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IT'S A GIRL!!!



Congratulations to Committee member Jessica Whatley on the safe arrival of her 3rd child, Elsie Charlotte Jones. Best wishes from the TMCA to dad, Scott Jones, big sister Ruby and big brother Ned!!

FUTURE EVENTS & NOTICES

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 10th, 11th, 12th Members weekend
May 10th Trail Ride, Patersonia

TRAIL RIDE – PATERSONIA Sunday, 10^h May 2015

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

BRONTE PARK MEMBERS RECREATIONAL WEEKEND Friday to Sunday 10th – 12th April

A Members Weekend is planned for Friday & Saturday night at the Bronte Park Highland Village 378 Marlborough Highway, Bronte Park in the Central Highlands. Generally this is a horse free weekend but horses are welcome for those wishing to explore the area on horseback. Yard locations would just need to be confirmed with the venue. The weekend has plenty of scope for fishing and kayaking and there are some good walking tracks nearby. This is a beautiful area of the highlands and a great opportunity to check out the local history and attractions. There are good lakes nearby which offer great fishing with boats welcome. A booking has been made for a 3-bedroom cabin, which sleeps 10 and swags on the floor are welcome. More cabin accommodation is available depending on interest. Cost is approximately \$30 per night per person depending on numbers. There is a bar and restaurant plus bbq and cooking facilities.

ENQUIRIES & RSVP: to India on 0499 553 331 **by Monday 23rd March**

VENUE INFO: www.bronteparkvillage.com.au

REPORT : : TMCA 28th Annual Get Together “Fonthill” 2015

Our annual Get Together was held at Fonthill, Lamont Oatlands on the 7th & 8th February 2015. We were very lucky to have such a wonderful venue offered to us and our hosts Chris and Debbie White were very accommodating and extremely helpful.

This was the first year of change as we had decided to steer away from the wild and alcohol fuelled Saturday night band and replace it with some true family entertainment, and a different security firm was a welcome addition. As expected this did reduce the numbers through the gate, but all who attended were very quick to comment on the better atmosphere and nice feel the event had this year.



Saturday as usual kicked off with the championship and numbers were good this year as was the standard of competition both senior and junior. Senior was taken out for the second time by Sarah Boxhall riding Franklin and the junior by Brittany Hine riding Westfield Over the Moon. This was followed by the other events of the day with the design and layout of the stockhorse race course being one of the best for some time, overheard from some competitors that it was a thinking riders course.

Jackson Miles – Navigating the Handy Stock Horse ditch

Then Saturday night rolled out the entertainment extravaganza! Starting with the dog jumping which is proving to be the most popular competition of the weekend but will be closely followed by the inaugural TMCA Ironman event. What a huge amount of fun was had throughout the night and the crowd was packed 20 deep around the perimeter! Congratulations to all who were involved in the birth of these ideas, as they are really making our event more family orientated again.



Sara Boxhall – completing the Cattle Handling phase of the Senior Championship

What was left of the night was spent listening to the easy tones of Dan Murphy our class act on stage. Sunday saw approximately 160 riders split between the two trail rides and both were thoroughly enjoyed by those who took part. Thanks to the leaders and marshalls of both.

How to sum up our weekend is easy this year..... Absolutely great fun and leaving patrons keen to come again. Our committee worked in perfect cohesion with all really pulling their weight, no job too big or too hard and all smiling faces. Thanks to everyone and you are all to be congratulated on the best weekend which we are sure will only keep getting better.

Tracey Boon – TMCA President

REPORT : : Coopers Rural Contracting Dog Jump

A change to the timing of this event to evening saw a large crowd gathered in anticipation for the Coopers Rural Contracting Dog Jumping, and they weren't disappointed. There were 28 entries, spread evenly through the three classes. Experienced Kelpie breeder and dog trailer Toby Ritter was in the judging hot seat, and Andrew Wadley commented.

First up were the small dogs, with the finalists jumping far higher than was ever anticipated. Some who couldn't make it over managed to wiggle under the jump to make it to the other side. Irene Laughlin's reigning champion

Shorty, a crowd favourite, couldn't quite make the height this year against the eventual equal first place getters - two new contenders, Jack Russells Meg and Spike. Meg, owned by Georgia Elias, was tempted to the other side of the jump by her squeaky toy. Spike, who showed some reluctance initially, was also tempted by the squeaky toy borrowed from Meg by his owner Sandra Rybarczyk, to make the jump.



The crowd gathering to watch the dog jump

Then it was the turn of the medium and large size dogs. None of these dogs needed a squeaky toy to make the jump, which quickly grew in height, with the final height jumped of 2.1 metres. Border Collie Fizz, owned by Todd Evans, was out to try and better her second place from last year. However the Kelpies were the winners this year with Barney, owned by Jack and Erin, jumping to first place, closely followed by Jimmy, owned by Aiden Nunn and Sara Boxhall, with Fizz taking third place.

In the large dog class, second place getter from 2014, Lucky, owned by Judy Kilby, was the only place getter which returned to contest the competition. Despite trying hard he remained runner up again, with Jasmine Burns' Badger claiming first place. Winchester, owned by Cyndal Ryan jumped into third place.

The winners all received a lovely leather collar handcrafted by Tania Burbury. Thanks to Coopers Rural Contracting for sponsoring the dog jump, which was a highlight of the Get Together and enjoyed by all who watched.

Report Courtesy of Sallie Wadley – TMCA Treasurer

REPORT : : Inaugural Traditional Stockman Presentation Classes 2015



The Inaugural Stockman's Presentation Classes were run for the first time at the Get Together this year with the support of Dr. Stephen King from the Launceston Veterinary Clinic. Unfortunately there were only eight competitors spread throughout the senior, junior and juvenile classes. Harold Riley was the winner of the senior class. Harold is a stockman from way back and was well equipped to take out first prize. Unfortunately Georgia Baker was the only entrant in the Junior section but she was a worthy winner. It was hard to split the two young boys in the juvenile class. Both Jock and Jack looked terrific on their well behaved ponies with Jock taking the first prize.

PIC: Harold Riley

Report courtesy of Sandra Rybarczyk

REPORT : : Inaugural Cattlemen's Ironman Challenge 2015

The 2015 Get Together saw the introduction of a new event! The Ironman challenge was held in the Handy Stock Horse arena in the evening at the conclusion of the dog jump. Teams consisted of 3 entrants (all ages and genders competed as equal). 15 teams were run over 5 heats with the 3 fastest teams run off in a grand final heat. The victorious team was called "Mr Braun, Mr Beauty & Miss Brains" were winners of the \$300 prize money, a trophy and ribbons. "Fonthill Fillies" were 2nd and "Meander Valley SES" 3rd.

This event proved to be very entertaining for spectators and competitors alike as they rolled swags, carried "Old Mate" stuffed dog, billy cans full of water, carried hay bales, built a horse yard, made and ate sauce sandwiches, hobbled themselves to team members and rushed over the finish line in a 3 legged race format! Video footage of the winning team can be found on the TMCA Facebook page.

PIC: Justyn Atkins, Danielle Whatley & Blake Miller



Report : : 2015 Longford Blessing of the Harvest Festival Parade

The Blessing of the Harvest parade was a success with five riders attending – carrying the banner and flying the TMCA flag. Thanks to Geoff Harvey, Ron Morgan and the Rowe family for organising the group.



This story is by Jessie Rowe - 12 years old
It's Sunday morning at 9am and we are heading to the Blessing of the harvest - Geoff, Jessie, Georgia, Mum and Dad, with three horses loaded. When we arrived at Longford show grounds, Ron Morgan and his two horses were there; myself and Georgia held the banner "Tassie Mountain Cattlemen care for the high country". Geoff and Dad held the Australian Flag with pride.

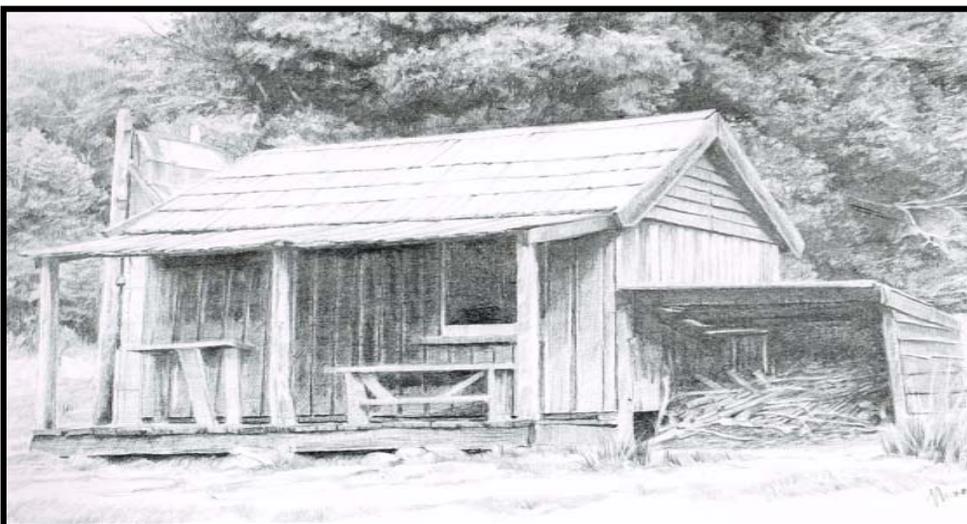
Ange & Mark Rowe, Geoff Harvey, Ron & Jessie Morgan on horseback - Jessie & Georgia Rowe holding the banner

As Georgia and myself carried the banner down the street, we were amazed to see the crowd, so thrilled with the horses. As we approached the village green, a man was on the loud speaker and he talked about the TMCA - the crowd clapped and Cheered once again.

At the Village Green, people again enjoyed the horses, so many questions were asked. We put Bella, our horse, into the pet show and won best harvest pet. It was a great day and we hope to see many more riders next year.

REPORT : : 30th Year Anniversary - Reg Wadley Memorial Hut, The Paddocks

Reg Wadley was a good mate of Lewis Lee and they enjoyed each other's company over many decades and spent many a ride together taking cattle to the high country, including The Paddocks. In 1970, Reg Wadley purchased a hundred acres in The Paddocks, which was sold to him by Oxley Lee, brother of Lewis. When Reg passed away in 1972, his share of The Paddocks passed to his daughter, Judy, who shared her late father's passion for the highlands and the natural environment. Several years later, encouraged by family and friends, Judy fulfilled a dream to build a hut on the acreage she owned at the top end of The Paddocks.



Assisted by many, over a three week period, a hut was erected and completed in February 1985. All timber was sourced from local hardwood in the area and the hut is warm, cosy and comfortable. It has welcomed multitudes of bushwalkers and horsemen and women since its inception, and is a gem in the wilderness. However, it remains a privately-owned hut on privately-owned land and users should always be mindful of the privilege which comes with using such facilities and afford the

owner and the hut and its surrounds the respect and courtesy which is so deserved. Judy named the hut 'The Reg Wadley Memorial Hut' as a tribute to her father.

Report courtesy of Craig Von Stieglitz

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HAPPY 30th Birthday

Happy birthday from the TMCA family to Committee member Shannon Barwick this month and congratulations on a beautiful wedding Shannon and Justin last month – many happy returns☺

Have something of interest to contribute to the TMCA newsletter??

Photos – poetry – event reports

We love to hear from TMCA members and what they get up to in their travels or weekend activities horsing around or spending time in the high country. Please also let us know if there's something you think we should be involved in around the community!!

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