



Ipswich Ulysses

Newsletter #41 March 2017



Girlie Ride Group



Gold Medal Winners – Interbranch BBQ

Information nights: First Friday of each month at Ipswich Country Club, 1a Samford Road, Leichhardt. Starts at 7.15pm – come along for dinner earlier if you like

Branch rides first and third of each month with SOCIALS any time ... **see website for details**

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Ado's March Air Spray



Welcome to the March issue of the Ipswich Branch of the Ulysses Club Inc. Newsletter.

Tonight is the final night you can get your nomination in to become a member of your branch committee. Being part of the branch committee is certainly not hard and does not require a great deal of your personal time. Some roles certainly are more time consuming than others but all roles give a great amount of satisfaction in a job well done. If you are on the edge of nominating then please speak to me about what the job entails and I can give you a rundown of that position's requirements. This branch is a very happy and contented branch as a whole so there is a good deal of pleasure to be obtained from steering it in a direction that suits most members. Let's not forget the Ulysses Club is a social club first for members, friends and guests who love to ride motorbikes. The committee meets once a month so it's not as if we are constantly working for the rest of the month, it only seems like we are.

The next Ipswich Bike Night is being held on the 1st April at the Ipswich Country Club. The branch is manning a stand again to advertise our whereabouts in the community. I feel it is important that we give the older riders information on why we ride together, and how good it is to be inclusive rather than exclusive. Steven Dearnley Old #1 had a dream for older riders and I feel this branch extols every good part of that dream which is now a reality. If you are able to give a little time behind our table it will be appreciated. If not then I invite you to attend the event and be part of the bigger picture of motorcycle riding. There will be media coverage of the event on the day. It is really just a social occasion where we can get together and have a little bit of disgraceful fun.

Our host venue management has given our branch the approval to place signage out the front of the venue. This sign will indicate that the Ipswich Country Club supports our branch and the Ulysses Club in general. A huge thankyou to our Vice President Dazar for getting his company to design and make the sign and our Ride Coordinator Eric who is building and erecting the staging which will hold the sign in place. Listening to them both discussing this at the last committee meeting was eye raising to say the least. The professionalism and expertise of both is to be commended.

The branch Talent Nite or "No Talent Nite" as some are referring to it as, is on the 25th of this month. Some members have already put their names up to entertain us and we are looking for more. It doesn't matter if you feel your talent is not worthy or if you feel you are the next star to be born. We want you !!!!. Every participant will go into a draw for a voucher and there will be a perpetual trophy presented on the night. If, and that's a big IF, you find you suffer from stage fright and cannot get up in front of your peers, then please at least come and make some noise from the audience for your entertainers, and make the night one of the most enjoyable in memory. I have taken calls from members of other branches who have indicated they would like to present an item so let's hope they also live up to their aspirations. This is going to be a fun night with lots of shits and giggles, let's hope nobody giggles and shits.

The National AGM is being held at Port Macquarie the week beginning 21st May with the AGM proper on Saturday 27th May. If you are not intending to attend, I would still advise you to contact our national administration staff and request a postal voting form. This way you can have a say in how our National Committee is formed. The major point I believe is that we are going to have a new President as Helena has to step down from all committee positions this year. The new President MUST come from the existing committee members and there are two members nominated for the position. I urge you to take an interest in this great Club. Saying that, I personally was very happy with the leadership shown by Helena Gritton and will be sorry to see her stand down. Our constitution does not allow her to renominate for any position in 2017. Maybe she will nominate for a committee position in 2018.

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The interbranch BBQ was unfortunately on one of the hottest days in Feb this year, and possibly the whole of the year. We came, we saw, we took some trophies (actually 1st and 3rd place) and then we went home. 20 brave members came along, some in a tin top (Amanda, Sue, Annie and Crash with the call the air conditioner just being too much). Actually they bought an esky full of cold water to try and combat the extreme heat. Unfortunately the president of Northern Rivers succumbed to the heat and we had to get an ambulance to look after him. After ringing him I found out that he arrived home at Casino that night at 7pm. Thanks to the Brisbane Branch for putting on a great day and we look forward to celebrating with Mt Lindesay Branch as the host for the 2018 event.



I missed the coffee run lead by Crash because I was networking with another Club to gain support for our DV ride. I did however, get to meet up at the dam with the members and enjoyed a milkshake before I headed home with some of the others.

I did make it to the girly ride lead by Dorothy. What a great ride and we ended up visiting Spring Bluff Railway station for tea and lamingtons (thanks Dorothy and Gunther). I used to go through Spring Bluff in my younger days when I drove freight trains up and down the range. The lunch meal at the Grandchester Pub was a good feed. I had the t/bone and it was delicious. Lots of turns on roads that I had never been on before. Spook kept saying "he knew where we were fourteen times before we changed direction again, and I was lost again". Thanks Dorothy for taking us on a most enjoyable ride.

The Station Master loved having us there and uploaded some photos to their facebook page.



It was very sad to hear of the passing of one of our active members, Marie Medina who was Steve Mathison's partner in crime. Steve is better known to some as "Angry". It seems that Marie was struck by the black dog and although she gave her best efforts to fight it, she succumbed to its bite. The branch as a family stands beside Steve and we wish him our very best wishes as he goes through all the natural grieving processes. I believe Steve is comforted in the knowledge that his family in blood is supporting him as well as they can during this very time.

Keep it legal I's a watching Ado



Dazza's Banter

What a great February!

Started with yet another well supported "Info Night". Always entertaining and plenty of belly laughs. Keep it coming In 2017 I say.

First ride of the month saw Crash take us to Wivenhoe via some great country towns and roads. It never gets boring. I always find something new to look at when we travel these corridors. I also liked the coffee run concept. Being a shorter ride meant that there's still time to get the chores done at home.

I brought with me two like-minded friends who thoroughly enjoyed the outing. Thanks for making them feel welcome. Ian I know is planning on joining our branch / family which I know you'll all agree there are worst things he could do with his time.....hahaha. Wayne my other friend that came I'm still working on. Maybe consider bringing along a mate on the next branch ride and introducing them to our extended family. The more the merrier.

Next was the Interbranch ride that saw Brisbane hosting the event? Once again a strong representation by Ipswich and the other branches which were somewhat surprising considering the stifling heat on the day. The event had everything, great food, awesome raffle prizes and the odd relay race. Did I mention my team "Jethros Hillbillies" took home the gong?! I was so proud of the effort put in by my whole team. Well done! Sadly the heat did take its toll on one of the members from south of the border. The ambulance was called and lots of H2O administered. Something for us all to remember when we are out riding on these extremely hot days. Keep up the fluids.

March is shaping up to be another great month so keep supporting the events and don't forget if you have a ride that you want us to do speak to the ride coordinator to arrange.

Stay safe out there and look after your mates. Cheers

Dazza - Vice President #64146



Dazza Presented
Padre with his
10 Year Badge

Sheriff's Court

James "Windsucker" 50255

Members were down on Friday night, must have been because of the heat, but those who attended had a good time.

FINES AS FOLLOWS

Lummey, short-cut, Rizzo were all fined for not turning their indicators off. I checked their thumbs and they were not broken.

Splitty – for doing wheelie on show and shine night

Toddy – for leading Max into female toilets

Gunther – for crossing double lines

Mario – serial offender for not using indicators and crossing double lines

Angry – had a \$1 in his hand so I figured he was guilty of something

Myself – for crossing double lines and not stopping at stop sign.

\$10 SCRATCHY WAS WON BY:

Was won by Sweet-Pea - Paula

BIRTHDAYS



Helen Padget
Victor Scott
Sgt Major - Margaret
Mazz – Mario
Hav-a-Chat - Karen

NAMING

Graeme is now known
as
Splitty



QUOTE OF THE MONTH

The greatest test of courage on earth is to bear defeat without losing heart.

Please stay safe and cool in this heat.

"Windsucker #50255"

Hot! Hot Hot! That's wat it was as we gathered at Yamanto for our run to Logan Reserve for the interbranch BBQ. Only half turned up which was a bit off and disappointment as Brisbane catered for 50-60 Ipswich members.

We left at 9:30am and I asked the best tail-end Charlie in Spook to do the honours. We made it to the reserve with no problems even going through 28 sets of lights. On arrival we were greeted by the Brisbane Branch which had an awesome set-up. There was plenty of iced water around and I thank Amanda and Ado for bringing water as well.

Before we had lunch we had the Special Olympics which Ipswich won Gold & Bronze. No doubt there will be a report about the games by somebody else.

The lunch Brisbane put on was fit for Kings and Queens, if you went hungry there was something wrong. Steak, Sausages, ice-cream& jelly, cheese cakes and rice pudding which Spook and I had seconds.

The raffle prizes were awesome; I won a Diamond necklace which I gave to my wife Lizzy for Valentine's Day. It worked out a treat for me. "If you get my meaning". A great day was had by all even though the Temperature hit 40 plus. Plenty of fines were spotted on the day. Look-out members. I hope everybody made it home safely in the heat.

Till we meet again

Quote – Smile, it's free therapy.

"Windsucker #50255"



**Lummey found a set of bike keys on the Girlie Ride – I wonder who's they might be!
– Could there be a fine come to someone we know!!!!**

Lumberjacks Road Rash



Hi folks,



It's been very hot on our rides lately, but the hard-core riders didn't care about that. They just turned up for the rides.

Crash's coffee ride went well. We were taken to Wivenhoe Dam via a scenic route through Rosewood, Marburg, Fernvale and ended up in a café that I have never been in before with a beautiful view overlooking Lake Wivenhoe.

The Interbranch bbq ride was very hot and the ambo's had to attend our bbq as one of the people from NSW had a heat stroke. He made it home ok and as far as I know, he is still alive and kicking.

The Girlie ride was a lot colder and much more pleasant temperature to ride in. Hopefully that was the last of the heatwave this summer.

Ipswich branch rides:

Date	When	Where to meet	Ride leader	What's happening	Distance
05/03/2017	09:00	Yamanto 	Peter (Smurf)	Yarraman	300 km.
19/03/2017	08:00	Yamanto 	Erik	Black Dog Ride/coffee ride	
01/04/2017	17:00 (5pm)	Ipswich Country Club		Bike Night. There will be music, Stalls and lots of bikes.	
02/04/2017	09:00	Ipswich Country Club	Peter (Chopper)		
16/04/2017	TBA.	TBA.		Easter	
07/05/2017				DV Ride	

On April fool's day, Ipswich Country Club is hosting another Bike Night. In January they had their first one and it went really well so why not have another one. If you weren't there for the first one then you should do yourself a favour and go to the next one. It is really fun and you get to meet a lot of interesting people. (And maybe a few less interesting people)

The Black dog ride will be a combined black dog ride and coffee ride where the people who want to go on the Black Dog Ride just do that and the rest of us will stay and watch you all take off before we ride to Tamborine mountain for some coffee and maybe a little shopping.

See ya all on the rides!

Erik (Lumberjack)

INTERBRANCH BBQ 2017 IN PICTURES



Team Sue



Balloon Animals



Now this is a sight Eric with water



Sao eating – try whistling!!



That's close enough



Handicapped by one legged woman



I've heard that one before



Now that's commitment



Someone stole my balloon!



Group who attended the Interbranch BBQ





Rappville Pub Ride

Saturday 29 & 30 April

This is just a rough plan to start.

Saturday 29 April – Leave Yamanto at 8am

Ride length approx. 280kms with a couple of stops on the way.

Stay at the Rappville pub Saturday night, they have a few rooms and you can also camp out the back and use the showers inside.

It's a great old country pub with a real welcoming atmosphere. The pub has a small menu at good prices.

Rappville has a population of approx. 259. Sunday – leisurely ride home approx. 250kms back to Yamanto.

Bookings for rooms and camping – Peter & Jayne 02 6661 7102

If you are interested please let me know at the club meetings (cannot make March meeting due to shift work, yes some of us do have to work 😊) or my mobile 0439739398.

Max

Crashes Coffee Ride

We all assembled at Yamanto ready for short ride to Wivenhoe dam for good coffee and a chat, the morning was already heating up as expected, but 17 bikes arrived and at 9 o'clock we headed off after Gunther volunteered as tail end Charlie, thanks Gunther.

It only took us hour via Rosewood and onto Minden, across the highway to Lowood and then on the dam.

The guys at the coffee shop were ready for us as I had rang on the Friday before.

I hope that everyone had a nice breakfast; I know I certainly did, I would like to thank all those that came along, and we were all able to get home early as it did get quite hot.

I have a ride on in May and I hope to take us to the Railway Hotel at Allora where we always get a good lunch.

Once again thanks everyone.

Ross (Crash)

Ride Report – Girlie Ride by Dorothy (Short Cut)



Well what a good day for riding a little over cast but nothing to worry about and a good turn out with 22 members on 18 bikes not bad for a Sunday ride.

We took off from Leichardt at 9am travelling to Laidley, passing Forrest Hill and out onto the Warrego Hwy and then we headed up to Spring Bluff for a morning tea supplied by Gunther and myself. Margaret and Wally were waiting for us in the car park when we arrived, they had driven up to have morning tea with us.

But when we arrived I noticed that there were several buses lined up and I was a little worried about where we would be able to have our morning tea. But the Train Station Master's wife kindly offered the use of the station's waiting area and they even loaned us a table, so we could set up the tea/coffee/lamingtons for everyone to enjoy. I think some of the riders were happy not to go up the top where the gardens were, anyway so it was just perfect to have our morning tea in the waiting room.



I found out that Faiholme College (Toowoomba) were celebrating their yearly picnic trip to Spring Bluff. Apparently years ago they used to travel down to Spring Bluff by train but now a days they travel by coach.

If you should get a change go and visit Spring Bluff it really is a beautiful place to have a coffee or just enjoy the surroundings. There is a coffee shop on the top section.



After morning tea we saddled up and off we went with everyone in tow, travelling back down to the Warrego Hwy where one bike departed to head back to Ipswich on a prior commitment. Not long after this we lost another bike, because he had a prospect buyer for one of his bikes and had to get home by 1pm. Now we were down to 16 bikes.

After corssing over the Warrego Hwy travelling the back roads to Flagstone Creek Road. Not soon afterwards I lost another bike due to a small fuel tank and he turned off to fill up. Sorry this was my fault and I should have checked with all riders on their fuel levels. This is something I have learnt from my ride and I won't forget this next time.

Still travelling on the back roads bypassing Grantham, Gatton, Laidley and then onto the Granchester Hotel for lunch. Still after three bikes leaving the ride we still had 17 members left to enjoy lunch.

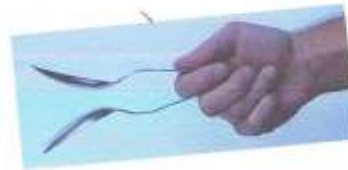
A special thank you to Rizzo for being my tail end Charlie, this was my first every ride leader's ride and I hope I did a good job for those who attend. It was a great day with wonderful people.



ULYSSES IPSWICH BRANCH TALENT QUEST

Sing

What's your hidden talent?



Saturday 25 March at the Ipswich Country Club from 7pm

Either get an act together to enter in the Talent Quest, or come along to support your *slightly crazy* friends.

Serious, silly or slightly weird entries welcome

To enter, please speak to Julz or Ado at the Feb or March information night
or call Julz on 0481 066 808 (after hours)

Black Dog Ride

“we need to talk”

1 DAYER 2017

Black Dog Ride's iconic annual 1 Dayer aims to start a **national conversation about depression and suicide prevention.**

Get the country talking and ride with your local 1 Dayer at:

GOLD COAST QLD

Sunday 19th March

Meet: 8.00am Check in & breakfast at Shark Leathers, Helensvale

Contact: Kylie Sage 0408 751 433 or goldcoast@blackdogride.com.au

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Register as a rider for Black Dog Ride's 1 Dayer by midnight AEST

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Official Launch Program

When Sunday 5 March at Centenary Park Crows Nest QLD

Time 11:30 am Launch and cutting of the cake

Guest Speakers Hon David Littleproud Federal MP Maranoa
Cr Anne Glasheen TRC (cut the cake)

12 noon short ride to local beauty spots. Guest speakers have been offered a pillion ride.

12:30. Official lunch for guest speakers. Visitors can lunch at various venues around town.

2:00. Visitors invited to ride one of the Tours from Crows Nest.

Please Note The Crows Nest Markets run from 7am to 12pm on this day where food, drink and T shirts will be available for purchase.

These two clips were supplied by Chopper

The helmet behind the bike is a universal sign
Biker in Distress....

Seen this on a group page and couldn't believe
how many didn't know this. Thought I would
share



I saw this on Facebook the
other week, never heard of this
before, has anyone? Anyway,
thought I would share it as if it
is a recognized practice it may
be worth remembering.



President Donald Trump has chosen
Mickey Pence as his Vice –
President.

Did anyone in their wildest dreams
..... ever realise that Mickey and
Donald would run America one day?
Even Walt Disney couldn't ever have
imagined that..... LOL



Victory Motorcycles shock closure!

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BY GREG LEECH ON JANUARY 10, 2017NEWS

US maker says it's all over for Victory Motorcycles

Polaris Industries, which is the American outfit behind Victory Motorcycles and Indian Motorcycle, has announced that it will immediately begin closure of the Victory brand.

Polaris will assist dealers in liquidating existing inventories while continuing to supply parts for a period of 10 years, along with providing service and warranty coverage to Victory dealers and owners. The decision does not affect any other Polaris brands, including Indian. It claims this is all about failing to grab the market share needed to be profitable.

Victory has been around for 18 years, but global sales were only running at just over 10,000 units. The process of winding-up the business starts immediately, and is expected to be completed in 18 months. All Victory patents, technologies and intellectual property remain the property of parent company Polaris, which means that Indian and other parts of the business, will benefit from the research and development Victory undertook.

From today's announcement: "This was an incredibly difficult decision for me, my team and the Polaris Board of Directors," said Polaris Industries Chairman and CEO Scott Wine. "Over the past 18 years, we have invested not only resources, but our hearts and souls, into forging the Victory Motorcycles brand, and we are exceptionally proud of what our team has accomplished. Since inception, our teams have designed and produced nearly 60 Victory models that have been honored with 25 of the industry's top awards. The experience, knowledge, infrastructure and capability we've built in those 18 years gave us the confidence to acquire and develop the Indian Motorcycle brand, so I would like to express my gratitude to everyone associated with Victory Motorcycles and celebrate your many contributions

Members Profile

Name:

Nickname:



Occupation:	Senior Alcs Administrator
Current bike:	Pillion (whatever Pete rides)
I got into bike riding when:	When I met Pete
Toughest Ride:	Anything before the 'Air Hawk'
My life began when:	We Emigrated to Australia
I am really good at:	Talking
I am really bad at:	Shutting up 'So my husband's says'
My hobbies are	Gym and being on the bike with Pete
Major dislikes:	Rude people
Smartest thing I've done:	Went on holidays to Africa
Biggest regret:	I don't have any regrets
Most amazing discovery:	Peter
Best time of my life:	Going on Safari
Advice to new riders:	Enjoy the ride, slow down on bends it's not a race track

Newsletter Deadlines

To give enough time to put the Newsletter together I would need all contributions to be submitted the Sunday night before each monthly information night. Email through to shortcutipswich@gmail.com. Ride leaders are encouraged to write a report for their ride however all members are welcome. Anything of interest to the members will be considered however the name "Newsletter Editor" is just that, and I may need to 'edit' from time to time. Dorothy "Short Cut.

Disclaimer: The committee feel compelled to include a disclaimer in this newsletter which states that: We take no responsibility for the content of this newsletter now, before or in the future. The content of this newsletter is largely written and/or submitted by the members at large, and where that content will fit it will be included where possible. However, we will endeavour to publish only that material deemed appropriate to this branch and if any offence has been given then it was not intentional and will be rectified where possible.



2017 Nomination Form

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Nominee for 2017 Committee

Surname _____ First Name _____
Address _____ Ph Home _____
_____ p/c _____ Ph Mob _____
Membership # _____ Email _____

Nominated Committee Position

- | | | |
|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> President | <input type="checkbox"/> Secretary | <input type="checkbox"/> Treasurer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Vice President | <input type="checkbox"/> Ride Coordinator | <input type="checkbox"/> Webmaster |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter Editor | <input type="checkbox"/> Regalia Officer | <input type="checkbox"/> Welfare |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sheriff | | |

Nominated By _____ Seconded By _____
Signature _____ Signature _____
Membership No _____ Membership No _____
Date ____/____/2017 Date ____/____/2017

I accept the nomination for _____ position

Nominee's Signature _____ Date ____/____/2017

Nominee, Proposer & Seconder must be current financial members of Ulysses Club Inc

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