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FUTURE EVENTS & NOTICES

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Last Sunday of Every Month.... Trail Ride, Patersonia

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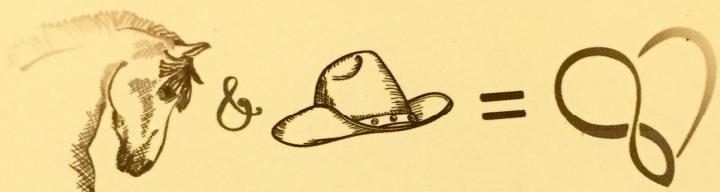
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TRAIL RIDE – PATERSONIA Last Sunday of the month

Monthly rides are 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 & RSVP to Craig on 0419 539497

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PRESIDENTS REPORT : : 2016 Get Together Brambletye

How lucky we are to continue to have access to such fabulous venues as Brambletye. As an association we cannot thank our property owners enough for without their continued generosity our event could not be run.

What an interesting lead up..... hit with one of the driest spells on record, lucky enough to be camping in a pivot circle with green 'lawns' at our camps and then the week before record rains across the north..... flooded bridges and no access to our venue ! However as always we soldiered on and the floods receded, the 'lawns' grew some more and the venue looked magnificent.

A record equalling number of championship participants was encouraging and all competed well with sometimes sticky cattle and a challenging but perfectly designed race course. An excellent outcome for the winners with Will Browning placing first and second in the senior, and David Gardiner winning the junior.

Congratulations must go out to all competitors for the way they conducted themselves particularly when the cattle proved difficult. All other events ran well with positive feedback on the timing of the whip cracking being held at lunch time and the usual fun and laughs and great participation in the dog jumping and ironman events. It is a great sight to see so many people involved with so many kids running around on and off ponies having such a great time.



Will Browning at presentation

Our trail rides kicked off on Sunday with nearly equal numbers on both and all coming home having had a great time and been privileged enough to see some more of the property.

An absolute highlight was the Pengilley kids and friends helping to draw the raffle and speak on the mike especially when the littlest guy wanted to put the drawn ticket back because he didn't like purple! Thanks must go out again to the Pengilley family particularly Keith and Georgie who both made themselves and their machinery available and were a tremendous help at any time when needed, their help made our job so much easier. On a sadder note our sympathies go out to both Georgie and Keith and the family on the sudden and unexpected passing of Ian MacKinnon and our thoughts are with them at this time.

Thanks must go to our hardworking and dedicated committee..... we are a small bunch but achieve huge things well done to all concerned and we can be proud of the way our event is now heading. Also thanks to the volunteers made up of family and friends that help out each year, we couldn't do it without you all. So a great result from a fantastic venue and we are all looking forward to next year.

Cheers Tracey Boon, TMCA President

REPORT : : CHAMPIONSHIP WINNER – WILL BROWNING

G'Day

I was a competitor at the Mountain Cattlemen's Get Together for the first time this year and found it a lot more family friendly than I expected. There was a great cheerful competitive atmosphere amongst the competitors especially in the Championship which I entered. It was a great opportunity to get young horses exposed to crowds and different obstacles throughout the day. This competition is great for being able to have the whole family join in and the different sections have something for everybody to enjoy. I feel my own horses had a good learning day and I enjoyed it a lot. I would encourage any families with an interest in having their kids try something on their ponies to go along or if you are looking for a challenge and like to try some harder competition to go and have a crack at it as it is a great event.

Cheers Will Browning

India, Jessica and Tania – 3 of our committee members, travelled to Tamworth early in the new year to watch and participate in the Legacy of Legends and Buck Brannaman clinic which is held in Australia only once every second year.



About A Legacy of Legends

A Legacy of Legends is a continuation of what Ray Hunt and Tom Dorrance taught and understood about horses. While Ray is widely considered one of the greatest and most influential horseman of all time, he was always quick to give the credit to Tom. "Tom told the horse's side of the story," Ray said in an interview not long after Tom's passing. "He knew what the horse was going to do before the horse knew it. I'd never seen anything like it and I've never met anyone since who understands the horse the way Tom did. He had something truly special." Together Tom and Ray changed the horse world, but with the loss of Ray in 2009 there were concerns about how to preserve their legacy and assure that the extraordinary gift they had given us was passed on. The Legacy of Legends annual gathering brings together some of today's best examples of what Tom and Ray started, and through our scholarship program we are certain the learning will continue and the lessons these two legends taught will never be forgotten. Like Tom and Ray, who were always thinking about how they might make it easier or better for the horse, A Legacy of Legends offers others the encouragement and understanding to keep searching too.

Buck & Reata – colt starting sessions

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The first 3 days saw us spectating a wide variety of classes, the first was Buck Brannaman's colt start which was a pleasure to watch including several well known and respected horsemen and women from the US and Australia all taking unbroken horses and starting them under saddle over 3 days. There was also Buck's advanced ridden class, Reata Brannaman's youth class for kids under 15, Jaton Lord (Ray Hunt's grandson) and Brooke Hazlett's reined cow horse class, Lee Smith's Horsemanship class and topped each day with Buck's ranch roping class. To watch these guys work and prepare horses all day long for working cattle was a real treat and a huge learning experience for everyone.



The final 3 days were specifically a Buck Brannaman horsemanship clinic where people travelled from all over the country with their horses to participate. 30 horses in the young/green horse or handler morning session and 30 in the afternoon Ridden Horsemanship class. With several hundred people wishing to participate, each was drawn from a hat several months prior. I was very luckily drawn a cancellation ridden position for the afternoon class, late in December and was kindly loaned a horse by organisers Deb and Anthony Desreaux in order to be able to ride at such short notice. To say this was a highlight of the trip is an understatement. Jumping on an unknown horse and riding into an indoor stadium with close to 1000 spectators to ride with Buck was a bit daunting to start with but a few friendly faces in the crowd and fellow Tasmanian Brody Wickham also riding soon got the nerves settled, Buck soon put us all to work and the learning began. Horses and riders were from all disciplines and from as far away as WA.

With Legacy and Buck's clinic to return in 2018, I can recommend it for any horse person looking to further their education and that of their horse. Anyone from any discipline would find it a worthwhile trip, but for those interested in working cattle from horseback it was especially educational. From listening to the guys from the US, it became very clear that so much of their back mountain terrain where cattle is ranched and mustered in the states, that we share many experiences with them here in the mountain cattle country of Tasmania and Victoria. Having handy horses that are well educated and prepared for these amazing and unique cattle working conditions is a must and how to go about this was by far the biggest lesson taken away from the trip. Cheers, India



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