



SOUTHERN DISTRICTS DRESSAGE CLUB

"THE PIAFFE"

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Newsletter Information

Remember this is your newsletter, and if you have any photos or newsworthy items please email these to jan.madigan@iinet.net.au for publication in the next available newsletter.

If there are errors in this newsletter, they are not intentional. Just let me know and I will fix them in the next edition.

And remember; **PLEASE SUPPORT OUR SPONSORS WHEREVER POSSIBLE.**

President's Whinny

Hello Riders and supporters,

Will it ever stop raining? Denmark had 110mm in the last episode as well as a cockeyed bob which took out 10 trees on the farm.

So, it has been a difficult time for riding but with the spring grass coming on be aware your partners will be jet propelled if left idle too long. Some prudent lungeing was needed in my stable due to excessive enthusiasm! The younger horses seem to cope really well with "interval training" but the older horses (>12) can stiffen up quite quickly in the wind and rain so lots of walking and stretching is needed before you ask for a little Piaffe and Passage.

Mind you an exhibition of something along those lines by a spunky pony prompted the lungeing.

As I have an older horse, the training always reverts back to the training scale after any interval and it is worth the wait to reaffirm the basics and then experience the joy of a well performed transition and some lateral movement. That is what dressage must be about-the joy and freedom of a willing partner performing the movements with ease.

Keep at it!!

Cheers Virginia



Coming Events 2018

The following tentative dates have been set for Club competitions in 2018:

Southern Solstice Dressage Competition

27/28 January 2018

We have also applied for this event to be both an A.W.A. Dressage Leaderboard & Saddles Plus Interschool Junior/Youth Series Leaderboard 2018 event as was the case in 2017

Celebration of Horses & Music Dressage Competition

19/20 May 2018

"No Frills"

1 September
(possible co-hosted event with A.E.C.).

Training Days

14 January; 8 April; 5 May; 30 June

Membership Fees 2018

The AEC has determined not to increase member levies for 2018, and the committee has agreed the membership fees for SDDC for 2018 remain the same as for 2017.

Membership renewals will again be online, and will be available from November onwards.

Membership renewals are due by 31 December.



Penny Hill Park Stud Dressage Rising Star Award 2017



Congratulation to Elissa Forbes and Royal Magic for winning the Penny Hill Park Rising Star Award for 2017.

Elissa also qualified for the final with Southern Star Feonix.

Lisa Riley on Royal Remembrance took out 4th place.

The Club was also represented in the Pony Finals by Imogen Sugg riding Southern Hills Midnight Warrior.



How Well Do You Know Your Dressage Rules?

The EA has put out another series of questions. Why not test your knowledge?

1. Which of the following is true?
 - When presenting to the judge before a test, riders should stop and report to the judge and make sure the judge has clearly seen their identification number.
 - When presenting to the judge before a test, riders do not have to stop and report to the judge but must make sure the judge has clearly seen their identification number.

2. Decoration of top boots is permitted:
 - Only down the back.
 - Anywhere.
 - Only on the top edge.
 - Only on the toe.
 - Only down the side.
 - Not at all.

3. If a rider drops their whip during a test they should:
 - dismount, retrieve it immediately and continue the test.
 - stop their test and ask the penciler to pick it up.
 - wait until after the last salute, dismount and pick it up before leaving the arena.
 - finish their test, leave the arena and then retrieve it.

4. Spurs, if worn, must be identical on both sides.
 - True
 - False

5. The tassel is included when measuring the length of a whip.
 - True
 - False

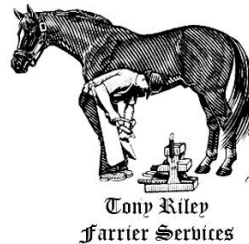
6. Only white saddle blankets are permitted for dressage.
 - True
 - False

7. Which of the following is permitted in the mane and tail at official dressage competitions:

- Flowers
- Bling
- Ribbons (apart from a red ribbon in the tail to indicate a horse that kicks)
- only a red ribbon in the tail to indicate a horse that kicks
- None of the above
- All of the above

8. What is the minimum distance that letter A should be from the dressage arena entrance?

- at least 2m
- at least 5m
- at least 8m
- at least 10m
- at least 12m
- at least 15m



From the Judges' Box By DJTF

FEI 5* Judge Stephen Clarke is returning to WA in November 2017.

Stephen enjoyed his last visit and will once again present a Masterclass (11.11.17) and a Dressage Symposium. (12.11.17).

The Masterclass will include freestyle to music with Stephen outlining some of the key elements required to produce a good test.

The Symposium will look more closely at the training of the horse, especially the young horse. It will focus on how the horse should be working through the levels and how we can enjoy the horse and produce the 'Happy Athlete'.

Stephen will also give us an insight into his life of travel and judging throughout the world.

Stephen would like the symposium to be interactive, with questions submitted ahead of time so that discussion points can be made.

Judges will have the opportunity to work with Stephen throughout the trip.

We will be able to benefit by his experience not only as a judge but also as a trainer and rider.

Stephen will judge the final of the DWA HP Invitation Youth Challenge, which this year will be hosted by WAYDRA.

Stephen is keen to promote the correct training of our up-and-coming young dressage horses and will also judge the final rounds of a Young Horse Event.



Henty Winter Dressage Championships 2017

The advanced class showed some intense competition, with many combinations juggling in the placings for both classes – resulting in Louise Hillman riding Lord Louie being Advanced Champion on a countback closely followed by Kristy Kabaznow and her elegant mare Heatherton Park Ma Cherie.

Well done Louise & Louie



Dressage Rules Updated 17 August 2017

The National Dressage rules have been updated to clarify persisting grammatical and editorial errors that have led to misinterpretations. This latest review also includes the addition of previously incorporated rules that were unfortunately omitted in the past round of amendments.

The next update to the Dressage Rule Book will fall in line with the standard procedure for rule revisions and will, therefore, come into effect on 1 January 2018, with a 3-month lead time.

These rules are available to view on the EA website as from 1st October 2017.

Local Coaches

We have some experienced coaches in Albany, these club members are all NCAS accredited coaches:

Kim Bunney	0427-996-088	(NCAS Introductory Coach)
Kathy Hardy	9844 3554	(NCAS Level 1 General)
Louise Hillman	9846 4232	(NCAS Level 1 General)
Amanda Pritchard	9842 8312	(NCAS Level 1 General)
Lisa Riley	9844 3650	(NCAS Level 1 General)
Elissa Forbes	0408 862 246	(BHSAl instructor)
Andy Forbes	0488 562 542	Cert. 111 Sport Coaching Equestrian



Clinics

The following remaining clinics have been arranged for 2017 and if you are interested in attending these or any others, with our regular coaches, contact the coordinators below and put your name down

Nadine Merewether Clinics:

18/19 November

Please email Kathy Hardy (kathyh@activ8.net.au) to put your name down.

Barrie Stratton Clinics:

15/17 November 2017

Please email Kate Clapin (rclapin@activ8.net.au) to express your interest

Jon Pitts Clinics:

Please contact Amanda Pritchard on ajpritchard99@gmail.com if you are interested in attending Jon Pitts Clinics.



Clinic Policies

1. Riders must be financial members of the Southern Districts Dressage Club and/or members of Equestrian Australia (proof of Equestrian Australia membership must be provided).
2. First paid, first in basis is used to allocate places in each clinic. Preference will be given to Southern Districts Dressage Club members. Therefore, if you wish to secure a place in the clinic, you need to book early.
3. All riders must complete a Dangerous Activity Acknowledgement Form
4. Payment of a deposit, as determined by the Clinic Co-ordinator, is necessary to confirm a rider's place in the clinic.
5. Full payment must be made in advance prior to the clinic.
6. When payment is made by cheque, your place in the clinic will be subject to the cheque being cleared by the bank. Post-dated cheques will not be accepted.
7. If you find you cannot then attend the clinic, it is your responsibility to advise the organiser and to secure a replacement rider; otherwise you will remain responsible for the clinic fees. Most schools have waitlists so please contact organiser who may be able to assist.
8. All clinics with visiting coaches require riders to take on a small duty i.e. collect coaches from airport, provide lunch, setting up arena or taking down arena etc.
9. Finally respect the facilities you are using; and please ensure manure in yards is picked up prior to your leaving the premises. Failure may mean a substantial fine.



Bank Details

All payments to the Club may be made by direct deposit.

Details needed when using this method are:

Account Name: Southern Districts Dressage Club

BSB: 036 168 Account No. 158842

For schools/clinics, please include surname and instructor name, eg Jones BL, Harrison

For competitions, please include surname and competition, eg Jones BL, SS

For Membership, please include surname and "Mem" in the description.



DVD Library

You may not realise, but the Club has a great DVD library, and for only a \$10 annual membership fee, you can borrow any of the following titles.

I am sure there is one there to suit your tastes or needs.

The Club's 'librarian' is Jan Madigan (jan.madigan@inet.net.au) if you want to become a member, or borrow from the library.

Ref No.	DVD Title	Description
1	FEI World Cup Dressage Final 2008	90 mins of breathtaking performances at the 2008 World Cup Final
2	FEI World Cup Dressage Final 2007	11 Riders from 6 countries - including breathtaking freestyle tests
3	Monty Roberts Load Up	Gain valuable insight into the psychology of trailer loading
4	Dwight Pedlows Dressage Training Tests	Professional and informative answers to specific movements
5	School Figures and Commands	Good explanation of coaching terminology for riding school figures
6	Flying Changes by Richard Davison	Perfect flying changes for any rider in any discipline

7	Enjoying Dressage by Richard Davison	Master trainer with easy to understand explanations
8	In Hand Work Part 1 Fritz Stahlecker	Creating the foundations from the ground for young dressage horses
9	In Hand Work Part 2 Fritz Stahlecker	Continuation from Part 1 - perfecting the art of in-hand work
10	Video - Klimke Part 1	Volume 1-4 Worlds most successful rider and trainer of dressage
11	Video - Klimke Part 2	Volume 5-7 Moving into the higher levels
12	Video - Klimke Part 3	Volume 8-10 Demonstration of all the Grand Prix movements
13	Video - Klimke Dressage in Detail	Correct training of the young horse - valuable inspiration
14	Through the Judges Eye Vol 1. Nov/Elem	A must for competitors and judges - horses in test situations
15	Through the Judges Eye Vol 2. Med/Adv	As above for Medium and Advanced level horses
16	Dressage Clinic Hubertus Schmidt	Training at 4th level in Germany
17	European Championship 2007	2 Discs with over 180 mins of breathtaking performances
18	Movement Awareness for Riders	Improve your riding skills with sports science
19	Anky Her Winning Formula	The secrets from the best dressage rider in the world
20	Klimke - Training Grand Prix	2 DVD's relating to a series of Grand Prix riding
21	Klaus Blakenhol - Foal to Grand Prix	Part 1. Demonstrates just backed horses training classical dressage
22	Dressage Tests Made Easy Advanced Level	
23	Dressage Tests Made Easy FEI Level	
24	Beijing Olympics Show Jumping 2008	
25	Success Through Fitness Ingrid Klimke	Cavaletti work
26	Balance in Movement Seat of the Rider	Rider position
27	Balance in Movement 2. Light Aids	Rider Position
28	Back to Back Susanne von Dietze	Rider Position