

NORTH WEST

Newsletter

September 2017

PRESIDENTS REPORT 2016/2017

I would like to give a huge thank you to my hard-working committee. The work and assistance that the committee put in this year was exceptional, I thank you all so much for all that you have done especially when you consider we all work full time and have other commitments as well.

Another huge thank you to our members and families who are not on the committee who put their hand up to help at the competitions without you all we could not run our competitions.

The year that was:

This season's competitions were well attended, relaxed and had a wonderful social atmosphere we also had quite a few new members

and some lovely new horses which was really great to see.

I would also like to congratulate our NW riders who took out our NW Performance horse sections and obtained Performance Medals for 2017. I specifically need to thank Dr Sheelagh Beach who is the inspiration and sponsor of the Performance Medals. We are truly blessed to have Sheelagh in our Zone.

Big congratulations goes out to our riders who did so well at the State Championships this year, you all did the North West Proud.

And to our wonderful Judges from the NW who Judged at our State Championships and our many local competitions, not an easy job and a

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thankless one at times, I take my hat off to you. You are awesome.



And check this out the North West once again stood out in the **Dressage Tasmania Horse of The Year** announced at the **Dressage Gala Ball**.



The NW Winners were:

Preliminary Pony of The Year - Phoenix Park Rebel - Jordan Gale

Novice Pony of The Year - Phoenix Park Rebel - Jordan Gale

Novice Horse of The Year - Furstin Fine Design - Carla Townsend

Medium Pony of The Year - Sanlirra Camelot - Jackie Kearney

Medium Horse of The Year - Clearview Rosheem - Stephanie Temple

Reserve FEI Small Tour Horse of The Year - XL Overtime_ Caitlin Radford

Reserve FEI Big Tour Horse of The Year - Landstein - Sheelagh Beech

I also wish to recognise our riders that made the State Squad this year:

'A' Squad - Caitlin Radford and XL Overtime

'B' Squad - Ellie Smith and Berenburg Jagger & Steph Temple & Clearview Rosheem

Congratulations ladies!

The NW Zone is again about to start their season which I am sure will be as good and if not better than last season.

The Big News!

The North Zone will be holding some of their competitions at our grounds - this is going to be a 12 month trail.

I see this as a bonus for all of us on the North West as it will mean 2 competitions at our grounds per month at times.

There are also a lot of things to look forward to this next season. Here are a few items that our committee is working on and hope to start once the weather allows.

- The concrete arena surrounds to be replaced
- A temporary undercover area near the top end of the horse yards to be erected. A second container has been organised thanks to Bill Broad that will be delivered, again once we have dry grounds
- Looking at more yards to be placed at the western end of the parking area.
- A 4th sand arena
- Portable toilet

So as you can see plenty on the horizon. In saying this we are going to need as much help and support from our members to help assist in the infrastructure of this.

The NW Committee will also be looking into what we can do to improve the running of our competitions this season as Di and I are finding it increasingly difficult to do all we do on the day as well as compete.

One idea that seems to have merit is to have certain members to look after 1 job each season

e.g. Someone to look after the BBQ each comp, someone to look after the Judges lunches, someone to set up the grounds etc anyway I am sure you can understand where I am coming from if any of you would like to take on one of these jobs or have any suggestions please feel free to speak with me, I am happy to take on board any of your ideas after all we are all in this together.

So, members the year ahead is looking very exciting and I am sure we are looking forward to another successful and fabulous time.

Happy riding

Mickcarla Townsend
President North West Zone

2017 AUSTRALIAN DRESSAGE CHAMPIONSHIPS AT BONEO PARK VICTORIA

This year, for the first time in the State's history of the sport, Tasmania has a team of 9 horses and riders competing at the 2017 Australian Dressage Championships.

Attracting the best horses and riders from around the nation, this premier event will be held at Boneo Park Equestrian Centre on Victoria's Mornington Peninsula from 18-22 October 2017.

Horses and their riders will be competing in classes from Novice level up to Grand Prix.



For anyone considering a trip to The National Dressage Championship at Boneo in October - can we recommend getting involved!

This is sure to be a great event but will need an equally great team behind it!

Volunteers page available on the Nationals website (or can be found via the Dressage Tas Facebook page).



Horse of the Year winners, Jordan Gale, Caitlin Radford, Mickarla Townsend and Stephanie Temple

Thank you to Devonport Saddleworld for your support this season!

Devonport Saddleworld are now stocking the following brands, Hamag, Rambo Rugs & Ionic Support for horse and rider, Horwear Ireland, Equisleeve compression socks, Harlow & Hampton competition wear and Performa Ride tights.

They have a huge range of casual clothing, competition clothing, horse rugs, horse feeds & vitamins and more.

Call in to see them for your horsey needs!

Calendar

18 - 22 October 2017

2017 Australian Dressage Championships
Boneo Park, Victoria

18 November 2017

NW Competition
Thirlstane

December 2017

NW Competition
(date tba)
Thirlstane

14 January 2018

NW Competition
Thirlstane

17 February 2018

NW Competition
Thirlstane

3 - 4 March 2018

Tasmanian State Championships
Hobart

23 April 2018

NW Competition
Thirlstane

All competitions will have unofficial and official classes.

Entries through nominate.



NORTH WEST - AGM - AWARDS NIGHT

25th August, Oz Rock Café Ulverstone

Wow what a night, it was so awesome to have so many members come and enjoy themselves at our revamped AGM.

A big congratulations to our 2017 NW performance horse winners

Preparatory - Karla Webb & Obsessed by Colour

Preliminary - Jack Suratman & Mocha Kiss

Novice - Carla Townsend & Furstin Fine Design

Elementary - Ellie Smith & Berenburg Jagger

Medium - Jackie Kearney - Sanlirra Camelot

Advance - Leanne Gaffney -
Rum 'n' Raisin



Dianne Selwood
Club Member of the Year



Jodi Strobl
Most Improved Horse and Rider



Q: How is the Performance HOY worked out?
A: Combination needed to be a NW rider. Worked out on best score of the day at each level over a nominated number of competitions.



PERFORMANCE MEDALS

And another big congratulations to our Performance horse medal winners;

Again we have no Gold medal winners so this season lets strive for GOLD.

Below is how Dr Sheelagh Beech's Performance Medals are worked out.

*Best performance of the day per level.
3 Competitions needed to be attended.*

For Preliminary and Novice

70% for gold
65% for silver
60% for bronze

For Elementary and above

65% for gold
60% for silver
55% for bronze

Meetings

Meetings are held on the
2nd Wednesday of each
month.

All members welcome.
Email Sandra any agenda
items prior to the meeting.

Montgomery room, Carpark
Lane
(off King Edward Street in
the Woolworths carpark)
ULVERSTONE
@ 7:30 pm

Preparatory

Karla Webb - Bronze

Preliminary

Jodi Strobl - Bronze
Jack Suratman - Bronze
Jordan Gale - Bronze

Novice

Mickcarla Townsend - Bronze
Jordan Gale - Bronze

Elementary

Kenya Broad - Silver
Ellie Smith - Silver
Carolyne Miller - Bronze

Medium

Jackie Kearney - Silver

Advanced

Leanne Gaffney - Bronze.



Performance horse medal winners with Dr Sheelagh Beech



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