



SOUTHERN DISTRICTS DRESSAGE CLUB

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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.**

Just a reminder, as the Club does not employ reporters nor have the resources or expertise to follow up on these events, it is not possible to report on all of these activities unless you as members write the stories and send them through.

So, if any member has a story, item or achievement that they think may be of interest to other members, put pen to paper, write your item, send it through, and we will share it.

Without this input from members it makes it extremely difficult to publish the newsletter every month.

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Southern Districts Dressage Club Inc



**Saturday, 9 March 2019 @ 1.00pm
at the
Albany Equestrian Centre Clubrooms**



Denmark Veterinary Clinic

& Paws Surgery

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President's Whinny

Hello SDDC members,

2019 started well with a great training day judged by Andy Forbes and Heather Carrington - Jones. Lots of riders took the opportunity to just walk around and familiarize for the first test and then try the test itself and it was impressive to see relaxed horses coming to grips with the scary indoor area.

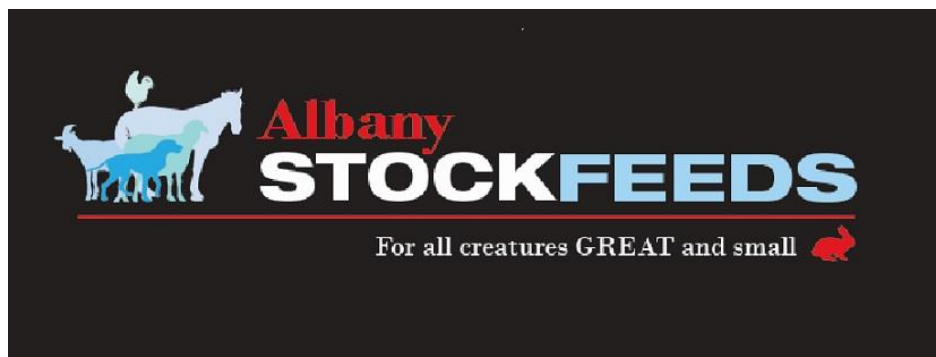
Southern Solstice attracted visitors from Perth and Margaret River and again the relaxed atmosphere resulted in some super tests and a general high standard of dressage. We were lucky to have Lisa Baker as our chief judge, as well as visiting Judge Sonia de Berner and supported by our local judges Phoebe Johnson, Angela Shepherd, Andy Forbes and myself and we thank them for their helpful comments.

One of the aims of doing a dressage competition is to gauge whether the training is going in the right direction, and so each rider is actually competing against themselves in their last outing, hoping that progress has been made and training changes have been successful. This was very evident in many of the horse/rider combinations and a pleasure to see also some new partnerships being formed.

We have more training days and competitions again this year, so I encourage you all to take advantage of the opportunities and come along. If you wish to have a different format for the year, I would love to hear your ideas and you can email me on virginia@bigpond.com. In March we have our AGM and I would urge you all to come and be part of choosing a committee to run the club in the best interest of everyone. The Mt Barker dressage competition in February, "No Frills" competition in August and Albany Show are planned to be part of a Regional Championship at all levels so why not plan to take your horse to all 3 competitions!

I wish you all a productive and interesting 2019

Cheers, Virginia



Southern Solstice Dressage Competition

Southern Districts Dressage Club held their 2-day dressage championships – the Southern Solstice on 19 & 20 January in stunning Albany weather.

Competitors travelled from the Wheatbelt, Perth and South West regions to join local riders to compete in what is most certainly the last offering the 'old' EA dressage tests. Riders spanned a broad range of ages with Skye Nathan and Isla Hendry competing in their first dressage competition at aged 9 to Augusta Saunders still bringing on young horses from the Ringwould stud at over 60.

There were many new faces visiting Albany this year, bringing with them some super horses. Judges noted the following combinations to watch out for in 2019. Lauren Rowe on Cheval D'Lore (Prelim/Novice) and Samantha Barridge on Delon Park Odin de Luxe (Elem/Medium) are 2 exciting pony combinations to watch. Asha Henderson on Wendemar Newsflash also impressed in the Novice. Of the horses, the outstanding combination at Preliminary level was Gesusa Park First Light ridden by Chloe Moon. Despite this being his first country experience, he was supple and very light on his feet and scored an outstanding 86% in his Freestyle test. This is an exciting horse to watch. Primrose Court Dynasty ridden by Beth Rainbow also impressed at Prelim level. Not to be outdone Tyla Schou competed on Dennis DeNiro (Elem) and again displayed suppleness and lightness which was a joy to watch. Royal Remembrance ridden by Lisa Riley and Southern Star Feonix ridden by Elissa Forbes at Elementary were mentioned by Chief judge Lisa Baker as quality horses with great potential. In the Small Tour Mists of Time ridden by Rachel Brennan showed an impressive level of self-carriage and this combination will go far.

WA State Dressage Squad selector Lisa Baker commented how pleased she was to see such promising partnerships, saying 'the future for WA dressage looks very bright'.

With camping facilities on the ground or more upmarket accommodation near by a summer excursion to Albany was a great experience for our visitors and gave the local riders exposure to high level competition.



Sharon Masters Perpetual Trophy

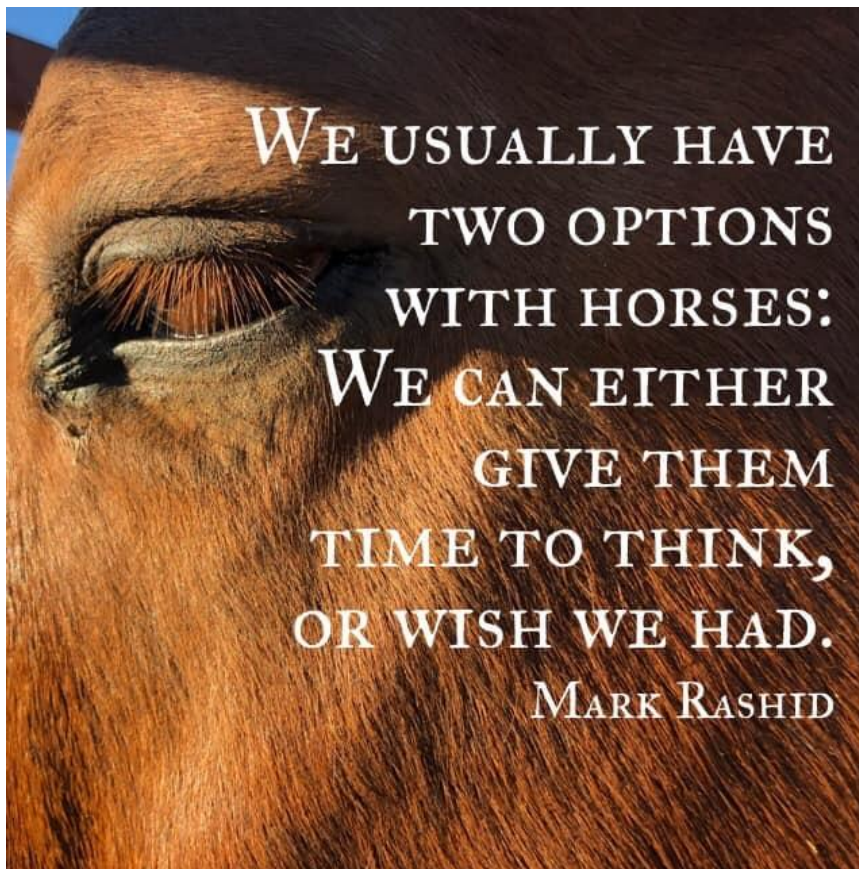
Sharon was a long serving Club member, who also served on your Committee for a number of years.

Whenever she competed, Sharon always had a smile on her face, with both her and her horse immaculately presented.

Unfortunately, we lost Sharon in May of last year, and in her memory her partner, Peter Malins, had a special perpetual trophy crafted, to be presented to the best turned out horse and rider at the Southern Solstice each year.

We are pleased to announce that the inaugural winner of the Sharon Masters Perpetual Trophy for 2019 is:

Angela Shepherd & Highfields Francesca



Coming Events

The following dates have been set for Club competitions at this stage:

Celebration of Horses & Music Dressage Competition

11 May 2019

Training Days –

Sunday 23 June

Saturday 27 July
(2 weeks before No Frills)

“No Frills”

Sunday 11 August



Nadine Merewether Clinics

Unfortunately, we have had to cancel the Niddy schools as there were only two members who had committed to them.

This is very sad as she is such a great coach.



2019 Dressage Tests Update

The EADC has confirmed that the glitches picked up by members in some of the tests have now been corrected and are online.

The implementation date of 1st February 2019 stands, as requested by several Event organisers.

2019 Dressage Tests Now Online

The EA has advised that the 2019 EA Dressage tests are now online!

The EA hopes you enjoy the character of the new tests and the challenges of retraining yourself and your horse in the coming weeks. Just a reminder that implementation of the new tests has been deferred until 1st February 2019.

Celebration of Horses & Music Dressage Competition – New Format

11 May 2019

Due to clashes for our preferred date at the end of May, the competition for 2019 has been changed to a one-day competition, which will still give the riders the opportunity of riding their three tests for the day.

International Masters of Dressage 2019

31 Jan – 5 Feb 2019

Dressage WA is fortunate to have the opportunity to join with Dressage QLD & Dressage NSW to bring to Australia International Competitor, Trainer, Judge & Dressage Master...

Lilo Fore – Stepping Stones to Collection

Proposed Regional Dressage Competition for 2019

Although details are yet to be finalized and the competition venues confirmed, the Club is looking at coordinating a Regional Dressage competition for 2019.

This would consist of three events covering Mt Barker (February), “No Frills” & the Albany Show.

Classes would include Preparatory to Advanced, with overall ‘championships’ being awarded for the highest point-scorer at each level being awarded the ‘championship’ prize.

The scoring system would be based on the EA system, with 30 points being awarded for 1st, 29 – second, 28 – 3rd etc.

This should be an exciting competition and give the riders the opportunity of competing at different venues throughout the year.



Clinics

Clinics are yet to be organised for 2019, but if you are interested in attending clinics with our regular coaches, contact the coordinators below and put your name down

Barrie Stratton Clinics:

Barrie Stratton will be here for a clinic from Friday 8th to Saturday 9th March 2019. However, we need at least 6 riders per day for the clinic to go ahead.

If you are interested in taking part, please email Kate Clapin (rclapin@activ8.net.au) to express your interest

Ann Montgomery Clinics

Several Ann Montgomery clinics are conducted each year. If you would like to take part and need more information on dates etc, contact Sarah Williams (tegz1@hotmail.com)

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.

Local Coaches

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

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



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@iinet.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 Pedlow's 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

