



THE ADELAIDE HUNT CLUB
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the Fox and Hound

the Newsletter of The Adelaide Hunt Club: Winter 2011

Dates To Remember

SUNDAY 7th AUGUST

Brinkley Hunt

10.00 am start, followed by lunch at the Wellington Hotel.

SATURDAY 13th AUGUST

Hunt Club Ball

7.00 pm, InterContinental Hotel, Adelaide. Glamorous people, good fun and as always the colourful and traditional 'Dance Of The Lancers'.

SUNDAY 4th SEPTEMBER

Final Hunt, Tinline Park

10.00 am start, followed by a BYO barbecue.

SATURDAY 10th SEPTEMBER

Master's Dinner

7.00 pm Maximilians restaurant, Verdun.

A Cracking Season So Far



Picture: Tilly Gray

FEELING HOT, HOT, HOT...: Johnny McCoy and his gelding Gus at the end of a long run.

MASTER'S REPORT

More than halfway through season 2011 – where did that go?!

Opening Hunt came and went with a good attendance despite vile weather on the day. We had visitors from other clubs as well as plenty of warmly rugged up road followers. John Havard had a nasty fall but is recovering well and will be back on board for season 2012. "The Hedges" Hunt followed a couple of weeks later and again there was a good attendance from visitors.

In late June we (myself, Sean and Richard) made the annual pilgrimage to Ellerslie

Hunt in Victoria thanks to the generous hospitality of the Goold family.

John Goold celebrated his 70th birthday with a beautiful lunch on the stables lawn. Two days of hunting had preceded the celebrations and a final hurrah on Sunday wound up a lovely week. We reciprocated the favour for Ellerslie Hunt members a little earlier than usual to accommodate school holidays and had a great week both on and off the horses!

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The Woolshed Dance was the culmination of the week's social activities and there were some great moves on the dance floor, ably led by Lee Cataldi who very generously sponsored the band for the evening. Great food kept people burning the midnight oil until the early hours. Our sincerest thanks to the McFarlane family for their hospitality.

The last couple of weeks at The Kennels have been a bit tedious with the flu hitting staff like The Black Plague and only now are we coming back to the land of the living. Flu shots all round next year...

The Hunt Ball is just around the corner, so get your tickets and glad rags in order. And don't leave your run too late to come out and ride – the way things are going it'll be all over before you know it.

- ANDREW & CORRI

MULLED WINE:

Here's how to make it. How much you drink is up to you?!

Recipe with thanks to Nigella, the foxiest of them all..



INGREDIENTS

2 bottles of red wine (not sparkling)
1 orange, in slices (half a moon)
2 cinammon sticks
4 cloves

METHOD

Warm the wine in a large pan, but don't let it boil. Add the other ingredients and let simmer for 5 - 10 mins. Place into a flask to bring anywhere with you...enjoy!

(Serves 4 - 6)

Annual Ball



The President and Joint Masters

*Cordially invite you to the
Adelaide Hunt Club Annual Ball*

If you've been scratching for an excuse to do some grooming, show your pedigree and run with the pack...this is it.

Mix with your fellow members and dance to Audio Zoo, a howling good band that's the talk of Adelaide. If you wind up barking at the moon...why not get a room?

For those that find the festivities a little gruelling, we have a quiet corner with chesterfields and coffee.

We'd be delighted to have the pleasure of your company. RSVP now!

WHEN Saturday 13th August 2011 at 7pm

VENUE The Intercontinental (formerly Hyatt)

DRESS Black tie **TICKETS** \$145.00 per head

RSVP To Richard Cooper by Friday 5th August 2011

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A Wet And Wonderful Opening Hunt



From top left, clockwise: Lee Cataldi in fine form; Lily Hailstone followed by Arabella Haywood; A damp but loyal following takes shelter under umbrellas; The junior riders put on a brave face; Joint Master Richard Mintz at stirrup cup; Master Andrew Gray on his horse Smudge; (centre) The beautifully turned-out Penny Galbraith.



Member Profile

John Wilkes

Due to popular demand we're delving a little deeper to find out more about the people behind our Hunt Club. This time we chat to the latest and most welcome addition to our ground crew, a grand chap you'll often find with a terrier under his arm and a huge smile on his face!

Where were you born, John?

The United Kingdom

And what about education?

I was (reluctantly) educated at Berkhamsted School in Hertfordshire. I spent way too much time at hunt kennels and ferreting, fishing, shooting and mucking about with lurchers and terriers - hence my House Master's immortal comment: "I feel he will not be troubling the examiners unduly." Unusually prophetic words from the old boy, and borne out by the less than enthusiastic response from the Oxford and Cambridge examination boards!

What's your work history?

I worked as a gamekeeper in the UK and also spent twelve years in the South Australian police force in a variety of roles: beat patrols on Hindley Street, the Mounted Cadre, Bureau of Criminal Intelligence (and if that's not a contradiction of terms I don't know what is!) and I qualified as a Prosecutor and Intelligence Analyst. I also did stints on secondments in vice and other areas of nefarious activity. During my time with SAPOL I started Vertebrate Pest Control work part-time and some ten years ago left the force to pursue this full-time. I have since worked in the UK, South Africa, New Zealand and all over South Australia, Northern Territory and parts



of New South Wales and Victoria, controlling everything from feral pigeons to buffalo. Specialising in trapping and other non-chemical control, I teach the relevant units at Roseworthy for both Land Management/Conservation students and at the annual vertebrate pest licensing course held at Calpaerum Station.

I also conduct training/workshops for land managers, ranging from NRM centres and conservation groups in SA and Aboriginal corporations in remote Arnhem Land. In South Africa I am also a qualified Professional Hunter (formerly known as a 'White Hunter' - all jokes about pith helmets, Ernest Hemingway, Bombay bloomers, etc, to be forwarded to the editor...). Since moving to the Adelaide Hills early this year I have wound back my peripatetic lifestyle and am concentrating on my activities locally and enjoying my association with the Adelaide Hunt Club.

What are your hobbies and interests?

I have always loved all forms of fieldsports, most particularly hunting, ferreting, terrier racing and lurcher work. I have been lucky enough to do fieldsports on every continent in the world, bar the Americas (something I would like to rectify). I do a little hobby writing for sporting magazines (not wisely, and not well, as many a frustrated copy editor can attest) and have been published in Australia, the UK and South Africa. Haven't ridden seriously in ten years, but, who knows? (Audience numbers of early attempts will be limited as I suspect expenditure of 'Fall Fine' port might be, well, prohibitively expensive...)

Last, but not least, who are your loved ones?

My partner, Mandy, who is a vet in Adelaide. I also have a son who is doing a PHD in Animal Science at Roseworthy and a daughter in her third year of medicine at the University of Adelaide.

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How These Sensational Stallions Could Be At Your Service

Cornerstone Stud (formerly known as Lindsay Park Stud) has generously donated a service from both of these stallions for auction at this year's Hunt Club Ball - valued at over **\$6,000** each! So, get your cheque books ready, and if you can't get along on the night, get a friend to do some crafty bidding for you!



Shrewd Rhythm (*Sire: Danehill Dancer - Dam: Balcanny*)

GROUP 1 winner. As a 2 year-old, Shrewd Rhythm was one of the top colts of his generation. After winning on debut, he then defeated Golden Slipper runner-up Zizou in the Group Three Blue Diamond Prelude (1100m) before running third in the Group One Blue Diamond Stakes (1200m). He finished with two wins and two placings from four starts as a juvenile. At 3, he won the Listed Vain Stakes (1100m), defeating the likes of Purrealist and Murtajill in breathtaking fashion. A few weeks later he ran a close third in the Group Three Caulfield Guineas Prelude (1400m). Shrewd Rhythm has returned to the Barossa Valley to Cornerstone Stud (formerly, Lindsay Park Stud) to stand at Stud for the 2011 season having stood in Western Australia last season.



Barely A Moment (*Sire: Gilded Time - Dam: Lady Danna (Danehill)*)

TRIPLE GROUP 1 winning sprinter-miler Six-time runner up at Group 1 and Group 2 level, defeating twenty Group 1 winners including the likes of Takeover Target, Al Maher and Fastnet Rock. From two crops of racing age, he is the sire of stakes performers Life Is A Caberet and Zest A Second, along with city winners Mystic Moment, Little Fireball, Fleet Riane and Moment By Moment amongst others. A dual Group 1 winner as a four-year-old, indicating his progeny will continue to improve with time.



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Out and about with photographer Tilly Gray



Clockwise, from left: First Whip Sean Ronan on Gonzalo; the Mintz boys, Harry and Ned; Greg Hailstone and Second Whip Kirsty Downie, and, below, the combined Ellerslie and Adelaide hunt field in Victoria.



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