

# Southern Districts Dressage Club



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Members please note, this newsletter will now go out quarterly. We will continue to use our Facebook page and Member Email Blasts to provide information to you when deadlines require an immediate distribution. Please continue to visit our [www.sddc.org.au](http://www.sddc.org.au) website for important information about our club activities etc.

## What's in this edition?

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Items to note

## President's Whinny

Hello SDDC members,

It's Been perfect weather for the last 3 months of SDDC activities with training Days in June and July and No Frills in August the atmosphere has been calm and the weather perfect sunshine with no wind so a lot was gained by the participants and our visitors felt welcomed and supported. This is a big part of the club- to support each other down the personal horse and rider journey at whatever level we are and enjoy a pleasant day out with our horses.

The judges and coaches within the club are always very happy to observe and give you feedback so don't be shy about bringing your horse or pony even if it is just to familiarize the horse with the grounds and the arenas.

All these outings reassure the horses and made in a calm non-competitive atmosphere are very valuable in the long run.

No Frills was also in perfect weather and it was gratifying to see riders from the training days having a go and it was also a great opportunity for the more experienced riders to practice their tests for the State Championships at the end of the month.

The good news is that the Dressage at the Albany Show has been confirmed for the Sunday of the Show Weekend so Showhorse and jumping will be over and we get to ride on Centennial Oval. We will have 2 tests at each level from Prep to Advanced so please consider it and keep training! We will run another training day in September for you to check out your progress.

Cheers Virginia

## Member Survey

Thank you to all members who responded to our survey - we had 26 responses.

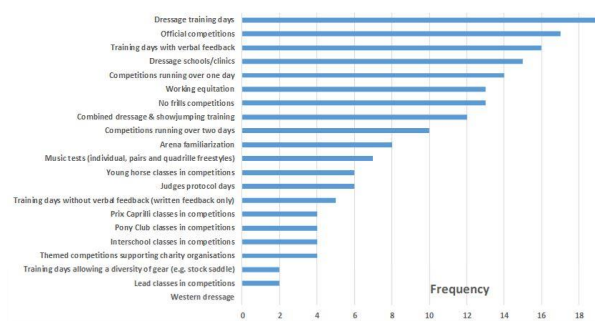
Our intent for the survey was to find out what members wanted from SDDC so we could ensure we are developing the club in a manner that you support. In the survey we asked for your suggestions...

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The following chart (repeated in a larger size at the end of the newsletter) outlines the frequency of your responses against the items we listed. Clearly training days (including with verbal feedback), competitions and clinics are most favoured by our members. Working Equitation and combining dressage and show jumping competitions also featured strongly.



We also asked you to tell us what you saw as being important in relation to the competitions we hold. From the table below you will see that 25 (96%) of members who responded believe that having a friendly atmosphere at events and the condition of the riding surface were their two most important attributes. These were closely followed by the cost of entries and frequency of competitions (92% and 80% respectively).

ATTRIBUTE	NOT IMPORTANT	NEUTRAL	OF SOME IMPORTANCE	VERY IMPORTANT
Cost of entries	1	1	18	6
Distance travelled to get to event	4	7	8	7
Quality of prizes	7	9	9	1
Frequency of competitions	0	5	15	6
Day competitions held	8	10	5	3
Condition of riding surface	0	1	10	15
Who is judging	4	8	10	4
Friendly atmosphere at events	0	1	3	22
75% or more (20 or more respondents)				
50-74% (between 13 to 20 respondents)				
25-49% (between 7 and 13 respondents)				
<25% (Less than 7 respondents)				
TOTAL = 26 respondents				

We will use this valuable survey feedback to further improve our club into the future. Please remember your ideas are always welcomed.

### Reflections from Brisbane CDI Dressage competition - Andy Forbes



I was at the Brisbane CDI for my FEI Para classification and took the opportunity to scope the opposition for the Southern Districts riders. Typical Qld, 23c sunshine and no wind but a very low key event, considering it was an Olympic qualifier. The consensus was the Hendra vaccines. A lot of horses are having adverse reactions to the vaccine. Whilst these are no longer compulsory if your horse has an injury etc requiring a vet no vaccine no vet. They won't run the personal risk. I was mainly interested in the Medium to Advanced classes. Whilst there were

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some quality horses on show the competition was somewhat flat, by saying that the riding was very conservative, correct but not asking for the wow factor.

There were a few 59% with 69% winning and 68% and 67% following up but the main stream were around the low 60%. It really did bring home the fact that our horse and rider combos here in WA would have been highly competitive and a couple of riders from SDDC, on past competitions, would have been podium finishes.

I videoed a couple of hours of tests and got to watch a couple of our Olympic riders in the Grand Prix, the suppleness, calmness and harmony of these top combination campaigners is truly inspiring and worth riding with in the back of one's mind.

So to wrap it up WA certainly is on par to the eastern states. If you get a chance to see any of these qualifiers in the future don't forget your video camera. It's always good to compare where you are at with you training.

## No Frills Dressage Competition 2019

Wow, what a fabulous day! We wanted to offer you a relaxed, no fuss, friendly and fun competition and we did just that - even the weather was glorious! The day offered 2 tests at each level up to Medium which proved popular with riders who wanted to consolidate their

partnership before the WA State Dressage Championships later this month and the Albany Show.

Over 50 tests were ridden on the day, 14 of which scored over 65% with Karina Taylor taking the day's honours with a 71.57% in the Novice 2C - well done!

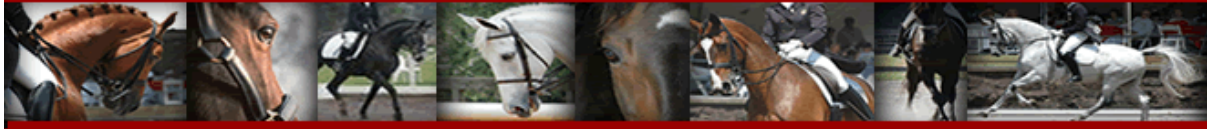
Congratulations to all for presenting their horses, especially to those of you who are new to our sport and/or were on green horses.

Having listened to your survey feedback we offered a free lunch platter to encourage the friendly atmosphere - how did you think that went?



Remember the Committee are all here to help grow our sport, whatever the interest or reason you have for improving your flatwork - be it to develop a more supple and responsive horse, to improve your competition scores for dressage or eventing, to gain ring craft to help with your hacking classes, to have more adjustability in your show jumping, or whatever the reason; just seek us out and we will do our best to support and help you.

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Thank you to all judges and volunteers who helped out leading up to and on the day 😊

Results can be found at the end of this newsletter.

### No Frills 2019 Results

RiderName	HorseName	Test	Score (%)	Place
Jaclyn Toovey	Spin	Prep A	63.68	1st
Alex English	Bianco junior	Prep A	63.42	2nd
Augusta Saunders	Ringwoud Electra	Prep A	62.37	3rd
Ben Galvin	Royal Prestige	Prep A	60.79	4th
Augusta Saunders	Ringwoud Derringer	Prep A	57.37	5th
Karra Keates	Marie Park Primero	Prep A	56.84	6th
Jamilla Radys	Ty	Prep A	56.05	7th
Toni Barrett	Sandy	Prep C	67.50	1st
Carly Mayfield	SOQ China Doll	Prep C	65.25	2nd
Alex English	Bianco junior	Prep C	62.25	3rd
Jamilla Radys	Ty	Prep C	59.00	4th
Karra Keates	Marie Park Primero	Prep C	57.00	5th
Samantha Cook	Rich Empire	1B	66.96	1st
Savannah Beveridge	Hillside William	1B	66.25	2nd
Caitlin Pritchard	Caesere Keh	1B	65.89	3rd
Angela Shepherd	Highfields Francesca	1B	65.89	3rd
	Cherokee Lodge			
Lisa Jones	Skipnotize	1B	65.18	5th
Toni Barrett	Sandy	1B	64.46	6th
Carly Mayfield	SOQ China Doll	1B	62.68	7th
Jo Lange	Jasper's just so	1B	61.96	8th
Augusta Saunders	Ringwoud Derringer	1B	60.18	9th
Augusta Saunders	Ringwoud Electra	1B	58.93	10th
Anne-Marie Bergsma	Avarda Rolex	1B	58.21	11th



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Savannah Beveridge	Hillside William	1C	66.43	1st
Jo Lange	Jasper's just so	1C	65.71	2nd
Angela Shepherd	Highfields Francesca	1C	63.04	3rd
Kim Bunney	DP Bramwin	1C	60.54	4th
Anne-Marie Bergsma	Avarda Rolex	1C	57.32	5th
Louise Eastwood	Maserati KP	2B	63.82	1st
Julie Howe	DVZ Tarentella	2B	63.82	1st
Sarah Johnson	DVZ Santorini	2B	63.68	3rd
Kim Bunney	DP Bramwin	2B	62.06	4th
Lisa Jones	Cherokee Lodge Skipnotize	2B	61.47	5th
Caitlin Pritchard	Caesere Keh	2B	61.18	6th
Ashleigh Pritchard	Baylaurel Panache	2B	59.71	7th
Karina Taylor	Chardonnay	2C	71.57	1st
Caitlin Pritchard	Baylaurel Montcalm Joe	2C	68.29	2nd
Julie Howe	DVZ Tarentella	2C	65.29	3rd
Sarah Johnson	DVZ Santorini	2C	64.86	4th
Ashleigh Pritchard	Baylaurel Panache	2C	64.29	5th
Louise Eastwood	Maserati KP	2C	61.86	6th
Kim Bunney	DP Bramwin	2C	58.29	7th
Elissa Forbes	Royal Magic	3B	63.25	1st
Caitlin Pritchard	Baylaurel Montcalm Joe	3B	61.62	2nd
Sharon Jenkins	Party Secrets	3B	61.00	3rd
Elissa Forbes	Southern Star Feonix	3B	55.50	4th
Elissa Forbes	Royal Magic	3C	63.90	2nd
Sharon Jenkins	Party Secrets	3C	58.41	3rd
Karina Taylor	Chardonnay	3C	57.56	4th
Elissa Forbes	Southern Star Feonix	3C	66.59	1st
Lisa Riley	Royal Remembrance	4B	65.68	1st
Louise Eastwood	Onyx Twilight	4B	61.22	2nd

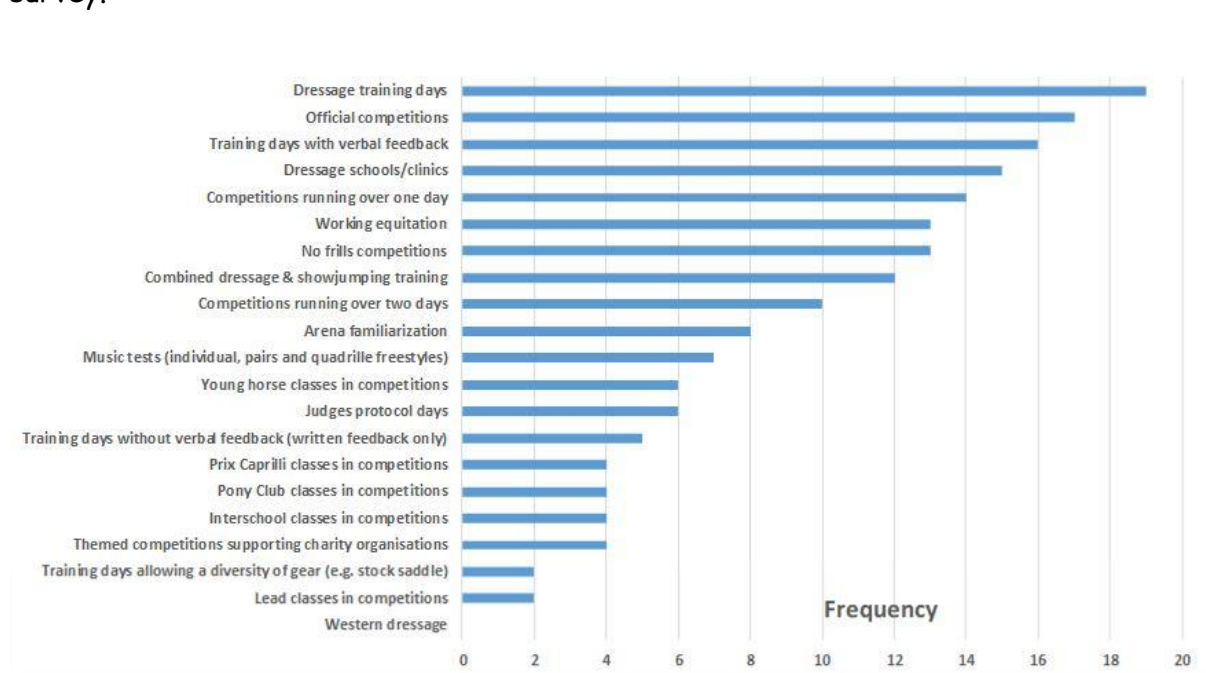
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Lisa Riley	Royal Remembrance	4C	64.94	1st
Louise Eastwood	Onyx Twilight	4C	60.71	2nd

Below is a larger format chart showing the frequency of your suggestions from the survey.



### Items to note:

- Dressage WA is hosting: Maria Schwennesen 5\* Judge (one of only 30 in the world!) in Perth 22-25 August
- Carl Hester MBE in Perth 14 October - a must see event

Visit Dressage WA for details...

- Southern Solstice 2020

We are making plans for our January two day championship competition weekend the Southern Solstice. Keep an eye out as we will be providing you with something a bit special...

That's a Wrap

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Thanks for reading the newsletter and let me know how we can make it more interesting to you.

Louise Hillman