

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Now updated on the front page; <http://www.tas.equestrian.org.au/dressage> It's an evolving beastie! (Think Gremlins!) which as always we will endeavour to keep this as up to date as possible, however we suggest you keep an eye on our facebook page, the webpage and Nominate and use the handy watch function so as to avoid disappointment and missing those entry close dates!

MERCHANDISE

I hope you are all staying Toasty Warm in your DT Merchandise! The Merino Headbands will keep your ears toasty and warm! More stock of all items will be on hand for the Ball! And at the 4 June SZ competition.

GALA BALL Is on again at the Launceston Country Club Casino on Saturday 29 July.

Philippa Cassidy is after some Cat walk volunteers to model some wares from the City Barn as one of the fundraising activities for the squad for the evening, please contact Pip at philippacassidy@hotmail.com

DAY MEMBERSHIP OPTION

This is an entry/come and try entryway into Dressage in Tasmania. Day membership option Includes Public Liability for Dressage Tas Inc ONLY, there is NO personal accident insurance, Day membership fee is set at \$25 per day, "Day members" will also pay the non-member entry fee's. Day Membership is NOT available at the State Championships.

<http://www.equestrian.org.au/sites/default/files/Waiver%20form%20for%20non-members.pdf>

STATE SQUADS

Peter Fischer - has indicated his willingness to continue as coach. Bert Gibson and Kerrie Swan-Bates will continue to co-ordinate clinics for the squad members, please contact Bert on 0417 302 132 or Kerrie on 0427 659 970, for more information regarding the Squad, applications close 31 May 2017.

Dates have been set tentatively, but may need some gentle manipulation to make them work!

- 2-3 September - Ashcroft Equestrian
- 23-24 September - WEC
- 6-7 January 2018 - Ashcroft Equestrian
- 27-28 January - WEC

http://www.tas.equestrian.org.au/dressage/sites/default/files/SquadApp_2017_18.pdf



YOUTH SQUAD/JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT

Jill Schwartz has regrettably decided that she can no longer after 10+ years of service, give the YR squad the time and energy she would like to. SDA would like to thank Jill for her many years of encouraging youth riders and our next generation of athletes, Dressage Tas members and generally lovely young adults!

EOI are sought for Youth Rider Squad Co-ordinators; Jill is happy to stay on as a reference point, for any advice via phone!

http://www.tas.equestrian.org.au/dressage/sites/default/files/EOI_YRSquad.pdf

NATIONAL DRESSAGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

EOI for riders travelling to Boneo for Nationals, the traditional Intra-State Teams competition has been re-instated for Nationals 2017, riders should express their interest ASAP.

http://www.tas.equestrian.org.au/dressage/sites/default/files/EOI_Nationals2017%20%283%29.pdf

There will be three state team competitions;

1. EA riders in Elementary, Medium and Advanced
2. FEI riders in PSG, Inter 1 and Inter 2 or GP.
3. Pony EA, riders in Pony Novice, Pony Elementary and Pony Medium

VOLUNTEERING

I know many of you are planning a trip to go to the Nationals - but rather than soaking up the atmosphere from the sidelines - why not really get involved? EOI for volunteers will be out soon - why not volunteer as a writer, sheet runner, or any of the myriad of roles that will need filling for the running of an event of this size!

Contact info@boneopark.com.au to express your interest.

HEADSETS

Dressage Tas encourages all trainers and riders to use them in the warm up as a courtesy so as not to distract other competitors and judges, and for safety as coaches can remain around the perimeter of the warm up area. Instead of dedicated headsets, those supplied with many phones (you can buy them for around \$20) work equally well, and only require a phone call!

TEC

Sue McDermott in early days of developing a business plan and liaising with CCC with regard to a new clubroom at TEC. This will be a 5+ year project. TEC committee are charged with the maintenance of the current building, in the interim.

NW

NW now have a long lease with the Thirlstane Golf Club, they are in need of a dedicated a toilet/amenities block, an expensive project estimated \$50k+. NW, applied for a grant with Latrobe council. Application submitted to access bore previously put in by the mines dept.

NTH

Edinburgh park Ground Committee looks after grassed area's but minimal arena maintenance occurs. Multiple user groups PC, Polo groups and Casual users use the sand arena's Horse Shields - have been ordered, but are 2.5m long Jackie has them, can comfortably transport to Northern Zone, SZ will have to have a think about transportation options!

TRAINING AND EDUCATION

Judges

I am pleased to advise that Susan Chandler, an A Level Judge, Judge Educator, Mentor and Coach will be conducting this Seminar. All Dressage Riders, Judges and anyone else interested is most welcome to attend! It can be used for re-accreditation for E, F and G Level Judges or for those upgrading to these levels (and as a Workshop for all other levels) BUT is valuable for general interest and education for all.

**** Free to attend for Dressage Tasmania members and Equestrian Tasmania members, \$20 for non-members ****

Please RSVP to Suzanne Betts by email (see below) NO LATER than 29 May.

Further details will be provided to those who register.

I look forward to seeing you there!

Suzanne Betts, Chair, Dressage Judge Education Panel (Tasmania)

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Amy Griffiths has done some wonderful work for us in this space and has secured significant S&R funding - Thank you Amy! Funds will be aimed at introducing new judges in entering the National Officiating Accreditation Scheme (NOAS) pathway, and to those mid to upper level judges continuing their education and professional development by completing upgrades to their next level.

Below is the wording from the grant application as submitted by Amy.

KPI: Pilot a new scheme to facilitate judge upgrade resulting in 5 judges upgrading to level E, D, C, B, A or FEI level and 4 new judges completing G or F level.

The SDA are encouraged by the fact that it is only early May, and yet we have already managed to achieve 3 judge upgrades (Kerrie Swan Bates to FEI, Suzan McDermott to C and Belinda Snooks to E - note the upgrade(s) can be to any of these levels not necessarily one of each) of the 5 we have committed to produce. Similarly, we have had 2 out of 4 New Entry Level judges with Karen Allen and Annika Nowell completing Their G level requirements. With New judge applications coming in and two G Level seminars planned in the May, we appear well on our way to achieving the 9 KPI's we have committed to secure this funding, with 4 out of 9 boxes ticked already within this calendar year! This show great commitment of Suzanne Betts and all the judges who continue to network and support each other on their journey.

Discussions continue at SDA regarding the best way to utilise this funding with good governance in mind.

Protocol for Shadow Judging

Judges are kindly reminded to be familiar with the process for shadow judging and assessed sit-ins, as short notice shadowing does create extra stress for Mentor's, OC's and scoring volunteer's in-particular. Please be prepare with your boards all necessary paperwork (including assessment forms and SSA A4 sized envelope for your mentor to take away), your own writer and calculator! Please be familiar with Section 11 of the rule book - there are also many useful resources under the <http://www.equestrian.org.au/officials-resources> tab of the EA website.

Stewards

S&R funding has been secured - KPI 4 New EA stewards; we have three Dressage stewards in Tasmania, Sue Lamont, Suzan McDermott and Suzanne Betts, but we do need more, please have a chat to one of these ladies to find out if stewarding might be for you, or contact Sue Betts: chimo@netspace.net.au

ParaDressage

S&R funding has been secured for classification of 2 para riders.

3 Riders assessed at the recent Classification day organised by Amy, an FEI Classifier from NZ was in the state; tentatively we have a grade 4 and two grade 5's. A few waiting in the wings, depending on various outcomes.

CONSTITUTION

New Dressage Tas constitution is in its final draft and will be ratified at the SDA AGM.

NOMINATE CLUBS

5.5% fee has been absorbed as a trial for 2016/17 membership year - please be aware this will be added to the subscription for the 2017/18 membership year.

SURVEY OUTCOMES

SDA feel that the Zones doing a good job of offering a full calendar with limited resources and other training/fun days/bring your young horse days, recent NW day particularly successful and appears to have drawn a number of new participants to our sport.

Communication channels have been improved Facebook in particular is being well utilised to communicate with members.

Please Note that Facebook is NOT the forum under which to vent your frustration at DT Volunteers. Contact via email is the preferred method all contact details are available under the "About us" tab on the DT page;

<http://www.tas.equestrian.org.au/dressage/about>

Again, we ask that you remember that we are volunteers with the best interest of our sport at heart, and we do occasionally make errors as we are most certainly human.

The Yellow card system can be applied to all forms of bad sportsmanship both online and on horseback, please be aware of your rights and obligations;

<http://www.equestrian.org.au/news/introduction-yellow-cards-dressage-2017>

and with regard to Social Media Policy and Use;

<http://www.equestrian.org.au/sites/default/files/Social%20Media%20Policy.pdf>

FORMS AND DOCUMENTATION

State-wide Refund Policy is under discussion and development, a lot of hard work and preparation goes in to our events, and no-one likes to see them cancelled, however to re-coup some of the costs associated with our events a non-refundable component of our entries is being considered - watch this space.

STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS 2018

General feedback from Riders and sponsors was that the 2017 Horshare Australia Tasmanian Dressage Championships were an excellent championship with lots of positive feedback, we thank everyone involved, especially our sponsors, without whom we would not have such a wonderful show.

Planning is already underway with the TEC booked for 3-4 March 2018, entries are expected to close on the 22nd of January. The Entry Schedule, is under discussion and development following feedback from riders and committee alike, details will be published as soon as they are finalised.

RIDERS REPRESENTATIVE

Expressions are called for a Riders Representative to liaise between riders and SDA, please contact Maryann Smink on 0418 510 320 for further details.

HAPPY RIDING!

Belinda Snooks
Dressage Tas SDA
Secretary

