



TASMANIAN HIGH COUNTRY RIDERS

THCRA OCTOBER 2011 NEWSLETTER

Well what a wonderful year we have had with absolutely beautiful weather for most, if not all of our rides so far. Our membership is currently close to 60 odd riders, so we must be doing something really good.

The feedback from all new members is they are really enjoying the friendship, laughter and of course the rides. I would like to thank all club members who have assisted with organising the rides and I would like to welcome all our new members.

A BIG THANKYOU TO WENDY FOR ORGANISING A GREAT VARIETY OF RIDES.

Upcoming ride dates:

Contact:

PLEASE MARK THESE DATES IN YOUR CALENDER

22nd October

AVOCA

Contact: Wendy 0438050766

Following the ride there will be a BYO BBQ

5th to 7th November Long Weekend camp (member's only ride).

Arrival from Saturday. Short ride on Saturday afternoon, with the main ride on Sunday. Ride starts on Sunday at 10.00.

WILLIAMWOOD (ROSS) Contact: Wendy 0438050766

3rd December

SHEFFIELD

Contact: Wendy 0438050766

Ride leaving Sheffield and travelling through Beulah and Paradise

10th December: Christmas Party

SIDMOUTH

Contact: Nyree 0447000779

BYO: Eats, Drinks, Chair, sleeping bag and gear to stay overnight.

Dates of upcoming rides are advertised in the Examiner and the Advocate on the Saturday prior to the ride.

RIDE REPORTS:

Date: 21st May 2011

Location: Asbestos Ranges

Weather conditions: sunny

Riders attending: 32

Great ride with beautiful views and all the new members fitting in really well. It was an enjoyable and relaxing ride with no incidents. Thanks again Tina & Tony.

Date: 25th June 2011

Location: Evandale

Weather conditions: Sunny

Riders Attending: 34

The ride was a beautiful ride with 4 hours in the saddle covering paddocks, bush runs and a picturesque hill climb to the most outstanding and breath taking views with no incidents. Thank you Anne.

Date: 24th July 2011

Location: Kimberly

Weather conditions: Sunny

Riders Attending: 35

A Lovely bush ride with a great lot of people with lots of laughs and a few riders taking the long way round. Riding through the bush listening to laughter and chattering makes the day a magic one. Thank you Brian.

NO OFFICIAL RIDE WAS HELD IN AUGUST DUE TO TRAIL BOSS ACCREDITATION

Date: 24th September 2011

Location: Paradise

Weather conditions: Drizzly

Riders Attending: 20

Due to wet weather this ride had to change venues at short notice, so thank you to all involved to make this ride happen and to be successful. Thank you especially to Rodney & Robert.

Trail Boss Accreditation Weekend

Twelve riders from our club attended the accreditation day along with the members of the Devils on Horseback Club. The instructor was John Kasch, National ATHRA Director Alan Salter and John's wife Joanne delivering training. The accreditation was delivered over two days based around the ATHRA Code of Conduct. Many thanks to Rayleen and her club for organising a very successful and friendly training session.

HORSE FIRST AID COURSE

The Devils on Horseback club are organising a First Aid training day. This will be on the Sunday 23rd October based from Westbury. The one day seminar will cover basic horse health, vital signs, basic horse first aid and how to treat common injuries and conditions. If you are interested the cost will be \$100.00. Please contact Rayleen Garwood on 0418167382 for bookings.



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

This was a really great night/weekend with lots and lots of SNOW. So much snow that we really did not think we would make it home on the Sunday. The members who attended the function (approximately 20 plus) felt we should book again for 2012. Please could not so many members to pray for snow. Thank you to Nyree for organising this event.





- **JUST A REMINDER**

- 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.

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 24th November 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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