teaching session, using warm up, teaching and performance phases. He also looked at the qualities that the rider needs to work on in order to get the most out of their horse.

Patterns were used as a strategy to get the horses in tune with their rider, and to give the rider a focus. I found that I was rewarding my LBI too often and always with a quit. Sam encouraged us to stay on the pattern until the horse was connected to the pattern and to us mentally, emotionally and physically. This could mean you were on the pattern for a long time, before a change was made. For my mare, I had to use neutral as the reward, so that she could find relaxation and reward in movement. Consistency was a major key. Sam talked about how horses are often looking for ways to get us to change the question, rather than actively looking for the right answer. So we need to maintain our focus and make it a game for them. The clinic was loaded with information for many months of follow up and practice. I can already see the difference it has made both to my attitude and my mare's. I'm looking forward to more positive changes to come.



From the President



Well we are 2 rallies down already this year. The weather is starting to cool and I am getting more riding time YAY!

We have some great plans for this year. For the April rally we will practice our tournaments from the March rally so that we are awesome the next time we do it, we will probably also add in Pat's Barrel racing after lunch as the day shouldn't be too hot.

For our May rally we are hoping to have an invite day, where we invite the members of all the other clubs that use the Gidge grounds to come and see what we do and how Natural Horsemanship is more than rope wiggling. We are just putting together a programme for the day then I will get together with the other club presidents and hopefully we will get some good numbers. Kirst has also found some lovely club jackets for us for winter, we will do up an order form and if you want a jacket or club shirt then please let her know.

Keep safe and healthy. Rachel

Member Profile – Melissa Guest

Humanity: LBE I think

What horses do you own (Name/Breed/Age/Horsenality):

Yaldon Heritage aka Harry, Arabian 25yrs old LBI . A quiet bossy boots, a gentle soul but can be very reactive if pushed the wrong way.

Yaldon Shaamus aka Shaam , Arabian 12yrs old LBI/E . Oh really, do I have to? ..

Kishtar, Arabian 14yrs old RBI Anything! anything! Just keep me safe!

How did you come to own this type of horse?

I have been riding since before I can remember, but never owned my own horse. It is a passion that would not leave me. When my son left school 13 years ago I leased a horse from a friend. After a year with Snoop, I decided I was able, and it was time to have my own horse. It's never too late!

I bought a Thoroughbred Ex racer, for \$1500. Oh dear! All I really knew about horses was how to groom, saddle up, and stay on top, well most of the time. I came a bad cropper off Marty and lost any confidence I had in him, so he went to a more experienced home and became a brilliant eventer. I then bought a Tbred/Qhorse cross.. Kaz had really been through the mill, lots of owners and completely misunderstood. That is when I realised I needed to know a whole lot more about horses and started learning the Parelli method. Kaz taught me a lot, but still I was very inexperienced on how to help him through his past, he went to an enthusiastic young girl and ended up being a star at Prince Philip Games.

10 years ago Harry came into my life. An Arabian, a horse that had only been used for ARC and a few bush rides. He is a gentle but opinionated soul, has great strength of character and is easily offended if pushed, Harry has taught me a lot and has been instrumental in helping me and others regain their confidence in riding and horses. He has earned great respect from anyone who knows him. He is a gentleman.

What can I do with an Arabian ? Endurance! I had a goal. Over the next few years Harry and I became qualified endurance horse and rider, we had a lot of fun. Endurance is a wonderful way to really learn about your horse, you have to, to complete. Sadly Harry suffered a suspensory injury and was paddock bound for a year. That was when I bought my wonderful Shaamus, who definitely is not an endurance horse, although we did complete several rides together. He is a character and a challenge, requiring me to learn more and more good horsemanship in order to understand him and how to find the best in him and me.... This is an ongoing project!

Kish came into my life nearly five years ago He is my dream horse, my white Porsche. An ex endurance horse, retired because of injury, although we have completed a few 40km rides and three Blackwood Marathons successfully. Kish is so willing to please, he is speedy and such fun. With two Left Brain, often unmotivated horses in Harry and Shaam, Kish has taught me to step back, take things very slowly, and lower my life; Actually I have learnt that works pretty well for the Left Brainers too.. Thanks Sam!

I just love Arabians, I can't ever imagine owning another type of horse. They are smart, quick to learn, willing, loyal and while challenging, it is pretty easy to find the answer if you really look inside yourself.

I am constantly learning and looking for guidance to be a better horseperson for my boys. Over the last 13 years I can see progress, but of course there is always so much more to discover and hone.



Member Profile Continued—Melissa Guest

What are your natural horsemanship goals?

To be a better and more effective horse person. To find the key in myself to obtain true lightness in all my horses, on the ground and ridden. To be able to play at liberty with them all ...and them wanting to play and be with me.

Give me a special moment on your horsemanship journey?

Oh so many, but recently... After playing with Shaam in the arena, on line and then at liberty. Time to finish, walking towards the gate, he is always at my side after play.. and its usually dinner time. No Shaam, .. At the gate I turned around .. He had taken himself off to the plinth and was standing on it with his ears pricked forward looking eager...I am certain he was saying to me that he would like more play. That was a simple but a very very special moment .. For Shaam to want to do more is quite something! I knew I was getting somewhere.

What motivated you to get involved in the HNHC?

Didn't need much motivation, it sounded like the perfect club. Having been a member of ARC and finding their principles and activities just didn't gel with either me or my horses, joining a Natural Horsemanship Club was a no brainer. I love this club, the people, the activities and the principles attached to it. I feel very privileged to have been a member from the start and have loved every rally, so have my boys, long may it continue.

Member Profile—Jo Mckee

Humanity: Left- Brain Introvert / Right Brain Extrovert depending on who I am with haha

What horses do you own (Name/Breed/Age/Horsenality):

1. Alli / Waler x Stockhorse / 6yrs / LBE
2. Dancer / Standardbred / 22 yrs / LBI
3. Chloe / Arab x / 32 yrs / LBE in her younger days

How did you come to own this type of horse?

I got Dancer 13 yrs ago when I was told Standy's were a good choice for a first horse and how right that was, she has been a fantastic teacher and partner. Chloe was rescued as a companion for Dancer about a year later. I chose Alli for her breed, to come on my Endurance journey with me and she has so far proven she is a natural enduro girl.

What are your natural horsemanship goals? To enjoy every moment with my horses and to be a great partner and leader for them and to ride the Tom Quilty with Alli barefoot and natural and hopefully at level 3-4 Par-elli

Give me a special moment on your horsemanship journey? There are two very special moments on my journey that stand out, the first is, after never having a young LBE before, I finally learnt to trust Alli and enjoy our relationship, thanks to some great mentors. The second was, after nearly two years, I could ask Dancer on the float and have her confident and relaxed enough to take her and Alli to the beach !!

What motivated you to get involved in the HNHC? I wanted to be around like minded people who would understand where I want to go with my horses, I also love letting Alli play with the other horses at the Rally's, which are so much fun.



Gear for sale

Bits and Reins for Sale

1 x C1 Parelli/Myler Cradle Bit 5" with 9ft Finesse Reins (white)
 2 x C3 Parelli/Myler Cradle Bits 5" with 9ft Finesse Reins (white)
 \$100.00 neg. each bit and rein combo
 only selling as not suitable for our current horses

Charity Magill 0404 695 252

Saddle for Sale:

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Horse Float for Sale:

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Saddles for Sale:

Barefoot Cherokee Treeless saddle. Standard and XWide fiberglass trees included. Light Fawn, original leather stirrup leathers (web core) and Grandeur Saddle Pad. (Designed to be used with the saddle for spine clearance etc) Detachable Sheepskin comfort seat. Exc working cond. \$550.

Wintec All purpose, full "Equi-suede" seat and monoflaps. 17", set with a medium narrow to narrow gullet, not changeable. Was used with high withered TB's. Unmounted, great working cond. \$50.

Dressage Saddle, European Zaldi. Spanish made, Very comfortable. Wide panels and channel, Fit horses medium wide to x wide. 17" Black, as brand new. Ridden in 4x. I bought it as a "second" from an auction, you wouldn't notice the tiny flaw in the top of the seat unless I showed you! Was such a bargain. These saddles are a couple of thousand new, but I'm just asking the \$550 I paid for it as unfortunately it doesn't fit ME!



Yvonne Wintergreene 9295 4851

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Horses For Sale

Will

Will is a three year old warmblood gelding who has been handled every day since he was born. He is a dark bay with a inquiring, intelligent mind and a natural athlete, Will has been raised in accord with natural horsemanship principles and was recently put under saddle by Sam Caporn. Will is a left brain extrovert with medium to high level spirit who enjoys being kept busy!

If this is the type of horse you are looking for please contact Dorothy Mitchell on 0407 980 672 for further details



Baillie

Baillie is a four year old bay warmblood who is ready to go to a new owner as a genuine life time companion. We expect Baillie to mature at around 17 hands. He is a heavy boned gelding but despite his size he is a gentle soul. Baillie is a right brain introvert with medium spirit, recently put under saddle by Sam Caporn. He likes you to take time with him and rewards you by his ability to quietly get on with the work in hand. Baillie has been handled since birth and raised in accord with natural horsemanship principles.

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Katinka

Katinka is a three year old quarter horse (dam Trentons Silk - a Royal Show winning thoroughbred and sire Colonel's Gold). We believe Katinka is fully grown at around 14 hands but the chunky quarter horse build is evident. Katinka is a chestnut filly who is a left brain introvert with medium / high spirit. Katinka needs someone willing to bring her on and put her under saddle. She will reward her new owner by being an athletic and attractive companion.

If this is the type of horse you are looking for please contact Dorothy Mitchell on 0407 980 672 for further details



Dark Davene

Pretty, jet black, warmblood filly, rising 2yo. Davene has an amazing nature, loves people, curious to the extreme, funny and endearing. She is a LBE with a low to medium spirit. Mature to 15.3H approx. Sire- Belcam Charlton. (Capone, Contango II, Grannus II). Dam – Weilken Star (Eventing) (Sky High, Blue Peter)Serious Performance Warmblood pedigree in a compact size! Davene is 100% sound, Reg ACE, basic education, Easy to handle in all aspects. Will make a great, fun partner for anyone. Cavalletti add # 55643, "our" price is \$5000 to a Parelli home.



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Rally Dates 2013

April 20th - Practicing Parelli Tournament Games

May 18th - Demonstration Day. The other clubs that share the Gidge showgrounds are invited to join us for a information day on the club and Parelli Natural Horsemanship. Demonstrations will be held by Parelli Professionals in all 4 savvies and with "difficult horses".

June 15th

July 20th

August 17th

September 21st

October - No dates available but we will book somewhere else

November - 23rd

Clinics

Sam Caporn will be running two clinics in June:

Intro and Level 2.

The dates are still to be confirmed. If you are interested then please contact Rachel Robertson on puraraza@iinet.net.au or 0400540 573

Advertising

If you would like to advertise your business in the newsletter or on the club website, please contact Belinda on belltaylor@bigpond.com. Newsletters come out quarterly.

Advertising rates are:

Newsletter—\$20 per year

Newsletter + website—\$30 per year

Advertising for horses, equipment etc, is free!

Club Shirts, Jackets and Hats

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