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Meeting dates.

ACRM SA Inc. Meetings are on the FOURTH TUESDAY of each month.

There is no Meeting in December.

January's meeting is on the 26th.

ACRM SA Inc. Meetings are held at 3 Redmond Rd. Collinswood. SA.

Gawler/Barossa general meetings are bi-monthly, on the THIRD TUESDAY of the month. Also no meeting in December.

Next meeting 19th January 2016

I hope you all survived the festivities and are looking forward to 2016. With the calendar being rather quiet over the break, I guess festivities are about all there is to talk about.

Until a couple of years ago, Ma & Pa, namely Chris and me, had the privilege of putting on Chrissy Day Din-Dins – but the three kids decided to give us a break and have taken on the role of 'It's our turn,' by rotating amongst themselves and this year was Brenton and Tash's turn, apart from the temperature this year it was a great Christmas. On Boxing Day we met up with my family at Bonython Park and under the shade of a nice tree, had quite a reasonable day.

How about the new postage rates for a Christmas present? The price hike is bad enough but the delivery time increase is ridiculous. It could mean the mag has to go out a week earlier to ensure meeting notification gets to you in time.

One option is to increase the email list, thus if you now have email and currently get a posted mag, it would be appreciated if you notify the Committee that you can receive emails and forward your email address to us. You can send it via the email addresses listed in the Communicator or the email link on the website.

The final option and probably the best one, is for all members to learn that the meeting is on the fourth Tuesday of the month and we don't have to rely on the mag going out to jolt memories. I doubt if that will happen, when we produced a calendar each year, meeting dates were in it and we still had people who required a reminder, which said "Meeting next week."

RALLY ROUND-UP: Trev 120:

Uh, oh, when getting dates last month, I let the boss lead me astray and listed Mallala as the 8th, which is a Monday so it might be a good idea to amend your calendars to reflect it's correct date, Saturday 13th August. Also note, formally known as the Theo Nixon Trial, It is now known as the Gil Harris trial.

Although, another year away, SA will host the Quilty in 2017 and I would hope we can again rely on a big effort to support this major event.

If you want to run a control at the Quilty, you need to put your hand up early and if possible get 3 or 4 friends to help. Because of the nature of the Beast, that is the Quilty, you will be on duty for many hours and if a bunch of you can run the control, normally one person can get their head down and rotate every six or so hours. Having been tied up with three SA Quiltys, I can guarantee a most enjoyable time, albeit, a hectic one.

The theory of a successful control is to have one person allocated to the radio and 3 or 4 helpers, who greet the riders and take numbers, putting them on a pad and giving them to the radio operator to process.

If you have enough people to handle the control, well and good, failing that we hope to have a pool of members, who can be allocated to you. It is very much a share to make it easier event, rather than a one man band, which, if gauged on past performances, would be a disaster.

What makes the Quilty different? Typically the field has been around 300 horses, so until the field thins out, it's not uncommon for the early controls to be swamped by 50 or so horses at once, hence the early controls are loaded to cater for the onslaught and then members move to help the second and consecutive controls as required. It may be half way around the course before riders thin out enough for the controls to handle the riders in a normal fashion and at that point, helpers can return to their respective controls.

Meanwhile at Main or Ride Base, as it is more commonly referred, another team will be waiting for the radio ops to call in with completed lists of horse numbers to enter into the computer. The pads are drawn up so that up to 5 horses can be entered on each page and at that point the numbers must be put through. It's our job to know where all horses are at any time and although that is an impossible ideal, knowing where they were last seen is a step in the right direction. If an enquiry is made, the computer gives us the location within a split second, saving wasted time searching through pages of log entries. Hence the importance of putting through numbers as close to real time as possible, making it a real team effort at the control.

I mentioned our first in 1998, was that ever a learning curve? The result was brilliant and by 2004 at Port Elliot, we were ready and prepared for some of the Quilty quirks. Luckily, changes made to the 2004 quilty meant a much easier job for us and the culmination of both put us in good stead for our third, which was, in 2011, again held at Mt Pleasant.

TREASURE TROVE: Chris 49:

I suppose everyone has little ditty's from their childhood that stick in your mind, not always in entirety and the following is one of them, after mentioning it to my sisters, I received this the other day from one of them. It's called.

Now we are six, by A A Milne.

When I was one, I had just begun.

When I was two, I was nearly new.

When I was three, I was hardly me.

When I was four, I was not much more.

When I was five, I was just alive.

Now that I am six, I'm as clever as clever.

So I think I'll be six now and forever.

On Sunday, your Committee met at the Presidents home to conduct a "Special Meeting"

Why do we need a "Special Meeting" ? Well it gives a chance to discuss procedures required to manage the forthcoming A.G.M.

First of all we need to address the matter of Committee members, but this year, as with the last few years, this is made easier because we have the same loyal members putting their names forward.

Then there is the need to research service awards, although I must admit this has been left to el Presidenté to carry out.

Finally, the most important part of the proceedings is to enjoy the BBQ cooked by the same el Presidenté, with salads prepared or is that purchased by Mrs Presidenté.

What ever. The job has been done and we look forward to another successful year

Committee 2016;Phil48:

This should be the last from me on this topic – until 2017 anyway.

It is to advise who has been nominated and accepted to stand for the committee positions.

There are three executive positions, President (also holds the position of Chairman), Secretary and Treasurer. Plus four committee positions, which are allocated by suitability.

What does that mean? It means that a member is nominated for each of the executive positions, with a person in mind to fill that position. However, the four committee positions are nominated for without necessarily a position in mind, meaning that a committee member may be allocated a job after the elections that suits the applicant and needs to be done. Usually if an applicant is presently occupying a position, that person will continue in that role.

There have been no new applicants this year but all the current committee were nominated and are prepared to stand again.

Your nominees are
President, Phil 48.
Secretary, Graham 141.
Treasurer, Chris 49.

The four Committee members nominated are:
Elaine 43, Graham 44, Trevor 120 & Neville 228.

LAST MONTH'S CROSSWORD ANSWERS

Firstly, a thousand apologies for the errors in last month's Crossword. Some down clues were leftovers from the previous month. Hence the crossword was never going to work out.

Thus no answers this month and the crossword included is a new one, answer next month.

The incomplete crossword will be published again at a later date.

GREETINGS & GOOD WISHES

Birthday greetings, or in this case, greeting for February is extended to:

Eric 38 for the 15th. Many happy returns of the day.

Congratulations also, because, it's a bit of a Milestone as Eric is 80 this year.

Congrats, Hoorah, Well done, etc. We welcome you to the ever-growing ACRM Octogenarian list.

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I'm sure you will have heard this before, if not this exact story, something similar. This is an extract from a British Obituary.

Today we mourn the passing of a beloved old friend, Common Sense, who has been with us for many years. No one knows for sure how old he was, since his birth records were long ago lost in bureaucratic red tape. He will be remembered as having cultivated such valuable lessons as:

- *Knowing when to come in out of the rain;*
- *Why the early bird gets the worm;*
- *Life isn't always fair;*
- *And maybe it was my fault.*

Common Sense lived by simple, sound financial policies (don't spend more than you can earn) and reliable strategies (adults, not children, are in charge).

His health began to deteriorate rapidly when well-intentioned but overbearing regulations were set in place. Reports of a 6-year-old boy charged with sexual harassment for kissing a classmate; teens suspended from school for using mouthwash after lunch; and a teacher fired for reprimanding an unruly student, only worsened his condition.

Common Sense lost ground when parents attacked teachers for doing the job that they themselves had failed to do in disciplining their unruly children.

It declined even further when schools were required to get parental consent to administer sun lotion or an aspirin to a student; but could not inform parents when a student became pregnant and wanted to have an abortion.

Common Sense lost the will to live as the churches became businesses; and criminals received better treatment than their victims.

Common Sense took a beating when you couldn't defend yourself from a burglar in your own home and the burglar could sue you for assault.

Common Sense finally gave up the will to live, after a woman failed to realize that a steaming cup of coffee was hot. She spilled a little in her lap, and was promptly awarded a huge settlement.

Common Sense was preceded in death, -by his parents, Truth and Trust, -by his wife, Discretion, -by his daughter, Responsibility and by his son, Reason. He is survived by his 5 stepbrothers;

- *I Know My Rights*
- *I Want It Now*
- *Someone Else Is To Blame*
- *I'm the Victim here, and*
- *Pay me for doing nothing.*

Not many attended his funeral because so few realised he was gone.

I couldn't resist the temptation to print 80's contribution.

A Scot was drinking in a bar in London when he gets a call on his cell phone. He orders drinks for everybody in the bar as he announces, his wife has just produced a typical Scottish baby boy weighing 25 pounds.

Nobody can believe that any new baby can weigh in at 25 pounds, but the man just shrugs, "That's about average up our way, folks...like I said - my boy's a typical Highland baby boy."

Two weeks later the man returns to the bar. The bartender says, "Say, you're the father of that typical Scottish baby that weighed 25 pounds at birth, aren't you? Everybody's been making' bets about how big he'd be in two weeks.....so how much does he weigh now?"

The proud father answers, "Seventeen pounds."

The bartender is puzzled and concerned. "What happened? He was 25 pounds the day he was born."

The father takes a slow swig from his Johnny Walker, wipes his lips on his shirt sleeve, puffs out his chest and leans into the bartender proudly announcing, "Had him circumcised."

BITS AND PIECES; Phil 48:

From last month.

Without tempting fate, I'm happy to say that Sharyn's Display is back to its former glory, in fact better than former. With a bit of effort on John 232's part and a heap of new lights, it's looking excellent again. However, I don't envy him the job of taking it all down now and storing it away till next season, when it will again be on display in full splendour.

For the thousands of people who have enjoyed the display, we say thank you John..



I took the camera over to John's to grab some pictures of the finished display but smartly learned that flashing lights are impossible to photograph, not totally impossible but near enough so I've had to reprint some from before.

I took a movie of it, looks great but I can't print it here so as I mentioned before, it looks better in real life.

Our first Quilty was held at Mt Pleasant in 1998, although it was not SA's first. The 1992 Quilty was also held at Mt Pleasant, however we were not involved in that one. Our second Quilty, was at Port Elliot and we were much wiser in the wiles of running a Quilty. The ride took in quite a length of the



Coorong, making it tough going underfoot in some parts, here rider 20 comes into Trev 120 at checkpoint 7 for a welcome drink.

At ride base, one of the important jobs is Vet duty, so shade was provided for the vet and his helpers. The Vet ring and area and the area around it is non stop once the ride begins.



Our Vet that year was Andy Dobe (pictured in front of the gazebo.)

Minutes of the special Committee Meeting of ACRM SA Held at Evanston Park on 11th Feb 2016

Meeting Opened at 1438 Hrs

President Welcomed All

Present 141,49,48,44,120

Minutes of Meeting Nov 2015 read Moved 44 Sec 49 Carried

Correspondence 115/37 In 15/10 to 12/18 Out Moved 249 Sec120

Reports

President Hopes to have new printer up and running

Secretary Sent out Xmas cards

Treasurer Bal 4,846.61 In 467.65 Out 728.27
Moved 141 Sec 44 Carried

Training Officer Apology

Rally Co-ord Nil

Social Sec Apology

Resources Nil

Gen Business. Raffle results

Sales \$429 Donations \$28.55 Total 457.55

Purchases Rite price \$74.42 Reject Shop 3.50 Big W \$17.00

Other \$126.113 Total \$221.11

Profit \$236.44

Nominations

President 48 Phil

Secretary 141 Graham

Treasurer 49 Chris

Training Officer 228 Neville

Rally Co-ord 120 Trevor

Social Sec 43 Elaine

Resources 44 Graham

Coffee and catering 232 John

Phil to check for service awards.

Next Meeting #379 January 26th at Collinswood

Meeting Closed at 1516

Member's Contributions continued

78 sent this little gem.
The Sweet with the little hole.

This should make you smile. You have to love little kids.

The children began to identify the flavours by their colour:

Red.....Cherry

Yellow.....Lemon

Green.....Lime

OrangeOrange

Finally the teacher gave them all HONEY lifesavers. None of the children could identify the taste.

The teacher said, 'I will give you all a clue. It's something your Mother may call your father.'

One little girl looked up in horror, spat out her lifesaver and yelled,

'Oh my God! They're arse-holes!

The teacher had to leave the room.



IN THE KITCHEN WITH CHRIS 49.

MACADAMIA BLONDIES

Melted butter to grease	1 cup macadamias
125g unsalted butter, chopped	400g white chocolate, roughly chopped
1 cup caster sugar	4 eggs, whisked
2 tsp vanilla extract	1 ½ cups self raising flour
½ cup plain flour	
2 tblspns pure icing sugar	

Method: - Preheat oven to 160°C. Grease a 30x24x3 cm slice tin with butter and line with baking paper. Put macadamias in the small bowl of a processor and process until finely chopped. Set aside.

Put butter and chocolate in a large saucepan over a medium heat, then stir until mixture is melted. Remove from heat. Stir in caster sugar and stand for 10 minutes or until mixture cools.

Stir egg and vanilla into chocolate mixture. Sift over flours and stir until combined. Add chopped nuts and stir until combined. Pour mixture into prepared tin and spread evenly. Bake for 35 minutes or until just firm. Stand in tin to cool completely.

Remove blondie from tin and put on a large chopping board. Using a 7cm cutter, cut out about 15 shapes from the blondie. Dust heavily with icing sugar to serve.

FRUITY CHOCOLATE RUM BALLS

60g dried apricots	60g dried prunes
30g dried cranberries	8 arrowroot biscuits, broken into pieces
1 tbspn dark rum	2 tblspns cocoa powder

Method: - Put apricots, prunes, cranberries biscuit and rum in a small food processor.

Process until mixture is finely chopped and well combined.

Sift cocoa powder onto a large plate. Shape teaspoonsful of mixture into balls and roll in cocoa powder to lightly coat.

Line an air tight container with greaseproof paper. Arrange rum balls in a single layer in a container. Refrigerate until ready to use.

CITRUS MERINGUE PIE

Oven temp: 200°C
250g shortcrust pastry
1 ½ cups sweetened condensed milk
¼ cup lemon juice
2 tblspns orange juice
⅓ cup caster sugar
3 eggs, separated
2 tblspns lime juice
1 egg white

Method: - Roll out pastry to fit a 20cm pie dish. Bake blind for 10 minutes. Remove rice and paper. Bake for 5-10 minutes longer or until pastry is golden. Cool.

Combine egg yolks, condensed milk, lemon juice, lime juice and orange juice. Mix well. Beat 1 egg white until stiff peaks form. Fold into egg yolk mixture. Spoon filling into pastry case.

Beat remaining egg whites until frothy. Gradually add sugar. Continue beating until stiff peaks form. Spoon over filling. Bake at 150° for 10 minutes.

N.B. The first temperature is for the blind baking and the second one is for browning the meringue.

APPLE AND BLACKBERRY CAKE

Oven temp 200°C
250g shortcrust pastry
2 eggs, lightly beaten
2 tblspns cream (double)
250g blackberries
⅔ cup brown sugar
3 lge green apples, peeled, sliced
½ cup caster sugar
75g ground hazelnuts
155g butter, chopped
1 ¾ flour

Method: - Roll out pastry to fit a deep 23cm flan tin with a removable base. Bake blind for 10-15 minutes. Cool completely.

Poach apples in simmering water for 5 minutes. Drain. Arrange in pastry case. Combine eggs and caster sugar. Beat until thick and creamy. Fold in cream and hazelnuts. Carefully pour over apples. Scatter with blackberries.

Combine butter, sugar and flour in a food processor, until mixture resembles fine breadcrumbs. Sprinkle over blackberries. Bake at 160° for 1 hour.

WALNUT CRUSTED APPLES

Oven Temp 180°C

60g walnut halves ¼ cup sugar
¼ cup brown sugar 2 tsp ground cinnamon
4 green apples, cored 60g butter, melted
Whipped cream (double) (optional)

Method: - Place walnuts, sugar, brown sugar and cinnamon in a food processor. Process to finely chop nuts.

Peel two-thirds of the skin from the top of each apple. Brush peeled sections with butter. Coat with walnut mixture.

Place apples in a greased baking dish. Bake for 45 minutes or until apples are tender.

APRICOT AND RASPBERRY PIE

2 sheets of ready-rolled shortcrust pastry, defrosted

3x410g cans pie fruit apricot halves ½ cup frozen raspberries, thawed

½ cup caster sugar ¼ cup plain flour

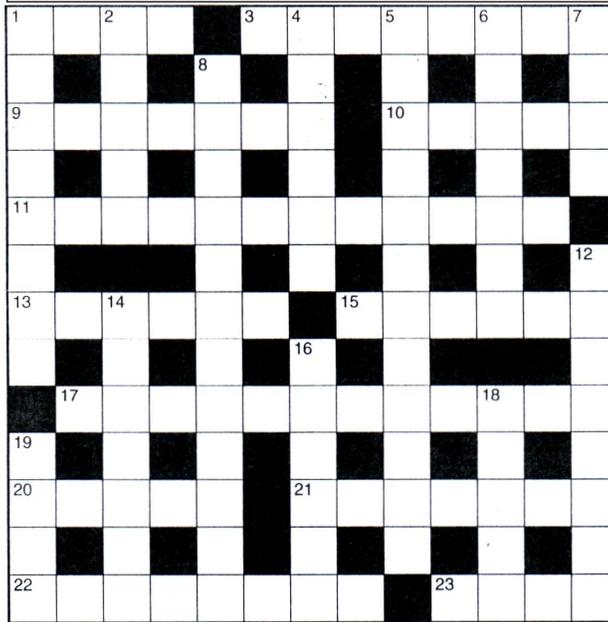
2 sheets of ready-rolled puff pastry

Method: - 1.Preheat oven to 180°C (160°C fan forced). Lightly grease a deep 25cm pie plate. Place shortcrust pastry sheets on top of each other on a work surface; re-roll to line the base and sides of pie plate. Line with baking paper, fill with beans. Cook for 15 minutes. Remove, let cool slightly.

2.Meanwhile, place apricots, raspberries, sugar and flour into a bowl, toss to combine. Spoon fruit mixture into pastry case. Brush the edges with beaten egg.

3.Roll the puff pastry sheets together, as in step one and place over pie. Press edges together, trim both layers of excess pastry. Cut a few slits in the top and decorate with pastry cut outs. Brush with beaten egg glaze. Bake for 30-35 minutes or until pastry is golden brown and crisp.

*Crossword Puzzle, compiled by
Chris 49.
Answers next month.*



- ACROSS**
1. Serpents.
 3. Water.
 9. Tastes.
 10. Roost.
 11. Apple Isle wild animals (Abbrev), 5,5.
 13. Yearly.
 15. Child minding centre.
 17. Negligence.
 20. Overweight.
 21. Double crosser.
 22. Craftsmen.
 23. Overtake.

- DOWN**
1. Dog breed.
 2. Large wild cats.
 4. Dwell.
 5. Made destitute.
 6. Plexiglass ®, for example.
 7. Reverberate.
 8. Finality.
 12. Ailment of the bedridden.
 14. Closest.
 16. Warning light.
 18. Spare cast member.
 19. Soft drink.

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