

Mt Crawford Dressage Club

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From The Committee

The weather gods have once again smiled on Mount Crawford of late, for competitions at least, although we did have to cancel a training day due to inclement weather. The working bee scheduled for the same day went ahead as planned and we would like to thank those intrepid souls who turned out in the horrendous conditions to help spruce things up on the grounds in preparation for hosting the recent State Championships.



Riders at the State Championships and our own April competition would have noticed the addition of a new rubber mix surface in arena 1. The feedback has been very positive and the new surface is both less dusty and not as glary as sand alone. We would like to thank Chaballo for their assistance in sourcing the material and thus allowing us to make further improvements at Mount Crawford Dressage Club.

UP COMING EVENTS

Competitions

June 16th—CUR and Prix Caprilli

July 14th—CUR

Sept 15th—**Charity Day** CUR

Oct 27th—Competitive,
Participant/Para/CUR

Nov 10th—CUR & eventing tests

Nov 24th—**Triple Crown Final**
FEI/Competitive/CUR

Dec 8th—CUR

Training Days

June 9th—Ruth Schneeberger

July 7th—Annette Wilson



May was a busy month for us with a CUR day as well as the Bit Bank Australia Autumn Festival two weeks later, the second leg of the triple crown challenge. It promised to be a full 2 days of dressage with a large number of entries received. The committee and sub committee were busy behind the scenes preparing for this premier event.

Plans for the remainder of the year include our regular Prix Caprilli and charity day as well as Pairs, Para dressage, eventing tests and freestyle. If you have a suggestion as to which Charity to support this September please let the committee know. There will also be further improvements to the grounds, and of course the final leg of the Triple Crown with interstate judges in November.

All Entries via Nominate

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Tina Grech



During the lunch break of the April competition we held a Special General Meeting to adopt a new, modernised constitution. This were accepted unanimously and members and non members alike enjoyed the complimentary sausage sizzle at the conclusion of the meeting, ably cooked by Steve Dear. Thank you Steve for being chef on the day.



One of our Festival sponsors, Walkwest, have donated a mounting block especially made in club colours. This will be available for all to use adjacent to the Gear Checker shed. A new safety barrier has also been erected but if your horse is inclined to become fractious when standing for gear check please consider having a handler to assist you. Enjoy your riding and we look forward to seeing at our next event.

MCDC Committee

Next Competitions

June 16th is a Closed unrestricted (CUR) competition with the following tests—PE, PC, 1.1, 1.2, 2.1, 2.2, 3.1, 3.2, 4.1, 4.2, 5.1, 5.2. This is our annual Prix Caprilli (Tests with jumps) competition. Test will be Preparatory (ground poles & 40cm), Preliminary (ground poles, 40cm & 60cm), Novice/Elementary (40cm & 60cm). **Entries close 1/6/18.**

July 14th—CUR competition with the following tests—PE, PC, 1.2, 1.3, 2.2, 2.3, 3.2, 3.3, 4.2, 4.3, 5.2, 5.3.

Sept 15th—Charity Day is a CUR competition tests—PE, PC, 1.1, 1.2, 2.1, 2.2, 3.1, 3.2, 4.1, 4.2, 5.1, 5.2.

LIFE MEMBERS

Jane Bush (Patron)

Chris Hill

Lily McKenzie-Smith

Bill Henderson

Veronica Hannam

SUB-COMMITTEES

- * Training Days
- * Major Events
- * Policies & Procedures
- * Strategic Planning

Reminders

***** Pony Riders** – Please ensure you bring your ponies current height certificate to all competitions (Competitive and CUR classes) as you may asked to present it on request

***** PIC Numbers** – All competitors must have a PIC number, based on the location of where their horse is kept. Competitors who do not provide a PIC Number will be refused entry into MCDC competitions and events in future

***** Horse numbers** – You need to provide your own horse number at competitions on both sides of your horse.

2018 Bit Bank Australia Autumn Festival Wrap Up



Those of us who turned up on Friday to set up things in readiness for the start of competition on Saturday were greeted by the pristine sight of freshly graded arenas and couldn't help but feel guilty for leaving footprints as we walked around adding garnishes of flowers and sponsors logos. Admittedly though, the grounds looked pretty spectacular when we had finished.



A record number of entries meant the float park was full on both days, but everyone was able to fit thanks to our gate keepers Steve Dear and Tim Wilkey, without whose expertise it could have been a different story, thank you both.

The weather was kind to us once again, with mild temperatures and very little wind on Saturday. Sunday was also mild but the wind and increasing cloud promised a change on the way. A check of the weather map showed a storm front headed for us but, apart from a few spots the rain stayed

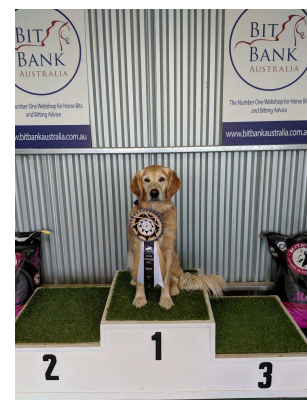
away and on checking the weather map after lunch the front had divided in two and passed us by completely – some divine intervention perhaps?

We were fortunate to have plenty of sponsors, and a huge thank you must go to Major Events Sub-committee member Robyn Oram-Thomson for all her work to that end. All classes were sponsored, as well as all 5 arenas and of course our major sponsor Bitbank. Although a bit smaller this year the trade fair once again proved popular with those who enjoy a spot of retail therapy, as were the heaters once the temperature dropped.



We had a variety of music running in the background all weekend and with wonderful commentary provided an element of atmosphere for the horses. Classes were ably judged by local and interstate judges and we witnessed some outstanding performances. Riders appeared happy with their scores and we would like to thank all winners and place getters. This was the second leg of the Triple Crown challenge – the final will be in November when we once again play host to interstate judges.

It was a very tired, but satisfied committee and helpers who packed things up at the end of a very successful weekend. Our sincere thanks to everyone who helped over the course of the 2 days of competition and setting up on Friday, and congratulations to Lesley Power who won a massage in the Volunteers raffle drawn during presentation on Sunday. After pencilling for 2 days we think that will be very welcome.





Mt CRAWFORD GIRLS GO LIVE ON RADIO Triple B FM

Following an article about a recent successful Grant Application in a local Barossa Valley newspaper, Veronica Hannam was asked to give an interview with Paul Paulenas at the Triple B FM community radio station in Tanunda. It was decided that there is strength in numbers or alternatively we could double the trouble, so Shelley Arnold joined Veronica for 30 minutes of talking Dressage. The main focus was around Club activities and our plans for the future and this interlude proved to be quite entertaining for all involved. Paul was very interested in our arena surfaces and particularly had a concern for 'potholes'. We could reassure him that a high level of manicuring is involved before a competition and horses falling on their faces after diving into a hole was not an ongoing problem during an event.

He was also very interested in our plans for covered stables and was impressed with our commitment to improving the facilities at the grounds. We were grateful to be given the opportunity to promote our sport and our club.



MCDC Training Days

The MCDC Training Days are proving to be extremely popular this year, with all of them fulling booking out within a few days of going on-line.

The next Training Day on 19th May with Denise Rofe booked out within 24 hours of opening on Nominate, so we may look at inviting two instructors to future Training Days.

The March Training Day was with the ever popular Lucy Williams, and although it was very hot, most riders decided to brave the heat and attend. We ran three flatwork sessions and three polework sessions, and the day was enjoyed by all who participated. Unfortunately, most people left before the poles and equipment had all been packed up, so may thanks to Tracy Smith and Cassie Dickson for staying behind in the heat of the day to put everything away. Consequently, we would like to put out a gentle reminder for all participants to please help with setting-up and packing up equipment for Training Days, many hands make light work!

The April Training Day was fully booked out and an additional lesson added to cater for the interest, bringing the total to seven one-hour lessons. Unfortunately, due to the horrid wet/windy weather, the day had to be postponed as it was deemed a safety risk to people travelling and riding in those conditions. We are inviting Annette back in July and possibly holding the day in an indoor arena to prevent the prospect of it being postponed again. At this stage, all the participants who entered are happy to keep their lessons booked until the next date is announced and then if the date is not suitable, we will provide refunds to these members and open it up for others to participate.

We have at this stage booked Ruth Schneeberger in June, Annette Willson in July and we are investigating other instructors for the remainder of the year with the possibility of another working equitation type day.

***Reminder training days are only for combinations that are entered into the event schooling of other horses is not permitted. If you wish to bring a horse for schooling members are more than welcome to bring them to any CUR event all we ask is that you report into the office so we know you are there.

Up Coming Events

June 9th—Ruth Schneeberger @ MCDC grounds

July 7th—Annette Wilson @ Springton Indoor



Annual Performance Awards

Reminder

Please remember to enter the Annual Performance Awards. These awards are a revamped on our Hi-Point competition that we have run in previous years. Entries (for members only) are via Nominate and points are tallied from your date of entry per combination for an overall 'Competitive' and 'Restricted' winner at each level – Preliminary to Advanced. Rosettes will be awarded at each level and the points are tallied over all MDCDC events in a calendar year, excluding the Club Championships.

Current Standings 11/5/18

Competitive Riders

Preliminary: Lisa Ashby and New World Devine on 7 pts

Novice: Kaitlin Petney and Jazz Fusion R on 8 Points

Elementary: Shelley Arnold and Dolcetto on 5 Points

Medium: Julia Weir and Donna Dior 1 on 4 Points

Advanced: Jen Benson and Flowervale Fernando on 4 pts

Bill Henderson Award: Kaitlin Petney & Jazz Fusion R on 8 pts

Restricted Riders

Preparatory: Nil

Preliminary: Veronica Hannam and Verondina Remembrance on 6 Points

Novice: Joanne Conyers with Daring Greatly and Tina Grech with Xena the Warrior Princess on 4 Points

Elementary: Anne-Marie Duthie and Jindabyne on 4 Points

Medium: Veronica Hannam and Verondina Donsarella on 2 Points

Erica Russell Award: Veronica Hannam and Verondina Remembrance on 6 Points

Jane Bush Award: Veronica Hannam & Verondina Donsarella on 6 Points

Triple Crown Final



Plans are already under-way for our 3rd major competition for 2018 - November 24th. As per usual, interstate judges will be officiating with our local judges and all riders should compete at least once under one of our visitors. This is also a State Squad Selection

event and a point score competition for the ESA Annual Awards. The level winners of our Triple Crown Challenge will be decided from the placings and scores achieved on this day, with a formal mounted presentation being held at the Dusk Competition in 2019.

We are currently tossing a few ideas around so that we can make this another rather unique event on the South Australian Dressage calendar – WATCH THIS SPACE FOR UPDATES.

Volunteers for the next Competitions

June 16th

Alexandra Chapman

Christine Hall

Lisa Ashby

Julia Weir

July 14th

Kim Pate



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