



Hills Natural Horsemanship Club



From the President



Well it's Christmas time again! This time of year is sooo busy, I don't know about you all but my horses are lucky if they are played with once a week at the moment. Such a shame as the weather has been perfect for riding. The club has had a great end to the year and we are looking forward to 2015. Hopefully we will hold some audition days next year so members wanting to do their levels can use the club's equipment and space as well as have support while they film. I am always so proud when people mention that our club is so relaxed and supportive, it really is a place where members can come and not be judged on what they wear or what breed their horse is.

Congratulations to everyone on a great club and I hope you all have a safe and Happy Christmas. I hope to see you all in 2015.

Cheers

Rachel

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October Rally Report

Yvonne Wintergreene

The October rally was held on yet another lovely Spring day, and we were lucky enough to have 2* Star Parelli Instructor Shana Walters join us for the day.

First up the horses socialized and turned up their heels while the humans did likewise, coffee in hand. No need to rush things!

Then by 9 am Shana had us all in the arena where we stood in a large circle, tying our legs together with savvy strings. Yikes! With all the horses galloping about, and no carrot sticks to defend our space, I was pretty relieved to move the circle outside of the horse area.

Here things got even more interesting. If we'd all stopped laughing so much we might have done better! (I was laughing at Catherine laughing!) Basically, we had to move the circle along, while all tied together. It became quickly apparent that timing, balance, cooperation, communication, teamwork, leadership etc etc were needed....sound familiar? Shana was also looking to see if a leader would emerge.....but the group seemed to want to give everyone's ideas a run, which was nice too. We experimented and did lots of trials, getting better each time. How accommodating we were! It became apparent that moving our feet with some sort of order was effective - and we ended up colour coding our feet and calling out the colours to effect an orderly rhythm. Shana had to help us in the end, but much was learnt and it was a great starter to the day.

From there, everyone went out to collect their horses, and the group lessons began. Shana ran small one hour group lessons, which ran into the early afternoon. I saw plenty of Freestyle happening around the barrels, circling, yields, back up etc while Shana guided students through the exercises and diagnosed what to fix.

It was a great day and we hope to have Shana again soon.



Congratulations

Congratulations to:

Kirsten Kirwan for passing her Level 3 Liberty with a 3+

Kyla Foo for passing her Level 3 Liberty with a 3++



Christmas Party

Rachel Robertson

Our Christmas Party was held on Sunday 23rd November, it was a very low key affair with a few members away at Equitana. We had a lunch at the Parkerville Tavern, the club paid for pizzas with members buying their own drinks. It was a beautiful day and great company with lots of laughs. Next year we will have to plan a little further ahead as booking anything late November/December is quite challenging.

November Rally Report

Rachel Robertson

We were again lucky to have Charity and Hakan Magill join us for this rally. It is so nice to have 2 Parelli Professionals who support our club and are happy to share their knowledge with everyone.

Our morning game was about rhythm and working as a team. We used the Parelli Ball and had to stay in a circle and keep the ball from hitting the ground, then we had to move as a group and stay in our circle while still keeping the green ball in the air. There were some sharp moves from Dave whose volley ball style lunge and whack was truly a spectacular sight! Then Charity and Hakan got out the 45 foot rope, oh no! I hadn't done any skipping since about grade 5 when a sports bra was very much in my distant future! I wish I had a video camera as there was some flashy moves and some not so flashy moves! It was a great start to the day and we all had our hearts pumping by the end of the game.

There was then a choice of an online and a freestyle obstacle course. Harry the wonder horse made jumping a 30cm jump look like something from the Olympics with his Aires above the ground! Everyone had a go at both courses, some even going bridleless for the freestyle course. It was a lovely relaxed atmosphere with plenty of entertainment.

Also our awards for the year were given out, those recipients were:

Most Helpful – Sophie

Most Improved – Kelly

Model Citizen – Cyndy

Best Attitude – Trish

Best Presented – Danielle

Good Attendance – Jill and Catherine.

Congratulations to everyone.



Horses For Sale

Will

Will is a four year old warmblood gelding who has been handled every day since he was born. He is a dark bay with an 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



Milton

Milton is an 16.2h OTTB. He is a 10 year old medium spirited LBE. He is barefoot, but he requires boots when being ridden on rough surfaces. He is cheeky, loving and very playful. Due to injury he is only suitable for trail riding and low level dressage/hacking as he is a little weak in his off hind. He is great to trim, float and get his teeth done. He can be left in the paddock for months then dragged out for a trail ride with no dramas. He is happy to be ridden out at walk, trot and canter on a casual rein both in a group and on his own. He loves liberty.

\$500 price extremely negotiable to the right home. Call Belinda on 0414463032

Gear For Sale



Parelli Fluidity GP for sale \$2950 neg. Black, 17.5in, super wide, in excellent condition, includes dust cover. Save on shipping, taxes and exchange rate - about \$1500 in savings. Call me 0404 695 252



Agistment

Agistment Vacancy in Parkerville. Full Board \$130 pw. Includes all barefoot trimming/shoe rehab. Bridle trail at front gate, short ride to Sunninghill or Parkerville Equestrian Centre. Flood lit arena, round yard, brick stables for tack up area, huge water body to swim in. Irrigated areas, careful landcare and rotation practices. Horses are run without isolation or confinement in one of two small herds

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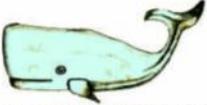
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Rally Dates 2014

February 21st

March 21st

April 18th

May 16th

June 20th

July – TBA grounds not available
but we will hire elsewhere

August 15th

September 19th

October 17th

November 28th

Club Shirts, Jackets and Hats

Kirst Kirwan has taken over ordering club shirts, jackets and hats. If you would like to order any club items, please email Kirst on alandkirst@bigpond.com.

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

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