



MENTONE HORSE RIDERS CLUB INC.

Newsletter

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Next rally:

The next rally will be on the 20th of September at our club grounds.

August rally:

Here's a report from Cathy on our rally at 5star for the Newsletter. It was a shocker of a day. Sadly Chris Brown couldn't make the rally as her float door was ripped off by the wind when she was trying to load her horse. Surprisingly the weather did improve a little in the afternoon for those who stayed for the jumping.

Thanks to our regular instructors for braving the weather. Even though it was indoor it was still hard to hear over the rain. I had a bit of a chuckle at Josie at one stage using hand signals. I was so looking forward to taking my 3.8 yo to Five star in a relaxed atmosphere. Well one thing you can't control is the weather. On the Sunday morning I woke up early and looked at the horrible winds outside and put the alarm on snooze a couple of times debating whether I go. So I eventually got up and thought I can go and hook the float up and decide then. It wasn't so bad then and the horse was calm so I loaded her on and thought she could do with the trip in the float and hang around the yards watching everybody. As there were already some nice calm horses in the yards my horse was very relaxed even though the wind was howling and the cars & trucks were zooming by behind the fence. I went to check out the indoor and the groups already riding and it wasn't too bad inside so thought OK I can do it. Forget riding in the outdoor to warm up, I'll walk my baby around the indoor then hop on if I think it safe. Our instructors are very understanding of young horses or nervous riders so I led the horse around and realised she was very calm. On I hopped and what a great lesson we had. The indoor arena is so big and easy to ride in. I was so thankful again when the rain bucketed on the roof really really loudly! and some horses had stopped in the middle. So I rode forward to stand with them. Phew we could have all died, however the horses do find comfort in each other. After a minute or two I realised we were not going to die and rode on. My poor baby was very tired so we quit early however it was such a worthwhile exercise. Next time I'll work my way up to riding her in a group at the grounds! So brave. I had my Mum staying so I had to hurry home but I was so thankful the girls organised the day. Thanks.

PS I forgot to mention my car door nearly ripped off in the wind when I arrived to open the gate. Jeepers that was crazy weather. Hopefully everybody had a good day even though we agree we're nuts!

Rally Dates:

20th September

25th October (this is the 4th Sunday because PC are running Horse Trials on the 3rd Sunday)

Classifieds:

If you would like to sell or advertise something just send the info to Sharon, Rhonda or Nicole and it will be included in the next newsletter.

Black leather reins:

\$15 Brand new, never used.
Contact Nicole on 0414426795 or nm_huntsie@hotmail.com

Green rope halter:

Size cob
\$10
Contact Nicole (as above)

Rider's notes:



Competition results:



MHRC Show high point winner wearing the garland donated by Hagen Park Equestrian



Sharon at the Mentone Show