

MOISHE AND LIGHTNING'S TRAIL RIDE AT THE LIGHTNING RANCH

As we entered the winding country road entrance, feeling we were already at the Easter Show Ring events, we were totally unprepared for the superb layout of the Lightning Ranch. We should thank our hosts Mr and Mrs Lightning for their amazing hospitality and the use of their world class equestrian centre.

The Hares **MOISHE and LIGHTNING** succeeded in finding a good country trail that was very appropriate for the last summer run this season. After finding the entrance to the bush **CHANGI and DRUID**, who has changed careers and is now a practising stock broker, led the way and **HOARSE WHISPER** felt right at home surrounded by the odour of horse manure.

On the trail **FOXFACE and PEDANTIC**, in his new running gear were discussing the future of the forestry industry while **MAJOR DISASTER and LITTLE SHIT** were heard to be debating the future of armies, **GOANNA** mentioned buying an oil rig and **SCUD and PEE DUB** were planning their next international four wheel drive trip to the Sahara Desert, such wonderful conversations on a Monday night.

The two early checks caught many runners off guard and soon **TYRE FRUCK, COPRA** and the world traveller **MASH** were up the front leading the pack. Following the bridal trails **PILKO and BUMCRACK** were reminiscing their horse riding skills but decided walking was much safer these days.

As darkness closed in WC, KHYBER and WRAPPER, also planning his next circum navigation of Australia, commented on the sensible wide trails leading home, maybe we are all getting old?

Back on the road and after a good eight kilometre work out we arrived back at the Lightning Ranch to the bucket in the stables and gourmet frankfurts.

Dinner in the Show Jumping Arena was a special event with aged Easter Show medal winning Lamb and Wine..... followed by superb FRESH fruits and UNLIMITED Ice Cream, which **CENTREPOINT** appeared to eat by the bucket and **CINDERS** put the beautiful surrounding mirrors to good use.

Ring Master **CALICI** ran the evening's entertainment and TIC **SMOKEY DAWSON TOC** and **HOPPERLONG JUNGLE CASSIDY** gave us some excellent country humour.

A wonderful night to finish a great summer running season organised by the **Dedicated Committee** and the hares **LIGHTNING and MOISHE** excelled themselves on a warm Autumn night at a great venue. ON ON.



