



TASMANIAN HIGH COUNTRY RIDERS

THCRA MAY 2011 NEWSLETTER

Well what a wonderful start to the year with absolutely beautiful weather for most of our rides so far, except for February so a big Thank you to Stan for being able to run the ride on the Sunday, when the weather had improved.

Welcome to all of our new members, we hope you enjoy yourselves.

Upcoming ride dates:

Contact:

21 st MAY:	ASBESTOS RANGES	Tina: 0488999159
4 th JUNE:	HUNTSMAN-MEANDER VALLEY	Ron: 0438681363

This will be in association with The Biggest Trail Ride in history. A gold coin donation would be kindly appreciated to raise money for the Brumbies.

23 rd JULY:	KIMBERLY REC GROUNDS	Brian: 64972110
AUGUST:	TBA	
24 th SEPTEMBER:	AVOCA	Julie: 63842159

PLEASE MARK THESE DATES IN YOUR CALENDER

Dates of upcoming rides are advertised in the Examiner and the Advocate on the 1st & 3rd Saturday of each Month

RIDE REPORTS:

Date:	20 th February 2011
Location:	Frankford
Weather conditions:	damp to sunny
Riders attending:	17

Due to the rain on the Saturday, the ride was moved to the Sunday with a 9am start. The weather was sunny with some very damp bushes to pass by; needless to say we were damp by the end of the day. It was an enjoyable and relaxing ride with no incidents. Thanks again Stan.

Date: 19th March 2011

Location: Evandale

Weather conditions: Sunny

Riders Attending: 18

The ride was a beautiful ride with 4 hours in the saddle covering paddocks, bush runs and a testing bush picturesque hill climb to the most outstanding and breath taking views. It was a wonderful days riding and an opportunity not to have been missed, with plenty of wildlife to be seen including deer. Five new members joining on the day and no incidents. Thank you Anne.

Date: 16th April 2011

Location: Blackwood Creek

Weather conditions: Perfect, warm and sunny

Riders attending: 30

Riders left Betty and Pete Castle's property at Blackwood Creek, the weather was one out of the bag with the sun shining and with a big number of riders. Riding alongside the Weston's Rivulet all riders settled in to an easy enjoyable ride and in no time had arrived at the shack at the start of the "Grunter" track for lunch. After picking a few leeches off in some unusual places riders headed off, Heading back took riders through beautiful rain forest and dry eucalypt forest, and then up in to the hills to enjoy the view over the Northern Midlands. Betty was given lessons on the return on how to tie saddle bags on after losing the first aid kit!! There were no incidents and again a lot of new members joined us.

We would also like to wish Stuart Morice all the best with his recovery from surgery and hope to see you back out riding in the near future.

- **JUST A REMINDER**

- Membership fees are now due.
- Please send any fees and an updated waiver form (attached) to Kris O'Toole (see end of newsletter for address)
- A \$3.00 capping fee must be paid at all club rides. Correct change is appreciated
- \$25.00 is now the price for a day visitors, due to insurance
- Please inform the appropriate ride contact if you are planning on attending any of the rides.
- All rides leave at 10am sharp, so please be ready by 9.30am

Please check your gear is correctly fitted and all intact before heading out on the ride to ensure a safe and enjoyable ride for you and your horse.



**CHRISTMAS IN WINTER
WITH
TASMANIAN HIGH COUNTRY RIDERS**

We will be having our annual Christmas in Winter

Celebrations this year at

The Great Lake Hotel

On the 9th July 2011

The cost of the meal will be \$18.00

This includes a full Christmas roast, Dessert with Tea & Coffee

A variety of accommodation is available

Please book your own accommodation

Great Lake Hotel ph 03 62598163

RSVP: Nyree 0447000779

By the 27th of June

T.H.C.R.A /A.T.H.R.A. RIDE RULES

- Riders must obey the instructions from the Trail Boss and Stewards at all times. Permission must be obtained to ride in front of the Ride leader or behind the Drag rider.
- During a ride keep the rider in front of you and the rider behind you in sight.
- Keep your horse out of kicking distance of other horses.
- It is recommended that horses be adequately shod as determined by the Ride organiser.
- DO NOT pass other riders at a speed that may excite their mount.
- The ride must not be left without the knowledge and permission of a ride officer.
- No pets or firearms allowed on rides or camps.
- During a ride the blood alcohol level must not exceed .05 to comply with state road rules. No alcohol to be taken on trail rides.
- All gates are to be left as they are found. All property, private, crown or state owned, is to be respected and left as found with all litter removed.
- Riders under 18 must wear a regulation helmet.
- Riders are required to register their participation in the trail ride. For safety reasons, please do not bring your horse with you when attending the registration desk.

This is an abridged version of the High Country Riders Rules. A full set of rules is available from the Club Secretary.

Next Meeting will be held on the 26th May at The Blue Berry Barn Cafe commencing at 7.30pm. Why not come a bit earlier and enjoy a meal.

HAPPY TRAILS

Current Executives

President -	Michael Hall: 0409273555
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