

Vale:

Paul Brown

It is with great sadness that the Dressage Tasmania SDA and DT Southern Zone committee wishes to inform its members of the sudden passing of our esteemed SZ Chairperson and SDA member Paul Brown.

Paul was a true gentleman and a renaissance man, known to many of you as a Horseperson who treasured his noble Andalusians, for whom there were seven meticulously tended stables at his Crabtree home.

He was an active contributor to the administration of Equestrian Sports both nationally as part of the Andalusian Horse Association of Australasia and in Tasmania.

Paul was a respected member of the Equestrian Tasmania board, measuring committee and swabbing panel, a member of our State Dressage Authority, and of course DT Southern Zone.

Paul's zest for life and unwavering positive outlook was to be admired and aspired to.

He recently became a breeder of a special 007 filly foal and was taking enormous pleasure in observing the daily interactions between the mare "Ali" and her offspring "Sienna".

Paul was also a Dressage Judge who was passionate about our sport and the education of its judges, the gatekeepers of good training.

Not many septagenarian's (Paul would have been 80 in September this year) decide to start on the pathway to becoming a judge "Not because I am ever going to become an A Level judge, but just to see what was involved". In this capacity Paul was able to influence many of our grass-roots riders and those at Pony Club level as well.



Paul had said that he had felt guilty about having to drive the truck when his hay was being carted in, because he was used to being “the person that does things”. Until recently Paul would often drive from Crabtree to the TEC in the week before a competition just to “run around” the arenas with the mower, which despite taking several hours, he did cheerfully and for the simple reward of a job well done.

Paul also loved his own riding and training, and still took his beloved Cavello up to his good friend Helen’s indoor to ride a couple of times a week. Undoubtedly he will be sorely missed at “The Rivulet” as well.

We take solace in the fact that Paul was active to the very last – an enviable feat, and a privilege denied to many.

Ever a gentleman, he never shied away from giving his considered opinion, insights which were, very often, based on many years of experience, over a broad professional field. These were further enriched by his involvement with a diversity of groups and activities ... and we will miss his balanced views.

We would like to hope that we, as a committee, and sometimes individually, gave Paul back as much as he gave us: another point of view, company, laughter, and a shared passion.

May you rest in peace, Paul.

