



## SDA Newsletter to Members April 2019

### **From the Chair:**

The State Dressage Authority has had a very busy start to 2019. The unexpected resignation of Suzan McDermott from the position of Chair necessitated changes within the SDA and I would like to personally thank SDA members and Dressage Tas members for their support as I learn “the ropes”.

On behalf of the current SDA and Dressage Tas members I would like to thank Suzan for her hard work and countless hours fulfilling the role of SDA Chair and also wish her all the best in following her judging and coaching goals.

Zone competitions were well supported in the lead up to the 2019 State Championships and hopefully this will continue for the remainder of the season. Southern Zone hosted another successful State Championships under very hot and trying weather conditions. Countless hours of hard work from Karen Allen resulted in a new Arena 4 being ready for champs. The recent Unofficial Gala organised by Tania Hay and her Team of volunteers was a huge success.

Several Members attended the recent eSafety Presentation held by the TIS in both Launceston and Hobart. SDA is hoping to provide further opportunities to attend similar training in the future as it becomes available.

In January we were able to watch live stream of the Boneo CDI where Mandy Parsons and LBA Zhia aka Princess were kicking goals in preparations for the lead into Tokyo 2020 Para Games. It was with great sadness that we heard the news that Princess gained her Angel Wings just after State Champs. Beanie has big shoes to fill! We extend our deepest condolences to Mandy and Ottmar from all at Dressage Tas.

With only a handful of competitions left, I encourage all members to support Zones with good entry numbers. The AGM is a little earlier this year to allow the new committee time to have a planning meeting before the start of next season. I would encourage all members to consider taking on a role on SDA or your local organising or “zone” committee.

Happy riding, Sharni

### **State Championships 2020:**

The venue of the 2020 Dressage Tas State Championships has been put to a vote by the SDA board and the result was in favour of the event being hosted by the NW zone at the Thirlstane grounds.

SDA hope that North and Southern zone members will make themselves available to assist the NW zone in running a fabulous State Dressage Championship for all our members.

## **Refund Policy Review:**

Thank you to the members who took the time to write to the SDA about their concerns regarding the refund policy. After seeking feedback from the zone OC's and treasurers SDA has made a change to the existing refund policy based upon feedback received and the profit/losses of cancelled competition from the zones. In the updated policy, zones are to refund the entire entry fee to the riders, minus their levies to the grounds/SDA.

The Refund policy has been updated and is available on the website;

[https://www.tas.equestrian.org.au/dressage/sites/default/files/DT\\_Refund%20Policy\\_V29March2019.pdf](https://www.tas.equestrian.org.au/dressage/sites/default/files/DT_Refund%20Policy_V29March2019.pdf)

## **Funding of Dressage Tas Representatives interstate:**

A reminder that to all members when deciding whether or not to travel with their horse's interstate that as per the Dressage Tas interstate travel form "Funding assistance MAY be available to riders travelling interstate to compete at Australian Dressage National Championships, State Championships and CDI events." And that "Filling in this form and sending a report is not a guarantee of funding as this will be dependent on the financial position of DT"

[https://www.tas.equestrian.org.au/dressage/sites/default/files/Intention%20to%20Travel\\_May2018.pdf](https://www.tas.equestrian.org.au/dressage/sites/default/files/Intention%20to%20Travel_May2018.pdf)

## **Judges Education:**

### *Upgrading Judges:*

- ❖ Sam Napier - passed her E Level Practical Exam at State Champs!
- ❖ Allison Lamont - passed her F Level Practical Exam at State Champs!

Congratulations to you both! SDA and the JEP hope you enjoy your progression along the judging pathway!

### *New Judges:*

- ❖ Millie Ashton was presented with her Judge's Bag at Champs and is now on the list as a G Level Judge.
- ❖ Wendy Asman completed all shadow judging at Champs so is now G Level Judge.

Thankyou for joining the officials ranks ladies, we hope you enjoy your time at C!

### *Retiring Judges:*

SDA and the Judges education Panel would like to thank

- ❖ Pia Nowell
- ❖ Debbie Robertson
- ❖ Janet Matysek

For their many years of contribution to the sport of Dressage in Tasmania. They have been presented with a lovely set of horse-head spoons as a memento of their time spent watching horses go around a 60x20m sand pit! We wish them all the best in their future endeavours!

Look out for Seminars and workshops as they are scheduled during the "quieter" months.

A reminder that there is support available for judges to travel interstate and continue to gain experience either at their level or with a view to progressing up the levels.

<https://www.tas.equestrian.org.au/dressage/content/judges-information>

## **Stewards Education:**

Chris Wallis FEI Steward will conduct a Steward's course on 29 June (for all disciplines) and (to be confirmed) a Medication Control Course on 30 June in Hobart – Venue TBC. Contact Suzanne Betts [chimo@netspace.net.au](mailto:chimo@netspace.net.au) for more information.

## **Calendar of Events:**

Calendar of events for 2019/20 has been uploaded to the website – get planning your training schedules now!

[https://www.tas.equestrian.org.au/dressage/sites/default/files/DTas\\_Dates%20April2019%20to%20June2020.pdf](https://www.tas.equestrian.org.au/dressage/sites/default/files/DTas_Dates%20April2019%20to%20June2020.pdf)

## **Horse and Pony of the Year for 2018/19:**

These coveted awards will be presented at the State AGM on the 12<sup>th</sup> of July at Zeps

### **Nominations close on 30<sup>th</sup> May**

[https://www.tas.equestrian.org.au/dressage/sites/default/files/HOTY\\_2018-19\\_0.pdf](https://www.tas.equestrian.org.au/dressage/sites/default/files/HOTY_2018-19_0.pdf)

*If emailing, please do so with the subject line "HOTY - horses name" or similar so I don't have to hunt too hard for them in my inbox! TIA - Belinda*

## **State Squad:**

Our First State Squad Clinic for the year was held at Kerrie Swan-Bates' "Ashcroft" on the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> of January.

Two Northern clinics will be held at Bert Gibson's Woodend EC on the 8<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> of June and 27<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> July.

Further dates to follow, please contact Kerrie Swan-Bates or Bert Gibson for more details.

## **Young Rider Squad:**

Suzan McDermott is now co-ordinating the Young Rider Squad. In the short-term young riders are able and encouraged to participate in all zone training days, we hope that the following list of young riders enjoy their time on the Dressage Tas YR Squad.

- Alice Patterson
- Jackson Radley
- Sophie Mcdermott
- Kenya Broad
- Jordan Gale
- Ella Nast
- Caitlin Radford
- Harriett Faulds
- Mieke Drake
- Shayna Turner
- George Furzer
- Laura Edwards

## Equestrian Tasmania Interschool State Dressage Championship:

Will be run by the Northern zone at their 12<sup>th</sup> of May Competition at Thirlstane, we thank Equestrian Tasmania for their support in running this event.



*Presents*



Sunday 12 May 2019  
Venue : Thirlstane Golf Club

### Classes

Unofficial [Prep A & C, 1A, 1B, 2A, 2B](#)

Official [1A, 1B, 2A, 2B, 3A, 3B, 4A, 4B, 5A, 5B, FEI](#)

**Entries via Nominate - closing date: 26/4/19**

**Coordinators:** Maddie Evans 0477 177 407, Molly Evans 0458 942 340 & Lydia Davis 0418 649 769

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Entries via Nominate at this link:

<https://www.nominate.com.au/EquestDn/Event.aspx?event=14726&eventlist=2>

### AGM Date:

Notice is hereby given of the Dressage Tas State Dressage Authority Annual General Meeting.

Agenda:

[https://www.tas.equestrian.org.au/dressage/sites/default/files/DT%20AGM%20AGENDA\\_12July2019\\_0.pdf](https://www.tas.equestrian.org.au/dressage/sites/default/files/DT%20AGM%20AGENDA_12July2019_0.pdf)

Nomination Form:

[https://www.tas.equestrian.org.au/dressage/sites/default/files/SDA%20Nomination%20Form%202019-20\\_0.pdf](https://www.tas.equestrian.org.au/dressage/sites/default/files/SDA%20Nomination%20Form%202019-20_0.pdf)

Please have your nomination forms and any notices of motions to [belindasnooks@hotmail.com](mailto:belindasnooks@hotmail.com) by Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2019

## **Fundraising:**

Please support SDA's fundraising efforts – this year we are trying the Entertainment Book as an option for members, SDA receive 20% of the funds raised. There are books available for Launceston for \$60 which includes the NW coast and Hobart for \$75.

All funds raised will go into a future fund for ground development around the State.

<https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/956v175>

## **Bridle Numbers:**

Dear riders please be reminded to put EA member numbers and EA bridle numbers in your nominate entries where applicable please, even if competing unofficially.

It becomes very labour intensive to set a competition up when your event secretary has to keep going back to the ETas list for bridle numbers or member numbers. The bridle number and the member number need to go in several fields and also on the scoreboard system and final results back to the EA Database, so being remiss with one number causes a lot more work!

I understand some unofficial riders may not have ever competed and that is fine, I will issue them with a number that they will maintain as their bridle number until the horse is registered.

I appreciate all the riders are busy, but as an organiser getting nominate entries filled in correctly makes my life as events secretary much easier!

Thank you all for your assistance

Your local event secretary 😊

**Happy Easter to all!**

**Belinda - on behalf of SDA**

