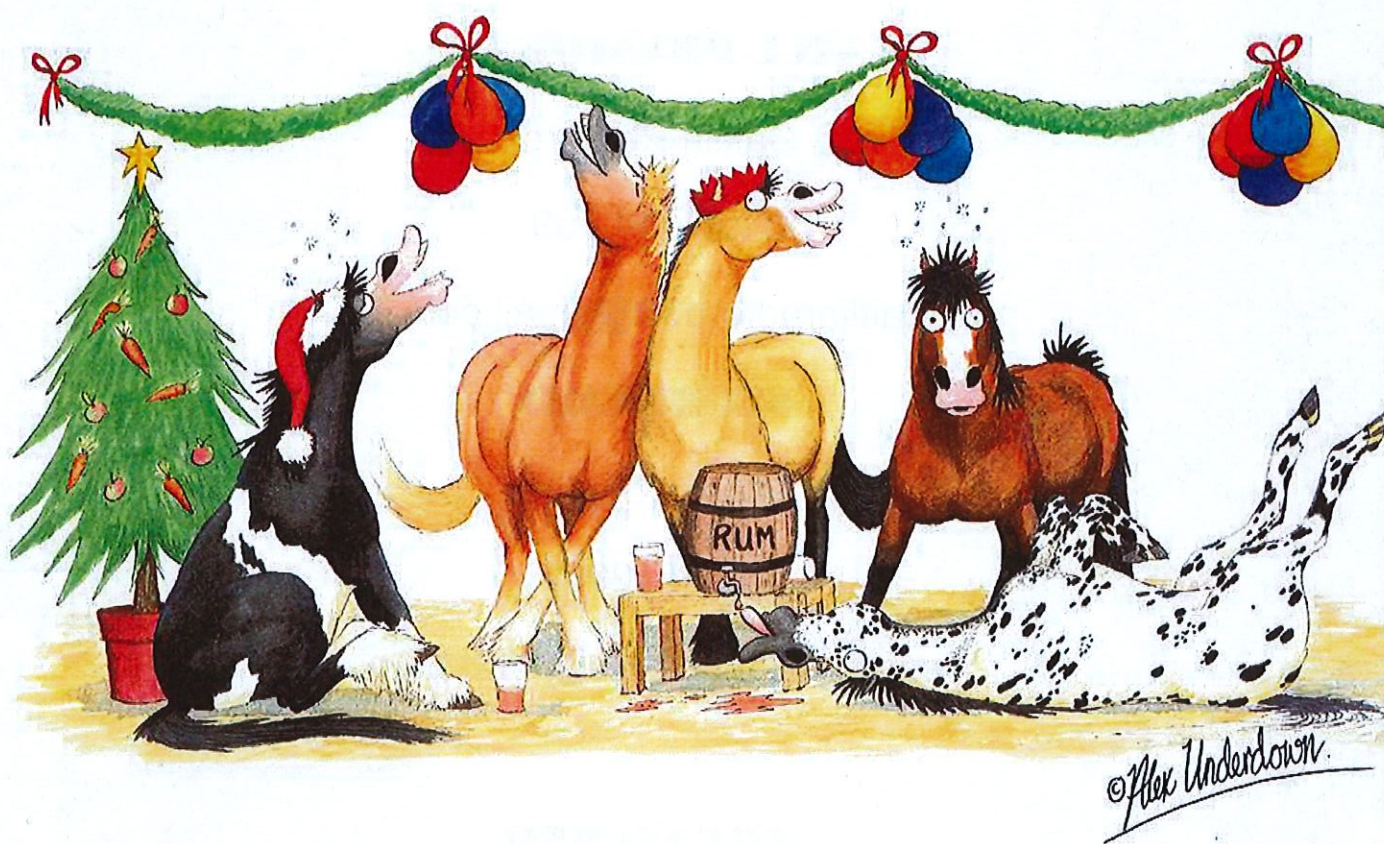




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Getting into the Christmas Spirit

December 2018

North West Newsletter

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Important Information For All Members

It has been brought to our attention that we need to have a car route for judges that is safe for them as well as our riders.

Caitlin Radford has kindly updated our ground map to show the route they will be using on the following page

Can all riders please not park their floats anywhere near the gravel entrance as no one is able to get in an out.

There is plenty of float parking as you can see by the map.

Spectator parking will be in the area marked with witches hats that you must stay inside of. There is to be no parking on warm up areas.

All horse droppings, rubbish and hay are to be taken home with you, this is a golf club requirement **“Do Not place droppings in the bush”** so please bring an old feed bag or bucket with you for this purpose.

All horse are to be tied up in the yards to binder twine, there will be spare twine available if a yard for some reason does not have any.

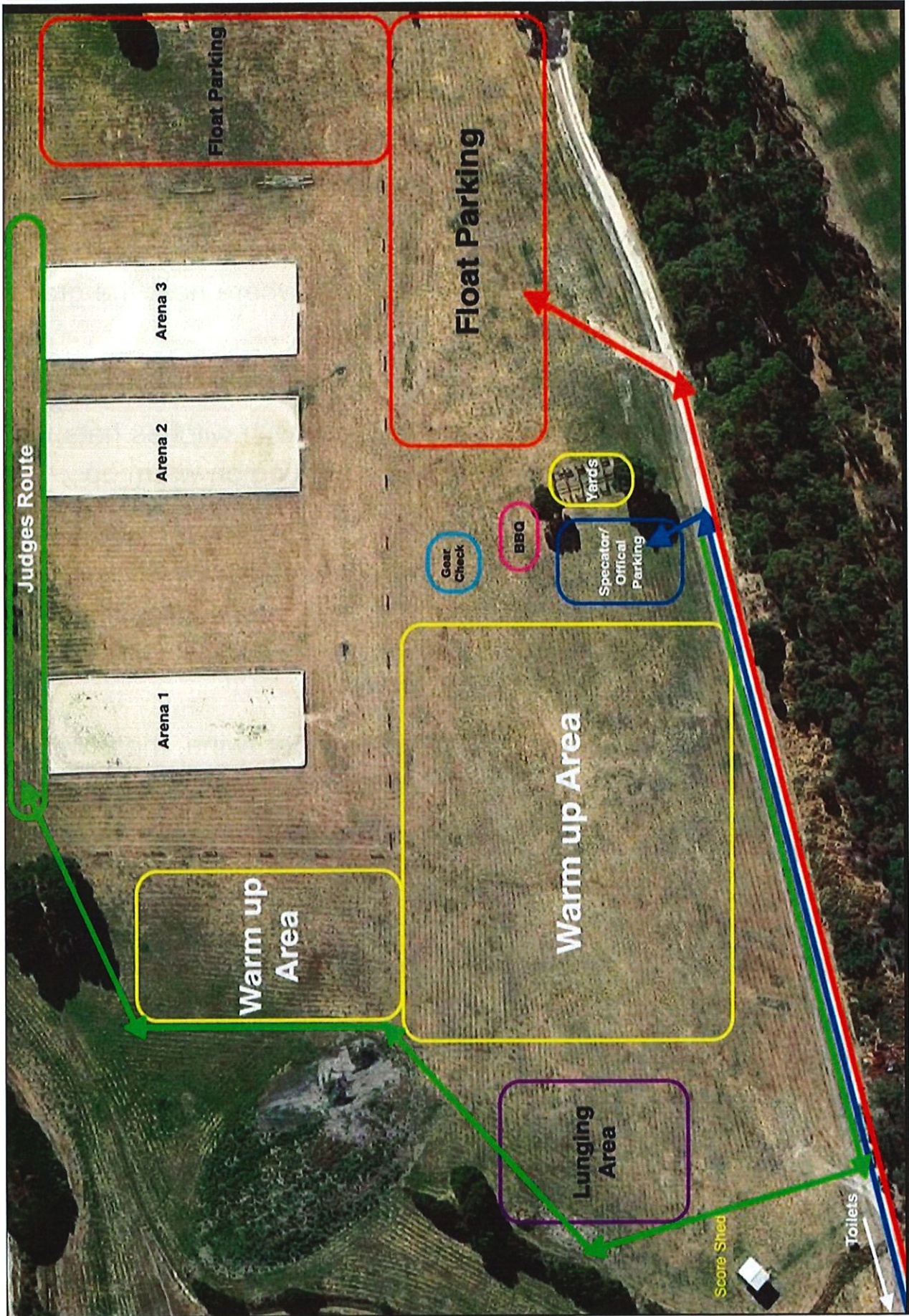
All horses are to be kept away from where food is being served at all times.

Any damage that you or your horse may have done on the day must be brought to a committee members attention before you leave the ground.

All members are responsible for fixing any damage that they have caused. It is not the committees job to fix the damage.

Regards: North West Zone Committee

GROUND MAP



Reminder

NW & NTH huge 2 day
Competition event.

Lots of prizes will be on
offer so get your entries in

Entries close on
December 28th



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AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL DRESSAGE CHAMPIONSHIPS BONEO PARK



On the 11th October, Judy Atkinson (Owner) Clearview Francesca (Fran) and I boarded the Spirit of Tasmania, travelling to Boneo Park Equestrian Centre for the National Dressage Championships.

Whilst Clearview Francesca is relatively new to competitions we were quietly confident that the mature attitude she has shown to date would stand us in good stead. Fortunately she travelled well and arrived at Boneo Park with her usual energy.

Arriving a few days prior to competition and having secured a small paddock ensured Fran was comfortable for the duration of the event, and gave us and her, time to get familiar with surrounds.

We kicked off the competition with Novice tests on the Thursday with pleasing results. Fran coped well with the warm-up arena and gave me some lovely work in the competition arena. I was impressed with how she handled the atmosphere and the wet going.

Francesca stepped up to the challenge of the Elementary on Saturday and performed two tests to be proud of. The extremely wet going caused a

slight hiccup in the second test as Fran was tiring, but all in all I was stoked with my results at this level as Fran is new to it, and we were up against some beautiful and professional horse and rider combinations.

The trip was an amazing experience and I enjoyed every moment of it. Fran has proven herself to be a level headed young horse with the ability to go a long way as she matures and gets stronger.

A great team atmosphere from fellow Tasmanian competitors certainly added to the experience.

This trip has inspired me to work harder and to continue to strive and improve. It was great to have the opportunity to represent the State in such a big competition and I plan to work toward many more in the future.

Many thanks to Judy for the opportunity to ride Fran, and those who contributed to our team fundraising.

Linda Swink


CLEARVIEW
PERFORMANCE HORSES

North West News

The Committee would like to wish all their members and familys a wonderful Christmas and happy New Year.

Personally I would like to thank my wonderful committee members for the huge amount of work you have put in so far this season . And to all our members who have turned up at our working bees and helped out at our competitions and with the improvements happening at the grounds.

Our undercover shed is looking terrific there are still some improvements to do yet, like placing something on the ground to cover the grass, this could be in the form of paving or decking so if you have a lot of pavers spare we would love them. some more outdoor furniture, plants etc. The BBQ will soon be placed permanently in its own little shed in the undercover area which Hayley and I are very happy about. Thank you Caitlin and Shane Radford for putting the panels together ready to put in place.

The Irrigation system has been organised so we are now just waiting on Irrigation Tas to start on this "WAHOO" cant wait and I know of a couple of ladies who will be very excited when this is finally done.

We are also going to be putting in a number of larger yards at the western end of the parking area.

Another sand arena is also on the wish list. So as you can see still lots to do and lots of funds required.

THE BIG NEWS

**The NW will be hosting the
2020 State Dressage Championships**

So 2019 is going to be a very busy and exciting time for the Thirlstane Grounds, We will be running a lot of working bees next year and your support for these will be very much appreciated. Please don't leave it to your very over worked committee members to do everything this ground belongs to all members and without volunteers we don't have a club. It would be awesome to see some of our members start to step up more as Dressage Tas can't run itself.

Cheers Carla Townsend



Thank you
Saddleworld Devonport

For the sponsorship of the
4 x 1000ltr pods
Your generosity is very much appreciated.



Important Please read

Reminder- Policy for event familiarisation for horses and/or riders and Ground Rules.

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 through Nominate www.nominate.com.au
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 President 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 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.

Yards

Horses are to be tied up in yards whilst in use at all times, all damage to yards by your horse is to be repaired at your own cost and must be done professionally.

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 Monday of each month at
7.30 pm**

**Venue: Red Cross Room, Kind Edward Street
Ulverstone.**

Quote of the day

Life is not easy, especially when you plan on achieving something worthwhile. Don’t take the easy way out.

Do something extraordinary.



On the 12th day of Christmas, my horses gave to me....

TWELVE
months
of board...

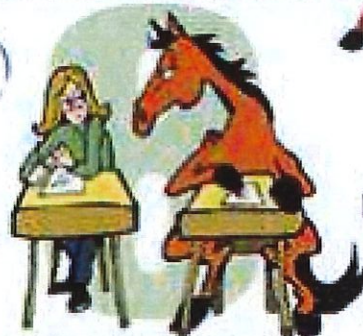
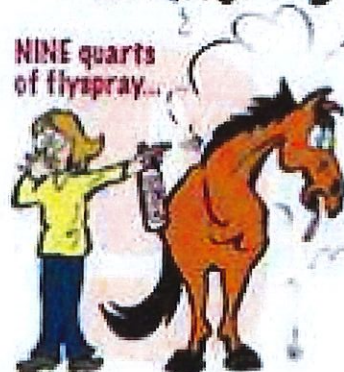


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TEN loads of feed...

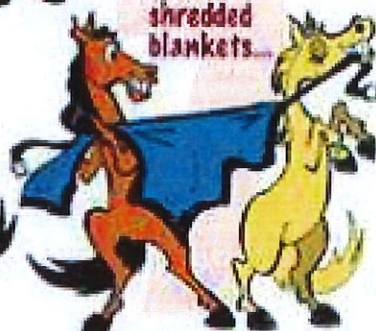


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of flyspray...



EIGHT lessons monthly...

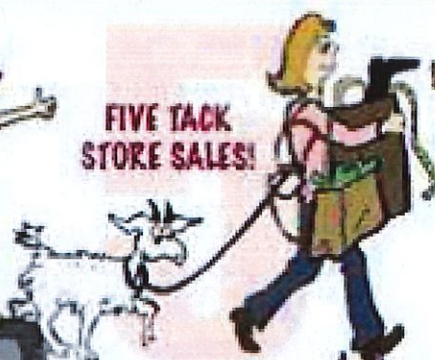
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SIX trips to
horse shows...



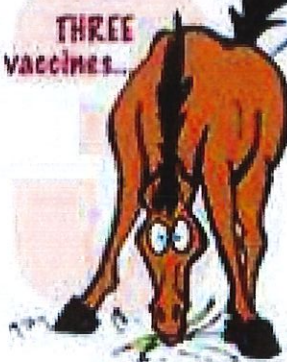
FIVE TACK
STORE SALES!



FOUR feet to shoe...



THREE
vaccines...



TWO
body
clips...



...and an empty
bank account.

