



DRESSAGE TASMANIA NEWS

Welcome!

Firstly the State Dressage Authority (SDA) would like to say a warm welcome to all new members and welcome back to returning members for the 2019/2020 Dressage Tasmania season!

We have created this newsletter to inform all members about the current 'goings on' in Dressage in Tasmania. It will be the aim of the SDA to have the newsletter published to the membership every 6 weeks to remind you all of upcoming events, provide reports from recent events, information of any updates in rules and any other business to do with our club. If anyone should have anything they'd wish to put into the newsletter (ie. upcoming events, sponsorship advertising etc.) please forward on to the Dressage Tasmania Secretary at dressagetasmania@outlook.com

With a new committee on board and some fresh ideas there are some big things planned for Dressage Tasmania as a club for the remainder of 2019 and beyond. We wish to work with our membership for ways to better improve our sport in Tasmania and our club as a whole.

The current SDA committee for 2019/2020 is as follows:

President - Sharni Radford

Vice President/State Squad Co-ordinator (North) - Bert Gibson

Secretaries - Lydia Davis and Teresa Darcy

Treasurer - Alison Hall

ETas Representative - Tania Hay

State Squad Co-ordinator (South) - Kerrie Swan Bates

Judge Education Pannel (JEP) Chair - Suzanne Betts

Committee - Sue Lamont

If you wish to contact the SDA committee for any reason please email us at dressagetasmania@outlook.com

Happy riding!

Upcoming Dressage Tasmania Events:

19th October - SZ Training Day @ TEC - **Entries Closed**

27th October - NW Zone Competition @ Thirlstane - **Entries Closed**

3rd November - SZ 'Urban Horsewear Southern Stakes' Competition @ TEC - **Entries close 18th October**

10th November - NZ 'Novice Knockout' and YH Competition @ Thirlstane - **Entries close 27th October**

16th November - SZ Training Day @ TEC - **Entries close 10th November**

15th - 17th November - Brett Parbery Clinic and Masterclass @ WEC

24th November - NW Zone Competition @ Thirlstane - **Entries Close 10th November**

1st December - SZ Competition @ TEC - **Entries Close 15th November**

14th December - SZ Training Day @ TEC - **Entries Close 8th December**

15th December - 🎄 NZ 'Elementary Extravaganza' Christmas Competition @ Thirlstane - **Entries Close 1st December**

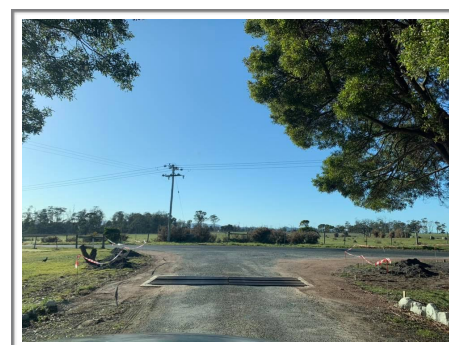
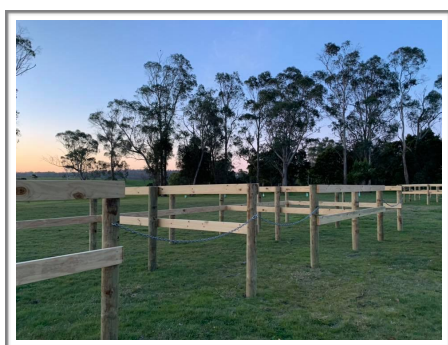


Thirlstane Grounds Update:

As most would know by now the Thirlstane Dressage Ground has been undergoing some preparations and improvements for the upcoming Horseware Australia 2020 Tasmanian Dressage Championships and Dressage Tasmania Participant Championships.

These works have included the levelling of majority of the parking and warmup areas, installation of watering systems to all arenas, erection of new yards, swabbing and stallion areas, fence posts to the far end of the ground to prevent horses going on the golf greens and the widening of the main entrance. More works are about to be underway with the installation of a new wash bay and improvements on the existing wash bay, installation of a 1000 L water tank kindly donated by Kim Phillips, paving of the undercover area between the two existing shipping containers and much more!

Here are some pictures of the current works at the grounds!



2020 Championships Update:



This year we welcome back Horseware Australia as our naming rights Sponsor for the 2020 Tasmania Dressage Championships to be run on the 29th Feb and 1st March 2020. As well as the official championship, Dressage Tasmania will be running the Participant championship for all of our unofficial combinations (Preliminary and Novice) on the same weekend. The championship will also integrate the Tasmanian Interschool Championships and Para-Dressage classes.

The planning for the Championships is very well underway with a motivated and dedicated committee behind it all. The schedule is set to be released in the coming month which outlines all of the rules and requirements of the 2020 Championships entry.

If you wish to be involved in the Championships in any way please do not hesitate to contact the 2020 Championships committee president Caitlin Radford at caitlinradford36@gmail.com

If you're able to assist with or have any sponsorship ideas please contact Philippa Cassidy at philippacassidy@hotmail.com



For all updates on the 2020 Champs please like and follow '2020 Horseware Australia Tasmanian Dressage Championships' on Facebook.

Judges Education Report:

FEI Young Horse Seminar 6-9th September 2019 Report by Kerrie Swan-Bates

From the 6th to the 9th of September 13 FEI judges representing 10 countries attended the YH seminar conducted in conjunction with the Bundeschampionate competition in Warendorf Germany. Not only were we privileged to see some of the best young horses competing at the event, we were expertly guided through our training and the exam by the very experienced judging duo of Dr Dieter Schule and Ghislain Fourage.

The course consisted of two theory sessions on the principals of YH judging, supported by videos and discussion. Commentary on both the 5 and 6-year-old finals, via headsets initially from Dieter and Ghislain before the reins, so to speak, were handed over to each attendee to

continue the commentary to support their proposed marks for each of the five YH test components.

Marks for the Walk, Trot and Canter quality, Submission and finally the Perspective of the YH's for future as FEI prospect were allocated by each of the candidates. The exam assessment also included a written theory paper, a practical judging examination on demonstration horses and an individual oral exam.

Thank you, Dieter and Ghislain for generously sharing your great depth of knowledge and experience and to Diana Munnich of the NF for her tireless organisation and assistance to the group throughout the exam process.

Aside from the educational experience, many new friendships were formed and we all look forward to meeting up again at future Dressage events.

Kerrie Swan-Bates



Congratulations to Belinda Snooks

Well done to Belinda Snooks for achieving her C Level Judge accreditation at the recent Spring CDI at Boneo Park. Report from Belinda below.

I began working toward my "C" level accreditation in conjunction with my D level work, taking the opportunity to see large groups of Advanced horses at the 2017 Nationals at Boneo Park where I sat-in with Trisha Sellers and at the Victorian Dressage Festival where I shadowed the 5.2 with Jane Ventura, the day after my D Exam. This was before the current rule changes around waiting 12 months before commencing work towards upgrading – the wisdom behind which has become apparent to me!

In March 2018 for our State Championships at TEC, I sat in with Maria Schwennessen for the 5.2 and shadowed the 5.3 with Sue Bright. April 2018 I travelled to Boneo Park to judge the Medium 4.3 class and shadow the 5.2 with Veronica Steward. July 2018 I travelled to Boneo Park and judged a 1.2, 3.2 and 4.2 class and shadowed the 5.1 with Judy Peel and 5.2 with Helen Heagney. July 2018 Kerrie once again patiently sat at her kitchen table and calmly offered tea and water as she supervised my theory examination. 1st and 2nd of September 2018 I was able to judge the 3.2, 2.1, 4.3 and 2.2 competitions at the Victorian Dressage Club's Championship. At the October 2018 Nationals I sat in with Mary Seefried for the PSG in preparation for my upcoming practical examination.

In December 2018 I travelled with Suzan to the Victorian Dressage Festival. The Advanced Competition was on the Thursday, and my examiner was Susie Hoevenaars. The outcome of my exam was that Susie felt I needed more training and experience, particularly with the canter pirouette work. While not what I had hoped for, Susie did give myself some advice to see as many horses as possible and "make your training more difficult" so that when the exam comes it

is a little easier. Susie is of course 100% correct so I planned a trip to the 2019 Sydney CDI to see a quality field of Advanced horses in the “new” 5C as part of a sit-in with Susan Duddy. I was grateful for this, as the test had changed significantly for judges in terms of how movements are put together and marks allocated. Stephen Clarke gave a wonderful workshop on the Sunday – a real highlight.

On the 30th of August 2019 I was again able to travel to the VDC’s “Championship” weekend, the organisers again generously found me a scribe and accommodated my request to shadow the advanced competitions with Jan Smith and Heather Buckland on the Saturday afternoon.

Another opportunity provided by Suzanne Betts and the JEP, was for a final D/C Seminar facilitated by Bert Gibson at the beautiful Woodend Equestrian Centre, many thanks also goes to the demo riders who make these days possible for our judges.

The Boneo Park Organisers went over and above accommodating my request to attend the Spring CDI Event. Jane Ventura and the Victorian JEP were also incredibly supportive in offering to make the exam happen for me. Sunday was exam day. I was between my examiner Maria and Connie Bookless at the short end of the arena to fit us in. I once again had Pam Buxton-Barber the super scribe, and I felt the comments and remarks flowed more easily this time. Members of the Vic JEP very kindly added and did my rankings for me – I was not counting any chickens until they had been hatched via the dreaded spreadsheet though!

With not too long to wait, a few days and I had a result – and what a huge relief it was!

I have many people to thank; the Dressage Tas SDA and JEP for providing local opportunities and supporting travel interstate where numbers require. Jane Ventura and the Vic JEP, Boneo Park and VDC OC’s have made many opportunities available – I cannot thank them enough as we simply do not have the numbers in Tasmania. The Judges who have generously mentored me, organisers who have found these mentors and tweaked draws to accommodate my requests, people who have kindly scribed or added up for me, and of course my ever-patient family for their encouragement and support.

Belinda Snooks

Tasmanians well represented at the Boneo Park Spring CDI

Four Judges and an FEI Steward were hard at work recently at Boneo Park. At least 6 other Tasmanians made the trip over to watch the classes from Preliminary to CDI-W. A great experience!! It was most impressive to see the new restaurant and layout of arenas. The landscaping is also taking shape.



All are Welcome at Dressage Education Seminars and Workshops

There have been a number of Seminars conducted recently in Tasmania. It is pleasing to see riders attending these events and you are reminded that everyone is most welcome to attend ... Judges, Riders, Writers.... Etc etc

6 July at Woodend Equestrian Centre

Bert Gibson and Judy Peel conducted an E/F Levels Seminar. Great day with 14 attending including some riders.

7 September at Woodend Equestrian Centre

Bert Gibson held a C/D Level Seminar ... again 14 attending.

28 September at the Tasmanian Equestrian Centre

Kerrie Swan-Bates held an E/F Levels Seminar. Another good attendance with 15 there ... even a registrant from Victoria!

Thank you to all the Demo Riders at these Seminars for their contributions to our Sport!



Melbourne Cup Luncheon:

Dressage Tasmania holds a number of Workshops at the Royal Yacht Club so they consider us a Corporate Member and are offering a \$60 pp charge NOT \$65 pp for their Melbourne Cup Luncheon. Sounds like fun ... but will we recognise each other out of riding clothes? You can bring a friend.


NO LATE RSVPs allowed ... please contact Suzanne Betts at chimo@netspace.net.au ASAP. This is usually a SOLD OUT event so need to secure our tables! Payment options will then be advised.

Hope to see you there!




Brett Parbery is coming to Tasmania!

It is with much excitement that the SDA would like to announce that one of Australia's top dressage riders, Brett Parbery, is coming to Tasmania for a masterclass on the 17th November 2019! Please see flyer below for more details.



Dressage Tasmania Presents

A Masterclass with Brett Parbery



Brett Parbery is one of Australia's top Dressage Riders and we are lucky enough to have him coming to join us in Tasmania for a Masterclass!

Brett has been professionally riding and coaching Dressage in Australia for over 20 years. With 12 Australian Championships to his name, 3 Olympic short-listings and a top 10 finish at WEG, Brett's knowledge and expertise are not to be missed!

When: Sunday 17th November 2019 at 10:30am

Where: Woodend Equestrian Centre, Deviot

Cost: \$45.00 for Dressage Tasmania Members
\$55.00 for non Dressage Tasmania Members

A Raffle will be held on the day with some great prizes! There will also be a FREE BBQ and light refreshments available on the day.

Tickets will be available via nominate from 20th October 2019.

State Development Squad Update:

This year the SDA has had an overhaul of the Tasmanian state squad. For the 2019/2020 Season it was decided that a State Development Squad was to be put together using a new method of selection. This year applicants had to fulfil 6 different criteria to be eligible for Squad selection and those who did fulfil such criteria are to attend a 'Selection day' with State Development Squad coach Peter Fischer.

The SDA was overwhelmed with the amount of applications with a higher than usual number received this year and all applicants who met all 6 criteria are to attend selection days in the coming month.

The aim of the Dressage Tasmania Development Squad is to identify combinations that are committed to training and education to improve the quality of riding and therefore the development and promotion of Dressage within Tasmania. There will be a focus on Team culture, performance monitoring and commitment to improving performance, and commitment to the sport through supporting local zones.

The criteria that applicants had to fulfil are:

1. The Rider must be a current financial member of both Dressage Tasmania and Equestrian Australia.
2. The horse must be Equestrian Australia Registered.
3. Submit 6 official performances at any level from 01/07/2018 – 30/06/2019
4. Riders are required to attend one of two selection days to be held at Woodend Equestrian Centre (North) and Ashcroft Equestrian Centre (South). Selection panel and dates TBA.
5. Squad applicants are expected to support their sport both on and off the horse and are required to supply a CV of their participation and regular assistance they have provided at both National, State and Zone level in the past financial year.
6. Written summary of riding goals - short, medium and long term.

The State Development Squad will be selected next month following the two selection days.

If you missed out on the Squad this year be sure to apply next year. The SDA encourages everyone to apply. The aim for the 2020/2021 season is to have a "High Performance Squad" and a "Development Squad". Keep an eye out at the end of financial year for Squad applications for both squads.

More updates on the 2019/2020 Dressage Tasmania State Development Squad in the next newsletter.

Entry Fee Structure, Ground Familiarisation and Cancellation Policy:

After some feedback was received from competitors in the various zones, the SDA have decided that more uniformity is needed across the zone competitions. This includes the entry fee structure for competitions, cancellation policy and ground familiarisation.

Entry Fee Structure:

This year a new fee structure has been put into place so that its fair and equal across all zones. This fee structure will be reviewed every year with feedback from each zone as to how it is working. This years fees are as follows:

Unofficial Tests - \$30.00

Official Tests - \$40.00 (\$30.00 for Dressage Tasmania Members)

Judges Levee - \$10.00

Championships Levee - \$5.00

TEC Fee - \$5.00 (South Only)

Ground Familiarisation:

Ground familiarisation will now be Uniform across the state with new rules and fees in place for horse/rider combinations wanting to familiarise at zone competitions. To enter 'Ground Familiarisation' will cost \$30.00 (the same price as an unofficial test) and also include the Judges and Championships Levees and the ground hire fee (If applicable to zone). Horses must wear their bridle number (whichever number appears on the draw) at all times on both sides. Riders must wear approved safety equipment (helmet and boots) and all gear on the horse must be Dressage Legal (Ruling surrounding what is allowed can be found on the EA website). Combinations aren't required to wear "formal competition attire" so long as their attire is riding appropriate. Upon mounting, combinations MUST present and undergo a gear check, failure to do so may result in rejection from future competitions.

Cancellation Policy:

A new cancellation/refund policy has also been put in place to make it fair and reasonable across all zones in the case of event cancellation due to circumstances out of the control of the event organisers. A total of \$5.00 per rider will be retained by the event organisers to cover ground/venue costs. All other monies paid in entry for the event will be refunded including the judges and championships levees. This policy came into effect on 20th August 2019. For further information please see the refund policy document on the Dressage Tasmania website.

Urban Horsewear Southern Stakes

Southern Zone of Dressage Tasmania are excited to welcome onboard Tasmania's own Urban Horsewear as the major sponsor for their Southern Stakes to be held on 3rd November 2019. With some great prizes to be won and even a trophy rug up for grabs its not one to be missed! If you're unable to make it please head over to the Urban Horsewear website to check out their amazing products! <https://www.urbanhorsewear.com>



Seedhouse Major sponsor for Northern Zone

Northern Zone of Dressage Tasmania are excited to announce that Seedhouse Feeds are sponsoring the entire Dressage Season for 2019/2020 in the Northern Zone. There will be multiple bags of feeds on offer at each competition for high percentage awards in different categories. Seedhouse feeds are available from most feed stores around Tasmania. For more information on Seedhouse feeds please visit their website at <http://seedhouse.com.au/>



Tas Racing Series

The Northern Zone will also be hosting the Tas Racing Series for the 2019/2020 season. The awards will entail a high point award for the highest percentage Australian Stud Book Thoroughbred and Standardbred. At the end of the season there will be a tally of points and an overall winner of both Thoroughbred and Standardbred sections for 2019/2020. For more information please contact the Northern Zone at dressagenorth@gmail.com



Keep up to date!

If you are wanting to keep up to date with the events and news in Dressage Tasmania please head over to our website or Facebook page. All forms are available through the website as well as a calendar of events, contact information, committee information, results, State Championships information and rules.

Website: <https://www.tas.equestrian.org.au/dressage/>

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