

**AUG/SEPT 2018**

# Mt Crawford Dressage Club

## From The Committee

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### UP COMING EVENTS

#### Competitions

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

Jan 19th—FEI, Competitive,  
Participant & CUR

Feb 16th—Dressage @ Dawn &  
Dusk

#### Training Days

Aug 12th—Kirsty Van Loon

Sept 1st—Lynda Smith

Oct 6th—Lucy Williams

**All Entries via Nominate**

After a busy few weeks organising and running the Autumn Festival we have had the opportunity to take things a little easier of late. A wet lead-up week and soggy grounds led us to cancel the June rally, however the opposite was the case this month with spring-like conditions enabling us to run the Prix Caprilli competition postponed from last



month. Riders contested a variety of tests from Prep to Elementary with poles on the ground up to 60cm. This is always a popular addition to our calendar and was ably judged by Barb Henderson. As well as Prix Caprilli riders were able to enjoy the sunshine riding regular dressage tests if jumping is not their forte.



The next activity at the Mount Crawford grounds will be the Charity

day in September. For those of you who are new to our club, each year we dedicate the September competition to raising money for charity, donating half the proceeds and any donations to the chosen charity.

As most charities have a colour theme we add a little fun and novelty to the day by holding a colour parade during the day. This is your opportunity to shine and be as creative as you like, as prizes are awarded to the best junior and senior. Formal wear or club uniform is not necessary at this comp as we encourage everyone to wear the colour of the day whilst riding their tests. This year we are supporting the Alannah and Madeline Foundation against bullying.



The colour is purple so get creative over the next 2 months and show us a sea of purple to welcome in spring and of course your entries and donations will help a worthy cause.

We are hosting the **Prydes Easifeed AOR series** at our October 27th competition. This is our first competitive competition after the winter break and will have Participant, Para and CUR Classes. The AGM will also be conducted at this event.

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## SUB-COMMITTEES

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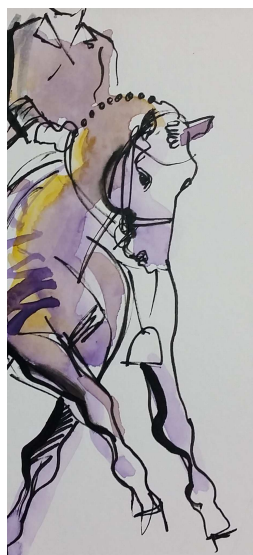
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- \* Policies & Procedures
- \* Strategic Planning

## CUR Tournament

For our November 10th CUR, we will run a variety of eventing test's as a lead up to the AIHT. We are also planning to introduce our new CUR Tournament. The tournament will be run over two test's as each level. The idea is to enter 2 tests at your chosen level, the first will be judged as normal, the second will be a new concept—rider tests. Rider tests will be PC, 1.2, 2.2, 3.2, 4.2 & 5.2 the test will just have a different judging sheet focusing on the rider and their harmony with the horse through the test rather than a movement by movement marks. The score sheet we will be using will be available on the web site.

The results of both will be combined to find an overall winner for each category and then an overall level winner using a system similar to the club championships. Julia Weir has volunteered to judge the rider tests on the day and we have

some wonderful prize art from Leonie Varisco from [www.artofequestrian.com.au](http://www.artofequestrian.com.au)



## *Triple Crown* Final

Our last competitive competition for the year will be the on Nov. 24th. As well as being the last competition in the 2018 Triple Crown series it is also a State Squad selection event. With 3 interstate judges officiating with our local judges all riders should compete at least once under one of our visitors.

The Training Day sub-committee are keeping busy over the winter months organising instructors at indoor venues, see the separate report.

For those of you at the grounds in July you may have noticed that the back fence has been replaced and that another delivery of rubber has arrived, which we will use to resurface another arena. The feedback from arena 1 has been very positive and this surface has proved popular with riders of all levels.

The undercover yards are taking longer than we had hoped but a builder has been engaged and we are just waiting to finish the council approval process.

Hopefully we will get the much needed rain in the weeks to come, interspersed with some nice riding weather so that you are all ready and raring to go after the winter break.

See you in spring!

MCDC Committee

## Swabbing Levy



MCDC is committed to horse welfare and an even playing field for all and consequently does not endorse the use of substances that could be detrimental to our equine partners. After much discussion about how to achieve this objective, we believe we have found a way that does not cause a financial burden for riders at one particular event and keeps the process random. Therefore, as of 1 July 2018, MCDC will be introducing a small \$1 swabbing levy for all combinations entered in any of our events. This will be effective from our next competition in July. We envisage it will take approximately twelve months to raise the necessary funds to conduct swabbing at one of our events and, when swabbing does occur, it will be conducted randomly and as per EA rules. We hope that by sharing the load across all riders at every competition, we can keep the financial impact on each rider small, but have a positive impact on the welfare of our horses and fairness in competition. Thank you to all those who provided feedback on this initiative, such a positive response is encouraging for our sport.

## Light Towers

AMAZING NEWS!!! MCDC are now the proud owners of 4 (18m) light towers with lights. Thanks must go to the club members who responded to our call for help to find transport to move these very long towers. Clubs rely on the generosity of local businesses to help out and this was the case here where club member Emma Peach arranged for K L Brittain's Transport Services to move and deliver the towers for us. Many thanks to K L Brittain's Transport Services for your support of our club. A Final thank you to Bill for coming out with his tractor to help with the unloading!! We will now go through the council approval process to get them installed so we will keep you posted.



## Volunteers for the next Competitions

**Sept 27th**  
**Help needed**

**Oct 27th**  
Sarah Mifsud  
Georgina Benveniste  
Lisa Meldrum

**More Help needed**

**Nov 10th**

Octavia Shaw  
Kathryn Mitchell  
Emma Paech

Thank you to everyone who has already helped through out the year. The following list of members need to book in a helper day to fulfill their 2018 membership requirements. Please send an email to let us know when you can help in particular we are in need of helpers for both our Sept and Oct competition.

Vicki Wyley  
Michelle Tapp  
Leanne Hayward  
Kim Pate

Alexandra Chapman  
Alexis Buckley  
Megan Jones  
James Deacon



## MCDC Training Days

The MCDC Training Days are still gaining in popularity, and it doesn't appear that the cold winter weather has deterred our members from attending. You can contact the training day subcommittee at [mcdctraining-days@gmail.com](mailto:mcdctraining-days@gmail.com). The May Training Day with Denise Rofe was extremely popular and all lessons sold out in less than 24 hours. It was a fantastic day and everyone commented on how helpful Denise was and how much they enjoyed themselves.

The June Training Day was with Ruth Schneeberger, and once again this training day was very popular and completely booked out with an extensive waiting list. We were extremely lucky with the weather and had no scratching's on the day. We offered both private and group lessons and the day which began at 8.30am and concluded around 4.30pm. The lessons were informative and focussed on working correctly in rhythm and balance and accurate test riding. All the feedback from the day was positive and every rider enjoyed their lessons.



The July training day held at Springton indoor arena was again really popular and something very different from normal. The focus from Annette Wilson was on the rider and the importance of position and muscle co-ordination and exercises for improving posture and movement patterns. We were very lucky to have the indoor as the weather wasn't the best but those that braved the cold and wind, all took something away with them to work on.



### Upcoming Training Days are

- ⇒ Kirsty Van Loon on the **12th August** (at Kersbrook Indoor),
- ⇒ **September 1st** with Lynda Smith and Lucy Williams for the
- ⇒ **6th October**. We are also in the process of organising a
- ⇒ Christmas Party themed Training Day for December.

*MCDC Training Days Sub Committee*



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## Annual Performance Awards

These awards are for members only competition that runs the entire year for both competitive and Restricted riders. Entries are via Nominate and points are tallied 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 MCDC events in a calendar year, excluding the Club Championships.

### Current Performance Award Standings as at 24/07/18

#### COMPETITIVE RIDERS

##### PRELIMINARY:

Senior: Lisa Ashby with New World Devine on 12

Youth: Grace Neuhaus with Tuxedo Cat and Kaitlin Petney with Jazz Fusion R on 5

Pony: Ellen Rowlands with Forest Winchester on 10

##### NOVICE:

Senior: Emma Paech with Silent Winchester on 6 Points

Youth: Kaitlin Petney with Jazz Fusion R on 16 Points

Pony: Brooke Sparkes with Trussana B on 14 Points

##### ELEMENTARY:

Senior: Marlene Hunt with Fabuloso F on 9 Points

##### MEDIUM:

Senior: Jen Benson with Flowervale Fernando on 5

##### ADVANCED:

Senior: Julia Weir with Hiraani on 7 Points

#### RESTRICTED RIDERS

PREPARATORY: Danielle Djunaedi & Little G to Kool for Colour 5

##### PRELIMINARY:

Senior: Veronica Hannam with V Remembrance 7

Junior: Tianna Jenke with Lord Bentley on 6

Pony: Kathleen Dalitz with Azraff Amir on 6

##### NOVICE:

Senior: Tina Grech with Xena the Warrior Princess 6

Junior: Tianna Jenke with Lord Bentley on 5 Points

Pony: Ellen Rowlands & Forestway Bewitched 3

##### ELEMENTARY:

Senior: Anne-Marie Duthie with Jindabyne on 7

##### MEDIUM:

Senior: Veronica Hannam with Verondina Donsarella on 4 Points

## Reminders

\*\*\* **Pony Riders** – Please ensure you bring your ponies current height certificate to all competitions (Competitive and CUR classes) as you may be 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.

Finally, if you are entered for any of our competition days and find yourself unable to ride please contact us and advise of your intention to scratch. It is frustrating to be calling for riders who are not on the grounds not to mention disrespectful to the judges if we can let them know who is and is not riding. In addition to this if we are aware of who is not riding we can advise those who are and who may wish to ride earlier, thus enabling a smooth running of the day and allowing everybody to get home in a timely manner.

*Your compliance in this matter is much appreciated*

