



From the Committee

Wow what crazy weather!

We made the decision to cancel our December 9, 2023, competition as large areas of the State were rated as catastrophic on the Friday before the competition, temperatures were in the 40's. Saturday started out hot, then a massive cold change came through bringing 73mls of rain to Mt Crawford. Needless to say, we are still green, with grass and weeds!

We conducted our first Arena hire day in January-it was a fantastic success with two arenas selling out very quickly. Sam Coleshill addressed an interested crowd with her 'How to...' presentation- feedback was 100% positive. Our next Arena hire day is scheduled for Sunday February 11 and is currently selling out quickly on Nominate (3 x Arenas).

Our January 20, 2024, competition went ahead- it was a close call with the forecast Max being 34 degrees. In the interest of horse welfare and as a welcome to the new year, the committee made the decision to provide the undercover stables and shady yards free of charge for this event. This initiative was truly welcomed by all who attended, horses and riders alike. This smaller event proved to be a valuable learning opportunity for us to master the tablets and print out the results-a massive thank you from me to Margaret Sexton, together we successfully achieved all of the above on the fly (stressful as it was lol)

We are now providing CUR riders with three dress code options-

- Formal (Jacket, white breeches, white saddle pad etc.)
- MCDC uniform (MCDC Top and white breeches, whit saddle pad)
- Smart Casual (coloured breeches, coloured saddle pad, coloured top-as you would for a clinic or a lesson).

Pony Pantry (Sam and Melinda Coleshill) continue to provide absolutely stunning food-

- Homemade
- Fresh
- gluten free options
- icy cold drinks
- muffins
- wraps

The feedback has been 100% positive- with everyone proactively commenting on how yummy their food is. Well done Sam and Mel.

We are absolutely delighted to welcome Molly Ellis to the committee-Molly is an exceptionally gifted artist and highly proficient at all things digital. We are all truly grateful to have you on board.

A big thank you to Rachael Britton who set up our 2024 membership data on Nominat- a big job indeed. Rachael has decided to leave the committee due to work commitments and her daughter's impending marriage.

We have sold a couple of assets to 'keep the wolves from the door' namely the generator and the unused container.

We still have a way to go to build the bank balance back up, but we have been busy raising sponsorship funds and planning our biggest event for the year-

March 17, 2024 MCDC Jackpot Bonanza Preliminary through to GP with cash prizes for-

- CASH prizes for each level winner (Champion) Prelim, Novice, Elementary, Medium, Advanced, FEI small tour and FEI Medium tour
- CASH prizes 1st to 3rd for every class
- CASH prize for highest scoring AOR (average of two tests)
- CASH prize for highest scoring Pony (average of two tests)
- CASH prize for highest scoring Youth (average of two tests)

To explain this a little further- a Pony could be the outright winner (Champion) of say the Preliminary level competition if they were also the highest scoring Pony (average over two tests) they could also take home the Highest scoring Pony award as well.

So, to all Open, AOR, Pony and Youth riders- ramp up your training efforts and set your sights on this event-you have to be in it to win it, and you will win CASH.

(Please note that you MUST attend the presentations in order to collect your award- this is out of respect to our sponsors (trust me they are not easy to secure) and your fellow competitors-failure to attend will see your cash prize forfeited to the club).



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