

Dressage Tasmania

News to Members

August – September 2017



Gala Ball

Thank you to everyone who supported the Gala Ball this year. Those who attended certainly had a great night kicked up their heels and danced away some winter blues.

Funds raised from the Silent Auction and Raffle will go to assist our Tasmanian representatives braving the trip across the ditch to contest the Dressage Nationals at Boneo Park in October, combinations will be finalised once entries close and acceptance lists are published by the organisers.

Martin Collins 2017 Australian Dressage Nationals

Thinking of heading to the Mornington Peninsula in October to support our contingent of Tassie riders? Volunteers are being called for – so get involved in this great event

<http://dressagenationals.com.au/>

and follow the link to the volunteers tab.

Horse of the Year

Unfortunately, it has come to SDA's attention that an error was made in the calculation of the Reserve Elementary Horse of the Year. SDA would like to congratulate Susan Nichols and Sangiovese on winning this award, and further we would like to thank Celia Conder-Lang for her understanding when the error was confirmed, and communicated to her, SDA sincerely apologise for any distress caused.

Updated HOTY results can be found on the website congratulations to all;

http://www.tas.equestrian.org.au/dressage/sites/default/files/DT%20HOTYRecipients2016_17%20ammended.pdf

Vale: June Chesterman

All members of Dressage Tasmania sadly note the passing of our Life Member and Patron of over 30 years, on August 16th aged 98 years of age.

June was a founding member of the then Dressage Association of Tasmania and was also Australia's first International (FEI) dressage judge and dedicated her life to the development of the modern sports of Equestrian and Dressage. There is little doubt that the sport of Dressage in Tasmania as we know it today would not be what it is without the contribution of iconic characters such as June. Nationally, June also acted as a Selector for Australia's World Championships and the Olympic Games representatives. Described as a stalwart of the judging scene and an unforgettable personality, her Merc complete with smoke clouds coming out of it were a regular feature at most competitions in Tasmania, June was an active judge right into her seventies.

June's Family will be holding a tribute at the Royal Yacht Club of Tasmania, Marieville Esplanade, Sandy Bay, on Friday 15th September at 3pm, there will be lots of memories to be shared so please spread the word.

Northern Zone

10th September Competition on the calendar/website this event has been postponed until later in the season - date to be advised after the Northern zone AGM on the 21st of August. NZ will still aim to run at least the same number of Northern Comps and Training Days so that our members will not be disadvantaged by this change to the calendar.

Northern Branch of Dressage Tasmania Consistency Awards were announced at last night's AGM. Champions will receive an embroidered rug with Reserve Champions receiving an embroidered saddle blanket.

Maryann Smink will make contact when the rugs and saddle blankets arrive and can be collected.

Congratulations to all!

Preparatory Champion

Preparatory Reserve Champion

Preliminary Champion

Preliminary Reserve Champion

Novice Champion

Novice Reserve Champion

Elementary Champion

Reserve Elementary Champion

Medium Champion

Jenny Brocklehurst and Dobby

Celina Johnston and Mimunchkin

Simone James and Ellandean Art Deco

Yvette Jory and Underwood Sweet Secret

Alana Fazackerley and Merlin

Linda Jackson and Arrone Sensation

Tracey Etchells and Calisto

Susan Nicholls and Sangiovese

Kristin Pitt and Valley View Rueben James



Youth Rider Squad

Meegan Daun is our Youth Rider Squad co-ordinator we thank Meegan for taking on this vital role for the future development of our sport. Young riders or their parents/carers can contact Meegan on parklandsequestriancentre@gmail.com or 0407 123 319

All documentation is available on the Dressage Tas webpage, clinic dates to be confirmed soon.

<http://www.tas.equestrian.org.au/content/dressage-tas-young-rider-squad>

Competition Calendar

All Events have been uploaded onto the Calendar, So, pop those dates in your calendar and give yourself a reminder three weeks-out to avoid disappointment!

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

And remember there is now that handy "Watch" function on Nominate

<https://www.nominate.com.au/EquestDn/Nominate.aspx>

SDA AGM

Passionate about the future of your sport and Dressage in Tasmania? Make sure you get your Nominations in to belindasnooks@hotmail.com by 12th September, the AGM will be held at Zeps Campbell Town at 7pm on Friday the 22nd of September.

<http://www.tas.equestrian.org.au/dressage/events/sda-agm>

Important notes;

1. ALL positions on the SDA will be made vacant and a new SDA elected.
2. A new constitution prepared by Landers and Rogers will be voted upon.

Further enquiries should be made to our current Chair Maryann Smink on libertygrove@bigpond.com