

# Tasmanian Mountain Cattlemen's Association Inc

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Tracey and Members of the Committee wish all our members and friends a very Merry Christmas and a safe and prosperous New Year.

We look forward to seeing you all in 2015



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## FUTURE EVENTS & NOTICES

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- December Sunday 28<sup>th</sup>** Trail Ride, Patersonia
- January 25<sup>th</sup>** ..... Get Together working bee "FONTHILL"
- February 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>** ..... TMCA Get Together "FONTHILL"
- February 17<sup>th</sup>** ..... General Meeting, Westbury

### TRAIL RIDE – PATERSONIA

**Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> December 2014**

This ride will be hosted by Craig Von Stieglitz at his property at 992 Patersonia Road – 10am. The ride will be on bush tracks and up to Mount Arthur. As always bring your lunch and drinks. Camping available. Enquiries to Craig on 0419 539497

### GET TOGETHER WORKING BEE

**Sunday 25th January, 2015**

The usual jobs will be carried out including the erection of the toilets, some clearing and setting out the race course.

Meet at "Fonthill", Lamont at 10am.  
Enquiries to Tracey on 0419 582 580.

### GENERAL MEETING

**Tuesday 17th February 2015**

A General Meeting will be held at the Westbury Fire Station, Lyall Street, Westbury.

The meeting will commence at 8pm and all members and friends are invited to attend.

It would be appreciated if members could bring a small plate of supper to share following the meeting.

Enquiries to India on 0409 559 651

## 28th ANNUAL GET TOGETHER

*"Fonthill", Lamont, Oatlands.*

*7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> February, 2015*

We are very appreciative to the White family for proving another wonderful venue.  
Their support of the Association is very much appreciated.

### Admission Prices

Tickets can be purchased online at [www.tmca.net.au](http://www.tmca.net.au) or by contacting the secretary.

GET TOGETHER ADMISSION	FRIDAY / SATURDAY PRE-PAID	FRIDAY / SATURDAY ON THE GATE	SUNDAY ENTRY ON THE GATE
ADULTS	\$35	\$40	\$20
PENSIONER / YOUTH 13-17 yrs	\$18	\$20	\$10
CHILD UNDER 13 yrs	FREE	FREE	FREE

**HAY:** BYO. No hay will be available for purchase at the site.

**NO GLASS:** The no glass policy will be enforced, vehicles will be checked at the gate and alcohol in glass containers will be confiscated.

**WATER:** A water tanker will provide water for the horses. Please bring water for human consumption.

**CAMPING:** The designated family camping area worked well and will be continued.

**SECURITY:** A new strong security team will be on site Friday and Saturday nights with no unacceptable or anti-social behaviour tolerated. A motion sensor camera will be installed at the entrance gate for nighttime surveillance.

**STALLIONS:** Stallions are to be 4 years of age or older and will only be accepted by written permission. An application form and further details can be obtained from the secretary..

**TRAIL RIDE:** As well as the usual trail ride there will be a short ride of approximately 1 hour.

**CHAMPIONSHIP:** Entries to be received by the 30<sup>th</sup> January. Senior - \$30; Junior - \$15.  
Entries can now be taken and paid for online at [www.tmca.net.au](http://www.tmca.net.au).

**VOLUNTEERS:** are needed for a variety of jobs. If willing to give a hand please give India a call on 0409559651.

### **NEW EVENTS FOR 2015!!!**

#### **LEAD REIN HANDY STOCK HORSE (JUVENILE) SPONSORED BY PAINTED VALLEY STUD**



This year we are adding a leading rein section to our handy stock horse event designed to encourage our children 8 years and under, to compete and learn the ropes and challenges of the handy stock horse. Children will compete on leading rein with ideally as little help as possible from the person leading but also have the help there on hand if they need it. The more independent the rider is at doing the tasks the better.

The course may be modified from the junior and senior at the discretion of the judge, and if hobbles are to be applied, this will only be to props provided and not to their horse / pony (for safety reasons). Time limits will apply. Children cannot compete in leading rein if they are also competing in the junior handy stock horse or if they have competed in the junior in previous years. We really hope this event is supported and we encourage anyone who has a keen young rider to have a go and have some fun doing so.



# The Cattlemen's Ironman Challenge

The 2015 Get Together sees the introduction of a new event!  
The Ironman challenge will be held in the main arena in the evening at the conclusion of the dog jump.  
Teams will consist of 3 entrants (all ages and genders compete as equal).

The challenge will be comprised of various farm job related tasks  
and run in a timed relay format – judge's rulings will be final.

**Entries must be received at the TMCA caravan no later than 2pm on Saturday - \$30 per team**  
**Entertaining attire and commentary information may be awarded BONUS points.**  
**\$300 prize money for 1<sup>st</sup> prize, trophies & prizes!!!**

## THE TRADITIONAL STOCKMAN CLASS SPONSORED BY LAUNCESTON VETERINARY CLINIC

This year, Steve King and the Launceston Veterinary Clinic are putting up \$100 cash prize money for a new class. "The Traditional Stockman" is to be held in the main arena at lunch time and is open to 3 age groups. Juvenile 8 years and under, 9-17 years and Senior over 18 years. The Traditional Stockman is to be judged on whom is the best equipped horse and rider combination for a full day's work out in the mountains mustering cattle. This is the only class where it is acceptable to not be wearing a helmet, but only once inside the arena whilst being judged.

## PAST EVENTS

### HANDY STOCK HORSE FUN DAY

We had a fantastic turnout with approximately 30 riders attending the day this year at Glen & Mientje Whatley's property in the lovely Golden Valley. The Cattlemen's handy stock horse gear was set up alongside the property's permanent obstacles which Glen and Jess had been busily adding to with a new ditch with tractor tyres and a new tyre mountain! We were very grateful to Ron Morgan for attending with a range of other activities and helping out with

good advice to those who were challenged by the variety on offer. The afternoon trail ride covered some beautiful country around Quamby Bluff and was enjoyed by all who rode. A big thank you to all the Whatley family who assisted on the day. We are very grateful to be able to enjoy such a beautiful piece of Tasmania.

Jack Norris atop tyre mountain



### JUNIOR HUNT CLUB DAY

The TMCA recently attended the JNR hunt club rally held a Devon Hills with our handy stock horse challenges.

Special thanks to Judy Kilby who came along with Ollie to do demonstrations and also took the young riders on a little treasure



hunt towards the end of the day. All of the challenges were set up on the arena, with Lisa providing some pretend stuffed calves for the kids to carry around and some little whips to test their whip cracking skills. We setup some small pegs/sticks in the ground for the kids to practise putting the hobbles on. The weather was very kind and we had a great morning teaching the riders all about our handy stock horse event and what to expect at our Get Together when competing. A lovely BBQ held afterwards, laughs and good times were had by all. **Jess Whatley**

**A Friend in Need**

I keep thinking about the old bay mare,  
For she was a friend indeed.  
But now that she is old and frail,  
She is a friend in need.

She is finding winters cold and hard,  
And this drought seems to never end.  
It's a hard decision to make, you see,  
To shoot a good old friend.

But I cannot take the cowards way,  
And pretend that she isn't there.  
To let her die a lingering death,  
Is more than I could bear.

As I go to the shed and get the gun,  
And drive out where the horses live,  
I think of her being young and strong,  
And having so much to give.

Those days at Kareela were long and hard,  
And the ridges were rocky and steep,  
But never was a hill to high for her,  
And never a gully too deep.

There was never a mob she couldn't swing,  
Nor a bull that she couldn't bend,  
Never a horse with a bigger heart,  
And never a better friend.

She is standing just away from the mob,  
As I drive over and park nearby,  
I curse the grass that is dry and dead,  
And I curse the cruel blue sky.

As I raise the rifle, it won't stay still,  
And the scope seemed a cloudy blur,  
But no matter how much it's hurting me,  
This is what's best for her.

And if there's a god, then he will see,  
That the bullet goes straight and true,  
And I know that I will sleep at night,  
For I'm doing what I must do.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

I have been travelling a bit this year. Took the car to Melbourne in mid July and travelled to Springsure, QLD in a round about way; catching up with friends and visiting lost acquaintances as well as seeing lots of things I have, either, heard of or "run across" somehow.

While away I spent a day on the Dividing Range at Springsure. The property was called "Pindari". Fifty thousand acres of beautiful range country, just over from the Carnarvon Gorge. My host was a man called John Watkins. Most interesting fellow. Not only does he live in lonely country, his interests include rodeo and mountain climbing (both ice and rock) and he writes poetry. I will include one of his works at the end of this. His climbing has been worldwide, except Tasmania. Next on his list I hope. Not only was he generous with his time, but he was a wonderful host for the day. He showed us brumbies, wild pigs, glorious flora and the most beautifully set mountain hut, where we had lunch served with bush tea to die for.

The poem of his I loved the most is a reminder of my naughty but loved "Mouse", whom I lost earlier this year. I hope you are able to enjoy it too!

Also got a chance to read books and meet other great people. This book "In Stockman's Footsteps", was lent to me over my trip. It is written by the adventurous Jane Grieve. It covers her life and involvement with the construction of the "Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame", in Longreach. What a woman!

Enjoy. Regards Jane Taylor



**Membership renewals for 2014/2015 are now overdue**

Please forward the form below to: The Treasurer, TMCA, PO Box 139, DELORAINÉ 7304

Senior Member (18 years & over) \$20  Junior Member (under 18 years) \$5

Name/s .....

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