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## NEWSLETTER APRIL 2013




### Ride Report for March

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March was our monthly club ride leaving the showgrounds at 8.30am.

As it had been wet – again -  we wanted a ride that wasn't going to be too wet or too steep – AND – as we all know, Dayboro can be a little hilly. So for this ride we did the Quarry Ride. Quarry you say, that's steep, yes, and rocky, yes – but not too muddy!!

22 Riders rode out and we had our first challenge getting our horses to go down and over what I call "Terrors Gully" instead of riding over the bridge. Some horses thought this was a little scary and too muddy. We continued along our usual track, over Fingerboard Rd and on into Bradley's, chatting to local property owner along the way. It was a pleasant morning.

This ride is always a little challenging as it is steep and rocky (and what goes up has to come

 down – eventually) - it has some great views which is always nice especially on a sunny day. So up we went, the horses went well and worked hard, through the creeks, over the rocks, up the hills, and down again – Oh what FUN we had!!

Arriving back at the clubhouse about 12.00 or 12.30pm we washed and fed our 4 legged friends and then we were able to relax with a cold refreshment or two, enjoy the comradery and a delicious lunch which Lisa had prepared. After lunch we made final arrangements for Blackbutt Easter Camp and then it was time to go home – after another great club ride.

Regards  
Cheryl



## Blackbutt Easter Camp Report

After travelling for about 2.5 hours we arrived at Blackbutt Showgrounds, some arriving on Thursday but most on Friday Morning. We had 12 riders with 8 from Dayboro Club.

Our Task: Set up camp for Easter.

Our first task was to fix camp for our horses, feed and water them after their long trip in the horse float. We then set about making camp for ourselves, and as we have done this a few times - it did not take too long. DTRC had the big marquee set up which was a general meeting place for everyone and also kept us all dry at "Happy Hour" as afternoons were sometimes a little showery.



Over all, the weather was good to us, with the rain holding off until we had finished riding, washed our horses and put them away for the night.

Some riders had a short ride on Friday afternoon to settle in their horses for the long ride ahead on Saturday.

We departed the showgrounds at 9.00am and rode from Blackbutt to Yarraman, along the rail trail, and further along the rail trail, and further, and further, through stoney paddocks and more stoney paddocks, and more hills, past the Shetland stallion, up the street and into the park at Yarraman – (at last)!! where we were able to rest and have a short saddle bag lunch. We were a little spoilt though, Ken and Bill – husbands of 2 Dayboro riders kindly drove to Yarraman to meet us for lunch bringing cold drinks and chairs – COMFORT (for some.) Soon it was time to set off on the trail back to Blackbutt, some say a distance of 40K round trip (OH bottoms!!)



On arrival back at Blackbutt Showgrounds it was 5.05pm, we never had time for "happy hour" that afternoon as we busily washed, fed, and watered our weary horses and put them to bed.... we had to shower and dress for the evening out at the RSL club for dinner and a relaxing drink before returning to the marquee to relax even more and discuss the days long, long ride and also entertain ourselves with a game of Chardes - Oh what fun we had.

Sunday we set off for a much shorter ride, but very nice indeed. The weather was kind once again with only a short sprinkle which kept us cool. Sunday night we BBQ'D for dinner under the marquee.

Monday - no time for riding - it was time to pack up and head for home – bringing an end to Blackbutt Easter Camp 2013.

Cheryl

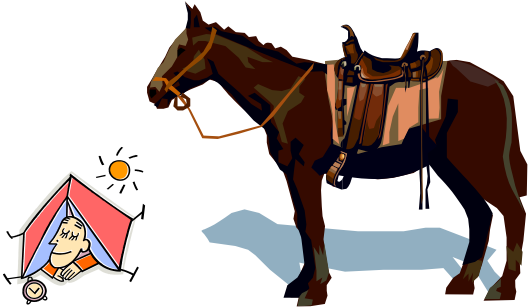


## BIG OCTOBER Ride

We all remember how good the Big October Ride is so it's time to start preparing for the big event. Get our horses ready for those hills. Further info coming.



## FEEL LIKE A WEEKEND AWAY ???



### Yarraman:

Arrive Friday 19<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup>.

Camping and Showers

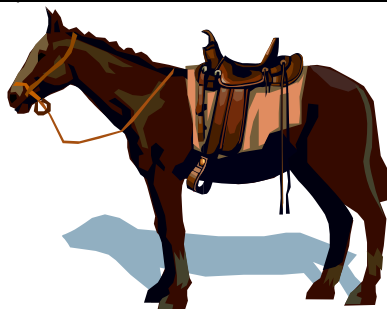
Long and Short Ride

Some Yards

Canteen all Weekend

Bar and live music Saturday Night

## QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY WEEKEND 8<sup>TH</sup> 9<sup>TH</sup> 10<sup>TH</sup> JUNE:



- Can arrive at Fraser's after 12 noon
- Rides am and pm if wanted or am ride returning approx 3.30pm
- Dinner at Albert River Winery
- Shuttle Service
- Porta Loos, Donkey (from Dayboro), Portable Showers

WEEKENDS AWAY (CONTINUED)

# **Kin Kin Horse Ride**

## **3RD OF AUGUST 2013**



**8am Start, from behind  
The Kin Kin Country Life Hotel  
Gold Coin Donation  
Barbeque Lunch Available  
Live Entertainment & Bonfire  
Brekkie & Dinner Available  
Camping on Kin Kin Oval (\$6 P/P)  
Children under 16 should be  
Accompanied By an Adult  
No Stallions**

**Let us know if you can make it.**

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### WANT TO JOIN THE DAYBORO TRAILRIDERS CLUB??



#### **Membership Fees 2013**

Senior	\$60.00
Junior (U18years)	\$55.00
Family	\$130.00 for first 3 members, then \$50.00 each person there after.



Membership forms are available to print off the website.

Club Meetings are every 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday night starting at 7.30pm.



## Point of Interest: Mr. Pat Parelli (The Master)

- **Learn this Parelli Horse Training Game to Send Your Horse Sideways**

### *Instructions for Sending Your Horse Sideways – Game #6*

#### **What to do**

Trying to move the whole horse sideways is much more difficult than moving one end at a time! Using the Driving Game (Game #3 of the [Parelli Seven Games](#)) to move the front end and then the back end is the key. When each of these are easy to move, getting the whole horse to go sideways will be easy too.

#### **Move the Front End**

Face your horse to the arena fence.

Using a [Carrot Stick](#), gently ask him to move his front end a step or two away by using gentle rhythm towards his neck or nose. If he doesn't move, allow the stick to start tapping him with the same rhythm until he figures out the idea is to move away and then you'll quit and rub him.

This is the Driving Game: rhythmic pressure – stop and rub – rhythmic pressure.

Pretty soon he'll move over with the slightest suggestion.

Now that you've got the front end moving, do the same with the hind end.

#### **Move the hind end**

Hold the lead rope a little short at first which will keep your horse's nose towards you. This will prevent him from kicking at you should he get confused and react this way. It's not what you want, but if there was to be a mistake you want to be out of the kick zone, out of reach in terms of distance, or because you have his nose towards you.

As you hold the front end, gently motion towards his hindquarters (the thigh or the hip is best) with your Carrot Stick. Again, if he doesn't understand he should move, lightly tap him until he does and then rub until he's relaxed.

Rhythmic pressure – stop and rub – rhythmic pressure.

Practice it a few times to make sure the horse understands but don't drill him over and over.

#### **The windscreen wiper**

Now move the front end a couple of steps, then the hind end... and rub. The front, then the hind, then stop. Can you see the sideways developing?



Your Carrot Stick motion will start to look like a windscreen wiper as it rhythmically goes from the front end to the hind end and your horse glides away from you sideways.

Take it slow, be gentle but clear, and let your horse know when he's right.

### **How often to repeat it**

Only do this a few times until your horse understands what you want. *Then you have to move on to something else.* This is part of your language, it's not an exercise to drill over and over. As your horse becomes more skilled and confident, you can ask him to go faster and have him at the end of your 12' or 22' line.

The best thing is to begin doing Parelli Patterns with your horse and you'll learn the different ways you can use the Sideways Game and make it interesting and productive for your horse and his development... things like going sideways over a pole or a log really build his confidence and athleticism.

### ***A note about Horsenality:***

If your horse is more Right Brain and unconfident, you will need to take it just a step at a time and when he loses confidence just stop and rub his neck or his hip until he relaxes. If you hurry him you're going to make him afraid and that's not the idea.

If your horse is more Left Brain and dominant, you might find it harder to move the front end and find that you have to do more there to get it to work at first. Again, don't rush. Let him think his way through it by stopping and rubbing him with the stick when he gets it right.

*If you want to learn what your horse's Horsenality is, complete a Digital Horsenality Report and have instant access to the results.*

Once your Sideways Game is established you'll be able to send him at the end of the line and use the Carrot Stick & String from a distance to drive him sideways.

## **Equipment to Use**

*Halter & 12 ft and/or 22ft Line.*

A horseman's halter made of soft, ½ inch yachting braid. You don't want something thick that he can lean on, nor something that's too thin and hurts him.

Use a 12' line at first, then progress to a 22' line and teach your horse the Squeeze Game from further away.

### **Carrot Stick & Savvy String**

This is a four foot long stick with a loop on one end to which you can attach a 6 ft Savvy String; it has a comfortable grip at the other end.

All Parelli equipment is professional grade.



## Dates to Remember



### **April**

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup>

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup>

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup>

Club Meeting

Crackin' Cancer Ride

Anzac Parade

Club Ride

### **May**

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup>

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup>

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup>

Dayboro Rodeo

Club Meeting

Dayboro Day Festival

Club Ride

### **June**

Queen's Birthday

Weekend:

8<sup>th</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> 10<sup>th</sup>

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup>

Fraser's Property

Club Ride



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