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Welcome to the October 2011 edition of the TEC newsletter.

Firstly, I must apologise for the tardiness of this edition. School holidays, the need to move out of our house while the floors were being polished and the much appreciated (but extended) visit of several relatives made life a little hectic!

Second, I hope you all like the new format. Yes - it's me and Big Charlie on the masthead, but hopefully not for long! I will be scouting our training days, Fun Days and comps with my camera, looking for suitable models. Anyone wearing the much-coveted purple and white can have their fifteen minutes of fame. Just make sure that you are sporting a smile!

By the way, thanks to our previous editor, Maryanne, for all her great work in the past. I want to assure everyone that the new format is in no way a criticism of the previous newsletters. It is simply that I cannot work in Word. I don't know why, but graphics, chunks of text and even the white 'em' spaces disappeared when I tried to use the previous template. If I was going to get something to you this century it had to be using a program that I was familiar with!

Finally, please remember that (despite the fact that I am currently the TEC cover girl) this is *your* newsletter. Your stories, photos, anecdotes and even complaints are what make the newsletter interesting and informative. Don't hesitate to email me or phone me to have something included in the newsletter.

Happy riding,

Jillian

OUTGOING HRCVA PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I don't know about you but I love this time of year. With Spring comes new and renewed life in its many forms and a revitalisation of energy levels. Blossoms, flowers, baby birds, foals, calves, there is transformation taking place everywhere you look. And what about the grass? Watch out as it is springing upon us very quickly and you know how much our beloved four leggeds just love to indulge themselves!

As this is my last HRCVA president's report I would like to take a moment and reflect over the last three years. Our club has grown significantly in membership and we continue to field enquiries and host guest riders who ultimately become members in most cases.

I have said it before and I will say it again as a parting comment. We have the best equipped club in Victoria (I stand to be corrected) and I believe we offer great variety and value for money. Let's remember one very important thing. Tonimbuk Equestrian Centre is a private commercial

facility. It is generously made available to our club by the Mouser family. They are not a charity so when members and others complain about TEC fees, cost of training days, events, instructors etc they should remember this one important fact.

We arrive to our training days with the indoors clean and set to go.

Jumps are already set up for those partaking in a lesson.

Toilet and kitchen facilities are made available to us and they are always spotless.

Stables are also available to those who want them at a very reasonable price.

We have access to the cross country course as well as all the indoor facilities.

And how much do we pay again as a facility fee?????

And what about the other great activities our club offers riders? The incredibly successful Jump 4 Fun series and more recently the Dressage 4 Fun day; whilst open to all riders,

these events are fantastic for members to take advantage of either introducing their new and or young horse to a relaxed, friendly but still somewhat competitive environment or to push the boundaries and attempt to ride at a more advanced level.

I feel I am leaving the role as HRCVA president on a positive note. A special thanks to the current committee and to all the volunteers who have helped make our training days and events a success. Thanks in particular to Kelly (club secretary) and Kim (club treasurer) who have been alongside me as president for the last three years.

To the new committee, I wish you well and look forward to you stamping your mark on our great club over the coming year.

Farewell and I hope to see many of you both at club events and out 'n' about.

Helen

HRCVA sub committee president (2010-11).



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Helen is one of the sponsors of our next Dressage for Fun, to be held on Sunday, 13 November. Please keep her in mind for your writing needs!

DRESSAGE FOR FUN - YES! IT REALLY WAS!

Dressage for Fun is - for me - an oxymoron. Like Converging Parallels, Fun Runs and Almost Exactly Similar, the concept just doesn't make sense. I really can't see the enjoyment in trying to get my horse to do some fancy movements within a rectangle in front of several pairs of critical eyes. And by fancy, I'm not even talking pirouettes or travers. Trying to execute straight lines, round circles and square halts in public is enough to put me - and not surprisingly, my horse - in a complete tizz.

However, there were a few moments in last month's Dressage For Fun when I found myself enjoying myself! Certainly not during the first test (which, I am told, was quite entertaining for the onlookers) but a couple of times in the second test I found myself breathing, and almost smiling.

I definitely had a smile at lunch, though, thanks to Pat's sensational potatoes and afterwards when the winners were presented with their prizes.

The overall winners were:
Level 2: Imogen Whittaker & Dynamite Charlie
Level 3: Glenda Bukolt & Yahoo
Level 4: Lisa Hart & Lou
Level 5: Shaye McPhilbin & TEP Bindarra

Thanks of course to Nina Clarke for her astute judging and encouraging comments.

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Our September Dressage For Fun prize winners (from left to right): Glenda Bukolt, Kelly Johnson, Imogen Whittaker, Shaye McPhilbin and Zoe Haddrick.

1 November deadline for memberships

All TEC and HRCav memberships are due for renewal. Membership forms are available at www.tonimbuk.com. Remember - you will not be eligible to compete if your memberships have not been paid!

- **Glenda Bukolt, winner of the Level 3 Dressage for Fun, and also the Winter Jump For Fun series, wrote this note:**
- *I would like to thank the Mouser family for giving us the opportunity to compete and the added bonus of a prize. Also I would like to thank Mikayla and Shaye as well as Pat, Ian and Kim for their support to riders like myself who get nervous.*
- *I would also like to thank the judges (Lee, Kelly and Nina), and all the course and arena builders and pole picker -uppers.*
- *The training days at Tonimbuk have been a great opportunity to learn dressage and showjumping and to help improve riders. The Jump for Fun and Dressage for Fun are great days and give you the chance to keep practising and trying until you do get it right.*
- *Also a thankyou to Ron and Linda for their lovely photos and the added bonus of framing one for a prize. Thanks for that.*
- *I am lucky to have a very honest and kind horse - Yahoo - who is quite keen to be ridden but likes to become a partner as well.*
- *Glenda*

IMPORTANT EVENTS

ENTRY FORMS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AT WWW.TONIMBUK.COM

Mitavite Show Jump for Fun

Sunday, 30 October

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Sunday, 6 November

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[Click for entry form: www.tonimbuk.com](http://www.tonimbuk.com)

November Training Day

Saturday, 12 November

COMPULSORY!

This is our final training day for 2011. There will be no formal instruction - just the opportunity to work your horse, have a BBQ lunch and get some FREE exercise. Yes, that's right - ALL members are required to assist with setting up for the Dressage For Fun the next day.

[Click for entry form: www.tonimbuk.com](http://www.tonimbuk.com)

Mitavite Dressage for Fun

Sunday, 13 November

Our Sponsors: [The Horse's Mouth](#) • [Design Words](#)

Come along, test both you and your horse, and enjoy a great meal!

[Click for entry form: www.tonimbuk.com](http://www.tonimbuk.com)

Tonimbuk World Cup Show

Thursday, 1 December - Sunday, 4 December

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We'd love as many TEC members as possible to get together and create a table on the Saturday night for the main class!

Ho Ho Christmas Show

Friday, 9 December - Sunday, 11 December

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

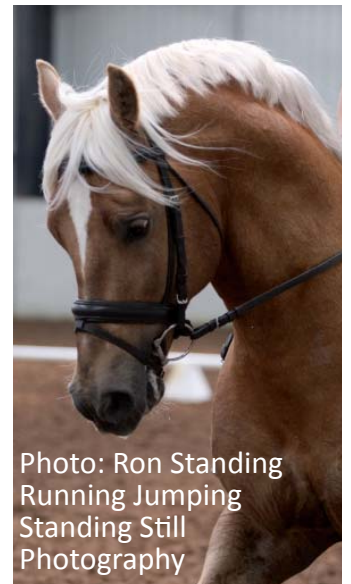


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Glenda Bukolt
Will Collyer
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