

Mt Crawford Dressage Club

From The Committee

We hope everyone had an enjoyable festive season and are managing to get some riding in during the heat. It's been a busy year so far at Mount Crawford as our January competition was well attended with riders chasing those sought-after qualifications for State Championships.

February saw the beginning of a new Triple Crown series at Wirrina Cove Dawn and Dusk, and the presentation of gorgeous rugs and rosettes to the winners of Triple Crown 2018. It made for an impressive sight as the horses and riders paraded under lights adorned with bling, and we take this opportunity to congratulate all the winners, and to wish the best of luck to those entered in 2019.



From Young Horse to Freestyle and everything in between it was a long but satisfying day. We had a small but well patronised Trade Fair, both Equiboost and Mighty Farm Equine Supplies attracting a steady stream of customers. Thank you to Naomi and Kerry and we hope it was a enjoyable evening for you both.

It is a unique atmosphere for dressage in South Australia to compete under lights and after some public consultation we now have development approval to erect our own. Excitingly at Dressage at Dusk we were presented with a cheque for \$50,000 to facilitate the installation of lights at our grounds.



March will see the club going paperless using nominate's live scoring system. Riders will be able to use the nominate scoreboard app on their phones to see interim results. This will be followed by the Club Championships in April and a busy month of May with a CUR day and the HUGE one, Autumn Festival and State Championships combined, also being the second leg of Triple Crown for this year. This is set to be THE major event of the 2019 dressage calendar! Well worth a visit even if you're not riding.

See you out there
MCDC Committee



UP COMING EVENTS

2019 Competitions

Mar 23rd—CUR with Pairs tests

Apr 13—Working Bee

Apr 27th—Club Champs Competitive FEI Small Tour and CUR

May 11th—CUR

May 24—Set up Working Bee

May 25/26th—**State dressage Championships—TC 2—MCDC**

Autumn Dressage Festival FEI/Competitive

Jun 15th—CUR & Prix Caprilli

July 20th—CUR

Sept 14th—Charity Day CUR

Oct 26—Prydes AOR Series/Competitive/CUR

Nov 9th CUR with Eventing tests

Nov 23—Triple Crown Final—FEI/Competitive—CUR

Dec 7—CUR with Freestyles and pairs

Training Days

Apr 6th—Denise Rofe

May 4th—Michael Higginbottom

June—Sean Cooper

July—Ruth Schneeburger

All Entries via Nominate

New Website

The club has been very fortunate to have the expert skills of Colin from ubiquion to create the club's amazing new website.

If you haven't already, hop on and have a look. The committee would like to thank Colin on behalf of all our members for all his hard work.

www.mtcrawforddressage.com.au

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Peppermint Award

The Peppermint Award is for volunteers that go above and beyond for the club and is awarded annual. The presentation of the 2018 award will occur at the Club Championships in April. Nominations are brought to the committee meetings and a list is kept throughout the year.

February's nomination was Bailey Menadue for her amazing help at both the Dawn and Dusk Competitions



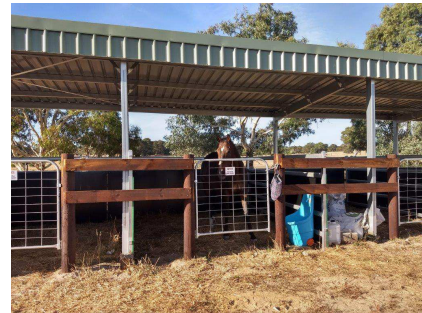
Concussion Policy

New Concussion Policy. This is notice to let you know that the EA is in the process of creating a concussion policy that should come into effect 1/7/19. We will keep you informed of developments.



Grounds and Grants

Grounds improvements are ongoing with undercover yards and stables nearing completion and ready for our April 27th competition. Our groundsman Bill



Henderson has been kept busy and we thank him for working through the horrible heat we have just had. He always has our grounds looking something to be proud of, a fitting showcase for the cream of the crop of dressage horses and riders strutting their stuff in May.

The water tank and a wash-bay area is now fully operational but until it rains significantly we will have to buy in water.

We are in the final stages of Council approval for the light tower having got through planning approval including a development review panel. Once we have done all that is required to get building approval we can start putting the towers in and the electrical infrastructure that goes with it.

Important new rule from 2019 rule book.

4.8.5 Horse Identification numbers and Stallion ID at events

Horse Identification numbers are compulsory for identification purposes and must be used at all times at an event so that the horse can be identified by all Officials including Stewards.

- two numbers are required to be worn when competing – one on each side of the horse - preferably attached to both sides of the saddlecloth, or both sides of the bridle and must be clearly legible
- the Horse Identification Number must also be worn as described whenever the horse is being ridden/lunged/led/tethered or grazed from the time of their arrival on the grounds until the end of the event**
- identification numbers shall be discreet on white background, the colour of the numbers may vary
- green stallion identification discs or number holders as issued by EA and must be worn by stallions at all times at an event
- identification must be clearly displayed on both sides of the stallion's head (attached to bridle or halter) or both sides of the saddle cloth: as per EA regulations.
- horse Identification numbers must be worn in addition to stallion discs, either as the EA issued green bridle identification number holder or the green EA issued stallion disc identification plus horse ID number

THIS WILL MEAN THAT YOU WILL NEED TO HAVE EITHER YOUR MDC COREA BRIDLE NUMBER ON YOUR HORSE AT ALL TIMES

Up Coming Competitions

23rd—MARCH COMPETITION



Is a CUR day with the B&C tests. This is a great opportunity for riders to have a go at the new tests before the Club championships in April. This competition will also have the popular pairs tests on offer. So grab your partner and start practicing (tests are available on our new website.)

April 27—HORSELAND MT BARKER Club Championships

We thank Horseland Mt Barker for their continued support of this event. The competition will follow the same rules as last year and can be found on our website. There will be both CUR and Competitive Classes up to Advanced for the Championship with rosettes for division Champions and Grand Champions will also be awarded rugs as well.



This date will also have small tour FEI classes and we are lucky to be able to share an interstate judge for this event with the Judges Working Party who will be conducting a clinic on the Sunday. Entries are now open on nominate.

May 11—CUR

This event last year was a lovely relaxed CUR competition for riders looking for a low key competition without a big atmosphere. Once again it will be the B&C's.



May 25 & 26 ESA has approached MDCD to run the SA State Dressage State Championship at its 2019 Autumn Festival. The two events will be combined into one super-sized competition in what promises to be THE PREMIER EVENT on the South Australian dressage calendar.

This is going to be HUGE with more classes, more horses, more riders, more sponsors and more opportunities for retail therapy in the Trade Fair. We feel honoured to be given this opportunity and happy that we can offer this to our competitive members and the South Australian dressage community.

Entry information will be available shortly but

please put May 25&26 in your diary

so you don't miss this epic competition.

- * Sponsorship opportunities are now being offered. If you are interested in sponsoring please contact us.
- * Second leg of the MDCD Triple Crown Challenge
- * Interstate Judges
- * Stunning Rosettes from our new European supplier
- * Rugs for our level championships and embroidered saddlecloths for our Divisional Champions
- * Magnificent catering, trade stalls, hospitality areas.



Training Days

The MCDC Training Days are run by a sub-committee, where each member takes it in turn to run a day with the support of their fellow sub-committee members. The MCDC Training Day Sub-Committee welcomes any new ideas or feedback from the members, so please feel free to contact us mcdctrainingdays@gmail.com

We have some more exciting Training Days coming up in the next few months, with Denise Rofe coaching on 6th April (entries are open on nominate). Michael



Higginbottom on 4th May, Sean Cooper in June and Ruth Schneeberger in July.

The training day this month took on a new format, over both days of the weekend. Lucy Williams was the instructor on Saturday afternoon and early evening, with an early start on Sunday for Kirsty Van Loon for the first

lesson at 8am. With Lucy concentrating on the riders and Kirsty focusing on the horses attendees at this training day had the best of both worlds and everyone was happy with their progress over the 2 days.

There was an early arrival by some of our excited participants at the grounds on Saturday. Their camps had all been set up and they were sitting eating lunch and enjoying the serenity. Lucy's lessons commenced at 2:00pm finishing at 7:15pm. We had 3 group lessons and 3 private lessons.

There was time for a quick clean up, get the horses fed and bedded then off to the camp kitchen for dinner.



Baked spuds with all the numerous toppings followed by dessert of White Chocolate Cheese cake (crowd favourite) or Blueberry Slice served with a smile

by our caterer for the weekend, Bev aka Cookie. There was so much delicious food we all left with full bellies. It was a lovely evening spent around the camper with lots of laughter – cackling echoing out across the paddocks. Nothing can beat the camaraderie you experience with like minded people who share your passion.

A few horses got to try out the new accommodation (undercover yards). All seemed content and comfortable in their accommodation with enough of a breeze passing through that it didn't get too hot but held enough warmth for the cool night. They all gave it the big thumbs (hoof) up. A big thank you to Sandra Sampson and Yvonne Bryant who helped to carry all the poles out prior to their lesson with Lucy.

Feedback from participants was "Awesome weekend, great instructors, great food and great company! Everybody who attended was in agreement that it was a great weekend all round and are looking forward to the next one.

The February Training Day, held after the Dawn and Dusk competition, was with interstate instructors (judges) Wendy Barker and Catherine Davis.



Around five hours' worth of lessons were filled for both instructors, which was fantastic considering it is still early in the year and

the weather had been very hot. Although the day was forecasted to be very warm, we were extremely lucky that cloud cover and a cool breeze was present for most of the lessons, making it much more bearable. We also welcomed some new members to the Training Day, and it was lovely to see some longer-term club members attend this Training Day also. The Feedback from the Training Day was extremely positive, and we hope to invite the instructors

back again next year if they are free.



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

Wirrina Cove Holiday Park Dawn and Dusk



February 16 was the Wirrina Cove Holiday Park Dressage at Dawn and Dusk. A big thank you to Wirrina Cove for helping us make this years event the biggest yet.

The Dawn event started at 7.30 with CUR classes and the inaugural Young Dressage Horse and Pony Classic. The 4&5 yo classes were designed with 2 rounds like a championship event to give combinations experience before DWTS.



For the 6&7 yo classes the first round was a qualifying YH event with the second round a standard EA test allowing combinations to be part of the classic as well as get qualifications and ride the new EA test. The event was a great success with riders getting much needed experience and qualifications, we wish all our members competing this weekend at DWTS a successful event.

The Dusk event was a wonderful evening full of freestyles and FEI dressage, spectators were treated to an evening of entertainment and a selection of meals to cater for all palettes. The clubs annual performance awards were awarded to those riders who had performed consistently in the classes, congratulations to all the winners. It was also the presentation ceremony for the 2018 Triple Crown winners. The presentation of this inaugural event with its gorgeous rugs and rosettes was made under lights and was wonderful as horses and riders paraded under lights adorned with their rosette bling.

Congratulations to the winners.



Annual Performance Awards



These awards are for members only, calculated on our competitions for 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.



Presentations of the 2018 Annual Awards was done at the recent Wirrina Cove Holiday Park Dawn and Dusk competition. Congratulations to all the winners. Please remember if you want enter the 2019 awards its via nominate.

2018 Final Results

COMPETITIVE RIDERS

PRELIMINARY:

Senior: Lisa Ashby with New World Devine

Youth: Grace Neuhaus -Tuxedo Cat & Kaitlin Petney -Jazz Fusion R

Pony: Ellen Rowlands with Forest Winchester

Preliminary Reserve Champion: Ellen Rowlands-Forest Winchester

Preliminary Champion: Lisa Ashby with New World Devine

NOVICE:

Senior: Emma Paech with Silent Winchester

Youth: Kaitlin Petney with Jazz Fusion R

Pony: Brooke Sparkes with Trussana B

Novice Reserve Champion: Kendra Petney with Belcam Carra

Novice Champion: Kaitlin Petney with Jazz Fusion R

ELEMENTARY:

Senior: Marlene Hunt with Fabuloso F and Shelley Arnold with Dolcetto

Pony: Brooke Sparkes with Trussana B

Elementary Champion: Marlene Hunt with Fabuloso F and Shelley Arnold with Dolcetto

MEDIUM:

Senior: Jen Benson with Flowervale Fernando

Youth: Mary Nitchke with Promise R

Medium Reserve Champion: Julia Weir with Donna Dior 1

Medium Champion: Jen Benson with Flowervale Fernando

ADVANCED:

Senior: Julia Weir with Hiraani

Youth: Mary Nitchke with Promise R

Advanced Reserve Champion: Mary Nitchke - Promise R & Jen Benson - Flowervale Fernando

Advanced Champion: Julia Weir with Hiraani

Bill Henderson Award: Kaitlin Petney with Jazz Fusion R

RESTRICTED RIDERS

PREPARATORY:

Senior: Caroline Dear with Molly

Junior: Danielle Djunaedi with Little G to Kool for Colour

Preparatory Reserve Champion: Danielle Djunaedi with Little G to Kool for Colour

Preparatory Champion: Caroline Dear with Molly

PRELIMINARY:

Senior: Veronica Hannam with Verondina Remembrance

Junior: Tianna Jenke with Lord Bentley

Pony: Kathleen Dalitz with Azraff Amir

Preliminary Reserve Champion: Kathleen Dalitz— Azraff Amir

Preliminary Champion: Veronica Hannam with Verondina Remembrance

NOVICE:

Senior: Tina Grech with Xena the Warrior Princess

Junior: Tianna Jenke with Lord Bentley

Pony: Ellen Rowlands with Forestway Bewitched

Novice Reserve Champion: Tianna Jenke with Lord Bentley

Novice Champion: Tina Grech with Xena the Warrior Princess

ELEMENTARY:

Senior: Anne-Marie Duthie with Jindabyne

Pony: Ellen Rowlands with Forestway Bewitched

Elementary Reserve Champion: Veronica Hannam with Verondina Artomous

Elementary Champion: Anne-Marie Duthie with Jindabyne

MEDIUM:

Senior: Veronica Hannam with Verondina Donsarella

Medium Champion: Veronica Hannam - Verondina Donsarella

Erica Russell Award: Anne-Marie Duthie with Jindabyne

Jane Bush Award: Veronica Hannam & Verondina Artomous