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North West Newsletter

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VALE-BETTE WEBSTER

Passed away Sunday 20th September 2015. Bette was a highly respected life member and continued supporter of the Ray Webster Memorial competition in the North West.

Both Bette and her husband Ray came into our sport in the early 80's and little did we know then what a huge influence they would have on Dressage in Tasmania.

They started scoring for competitions in the North West and were soon in demand for the North and South of the state. They would arrive in their little white campervan and you just knew that all would be well with the competition. Ray and Bette would joke that travelling the state to competitions was their version of being "grey nomads".

They were both organised people and were very aware that our sport had to become more professional to develop further. They kept records of competitions, scores, judges etc. and continually encourage riders to compete interstate to further their development. Both were true believers that youth was the future of Dressage and they took an active interest in the younger riders.

Bette and Ray hosted monthly meetings of the North West Branch at their home in East Devonport for several years, I think we would all go just for the taste of Bette's sponge cake. Ray also became a member of Central Committee and went on to become a life member of Dressage Tasmania.

Sadly, Ray passed away several years ago and with Bette's health in decline she went into care at Meercroft Nursing Home in Devonport.

Whenever I visited her she was still as sharp as a tack and wanted to be reassured that we were still taking care of the youth of our sport. Bette was very interest in young Abbie O'Brien and was convinced that this is what every young rider should be aiming for.

Not every sport is lucky enough to have volunteers such as Ray & Bette to lay such good foundations that will support them into the future. Dressage Tasmania was doubly enriched.

Sandra Sloane



Calendar for the 2015/ 2016

Season

The DT calendar for the 2015/16 season and full details are available on the website. Organising a competition is one of the best roles for non-Committee members to take on to relieve the pressure on the small team of Committee members who already have a constant workload throughout the year. ***If you're a dedicated rider who benefits regularly from the hard work of the NW Committee, please consider offering your services to help out at a competition this season .***

Date	Type	Tests	Close of entry	organisers
18 th October 2015	Competition	1 & 2	30 th September 2015	Sue lamont 0409 707 291
				Jackie Kearney 0407 333 031
29 th November 2015	NW Dressage festival	2 & 3	13 th November 2015	NW Committee
	Young Horse, para, super schools			
	A level judges			
31 st January 2016	Competition Young Horse	2 & 3	15 th January 2016	Carla Townsend 0409 359 437
	A level Judges			Jackie Merchant 0408 972 859
21 st February 2016	Competition	2 & 3	5 th February 2016	Mary Smith 04380375 364
				Josie McGuire 0418 144 375
17 th April 2016	Competition	1 & 2	1 st April 2016	Diane Selwood 0418 325 204
				Leanne Gaffney 0407 300 995
8 th May 2016	Competition	1 & 2	22 nd April 2016	TBC

Important message to all members.

Entries to the North West Zone competitions can now be made by direct deposit. This is for our NW competitions only & NOT for annual membership payments.

For this to work all entries must be sent to Linda with a printed receipt of the direct deposit by close of entry.

The deposit **MUST** have your name as a description on it, failure to do so could cost you your entry.

NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.

“The closing date for entries is ALWAYS the Friday two weeks before the event”

Those who send in late entries or incomplete entry forms will have their entry returned in the mail

The above must be strictly adhered to the treasurers job is already very time consuming and difficult so please follow the above instructions.

Should you have any questions please contact Carla on mickcarla.townsend@gmail.com.

Direct Debit details:

B&E

Dressage Assoc of Tas Inc NW Branch

BSB 632-001

ACC 100117204

Payment description: Initial and Surname (minimum required)

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Finally horses coats are starting to drop and competition season is on us, just when winter seemed like it would never end.

Our NW season feels like it has only just begun with North West holding our AGM on September 19 and new committee being elected. I am looking forward to working with the new committee and all our club members to make the most of the season and to explore new ways of making our club and our involvement with dressage ever more enjoyable and accessible.

Currently the club is working hard to organise competitions, including our North West Dressage Festival scheduled for the 29th of November. With great sponsors already on board, 2 A Level judges and trade stands it is going to be a competition not to miss. Let's hope the weather gods are kind.

Last season was a great one, with all our competitions well attended, relaxed and with a wonderful social atmosphere. It was great to welcome new members and some lovely new horses, we hope to welcome even more this year.

We have had in recent months lots of member highlights:

Caitlyn Radford who was chosen to represent Australia at Hartbury and has also been selected on the "next Generation" Para high performance Squad.

Abbie O'Brien was named on the National Youth Development Squad. Abbie has recently and understandably become a member of Dressage Vic, but we thank her for being such a fantastic ambassador for Tasmania, and wish her all the best.

Congratulations must also go to Sue Lamont who became a B level and Para judge.

The NW Committee will also be looking into what we can do to improve our grounds in the year ahead and exploring funding opportunities for the grounds on behalf of our club members.

Just a reminder that we have replaced our November 8th Competition with a social and familiarisation day for horses and riders at the grounds. Further details will be available via Dressage Tasmania Facebook page.

We would like to take this opportunity to invite all our North West members to our monthly meetings, they are a great way to stay connected and be involved. For details contact the club secretary, Jackie Merchant on 0408 972 859.

Thanks also in advance to all those partners, parents and members who chip in to help in many ways small and large to keep our competitions happening. At the end of the day we are all there because we want to ride and be there to encourage our friends, have a laugh and enjoy our horses. Helpful hands really make for more enjoyable and sociable work, so much so that work doesn't seem the right word.

If you would like to be more involved, or are unsure what sort of small jobs you could lend a hand with at comps, please ask one of the comp organisers on the website, or ask a committee member.

I look forward to seeing you all at comps whether riding, watching or just asking questions. Wishing you and your horses good health and fitness for the coming season,

Mickcarla Townsend

President, North West Zone

Novice Horse of the Year — C Miller & Pop Star Preliminary Horse of the year D Lynd & Centrestage of Astral

Elementary Horse of the Year — J Kearny & Sanlirra Camelot



Performance Medal Winners



NW Horse of the Year

Preliminary Danielle Lynd Centre stage of Astral

Novice Carolyn Miller Pop Star

Elementary Jackie Kearney Sanlirra Camelot

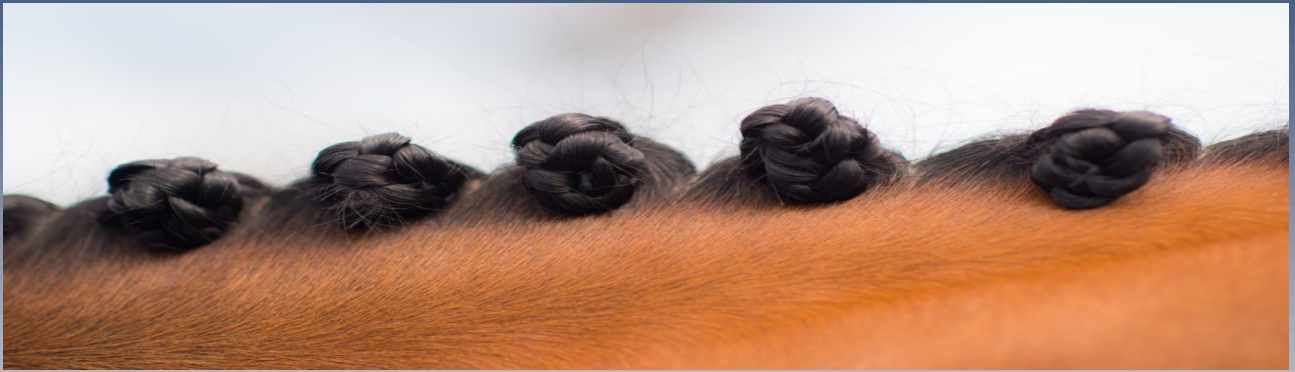
Dr Sheelagh Beach Performance Medals					
Tally for 2014-15 Season		Bronze	Silver	Gold	Medal
Preliminary		60%+	65%+	70%+	
Danielle Lynd	Centre stage of Astral	2	2		bronze
Carolyn Fisher	Navarra Kallari	2	2		bronze
Ellie Smith	Berenburg Jagger		2	2	silver
Carla Townsend	Furstin Fine Design		3	1	silver
Debra Keen	Stockbroker	2		1	bronze
Emma Nightingale	Somerford Luana	2	1		bronze
Kelsie O'Halloran	Lila		3		Silver
Novice		60%+	65%+	70%+	
Carolyn Miller	Pop Star	1	4	1	Silver
Kenya Broad	Twilight Cougar	2	2	1	Silver
Jackie Kearney	Sanlirra Camelot	4	1		bronze
Cheryl Roberts	Tassiedale Royal Affair	4	1		bronze
Victoria Brown	MCM Marquis	5			bronze
Kenya Broad	Done Deal	3	1		bronze
Lauren Smart	LA Scandal	2	1	1	bronze
Linda Smink	Matilda R	1	2		bronze
Carla Townsend	Furstin Fine Design	1	2		bronze
Annika Nowell	Bakers Dozen	3			bronze
Elementary		55%+	60%+	65%+	
Jackie Kearney	Sanlirra Camelot		7		Silver
Asha Rahel	El Castillo Nikee	2	2	1	bronze
Annika Nowell	Bakers Dozen	3			Bronze
Stephanie Temple	Clearview Rosheem	1	1	1	Bronze
Dianne Selwood	Will Happen	2	1		Bronze

It's Competition Time

Send in your funny caption to this photo to win a
Free Entry Voucher for one of our NW Competitions.
All entries to be sent to Mickcarla.townsend@gmail.com



Good Luck





Victoria Brown



Annika Nowell



Asha Rahel



Lauren Smart



Carolyn Miller



Jagger, Mary & Carolyn



Danielle Lynd



Jackie Kearney

The Kearney
Clan





Ellie Smith



Kenya Broad



Stephanie Temple



Kayla Bray



Debra Keen

Jodi Stroble



Carla Townsend

Yvonne Downs





Alison Hall



Jack Suratma



Koby Fraser



Invitation to NW Zone Dressage Meetings

You are most welcome to come along to our zone dressage meetings which is a great way to “do your bit” for the club outside of competition days. New ideas and enthusiasm is always encouraged & welcomed. Car pooling is often possible – let us know where you live & I’ll see if I can suggest someone in your area.

**Meetings held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month
at 7.30 pm**

Venue: Isandula Room Ulverstone.

Quote of the day

Don't worry about what others are doing better than you. Concentrate on beating your own records every day. Success is a battle between YOU and YOURSELF only.



Important Please read

Reminder- Policy for event familiarisation for horses and/or riders

Dressage Tasmania encourages the development of young and green horses. We also want to encourage and develop confidence in riders who may be nervous or inexperienced. Riders may wish to come to an event simply to ride around in order to take in the atmosphere of a competition.

For insurance purposes, safety and risk management, and for smooth organisation of our events, a policy has been created for this situation.

This policy applies even if a horse is simply being brought to an event to be placed in a yard or tied to a float for the duration of the event

Policy

- 1. Horse must be entered into the event no late entries accepted**
- 2. Rider and/or Owner must be a financial member of Dressage Tasmania or Equestrian Tasmania**

Process

Standard entry process to take place - one test must be entered and fees and levies paid- entry must be lodged within specified date

Place a message with the entry advising the horse will be scratched and not actually competing- this will allow event organisers to place the horse on the time draw in a position where the scratching will not have an impact.

Reminder to all members who wish to use the Thirlstane ground for practice.

In order to do this you must contact our Secretary Carla Townsend to advise when you will be using the ground. mickcarla.townsend@gmail.com or 0409 359 437

This allows us to keep a record of who is using the ground and when.

Please ensure that if you are intending to use the ground, contact Carla to advise of this and also make sure you pick up all manure and rubbish before you leave.

Also safety approved helmets must be worn at all times while riding.

Competitions if you are unable to stay for presentations at a competition but would like your test sheets please leave a stamped self addressed envelope at the scorers shed or organize someone to collect them for you.

Speed Limit

Also please be advised that there is a new speed limit sign as you come through the front gate of the Thirlstane Golf Club. You may think 5km is ridiculous but there is a reason for this and we ask that you adhere to this at all times.

The Golf Club keep a close eye on this so please don't give them reason to complain.

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Susan Elekessy Clinic Dates 2015

Nov 13-14-15

at

**Bunjarra Equestrian Centre,
341 Appleby Road, Thirlstane**

Cost per lesson: \$125

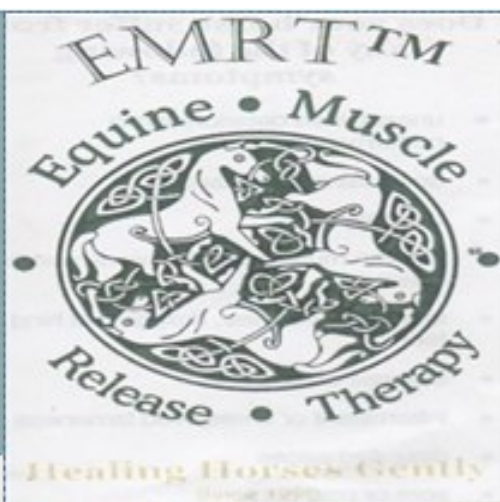


Payment via direct deposit along with a copy of the transfer receipt forwarded to the contact below

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