

Mt Crawford Dressage Club

From The Committee



Save the date: *Interstate Instructors—February 9th we will be having Virginia Creed and Wendy Barker for a Training day to be held the day after our Dressage @ Dawn and Dusk.*

By now you all should have received your membership renewal via email. Please remember that you need to be a member to ride at our training days and to be eligible for the Club Championships

UP COMING EVENTS

2020 Competitions

Jan 18th Club Champs

Feb 8th Dressage @Dawn&Dusk

Mar 21st CUR and pairs

April 18&19 State dressage
Champs

May 9th CUR

May 23rd Small T FEI/ Comp/CUR

June 20 CUR & Prix
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Jul 18 CUR

January 18 Horseland Mt Barker Club Champs

The new year begins with a training day on January 11th and Club Championships on the 18th, generously sponsored once again by Horseland. We are lucky enough to have an interstate judge—Jane Ventura (VIC) coming over to judge for us at this event.



February 8th Dressage @ Dawn and Dusk a HOTY event

This years Dawn and Dusk event will see us use the new light tower for the first time, very exciting. We will once again run the Young Horse and Pony Classic for those owners of young horses that need to get their horses and ponies out. Entries are now up on nominate. This year for the first time the event will be DSA HOTY event. Once again we have secured interstate judges for this event. Virginia Creed (VIC), Wendy Barker (WA) and Judy Quinn (VIC) have all accepted our invitation.



Training Days

Jan 11th Audrey Simon-Nicolai

Feb 9th Wendy Barker & Virginia Creed.

Feb 10th Virginia Creed

Mar 28/29 Camp

Phil has been working hard at keeping the grounds looking amazing and we thank him very much. He has put one application of dust suppressant down and given that it is so dry plans to do some more in the New Year.

All Entries via Nominate

Given that it's the new membership year we thought a quick reminder regarding our helper day policy might be in order. It is a condition of membership that at least 4 hours of help is given on your nominated month or you can choose to pay the \$100 non-helper fee when you join.

Obviously, due to unforeseen circumstances, we are flexible and



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can reschedule if necessary. However, by the end of the year a helper day must have been completed whether you have ridden at a rally or not. Failure to do so means that you will be unable to ride if you wish to join the following year until your helper day requirements have been met.

Our members are great at putting their hands up to help, often several times a year, and for that we are extremely grateful. We just thought a quick reminder of our conditions a good idea as we are coming up to that time of year where you will need to renew your membership.

The 2019 Annual Performance Awards have now been tallied. Congratulations to all those who participated throughout the year achieving goals and surpassing their own expectations. These will be awarded at the Dawn and Dusk competition. You can find the results further in this newsletter, well done to all the champions. If you want to be a part of the 2020 Awards head on over to nominate and pop your entry in. Its only \$5 for the year.



We wish you a safe Christmas and will see you next year
MCDC Committee

Don't forget about the new horse identification for competitions. Your horse must have its bridle number on it at all times. A quick way to have it on your halter is to use a sticky label and write the number on it

Training Days

Our calendar for 2020 starts with a training with Audrey Simon-Nicolai on **January 11th 2020**. Audrey is EA Level 2 General Coach based in Tungkillo, SA. She was born and grew up in Belgium where she competed in numerous disciplines including Eventing (4* level), Show Jumping and Dressage. In 2017, she moved with her family to Australia. When teaching, her main focus is to ensure riders position and their use of aids are correct to allow horses to work in balance and harmony. Contact, impulsion and suppleness are her main lines of conduct.

We will once again have Interstate instructors on **February 9th** after the Dawn and Dusk Competition. Virginia Creed and Wendy Barker coaching both private and group lessons. Both are EA A level judges, Wendy is a FEI 4* judge and level 2 dressage specialist while Virginia is FEI 3* judge and level 3 dressage specialist. Both Wendy and Virginia are very approachable and are passionate about helping riders regardless of their standard, improve their riding.

Training Days are proving to be a big hit with our members, with the Anne Smith Training Day (in September) selling out in a few days. Anne was kind enough to stay another hour on the day, meaning more opportunities for members to take part. The day was a great success and the weather was perfect, with the first lesson at 8am and last lesson at 3.00pm. We managed to keep all the lessons running on time which wasn't easy but it definitely helped the day run smoothly.

We had some great feedback from the riders too. Anne M wrote to us saying the clinic was amazing and that Anne Smith puts her heart and soul into her work. Some of the riders also commented that it was great being able to have two lessons on the same day as they had huge im-

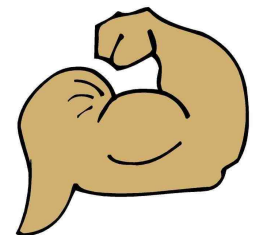
provements in the second lesson. Connie said that she was concentrating so hard on the first lesson, but in her second lesson she had an amazing time and that Anne really had helped her and her horse relax and enjoy it. Anne Smith also said she had a great day and loved working with wonderful people and horses.

The October training Day with Lucy Willams was once



again very quickly sold out. Lucy was great and very encouraging with lots of really positive comments from participants. Poles lessons focussed on controlling stride lengths and maintaining tempos and with the mix of ponies and horses in the classes, it was really interesting to see the variations in stride lengths and the skill required to control them. Flatwork also focussed on controlling rhythm and tempo and generating impulsion as well as some basic lateral work.

Big thanks Beth Spurling, Shan & Alex (Faith's Mum & partner) for getting the poles out of the shed and putting them away, and for Faith and Alex for helping Lucy move poles during the lessons.



The November Training Day was held the day after the major November competition, and was with interstate instructors/judges Kristin Closson (EA level 2 coach and EA A level judge) and Fiona Normand (EA C level judge). Kristen coached private 45minute lessons and Fiona ran dressage test critiques (ie ride a dressage test, discuss with Fiona



Training Days cont

and then ride again working on elements to improve). We were very fortunate to have perfect



weather on the day (apart from the flies that were swarming in their millions!), particularly given the volatile weather we had been experiencing leading up to the day. Everyone really enjoyed their lessons and dressage test critique and we had a lot of positive

feedback from the day. Hopefully we will have the opportunity to invite Kristen and Fiona back when they are next in South Australia judging again.

Our December Training Day ended the year with a fun day of Working Equitation followed by a Mini-Competition. It was a very successful and enjoyable Day. Congratulations to everyone who entered, the improvements that everyone made throughout the day were wonderful to see. Thanks also to our instructors and judges on the day: Kass Dalitz, Viv Aarons and Tina Grech. Everyone who participated had so much fun.

We would like to acknowledge Two Wells Fodder Store and Hopkins Saddlery for their kind donations of prizes on the day, as well as all the TD Sub-Committee members who have also donated prizes.



RESULTS OF THE WORKING EQUITATION (MINI-COMPETITION) ON SATURDAY 14TH DECEMBER 2019

RED GROUP:

- 1st = Paula V - 123pts
- 2nd = Keeley M - 121pts
- 3rd = Lynda S - 117.5pts
- 4th = Naomi M - 116pts
- 5th = Melissa H - 104pts
- 6th = Elizabeth B - 98.5pts

GREEN GROUP:

- 1st = Bailey M - 121.5pts
- 2nd = Faith M - 120.5pts
- 3rd = Wendy E - 116.5pts
- 4th = Sandra S - 112pts
- 5th = Connie H - 109.5pts
- 6th = Danielle D - 103.5pts

Costume Class (Senior) = Paula V
 Costume Class (Junior) = Faith M
 Encouragement Award = Melissa H
 Most Improved Award = Connie H



As the count down to Christmas continues and all our events are over for the year lets take a moment to reflect on our events for the last 3 months they have been very busy!!!

October was our leg of the 2019 Pryde's AOR series. Congratulations to our winners:



Preliminary 1C

1st Rebecca Cox riding
PREMIUM DIESEL
2nd Helen Coleiro riding
NAMARYE PARK SHONTAVA

Novice 2C

1st Melissa Boekel and
REGAL WOLKENDANCE

2nd Rebecca Cox riding PREMIUM DIESEL

The club's AGM was held at the conclusion of the October competition, and was well attended. There was a free membership up for grabs as well as free test vouchers as lucky door prizes. Our Committee is very stable, with most choosing to stand once again for the coming year. Tori Watkin has left us after a much appreciated 8 years of service, most of them as Secretary. We wish Tori all the best in her future ventures, and hope that she returns to our ranks in due course. Tori was presented with a gift of appreciation and Julie Hobson was presented with a Club vest to mark 10 years of Committee service. Tina Grech has stepped up as our new Secretary and we welcome new Committee member Alice Mills. We had more nominations than vacancies so a ballot was held and we welcome Jacquie Selles back into the fold.



Following October we had a quiet CUR day on November 9th and a busy Triple Crown Final on the 23rd with Interstate judges alongside the cream

of the crop of local judges. Triple Crown results will now be tallied and the winners presented with their rugs and rosettes early next year.



However due to lack of support we will not be running a Triple Crown in 2020 but will continue to run 3 major competitions with interstate judges. Among the attractions at the Triple Crown Final was a trade stand with new business Hobby Horse, stocking a variety of riding wear and horse care products as well as horse boots, bonnets, bridles and saddle pads.

Riders at the our November events would have noticed that the light tower are now up and are in the final stages of installation.

The weather has been kind to us with

perfect riding conditions for our competitions, apart from the large number of flies in evidence. We will wound up the competition year on December 7th with a CUR day including pairs and freestyle test.



The Club has free WIFI at the grounds that will support checking your emails.

2019 Annual Performance Awards Final Results

Competitive

Preliminary Open	Renee Everest	APH Titanium	2
Preliminary Pony	Keeley Menadue	Freemans Lodge Rocksette	15
Preliminary Youth	Hayley Rumbold	Revelwood Faith	10
Preliminary Champion	Keeley Menadue	Freemans Lodge Rocksette	15
Preliminary Reserve	Hayley Rumbold	Revelwood Faith	10

Novice Open	Renee Everest	APH Titanium	18
Novice Pony	Keeley Menadue	IBNKY Xquisit	12
Novice Youth	Kendra Petney	Belcam Carra	8
Novice Champion	Renee Everest	APH Titanium	18
Novice Reserve	Keeley Menadue	IBNKY Xquisit	12

Elementary Open	Joanne Conyers	Daring Greatly	8
Elementary Pony	Brooke Sparkes	Trussana B	19
Elementary Youth	Kendra Petney	Belcam Carra	6
Elementary Youth	Kaitlin Petney	JAZZ FUSION R	6
Elementary Champion	Brooke Sparkes	Trussana B	19
Elementary Reserve	Keeley Menadue	IBNKY Xquisit	14

Medium Open	Jen Benson	Flowervale Fernando	2
Medium Youth	Mary Nitschke	Promise R	7
Medium Champion	Mary Nitschke	Promise R	7
Medium Reserve	Jen Benson	Flowervale Fernando	2

Advanced Open	Marlene Hunt	Fabuloso F	8
Advanced Youth	Mary Nitschke	Promise R	3
Advanced Champion	Marlene Hunt	Fabuloso F	8
Advanced Reserve	Jen Benson	Flowervale Fernando	4

Closed Unrestricted

Preparatory Junior	Sharni Heerebout	Murraydale Park Athena	7
Preparatory Open	Caroline Dear	Molly	22
Preparatory Pony	Mel Heerebout	Rivington Windsurfer	2
Preparatory Champion	Caroline Dear	Molly	22
Preparatory Reserve	Sharni Heerebout	Murraydale Park Athena	7

Preliminary Junior	Faith Martin	Samphire Park Little Miss Popular	24
Preliminary Open	Yvonne Byant	Clint	19
Preliminary Pony	Mel Heerebout	Rivington Windsurfer	9
Preliminary Champion	Faith Martin	Samphire Park Little Miss Popular	24
Preliminary Reserve	Yvonne Byant	Clint	19

Novice Junior	Tianna Jenke	Lord Bentley	13
Novice Open	Renee Jenke	Mystic Shadows Ciscos With That	8
Novice Pony	Ellen Rowlands	Forestway Bewitched	9
Novice Champion	Tianna Jenke	Lord Bentley	13
Novice Reserve	Ellen Rowlands	Forestway Bewitched	9

Elementary Junior	Tianna Jenke	Lord Bentley	4
Elementary Open	Veronica Hannam	Verondina Remembrance	23
Elementary Pony	Ellen Rowlands	Forestway Bewitched	2
Elementary Champion	Veronica Hannam	Verondina Remembrance	23
Elementary Reserve	Anne-Marie Duthie	Jindabyne	19

Medium Open	Veronica Hannam	Verondina Artomous	14
Medium Champion	Veronica Hannam	Verondina Artomous	14