

MONASH ARC

CLUB INFORMATION

As of November 2009

About Us

Monash Adult Riding Club is a club for those over the age of 18 who have their own horse to ride and wish to expand their skills in horse riding and horsemanship. We are a friendly, social club, and aim for members to have an enjoyable experience with their horse and fellow club members.

We are part of the Horse Riding Clubs Association of Victoria (HRCAV).

Annually, we host at least one competition open to HRCAV members from other clubs. We also involve the club in other means of fundraising, such as chocolate drives and trivia nights. These events allow us to subsidise the cost of rallies for our members, allow us to purchase new equipment, and assist with some Top Teams team entry fees.

Besides fund-raising activities, the Committee organise several annual events for the benefits of members. These may include: X-Country training clinic, excursions to horse establishments for demonstrations, trail rides, guest speakers, Awards evening, etc. We are always open to new suggestions.

Location + Facilities

We are located at Drummies Bridge Reserve, High Street Rd, Glen Waverley, Melways 71, J1.

Our grounds are approximately 15 acres and consist of:

- a large club room (can be hired out for functions), including a kitchen, toilets, etc
- large grassed area suitable for flat/dressage
- large gravel arena that can be divided into smaller areas
- show jumps (usually set up on the gravel arena)
- a small hickstead course

Rally Day + Structure

Our rally day is the SECOND SUNDAY of month. Occasionally the rally day is changed to allow us to run a competition (often this is then run on our usual rally day, so we have a rally on the Saturday instead), or to participate in Top Teams events. We notify members well in advance of these changes.

Our rally day has two separate, yet concurrent activities that members may participate in. These are the *Standard Rally Day*, and *Specialist Instructor*. Please see the 'Rally Booking Info' sheet for further information on how to book for both activities.

The *Standard Rally Day* consists of 4 groups with approximately 6 members per group. Each group has the opportunity to participate in 3 lessons throughout the day. 2 sessions are before lunch and 1 session after lunch. Lunch is a time for members to chat and for a quick meeting whereby the committee can let members know about any important information. Sessions usually include: dressage, show jumping and cross country, however this may change depending on ground conditions, weather, and if we are able to access instructors for other disciplines. It is not compulsory for members to participate in all 3 lessons – you may choose to participate in what you like.

Instructors for the *Standard Rally Day* are semi-regular and will get to know you, your horse, and your equestrian ambitions, and help you in moving towards your goals.

Groups are loosely based on rider ability and the level of the horse, however it is recognised that everyone is in a different place with each discipline and so groups may seem varied. Groups may change every rally.

We will host *Specialist Instructors* as we are able to book them. They will be coaching in their chosen discipline.

Member requirements

As a member of Monash ARC, you are required to assist in the set-up and pack-up of each rally day you are in attendance. This makes life easier on everyone as many hands make light work. Usually this involves setting up the show jumps and dressage arena. We ask that members arrive in plenty of time in the mornings so we are set up by the time the rally begins.

Each member provides their own lunch, however, a roster system is set up for 2 members each rally to supply lunch for the instructors. Usually you will not be on lunch duty more than once every 2 years.

The members assigned to lunch duty are also the 'time-keepers' for that particular rally day. It is their responsibility to excuse themselves from their lesson 5 minutes before the end, and put a PA announcement over to let instructors and members know there is 5 minutes until the end of class. This is to assist in the day running smoothly and to time.

The Drummies Bridge User Group (DBUG), which consists on Monash Pony Club, Nunawading Pony Club and Monash Adult Riders, hold regular working bees. We would hope members would help out when they are available as this makes the grounds and facilities better for us. Past working bee improvements have included: the installation of a water jump, clubhouse renovations, extension of arena, general grounds improvements, etc.

Throughout the year, the club runs a variety of fundraising activities such as hosting competitions, chocolate drives, trivia nights, rug parties, etc. All members are required to assist where possible as it is this fundraising that allows the club to continue to function successfully. Without this fundraising, member fees would be substantially higher.

Uniform

Monash Adult Riding Club colours are bottle green and white. The Club stocks a variety of uniform items that members can purchase including: polo shirts, fleece vests, rugby jumpers, iron-on logos and club saddle cloths. We have also sourced fitted, quilted green vests that are suitable for competition as well as general use. Contact the Committee for contact details on where to purchase the quilted vests.

Committee + Contact details

The Monash Adult Riders Committee is elected at the club AGM each October. The current committee consists of:

- President – Christine Pope: Christine.pope@defence.gov.au
- Secretary – Jade Johnston: johnsjad@live.com.au
- Treasurer – Nicole Smith: nicky@horsemail.com
- Event Secretary – Karen Toriedt: doriedt@iprimus.com.au
- Assistant Event Secretary – Sarah Bailey: snow_leopard1@hotmail.com
- Public Officer – Linda Hardy
- Uniform - Julie Clark: jclark@sfx.vic.edu.au
- Rally Organiser Members: Jade Johnston
- Rally Organiser Instructors & Groups: Linda Hardy and Caroline Laming
hardyhaa@hotkey.net.au and carolinelaming@optusnet.com.au
- Website Administer - Caroline Laming: carolinelaming@optusnet.com.au
- CLUB WEBSITE: <http://monasharc.cyprix.com.au>

Please contact a member of the Committee if you have any queries.

Website contributions, including photos are welcome. Much of our club information is available on our website which is updated regularly. Please contact the appropriate committee member to organise to contribute.

Dogs

Dogs are NOT PERMITTED on the grounds under any circumstances. Members who bring their dog along will be asked to take them home immediately.

Grading

To be able to compete in official HRCav competitions you must be graded in the discipline for that particular competition – with each discipline being graded separately. Grading is undertaken by HRCav trained Level Assessors. Within HRCav there are 6 possible levels you may be graded in, from level 5 (less experienced riders), through levels 4, 3, 2, 1, to Advanced. To advance to the next level you may either get re-assessed, or you may accumulate points through placing at competitions, and with the right amount of points, will advance a level. The names and contact details of the Level Assessors are available on the HRCav website:

<http://www.hrcav.com.au/>

Monash ARC attempts to regularly book instructors who are also trained level assessors. These people are often able to assess you through your day at the rally, at an EXTRA cost of \$10 – which must be paid directly to the Level Assessor. This allows members to be level assessed at a cheaper rate than an individually organising a level assessment. You must bring your grading cards to the rally should you wish to be level assessed.