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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOVEMBER, 2019

November 14 Agility Clinic – Nan Catmur - See page 4

November 16 Agility Clinic – Nan Catmur - See page 4

November 24 Rally at Westbury - See page 4

DECEMBER, 2019

December 1 Agility Clinic at Westbury - See page 4

No Rally in December

**TO PROTECT THE SPREAD
OF WEEDS, PLEASE
ENSURE HAY IS ONLY FED
IN HAY BAGS OUTSIDE OF
YOUR FLOAT. THIS APPLIES
TO ALL NARC EVENTS**

BOOKING PROCEDURE

Bookings must be made via the website
<http://www.northernadultridingclub.org.au>

You will receive an email acknowledgement of your booking.

Rally bookings close on the Tuesday before for rally. Most other events on the Tuesday before.

Fees are non-refundable after bookings close.

Membership must be current at time of booking or an Event Membership of \$15 is payable (limit of twice before membership is required) Please have your membership number handy when you go to book.

RALLY REPORT

September Rally

Tracy Nutting

When I was asked if I would like to write this report my response was 'I don't think I am qualified to do that as I am a very new member'. Then the prerequisite changed a little to writing about Prince and I so that you may get to know a little bit more about this stallion that has been allowed to attend NARC rallies. So here goes. I hope you enjoy this different type of Rally Report!

Seventeen years ago I took our 3yo purebred Arabian filly, Capleach Shadowy Lustre (Robali Dargeeling/Capleach Shadowy Lace), to stud and she went 'home' to Capleach to visit Arundel House Bey Rashan (Arundel House Rashan/Belbowrie New Year's Peal). The result of this mating was Acaciavej Shadowy Prince, and with his registration, our little stud journey began.

When Prince was born I was so disappointed, four white socks (mud fever), big white blaze (sunburnt nose) and he was a colt! My initial thoughts were that we would be gelding him and selling him on. My amazing mentor came to visit Prince when he was 4 days old and he said, he's doing well, I shall see you when he is 4 weeks old. When Max saw him as a 4 week old he commented that "he is a very nice foal, you may want to consider keeping him entire". My response was "really, but do you think I could manage a stallion", to which he replied "easily, but we shall look at him again when he is 4 months old". The day came for Max to visit Prince again, and I had got used to the idea of having a colt about, but I thought that Prince had lost 'the look' to be kept entire. Max quietly walked around Prince calmly standing in the paddock, assessing every point, without saying a word. After he had finished I remarked "so we shall cut him then", Max's response was, "cut him and I will cut you". Then we discussed my thoughts and I learnt some more! But to be sure Prince would still need to be assessed as a 4yo. Sadly, Max passed away a few months before Prince was 4, so I had to make the decision myself. With all the knowledge that Max had passed to me about breeding and assessing conformation, I think I got it right.

So from the beginning it has been me to train Prince and take him through the different things that we have attempted together. It has been a wonderful and interesting 16 year journey.

From training him as a yearling colt that you do not try to mount your farrier, who was me, to showing him in led classes and having to be one step ahead of him when he very quickly worked out that I was unable to remonstrate with him too much in the show ring for his bad behavior. I saddle trained him, and as a colt, I learnt how quickly they pick up on things, whether it is the right or wrong thing! The intelligence and workhorse attitude of this colt was beyond any horse I had dealt with before, or since. I trained him with his serving of mares, and to behave himself acceptably in company with mares and geldings.

I rode him in a few shows when he was a 4yo, but we weren't very good. It was great experience for both of us and it was all helping to set him up for endurance, my real equine passion. As a 5yo in 2009, I introduced Prince to endurance with a 20km social ride and he was so well behaved, a 40km training ride a fortnight later. He completed this ride with a riding companion, a mare in season. Then mud fever got in our way, so we didn't come back to endurance until the end of 2009 with a 40km and his first 80km. From here we had an amazing 4 years, 2070km in completions with just one vet out and who knows how many k's in training. 2013 was a very special year as Prince was Tasmania's Lightweight Kilometres and Points champion for the year with 855km and 53points, in the Top 10 for Australia and 2nd Lightweight combination with me in Australia with kilometres completed with no vet outs.



Our first 80km ride at about the 60km mark, in November 2009.
Photo credit to Matt Bennet

2014 was a different story. We had a big training ride accident where we were turned over by a 4 wheel drive rut in April. From this I had to have shoulder surgery and we thought Prince had come out of it better than I, especially when we returned to endurance in September and completed another 80km ride after just 5 weeks of training. A fortnight later Prince vetted out at a ride for lameness, his second ever vet out and I knew in my heart something was not right. It took a couple of months to find it, but Prince had torn his suspensory, and because with this injury, it does not show straight away, we traced it back to the accident of April 2014! Prince then had 18 months off with complete paddock rest before he was allowed to go for a ride again. The day that we did, it was magic. I brought him in, and he casually strolled in to the shed as if he was there for a hoof trim. When I put his saddle on, he was keen in his eye. Then when I put his bridle on, I am sure he was thinking 'you beauty, here we go'. When I mounted up, he asked me, as he does, "how far and how fast". It was the best feeling. So out we went for a lovely trail ride. We had regular trail rides for 5 months before I started planning what I would do with him. Endurance, high level dressage, camp drafting, reining, racing and jumping were out of the equation. So back to the show ring we went. As a rider I had improved, thankfully, and our first show was the Australian Crabbet Arabian Convention in Werribee, where we also competed in Arabian show costume for the first time. We had a great trip coming home with a Championship in led, a Reserve Championship in Ridden and the Magic Domino Memorial Trophy for High % Crabbet Arabian of the Convention. Since then we have shown only in Tasmania and have won our first Led Supreme at an Arabian Show and our first Ridden Supreme at an All Breed Show along with many championships and special awards at a variety of shows in Arabian, Galloway and Show Hunter sections.

Along the way I have also introduced Prince to obstacles, competing in the inaugural TEXCA competition with very limited tuition and joined in the obstacle section of a fun day with some mixed responses from Prince with the obstacles. He has also been to a Working Equitation day and completed a Navigation ride, with a mare as his riding buddy. Recently I finally found the intestinal fortitude to have a go at dressage. Prince did well, scoring 61.25% and winning the section in a Preparatory Test at the Burnie Show. The judge was amazed that he had not done dressage before and encouraged us to do more. At the end of the day she commented about his versatility, saying he was a "true Arabian". The words from a riding instructor to me about Prince, many years ago, resonates with me – "this horse loves his work so much, he will take his rider to wherever they want to go". Key word here is 'ride' as Prince can be a 'smarty emu head' on the ground if he thinks he knows better or best! He is very intelligent, very quick thinking and will try using it to his advantage if he can. My advantage is that we have known each other his entire life, that I nearly know what he is going to think before he thinks it!

Thankyou so very much to the NARC committee for allowing Prince to attend your rallies. I have certainly enjoyed the two days that we have participated in. The instructors in the flat and agility classes that we have taken part in, have been superb. I feel that all of them allow for the different skill levels of riders and horses to try new things and to advance themselves and their horse's education. And there are always new, little things that we can learn about our horses and ourselves.



The beginning of an 80km ride in October 2011. . Photo credit to Matt Bennet



Our pre-ride vet check trot out for the final ride of the year in 2013, where we clinched the title for Prince of Tasmania's 2013 Lightweight Km and Points Horse.. Photo credit to Matt Bennet

November Rally Westbury

- Flat – Judy Kilby
- Jumping – Carol Hobson
- Agility – Jessica Crowden
- Settling In – Di Colebrook
- Non-Ridden – Emily Ruffo with advice on Pasture Management and Fertiliser options



Morning Session will consist of 2 lessons with a choice from 3 options.

- Flat
- Jumping
- Agility

Indicate your preferred options through the booking process. Every effort will be made to accommodate to your selection however depending on numbers this may not always be possible.

Settling In Class

Our regular settling-in class will be conducted separately to the morning session and participants are welcome to join in either of the afternoon classes as well. Suitable for horses and/or riders not ready to join a larger group or may want to do in hand work before riding later in the lesson.

If you require more information on our Settling In class or how the format will work, please contact Norma Cormican Ph: 0412 845 375

Afternoon Session

A non-ridden class will be offered in the afternoon. Members are welcome to attend this even if they are not riding. Please let Di Colebrook know on 0490 538 412.

In addition there will be a ridden class option. The type of class will be dependent on choices made when bookings are finalised.



**Come to the
Afternoon
Presentation
even if you're not
riding**

Agility Day Sunday 1 December Westbury

Instruction with Jess Crowden

Morning Session 10:30 - 12:00

Confidence builders, those new to agility, beginners, green horses; lead rein and groundwork

Afternoon Session 12:30 - 2:00

Ridden, intermediate and more experienced riders.

Enquiries to Jenny Harvey 0407 514 611

REMINDER
To comply with the club's Insurance with Equestrian Australia riders must wear an approved helmet with the chin strap fastened at all times. Please see notice below for details. **Random inspections will be made at rallies in the coming months.** Please have the correct helmet for your own protection.

NO Rally in December

NAN CATMUR CLINICS

Agility clinics to be hosted by Nan Catmur at her Longford property.

NARC Members \$35 per day.

Non-Members \$50 per day (limit of twice before membership is payable).

All enquiries to Jenny Harvey 0407 514 611

Bookings MUST be made via the website www.northernadultridingclub.org.au including payment.

Bookings close on the Tuesday prior to the event. There will be a wait list if a date is fully booked.

Maximum 6 people

Suitable for all levels of riders and agility experience.

Thursday 14 November –11.00 am to 2:00 pm

Saturday 16 November – 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm

HELMET STANDARDS

At all NARC events, protective headgear must conform with one of the currently approved safety standards to comply with Equestrian Australia regulations.

- Current Australian standard AS/NZS 3838 (2006 onwards) provided they are SAI Global marked.
- New Australian standard ARB HS 2012 provided they are SAI Global marked
- Current American standard ASTM F1163 (2004a or 04a onwards) provided they are SEI marked
- Current American standard SNELL E2001
- Current British standard PAS 015 (1998 or 2011) provided they are BSI Kitemarked
- Interim European Standard VG1 (01.040: 2014-12) with or without BSI Kitemark

Helmet Manufacturers generally recommend replacing your helmet every 5 years or so.

If you have a hard-blow impact accident while wearing your helmet, it is recommended to immediately replace it for a new model. There may be damage to the helmet that is not visible to the naked eye

EQUESTRIAN AUSTRALIA CONCUSSION PROTOCOLS

Implementation for all Disciplines from 1 July 2019 – Reference Equestrian Australia Website

There is a growing concern in Australia and internationally about incidence of sport-related concussion & potential health ramifications for athletes at all levels of sport.

Equestrian Australia fully endorses the Concussion in Sport Australia Position Statement, which can be located at https://www.sportaus.gov.au/ais/position_statements#concussion

Consistent with its support for the Concussion in Sport Australia Position Statement, Equestrian Australia will introduce a similar protocol for all equestrian disciplines effective July 1 2019.

To assist with the introduction of these protocols, Equestrian Australia is undertaking education and communication programs for all stakeholders including athletes, officials, coaches, parents and guardians.

As a part of this, we wish to provide all athletes/parents, coaches and officials access to the PDF version of a presentation which may be seen presented at future events, highlighting:

- the key points of the protocols,
- the OC & Officials' role in implementing the protocol,
- how to recognise concussion and
- the importance of possible concussion received in training being just as serious as concussion received in competition.

The PDF documents are available at www.equestrian.org.au

TRADERS' TREASURES

Collegiate Bridle

Full size. Brown leather with deep V decorative browband. Used only once, as new condition.
\$90 ono
Contact Sallie Wadley 0428 974 718

Pony Cart and Harness

Has been used on Shetland Pony \$500ono for both
Contact Judith Butler 0427 612 673

Saddle

As new Windsor Dressage Saddle 17 ½ inch. Fits horse with broad withers. \$2,200
Contact Beryl Murray 0488 037 387

Western Halter and Breastplate

\$100 each
Contact Beryl Murray 0488 037 387