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The Dressage Judges' Sub-Committee is a Sub-Committee of the ESA Dressage Committee. Current members are Liz Duncan (Chair), Verity Hayman, Fiona Heysen and Tracy Tillman.

Queries about rules, seminars / events or becoming a Judge can be directed to members of the Sub-Committee: either Liz Duncan (e.duncan@bigpond.net.au) or other members. Our group email address is dressagejudge@equestriansa.com.au.

The objectives of the DSA-DJSC are to ensure all Judge and Official re-accreditation requirements can be met on an annual basis, recruit new Judges and Officials into the sport of Dressage and to educate our Judges and riders as to the requirements of the sport.

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New Dressage Tests from 1 January 2023

See this link for the 2023 Dressage tests: www.equestrian.org.au/content/2023-dressage-tests

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2022 CLINIC CALENDAR

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2023

Feb 1-5

March 29-April 2

May 31- June 4

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Ron is a Level 3 Coach / Coach Educator, retired A Level Judge/Judge Educator. He has a great "eye"; he insists on getting the basics correct and gets to the problem that may be holding you back. Ron is happy to help *any level* of horse and rider.

For further information and updates about 2021 clinics: Helen Whittle 0414 881 606 hw@senet.com.au

2023 SA Dressage Clubs Calendar

Results from this event count towards SA Squad selection and HOTY

Competitions that are running FEI tests

As at: 19/11/2022

HOTY events must include: Competitive - FEI Open, AOR, Pony & Youth (2 tests @ each level)

Young Horse

Para tests

JAN	Club	Competition Type	Venue / Classification
1	South Australian Dressage Association	Clinic	TBA
7	Dressage SA	State Young Horse & Pony Classic plus all Para grades and Para judges Seminar	Cromwell Park
8	Adelaide Hills Dressage Club	Competitive / Participation / Closed Unrestricted/ YH	Strathalbyn
	South Eastern Dressage Association	Closed Restricted (Club Day)	Mt Gambier
14&15	Dressage Club of SA	Competitive / FEI	Cromwell Park & HOTY
14	Southern Flinders Dressage Club	Closed Unrestricted twilight	Murray Town
15	Southern Vales Dressage Club	Closed Unrestricted	Aldinga
15	Measuring Day	enquiries via 0430 090 251	Mt Pleasant Showgrounds
15	Clare Valley Dressage Club	CUR	Clare Showgrounds
21	Mt Crawford Dressage Club	CUR	MCDC Grounds
20-22	Boneo CDI	CDI3*+CPEDI	Interstate Competition
28	ESA Awards Night		Adelaide Hills Convention Centre

FEB	Club	Competition Type	Venue / Classification
5	South Australian Dressage Association	TBA	TBA
11	Mt Crawford Dressage Club	Competitive / CUR / Small tour	MCDC Grounds
12	Adelaide Hills Dressage Club	Combined Training / Interschool	Strathalbyn
12	South Eastern Dressage Association	Closed Restricted (Club Day)	Mt Gambier
12	Clare Valley Dressage Club	Competitive / Participation / Closed Unrestricted	Clare Showgrounds
18	Southern Flinders Dressage Club	Competitive / Participation twilight	Murray Town
19	Southern Vales Dressage Club	Closed Unrestricted	Aldinga
25&26	Lucindale Show AH+P Society	Competitive / Closed Restricted / HRCVA	Lucindale Showgrounds
23-26	Dressage by the Sea-Willinga Park NSW	CDI – 4*	Interstate Competition
26	Mid South East Dressage Club	TBA	TBA
March	Club	Competition Type	Venue / Classification
?	Tasmanian State Champs	Competitive / FEI	Interstate Competition
3-4	Measuring Day	enquiries via 0430 090 251	Mt Pleasant Showgrounds
4	Mt Crawford Dressage Club	Competitive / FEI / CUR/ Para EA and FEI	MCDC Grounds
5	Dressage Club of SA	Interschool/Competitive / Para EA and FEI/selected FEI tests to complement those being offered by MCDC on the 4th	Cromwell Park & HOTY (FEI)
5	South Australian Dressage Association	TBA	TBA
11&12	Mid South East Dressage Club	Extravaganza Weekend	Hynam PoloX grounds
11&12	F/G Judges update	Seminar on the Saturday. Running in conjunction with AHDC on the Sunday	
12	Adelaide Hills Dressage Club	Competitive / Unrestricted / Participant / Interschool	Strathalbyn
19	Clare Valley Dressage Club	Closed Unrestricted	Clare Showgrounds
19	Southern Flinders Dressage Club	Competitive / Participant	Murray Town
19	Southern Vales Dressage Club	FEI / Competitive / Participation / Closed Unrestricted	Aldinga
23-25	Dressage & Jumping with the Stars	CDI-W Werribee, Victoria	Interstate Competition

April	Club	Competition Type	Venue / Classification
1	South Eastern Dressage Association	Crater, Caves & Coast Series	Mount Gambier
1	Adelaide Hills Dressage Club	Protocol	Strathalbyn
2	South Australian Dressage Association	TBA	TBA
2	Clare Valley Dressage Club	Closed Unrestricted	Clare Showgrounds
2	Adelaide Hills Dressage Club	Competitive / Participant / Closed Unrestricted / Para EA or FEI	Strathalbyn
15-16	South Australian Dressage State Championships	All EA levels, FEI, Youth, Pony, Adult Amateur Owner-Rider/Para TBC	HOTY
9	Southern Flinders Dressage Club	Closed Unrestricted	Murray Town
TBA	Southern Vales Dressage Club	Club Champs	Aldinga
?	Judges Seminar	A, B, C	TBA
?	Judges Seminar	Young Horse	TBA
20-23	Adelaide Equestrian Festival (AKA Australian International 3 Day Event)		Adelaide
23	Mid South East Dressage Club	Closed restricted	TBA
26-30	Sydney CDI	CDI – 3* SIEC NSW/Para	Interstate Competition
29	Mt Crawford Dressage Club	Closed Unrestricted	MCDC Grounds
May	Club	Competition Type	Venue / Classification
7	Eyre Peninsula Dressage Club	Prep, Official Prelim/Novice TBC	Kimba Pony Club
7	Clare Valley Dressage Club	Closed Unrestricted	Clare Showgrounds
7	Adelaide Hills Dressage Club	Closed Restricted Club Champs / Interschool	Strathalbyn
7	South Australian Dressage Association	TBA	TBA
7	South Eastern Dressage Association	South Eastern Showdown Round 2 – Unofficial	Mount Gambier
21	Southern Vales Dressage Club	Closed Unrestricted	Aldinga
14	Southern Flinders Dressage Club	Closed Unrestricted / combined training	Murray Town
20	Mt Crawford Dressage Club	Club Championships - Small Tour FEI/Competitive/CUR/Para EA and FEI	MCDC Grounds
28	Mid South East Dressage Club	Competitive / Participation / Closed restricted	TBA
June	Club	Competition Type	Venue / Classification
?	Judges Seminar	D/E update	
4	South Australian Dressage Association	TBA	TBA
11	Adelaide Hills Dressage Club	Competitive / Participation / FEI / Closed Unrestricted	Strathalbyn
17	Mt Crawford Dressage Club	Closed Unrestricted	MCDC Grounds
17	Clare Valley Dressage Club	Competitive / Participation / Closed Unrestricted/ Para Winter Champs Round 1	Clare Showgrounds HOTY (EA only)
18	Southern Flinders Dressage Club	1st Round Winter Series - Competitive / CUR / Parra Winter Champs Round 2	Murray Town HOTY (EA only)
18	South Eastern Dressage Association	Closed Restricted (Club Day)	Mount Gambier
25	Mid South East Dressage Club	Closed restricted	TBA
25	South Australian Dressage Association	Coaching	NEC Indoor Arena Argent Rd Penfield
18	Southern Vales Dressage Club	CUR	Aldinga

July	Club	Competition Type	Venue / Classification
2	SADA	TBA	TBA
2	South Eastern Dressage Association	South Eastern Showdown Round 4 - Competitive	Mount Gambier
6-9	Australian Dressage Youth Championships	SIEC	Interstate Competition & Youth HOTY
9	Adelaide Hills Dressage Club	Closed Unrestricted	Strathalbyn
9	Clare Valley Dressage Club	Closed Unrestricted	Clare Showgrounds
15	Mt Crawford Dressage Club	Closed Unrestricted	MCDC Grounds
16	Southern Vales Dressage Club	Closed Unrestricted	Aldinga
16	Southern Flinders Dressage Club	Closed Unrestricted Winter series round 2	Murray Town
?	Judges Seminar	G/F	Naracoorte - TBC
23	Mid South East Dressage Club	Competitive / Participation / Closed restricted / Para EA and FEI	TBA HOTY (EA only)
23	South Australian Dressage Association	Coaching	NEC Indoor Arena Argent Rd Penfield
30	SADA	Clinic	TBA

August	Club	Competition Type	Venue / Classification
6	South Australian Dressage Association	TBA	TBA
6	South Eastern Dressage Association	Closed Restricted (Club Day) / Clinic	Mount Gambier
6	Clare Valley Dressage Club	Protocol Day	Clare Showgrounds
13	Adelaide Hills Dressage Club	Competitive / Participation / Closed Unrestricted / Para Winter Champs Final	Strathalbyn
20	Southern Flinders Dressage Club	Competitive Participant Winter Series Round 3	Murray Town
20	Southern Vales Dressage Club	Competitive / Participation / Closed Unrestricted	Aldinga
27	Mid South East Dressage Club	Club Day / AGM	TBA
31-3	NSW Dressage Champs	SIEC	Interstate Competition

Sept.	Club	Competition Type	Venue / Classification
3	South Australian Dressage Association	TBA	TBA
3	Adelaide Hills Dressage Club	Closed Unrestricted / Golden Oldies	Strathalbyn
10	Dressage Club of SA	Competitive / Participation / Closed Unrestricted / Para TBC	Cromwell Park
10	Clare Valley Dressage Club	Closed Unrestricted	Clare Showgrounds
10	South Eastern Dressage Association	Closed Restricted (Club Day)	Mount Gambier
14-17	Brisbane CDIW+CDIY and Qld State Championships	QSEC, Caboolture, Qld	Interstate Competition
17	Southern Vales Dressage Club	Competitive / Participation / Closed Unrestricted / AOR/FEI / Para EA and FEI	Aldinga & HOTY
23	Mt Crawford Dressage Club	Charity Day - Closed Unrestricted	MCDC Grounds
23-24	Mid South East Dressage Club	SA Country Dressage Champs / Competitive / FEI / HRCV / AOR	Naracoorte & HOTY

Oct.	Club	Competition Type	Venue / Classification
1	South Australian Dressage Association	TBA	TBA
TBA	Kingston Show	Dressage Classes	Kingston SE
TBA	Mil-Lel Ag Show	Dressage Classes	Mil-Lel
7&8	Adelaide Hills Dressage Club	Spring Festival - Competitive / FEI / Young Horse / AOR / Para SA Champs TBC	Strathalbyn & HOTY
15	Southern Vales Dressage Club	Club Championships - CUR	Aldinga
15	Southern Flinders Dressage Club	Club Championships - Closed Restricted	Murray Town
15	Naracoorte AG Show	Closed Restricted	Naracoorte
12-15	Australian Dressage Championships, Australian Pony Dressage Championships and Para Equestrian Championships	EA/FEI/Para	Boneo Park Interstate Competition & HOTY
22	Mid South East Dressage Club	Club Activity Day	
28	Mt Crawford Dressage Club	Closed Unrestricted	MCDC Grounds

Nov.	Club	Competition Type	Venue / Classification
TBA	Millicent Show Society	Competitive / Participation	Millicent
5	South Australian Dressage Association	TBA	TBA
11&12	Dressage Club of SA	Competitive / Participation / FEI	Cromwell Park
12	Adelaide Hills Dressage Club	Closed Unrestricted	Strathalbyn
12	South Eastern Dressage Association	Closed Restricted (Club Day) and clinic	Mount Gambier
12	Clare Valley Dressage Club	Club Championship Closed Restricted	Clare Showgrounds
19	Southern Flinders Dressage Club	Closed Unrestricted	Murray Town
19	Southern Vales Dressage Club	Competitive / Participation/ Closed Unrestricted/ AOR/FEI/YH/Para EA or FEI	Aldinga & HOTY
25	Mt Crawford Dressage Club	Competitive / Participation / FEI / YH	MCDC Grounds & HOTY
26	Mid South East Dressage Club	Club Day and Christmas break up	TBA

Dec.	Club	Competition Type	Venue / Classification
1-3	Australian AOR Dressage Championships	Tamworth	Interstate Competition & AOR HOTY
3	Dressage Club of SA	YH/Competitive / FEI (Midday start with Freestyles in the evening)	Cromwell Park
3	South Australian Dressage Association	TBA	TBA
3	South Eastern Dressage Association	Closed Unrestricted (Club Day)	Mount Gambier
4	Southern Flinders Dressage Club	Closed Unrestricted	Murray Town
?	Victorian Dressage Festival	Werribee, Victoria	Interstate Competition
9	Mt Crawford Dressage Club	Competitive afternoon & Under lights CUR	MCDC Grounds
10	Adelaide Hills Dressage Club	Competitive / Participation / Closed Unrestricted	Strathalbyn
10	Clare Valley Dressage Club	CUR Christmas Celebration & Freestyles/ Para Free-styles	Clare Showgrounds
17	Southern Vales Dressage Club	CUR	Aldinga

Judges' Education Opportunities

Planning is underway for the 2023 Judges' Workshops and Seminars. The first Seminar for the year will be a Para Judges Seminar on 7th January at Cromwell Park.

G-level Zoom Call

Navigating the requirements to become a G-Level judge, and the record keeping to maintain accreditation can be daunting. To help answer any questions about how to become a judge or the requirements for accreditation we will be holding another Zoom session. Judges or anyone interested in become a judge are welcome to attend. Register your interest by emailing dressagejudge@equestriansa.com.au.

FEI Pathway

The FEI have granted the AUS National Dressage Judges Education Pathway to be equivalent to the FEI Level I Dressage Judge Education pathway as of 27/09/2022.

The equivalency means that the approved National Officials can be directly entered into the FEI Level 2 Transfer Course provided they fulfil the criteria as mentioned in the FEI Education System and completed all necessary requirements. <https://inside.fei.org/fei/your-role/officials/dressage/education-system>.

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South Australian Judges' Subsidy Scheme

The ESA Dressage Judges' Committee (ESA-DJC) recognises that to maintain accreditation, upgrade qualifications or gain further experience, judges may need to travel interstate. As this can be costly, the ESA-DJC have allocated funds from the SA Dressage Judge Levy collected by Clubs, to support Judges travelling for further education.

The purpose of the Subsidy Scheme is to set out a framework for reimbursement for South Australian Judges travelling Interstate (and across the regions) to upgrade, remain accredited or further their judging experience. It will apply to any expenses incurred from 30th November 2019 to 30th June 2020 and during the financial year starting 1st July 2020. This will be continued for the financial year starting 1st July 2021.

The amounts noted in this document are intended as a guide only. Funding is subject to availability and will be reviewed as part of normal financial operations. For any financial year, a cap of \$3,000 will apply. The ESA-JSC will review all applications and approve those that meet the criteria and intention described below, and within the available budget.

For subsidies numbered 1-3, funding is limited to five (5) Judges per year. A Judge may only apply for one subsidy per financial year. Judges must check with the Committee to see whether funds are available before travelling.

Please note:

Judges maintaining accreditation or upgrading are encouraged to seek Judging appointments Interstate and then 'piggyback' attending a Seminar or undertaking shadow-judging or sit-ins. Organising Committees may pay for at least part of airfares and accommodation and this then stretches our budget further and allows for more Judges to benefit from the Scheme.

1. Upgrading to A or B Level

Judges upgrading to A or B Level may receive a subsidy of \$1000 (max per Judge per level) for travel expenses to complete shadow-judging, sit-ins and the Practical Exam. This amount will be paid on the successful completion of the qualification. A report must be submitted to the Chair, ESA-JSC together with receipts for expenses.

2. Online Training for A or B Level Judges

Judges at A or B Level may receive a subsidy of 50% up to a maximum of \$100 for online courses that further their judge education. To be eligible for this subsidy, the online course must include a component of video judging.

3. Upgrading to C or D Level

Judges upgrading to C or D Level may receive a subsidy of \$500 (max per Judge per level) for travel expenses to complete shadow-judging, sit-ins and the Practical Exam. This amount will be paid on the successful completion of the qualification. A report must be submitted to the Chair, ESA-JSC together with receipts for expenses.

4. Gaining further experience in judging Interstate

To encourage Judges to travel Interstate to see different horses and gain further experience in judging, a subsidy of \$200 (max per Judge per level) will be paid for these Judges to write for higher level Judges, shadow-judge or sit-in at an Interstate event. The event and activity must be appropriate to the applicant's current or upgrading level. A report must be submitted to the Chair, ESA-JSC together with receipts for expenses.

5. Regional Judges' support

The ESA-DJC understands that for Judges in regional areas, the cost to attend Seminars, workshops and shadow-judging can be prohibitive. Judges travelling in excess of 120 km (each way) from home to a venue to shadow-judge at a competition or attend a Seminar for the purpose of maintaining accreditation or upgrading, may receive a subsidy of \$.50 per kilometre up to a maximum of \$250. Shared driving is encouraged where practical. Potential Judges who are travelling to attend a G-level Seminar or a competition for the purpose of shadow-judging may apply for reimbursement when they are appointed as a G-level Judge, at the completion of all the requirements. Regional Judges may submit one application per year.

Any questions and applications:

please contact Liz Duncan e.duncan@bigpond.net.au with a copy to dressagejudge@equestriansa.com.au.



Jen Gilligan – Winner of the 2022 LINDY WRIGHT MEMORIAL AWARD

The LWMF Committee was very pleased to select Jen Gilligan from nominations as the winner of the 2022 Award. The Medal and prize were presented during the Saturday lunch break at the recent AHDC Spring Championships on 8 October 2022.

This award is named in honour of Lindy Wright, a rider remembered as a positive role model and an inspiration for Dressage. The purpose of this award is to acknowledge those who show the qualities of the “The quiet achiever who demonstrates excellence in Dressage”.

Jen is a worthy recipient of the Award, due to her substantial work as a volunteer and also her Dressage career. She has trained and competed her own horses from Preliminary to Grand Prix. She is still an active rider and coach-mentor of other keen riders. She has been an active Dressage Judge for more than 30 years and she is also a Judge Mentor, having helped many of our new SA Judges along the judging path. Jen was also a member of the SA Dressage Committee for many years and her main role was to organise and run the annual Young Horse Finals for SA. Currently Jen is a State Selector for the Dressage Squads.

When Jen accepted the Award she had the following to say:

“It came as a big surprise to be selected for this Award. I wish to thank The Lindy Wright Memorial Foundation and Ned Wright, for this honour.

Lindy Wright was a very dear friend, who was indeed an inspiration to us all. I have wonderful memories of many an educational, training or social gathering at the Wrights’ beautiful property in Echunga and on numerous occasions we travelled Interstate together as a part of a team to represent SA. We all miss Lindy enormously.

Having re-read the criteria for this Award I discovered that it was to be given to a “quiet” achiever, so I think the Selectors made a mistake. Anyone who has been coached by me, been on a Committee with me, or pencilled for me will know that I am not very quiet at all!! I believe that the ‘real’ quiet achievers are all the hands-on volunteers who work tirelessly for our Clubs so that Dressage can happen at a grass roots level on a regular basis.

I love Dressage! Whether it be training (I am so very grateful to my main coaches – Edgar Lichtwark, Chris Bartle and Thomas Muehlenbeck), competing, coaching or judging. It began back when I started training and competing in the Adelaide Parklands on Greenhill Road, right through to competing at numerous Regional, State and Australian Championships in Queensland, NSW, Victoria and SA with some wonderful equine partners. Now, more recently, I have been able to judge and spectate across the country as well. I would now like to give back to the discipline I love by donating the monetary value of this award to another rider (or Judge) in order to support them with a ‘leg up’ in their own quest for quiet achievement. I know that Lindy had a special love for Robe and so I thought it fitting that a recipient be chosen from her region (Mid South East). I am hoping that the MSEDG might be able to help with finding someone deserving.”

Our congratulations to Jen as the well-deserved winner of the 2022 Lindy Wright Award, as a “Quiet Achiever who demonstrates excellence in dressage”. And thank you for your donation to assist another rider pursue their love of dressage!

LWMF Committee



Jen Gilligan riding *Belcam Aafrika* - National Dressage Championships 24/10/97



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Dressage SA

From The Committee

Dressage SA conducted its annual meeting in November. The new Committee positions are as follows:

Chair: Veronica Hannam
Vice Chair: Ruth Schneeberger
Treasurer: *acting* Veronica Hannam
Secretary: Catherine Skinner
Clubs Rep: Julia Weir
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Due to ongoing family commitments, Samantha Dossett has tendered her resignation from the Committee. We wish to thank Sam for her time and efforts on the Committee. We fortunately received two expressions of interest to join the Committee and welcome both Cheryl Hatswell and Chloe Wedd to our ranks.

We currently have no formal Rider's Representative as we are planning to fill this position with a rider, voted on by the State's Dressage riders. To this end we working on formulating the processes and policies behind the scenes to action this. In the meantime if you have any problems or concerns please either email the Dressage Committee on dressage@equestriansa.com.au or contact the ESA Executive Officer.

Dressage SA is also looking for expressions of interest for a Treasurer so if you are numerically inclined please let us know.

Save the Dates

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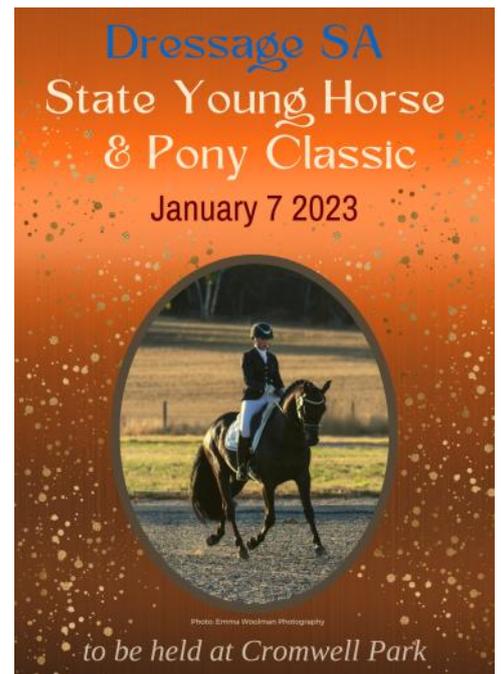
**State Young Horse and
Pony Classic**

15 and 16 April 2023:

SA State Championships

2023 Dressage SA Summer Showcase - entries will open shortly. The Summer Showcase will be held on 7 January 2023 at Cromwell Park and will incorporate the:

- ◆ State Young Horse and Pony Classic
- ◆ Freestyle classic
- ◆ Para Classic
- ◆ FEI Classic - Grand Prix, Youth and Junior tests





2023 HOTY DATES

- ◆ DCSA - 14 - 15/1
- ◆ MCDC - 4/3
- ◆ DCSA - 5/3 (Para and FEI 2nd test)
- ◆ State Champs 15-16/4 - (Murray Dawson Polo Gr)
- ◆ Clare Valley DC 17/6 - (Para & EA only)
- ◆ Southern Flinders DC -18/6 (Para & EA only)
- ◆ Australian Youth Championships 6-9/7 (SIEC)
- ◆ Mid South East DC - 23/7
- ◆ SVDC - 17/9
- ◆ Mid South East DC - Country Champs - 23-24/9
- ◆ AHDC - Spring Festival 7-8/10
- ◆ National Championships, National Pony Champs (12-15/10 Boneo)
- ◆ DCSA - 11-12/11
- ◆ SVDC - 19/11
- ◆ MCD - C25/11
- ◆ AOR National Championships 1-3/12 (Tamworth)

Congratulations - to Kirsty Van Loon and Naomi Betts on their selection onto the Para-Equestrian National recognition B Squad. Well Done ladies.

Announcements / Reminders

- ◆ There are new tests for 2023. You will be able to find them on the EA website once they have been released.
- ◆ The Foundations for the Future Squad for 2023 will be opening shortly. The new criteria for 2023 can be found on the DSA website page.
- ◆ Pony riders remember to have your ponies measured in preparation for the State Championships next year in April. You can find measuring dates in the Calendar on the website.

Training - We have just wrapped up two days of Protocol Plus sessions with Virginia Creed. Protocol Plus means that Virginia is both a Coach and a Judge. These sessions are an individual 45 minutes that riders tailor to their needs. They may want to run through a whole test, part of a test or no test at all and work on something else; it's totally up to them. Virginia's sessions were well received by riders who now have lots of homework.



Interstate Competitions- with borders finally opening up and life getting back to normal we would like to thank and congratulate all the riders who represented our State at the Nationals in October. Well done. We would also like to say to those riders traveling Interstate in the coming months: safe travels and good luck.

HOTY 2023 - we have released the 2023 HOTY document. There have been some major changes to how HOTY will be calculated in 2023. Here is a list of some of these changes but please read carefully to fully understand all the changes:

- ◆ There is now a Para Equestrian Horse and Rider of the Year
- ◆ HOTY will now be calculated on the combination's **best 10 tests** at the nominated events
- ◆ There has been a change to the points allocated at the events.

Entries for the 2023 HOTY will be opening soon.

HOTY 2022 - congratulations to all the riders who participated in this year's HOTY competitions. The winners will be announced at the ESA Annual Awards dinner on the 28th of January. Listed in this edition are the top three combinations in each category.

See you around the arena

DSA Committee



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HOTY 2022

Top Three Combinations in each Category

FEI Dressage Horse & Rider of the Year



Karen Horsell and
Guizo Da Ferrara



Ruth Schneeberger and
Roxleigh Fidelio



Lorraine Wohling and
Forever Royal

EA Dressage Horse & Rider of the Year



Steph Hann and
Light my Fire BHI



Anne Smith and
Shadows Tollinski



Cheryl Hatswell
and Ponderosa Stud
Royal Lass

Youth Dressage Rider of the Year



Micaela Butler and
Son of Odin



Olivia Buchanan and
Welfine



Keeley Menadue and
Freemans Lodge Rosette



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HOTY 2022

Top Three Combinations in each category

AOR Horse & Rider of the Year



Susanne Nelson and
Black Silhouette



Cherysse Fancsali and
Tooradin Park Halo



Alyssa Fox and
Roxette TD

Foundation Horse & Rider of the Year



Jessica Allan and
Sound Reason



Megan Evans and
Heathmont Romance



Amelia Stacey
and Caribbean BHI

Dressage Pony and Rider of the Year



Phoebe Foulkes and
Mouse Dectective



Keeley Menadue and
IBNKY Xquisit



Sarah Tickner and
Nilton Del Pierro

Thank you to Judy Clutterbuck for putting together this fabulous Focus On the 2022 National Dressage Championships

The story of the 2022 Dressage Championships could easily have been all about the horrendous weather, but that was definitely not the case!



Located on a stunning wetland area on the Mornington Peninsula, Boneo sits on the traditional land of the Boon Wurrung / Bunurong People. Boneo's 'Arilla' Restaurant means 'Dancing Ground' in the local language and is aptly named. We watched some of Australia's best Dressage horses rain dance their way through four days of fantastic competition.

After a two-year hiatus nobody wanted another delay and the decision was made on early Thursday morning to go ahead. Riders donned their wet weather gear, climbed aboard and away they went. It was quite the spectacle with Drizabones, long plastic macs, ponchos and even fringed cowboy chaps in the warmup arenas - anything to stay dryish and clean for as long as possible! The arenas rode perfectly, even if it was a bit sploshy on the first day. The footing was great from start to finish, demonstrating what an exceptional facility Boneo is.



Seventeen South Australian horse and rider combinations made the trip, comprised of seasoned professionals, semi-professionals, very experienced amateurs, newcomers, youth and junior riders. Some experienced huge learning curves, others came for the experience and many consolidated their place at this level, demonstrating exactly why they should be there.

SA should be incredibly proud: we are a small State but clearly demonstrated that has not been a barrier to developing quality horse and rider combinations. We came third in both Team competitions behind NSW and Victoria and SA riders were very competitive across the entire competition - congratulations everyone!

I want to acknowledge the great job done by SA Chef d'Equipe Veronica Hannam who began her role well



before the event started via a Messenger group and continued seamlessly into the actual competition with regular communication and updates to all riders. Veronica must have blown up her fitbit with the number of steps each day as she attempted to make it to all SA tests and the daily presentations. She photographed most tests and prize winners and added regular updates to the Dressage SA Facebook site.

The overall impression – we saw quality horses both imported and Australian bred and without doubt some of them are right here in South Australia!!



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Para-Dressage Spring Championships Achieves Greatness

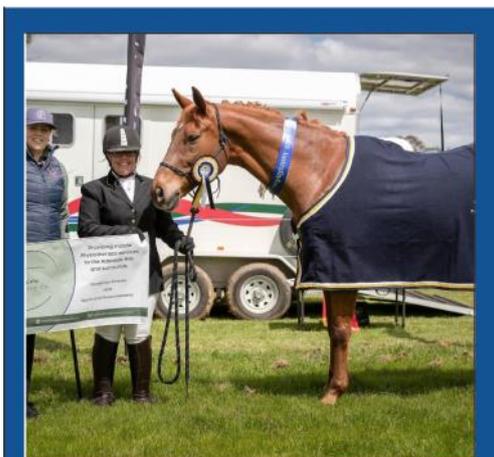
Words by Melissa Marsden

The 2022 South Australian Para-Dressage Championships held a successful event in Strathalbyn last month.

Run in conjunction with Adelaide Hills Dressage Club's Spring Championships, the event saw new and existing Para-equestrians from both South Australia and Interstate compete, observe, and support this important and motivating event.

Riders competed successfully in two Dressage tests on Saturday and Freestyles to music on Sunday. The adaptability and freedom the Freestyle provides proved to be an all-round crowd-pleaser on the day, with many spectators joining in the dance. The combination of music and technical skill in these Freestyles showed not only the ability of riders to excel but also create an atmosphere that was fun and exciting for spectators.

The Equine Advancements FEI Para Championship Class was won by Lauren French on Eden Eyre Mitchell, with Reserve Champion being Natalie Mellors on Zephyr. Kirsty Van Loon took out the Equine Pathways Australia EA Para Championship Class on HV Dante owned by Judy Clutterbuck and the Reserve Champion was Naomi Betts on Demi Van Gelder. The Championships were also privileged to have EA Grade III Victorian rider Kerrie Murnane riding Buka Matai in attendance. This combination successfully won first place in all their events.



Lauren French - FEI Para SA Champion 2022



Kerrie Murnane

Organiser Noella Angel would like to give a HUGE thank you to the Adelaide Hills Dressage Championships for hosting the event to coincide with their own Spring Championships and to the riders for attending and making it a wonderful weekend where we could celebrate our sport.

She says: "Without them taking it on and supporting me there were to be no Champs for 2022". She laughs that "while more communication from the Para Rep (herself) would have been desired, they supported her, and it came together in the end".



Natalie Mellors

Having only been an amputee for two weeks, Noella came out to run the weekend's event and support the Para riders, although says she "would not recommend an amputation on top of running a championship event".



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Para-Dressage Spring Championships Achieves Greatness

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The site provided an exceptional space for effective disability access, with Genna Harkness from sponsor **Thrive Therapy Co** providing an accessible Portaloos and “being a brilliant hands-on sponsor - coming to watch, change arenas and be a part of both days of Dressage. We loved having her as a sponsor”.

Noella would like to thank Genna for her generous sponsorship in covering the cost of hiring the accessible portaloos for use by our Para athletes and spectators, ensuring all participants and spectators could engage with the event in a safe and comfortable environment.

This involvement highlights the most important aspect of living with disabilities and being a Para equestrian: Accessibility.

Organisers and participants would like to give a huge thank you to the team at The Riding Patch for putting up a large portion of the Para Riders, supporters, horses, putting on a home-cooked meal for the masses and being a supportive face after a big day of competition.

Noella would also like to thank the two SA Para Judges who did a wonderful job with the riders, not only with judging them in the arena but for taking the time to talk with riders on the ground. Thank you, Liz Duncan and Fiona Heysen, for taking the time to be a part of this important event.



Kirsty Van Loon



Naomi Betts

Thank you to Shelley Arnold for putting together this fabulous Focus On the Carl Hester Masterclass

ANOTHER FABULOUS CARL HESTER MASTERCLASS – this time again in the Sunshine State (and it only rained once).

Once again Australian Dressage enthusiasts were treated to a Carl Hester Masterclass held at the Queensland State Equestrian Centre at Caboolture, on 5th November, 2022.



A large contingent of South Australians made the trip up north and it was great to see so many familiar faces at the event. What a worthwhile trip it was! The setting was at the purpose-

built Equestrian Centre about an hour out of Brisbane, heading towards the Sunshine Coast. It has multiple Dressage arenas including a covered warm up area and adjacent indoor arena which seats up to 3000 spectators. It is situated in an idyllic 30 hectares of land with facilities for a range of equestrian activities and includes extensive stabling and onsite camping areas.

Lots of trade stalls and food vans, with the obligatory well stocked bar facility, greeted the excited spectators with proceedings commencing at 4 pm. On one long side was the VIP seating option which was well patronized and the grandstand was about ¾ full. The event was titled 'Through the Levels' and as the name suggests, the Masterclass started with the very young horses (4 and 5 year olds) and moved through the age groups and training levels to Grand Prix.

We watched a wonderful group of horses and riders during the evening, all with their own strengths, talents and weaknesses. Of particular interest to South Australians was a lovely 5 year old which was ridden very capably by Ruby Allen who used to live in SA. Carl addressed each combination with such tact, empathy, knowledge and good humour and it was fascinating to watch

the improvement with each horse and rider in such a short space of time. Carl was certainly at his entertaining best and really engaged his audience from the word go, but his insistence on correct riding and correct training basics never wavered – no magic tricks and no harsh riding, just intelligent subtle communication with our equine partners. He emphasized that negative tension must be carefully managed and that the flashy movers have their own set of challenges. So many gems of information were given out by Carl and as he always emphasised that the wellbeing of the horse is our paramount responsibility.

We all felt so privileged to be 'entertained' by one of the world's greatest Dressage trainers and felt so motivated to use the information we had gained, back at home, in our own unique situations. Overall, it was a magnificent feast of training tips and guidelines, in a great venue with an enthusiastic and admiring audience.

I would thoroughly recommend following up on the FB link below, if you would like to read all of Carl's gems of information that we heard during the Class written very succinctly by an attendee at the event.



Ruby Allan riding Henry, certainly an experience that would be hard to forget for this exciting young pair!



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SFDC is run from Murray
Town Oval.

Murray Town is located in
the Southern Flinders
Ranges, 12km south of
Melrose.

With the conclusion of our financial year in October, we celebrated with our End Of Year Awards night at the lovely North Star Hotel in Melrose.

Congratulations to the winners of our Dressage Winter Series - Ali Kirkman & *Redbanks Rivka* in Preparatory, Chantelle Hunter & *Placid Red* in Preliminary and Nicole Afford & *Silkwood Magician* in Novice.

For our Showjumping Series, Michael Young & *Gohan S2* took out the 30 cm, Elizabeth Kuss & *Kay Em Ruby Lou* won the 50 cm and 60 cm. Our new President Grace Friedrich & *DS Spicy Salute* dominated in the 70 cm, 80 cm, 90 cm and 100 cm heights!

In October we held our Dressage Club Championships, where riders completed two tests at the same level, for an overall winner of each level. Elizabeth Kuss & *Kay Em Ruby Lou* won the Preparatory, Merryn Plug-Berndt & *Ampersand* won the Preliminary and Grace Friedrich & *DS Spicy Salute* won the Novice.

Finally the much anticipated Dressage High Point results were awarded, with members accumulating points throughout the year. Preparatory was won by Elizabeth Kuss & *Kay Em Ruby Lou*, Preliminary by Chantelle Hunter & *Placid Red* and the Novice by Grace Friedrich & *DS Spicy Salute*.

The overall High Point Winner (across all levels) was Elizabeth Kuss & *Kay Em Ruby Lou*, who got to take home the embroidered rug!





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Thank you to our outgoing President and Secretary for their service to the Club!



Chantelle Hunter & Placid Red won the Preliminary Winter Series.



Ali Kirkman & Redbanks Rivka won the Preparatory Winter Series.



Grace Friedrich & DS Spicy Salute, our Novice High Point Champions.



Grace Friedrich & DS Spicy Salute won the 70cm, 80cm, 90cm & 100cm jumping.



Amelia Greenfield & Kenlock Super Luna placed in the 30cm, 50cm, 60cm & 70cm.



Michael Young & Gohan S2 won the 30cm Showjumping Series. Yes, it's a horse injury!



Chantelle Hunter & Placid Red won the Preliminary High Point Champion.



Elizabeth Kuss & Kay Em Ruby Lou had a wonderful first year of membership with SFDC!

They won the 50cm & 60cm Showjumping Series. In Dressage they placed 3rd in the Prep Winter Series, 1st in the Prep Club Championship and 1st in the Preparatory High Point, as well as taking out Overall High Point Winner!





SOUTHERN VALES DRESSAGE CLUB

Equestrian Park, Aldinga Bay Sports Complex

www.svdc.info

DIARY DATES

(Grounds Open is for SVDC Members Only)

Please see Website / Facebook for confirmation or email: svdcaldinga@gmail.com

DECEMBER 18th:

Saturday 10th: **Grounds open 9.00 am – 12.00 pm**

Sunday 18th: **XMAS Competition
Closed Unrestricted**

Tests (Unrestricted): *Prep A & C | 1A, 1C | 2A, 2C | 3A, 3C | 4A, 4.C | 5A, 5C | PSG
Higher Tests on request but all Unofficial*

Fees: *SVDC Members \$15, Non SVDC \$25
[\\$5 Arena Levy, \\$5 Admin Levy](#)*

JANUARY 15th 2023:

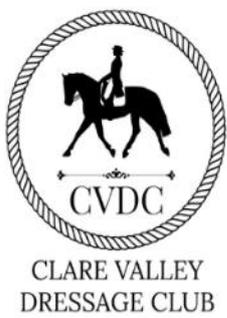
Saturday 7th January: **Grounds open 9.00 am – 12.00 pm**

Sunday 15th January: **FAREWELL PARTY
Closed Unrestricted**

Last competition at the old grounds

Tests (Unrestricted) *Prep A & C 1A, 1B | 2A, 2B | 3A, 3B | 4A, 4B | 5A, 5B | PSG*

Fees: *SVDC Members \$15, Non SVDC \$25
[\\$5 Arena Levy, \\$5 Admin Levy](#)*



CLARE VALLEY DRESSAGE CLUB



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December January News 2022 / 23

Oh my goodness - this crazy weather has seen our Club cancel and postpone everything since August! This has been so disappointing for our Club.

Fingers crossed our next Competition on December the 11th will be a day of sunshine. We have a big day planned with our Club Championships, CUR Comp, Para classes, Freestyles and Pas de Deux. We have some wonderful prizes on offer and of course there will be prizes for the best Christmas outfit. We would love to have a big day of competition so please head over to Nominate and enter. Entries close on Wednesday November 30th.

This month sees us recognize the wonderful achievements of two of our Club members: Naomi Betts and Lauren French. These ladies and their wonderful horses are achieving great goals in Para dressage. I am sure you will enjoy reading their stories - they are truly inspirational!

Our new membership season will begin on January the 1st. Please refer to the information in this newsletter about our membership and its inclusions.

Wishing everyone a wonderful Christmas and New Year.

Kind Regards

Jane Wetherall
CVDC Secretary



Club Calendar 2022 / 2023

11th December: Closed Unrestricted Christmas Celebration. Freestyle and Pas De Deux, Club Championship & Para classes

2023

15th Jan: CUR
12th Feb: Competitive/Participant / CUR 20th
12th March: CUR
23rd April: CUR
7th May: CUR
17th June: EA Horse of the Year / CUR / Para
9th July: CUR



CVDC warmly welcomes all levels of riders. We aim to encourage and support our riders to achieve their goals in a friendly environment.

If you would like to join our Club head over to Nominate. Enter the Clubs area and look for Clare Valley Dressage Club. We also have a Facebook page: "Clare Valley Dressage Club Members and Competitors."

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/242313176341276/>

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Come And Join Us

for our 11 December Competition

Club Championship Classes
CUR Classes
Para Classes
Freestyle and Pas de Deux

Join us for a BBQ lunch
Sausages and bread supplied by the Club
Competitors please bring a salad or sweets to share

Prizes for best Christmas dress

Presentations at the end of the day with wine and cheese platters

Competitors will be able to enter 3 classes to enable riders to compete in Freestyles and Pas de Deux



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INTRODUCING PARA RIDER

LAUREN FRENCH AND EDEN EYRE MITCHELL (MITCH)



My name is Lauren French and I'm a Grade 3 Para Dressage rider. I was born with cerebral palsy from the waist down.

Horses have always been a huge part of my life. I began riding when I was 4 years old at Pony Club. I was lucky enough to compete at State level and am still a Pony Club member and coach today. My Para journey started through RDA and I had the

opportunity to compete at both State and National levels over many years.

In 2017 I competed at my first EA National competition in Victoria in Grade 4. My dancing partner for this step into the EA world was Eden Eyre Mitchell - or Mitch. I was lucky enough to be given Mitch from my Dad as a 6 year old and began to bring him up through the levels. Since 2017, we have competed in many competitions in Victoria and all throughout South Australia in EA Para Dressage, RDA and Pony Club. In 2019, I was reclassified into Grade 3 and in April this year, we competed in Victoria and finished as EA Grade 3 National Champion.

I have many achievements that I'm proud of for Mitch and I, including EA National Grade 4 Champion in 2017, EA National Grade 3 Champion in April 2022, SA State Champion Para combination in 2019, 2021 and recently being named as a part of the SA High Performance Dressage Squad.





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INTRODUCING PARA RIDER

LAUREN FRENCH AND EDEN EYRE MITCHELL (MITCH)

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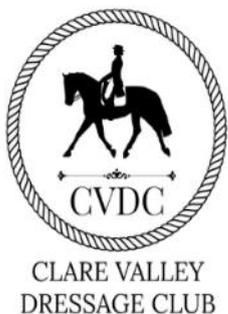
While I have enjoyed and am immensely proud of these achievements, being a part of the SA Para family and the adventures and memories we have created will always be really special to me.

Riding and competing in Para takes a huge amount of support. I am very lucky to have an amazing support team that has been by my side for Mitch and I encouraging, believing in us and for being a part of the crazy adventures. I'm so very grateful for my coaches - Mary Longden, Pat Mann and Ruth Schneeberger. Without their time, patience, dedication and belief in Mitch and I, we wouldn't have been able to achieve what we have.

Para SA are very grateful and appreciate the support that Dressage SA and the Dressage Clubs provide for us by including Para into their competition programs and most recently into the Dressage Squads.



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INTRODUCING PARA RIDER

NAOMI BETTS AND DEMI VAN GELDER (LUCI)

My name is Naomi and I am a classified Vision Impaired Para Dressage rider with the degenerative condition Retinitis Pigmentosa. RP is an untreatable disease that over time destroys the light receptor cells in the retina, severely constricting the normal 180-degree field of vision. I have less than 10 degrees of sight remaining in each eye, with functional central vision but no peripheral vision. Central vision is the 5 degrees that allows us to focus on objects and more importantly to read. I am legally blind because of the restriction of my field of vision rather than my central acuity. This means I cannot hold a driver's license and increasingly I cannot orient myself in, nor navigate unfamiliar environments. I routinely get lost in my own paddocks when the light conditions deteriorate. Retrospectively, my choice of Friesians may not have been the wisest breed option. Lipizzaners I could have found in the paddock. Or Andies, or Welshies.



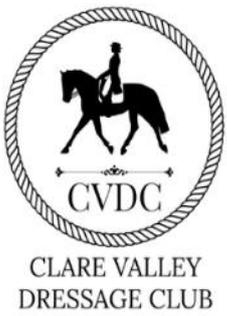
In 2018 I applied for Para classification. It was a bittersweet time, because in doing so, I finally admitted that my disability was not only impacting my life but would continue to do so in more and more invasive ways. This acknowledgement was a big step. I relinquished the comforting illusion of control over my life and accepted that the independence I had taken for granted was gradually and irreversibly eroding. It turned out to be good for my soul.

I have loved and owned horses since childhood and except for my university years, have never lived away from them. The unique thing about equestrian sport to me is building a partnership with another sentient creature who has a free will, over which we have no control. I can invite, ask or request that my obliging yet independently minded mare Luci performs a particular action but it is her choice whether to do so. As a high school teacher for 30 years, I was accustomed to managing situations and being in control of a classroom. Dressage with Luci has taught me that I have control over only two things – my conscious thoughts and my actions. It has taken time to accept this and to tune fully into the feedback Luci gives me. I delight that Luci is willing to try all that I ask and offers to try even when my requests are badly executed, incomprehensible or totally unfeasible at that moment. Despite all this she gives me her all. The price of awe is actually very little when every moment spent with her nourishes my spirit.

It was 2022 before Luci and I actually began competing in Para Dressage in the Grade 5 division. In truth, it took that long to let go of my determination to push on in defiance of my increasing limitations. I had to retire early from a 30-year career, teaching secondary Visual Art and English and suddenly had days to fill and a huge reservoir of unused energy to focus on something. I returned to my earliest love— horses - and when the Clare Valley Dressage Club came into being, I saw it as a sign and a perfect opportunity. I joined up and along I went in ignorant bliss with my Friesian skill at arms destrier and began competing Preparatory. Over the next 3 years, we moved through Prelim to Novice and began to learn the ropes of laterals and collection. Para Dressage is a perfect fit for me because the workspace remains a constant 20 x 60 metre, flat arena with a judge at C and sometimes at E. I've learnt to navigate the space using techniques that are also excellent training strategies – counting strides. So, my circles and loops are rounder, my corners are more consistent and our tempo, alignment and straightness can be measured in the number of strides that inside hind takes between points A and B. This does add another layer of complexity to remembering my tests but my headspace is gradually reducing in clutter as I gain experience and the exponential learning curve starts to flatten out a little. For a while there my brain was like Cirque du Soleil!



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INTRODUCING PARA RIDER

NAOMI BETTS AND DEMI VAN GELDER (LUCI)

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Our South Australian Para-Dressage community is on the rise and for the first time we have a dedicated Para Dressage Squad of which I am immensely proud to be a member. We are a fiercely supportive mob, full of inspiring people with stories like mine, as well as those who bring their passion, knowledge and experience to support roles. Believe me, without their generosity, we wouldn't be entering at A with our equine partners and pursuing our dreams. Having someone be my eyes and understand my challenges is a great gift and it is solely due to that support that I am able to participate in this sport. There are so many inspiring people out there and I enjoy the opportunities to also be of some help to others. I love talking with vision impaired riders as our numbers are small so it is great that I can offer encouragement. As a mature aged rider, I hope to become a role model, in particular to show others that it is never too late to chase your dreams or aspirations, no matter how far away they may seem.

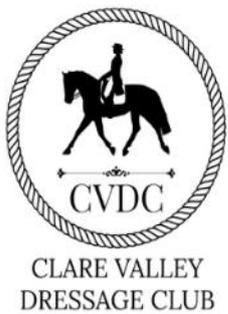
Training a baroque type Friesian to high performance Dressage is definitely challenging and Luci isn't a conventional dressage type in either conformation or biomechanics. The combination of a novice Dressage rider and an untrained horse requires a lot of support to progress. I came to the sport with very limited knowledge in training techniques and just as despair of ever progressing was settling in, I found a classical dressage online learning community in 2019. Travel for me is problematic and Ritter Dressage bought Classical training principles and practices into my home. It was like I was back studying at university as I took course after course in the traditional methods of the Old Masters. Not only did I gain access to a huge library of resource material, but also to a likeminded global community of Classical Dressage enthusiasts. Planning and implementing training for diagnostic and therapeutic purposes has become my drug of choice and I have immersed myself in it. I love it. It energises me. Studying and working with this community has given me the skills

and knowledge to create gymnastically effective training programs for Luci's happy and healthy development. More than that, I have found a new and fulfilling avenue to make meaningful contributions in a teaching and learning environment.



Permanent and progressive disabilities have a way of clarifying things and putting life into perspective. Things that used to be important lose their relevance and 'being' rather than 'doing' becomes a priority. Taking time to appreciate is now at the forefront of my daily schedule. Time is precious when your sight fades a little more each day. I have so much for which to be thankful. Every day. Don't get me wrong, there are difficult days but with a positive mindset, they are few. Marcus Aurelius said, "Dwell on the beauty of life. Watch the stars and see yourself running with them." I can't see the stars anymore but I take absolute pleasure in being able to spend time every day, lost in what I love most. I choose to thrive *because* of my disability, not despite it.

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CLARE VALLEY DRESSAGE CLUB

2023 CVDC MEMBERSHIP

1st January 2023 - 31st December 2023

Member Benefits:

- Discounted competition entries
 - Early Bird access to clinics
- Free entry into High Point Horse, Pony, and Youth of the Year Competition
- Requirement for entry into CVDC Club Championship 2022
 - Emailed Bimonthly Newsletter

Membership Prices:

- Senior Riding (19 + Years) \$70
- Junior Riding (up to and incl 18 years) \$60
 - Concession Riding \$65
 - Family \$115
 - Non - riding \$25
 - Day membership \$30

Memberships are processed through Nominate.com.au and by accessing the Clubs area. If you are a current member you will be emailed a renewal in December.

Memberships must be paid prior to riding in 2023.





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Nominate: www.nominate.com.au

late entries now require additional fees

draw questions? TEXT Cathy: 0400 289 481
(not between 8 am and 4 pm weekdays)

questions about how to enter on Nominate:
Sally: TEXT 0429 190 653

President's Report

Another year is almost done!

Our AGM will be held on December 11th during the lunch break at our Competition. If anyone is interested in joining the Committee, please email our Secretary Sally Wells with your Nomination.

The Horseland and AHDC Spring Festival and Para State Championships held in October proved to be a great weekend. At the close of entries it appeared numbers were down compared to previous years so we decided to offer some Unrestricted tests and extend the closing date for those classes, which successfully boosted the numbers. We intend to include these classes again next year and will have more time to prepare special prizes and rosettes.

A huge Thank You must go to Horseland Mt Barker, our Elite Sponsor and all our other sponsors. Please support them whenever you can and show your appreciation if you have received a prize.

Congratulations to the Horse of the Year 2022: Camille Houston and One Soc Down, the Pony of the Year 2022: Jo Cullen and Strathrose The Con Man and the Youth of the Year: Zoe Gaston and Rivington Silent Poet.

The Penny Stewart Memorial Award Perpetual Trophy winner this year was Christine Frizell and Kenlock Moshulu. This award was donated by Mark Stewart for the highest percentage in an AOR class from Prelim to Advanced.

During the Saturday lunch break Jen Gilligan was presented with the Lindy Wright Memorial Award . Well deserved Jen!!!

Congratulations also to the Para riders who competed in their State Championships. Noella Angel informs us that numbers are growing and they are promoting more competition next year.

Several Judge candidates took the opportunity to shadow-judge with our two Interstate Judges, Jane Ventura and Sue Cunningham, gaining from their valuable experience and expertise.

Unfortunately the weather Gods were not in our favor for the November rally, with fierce storms and flooding resulting in the competition being cancelled. Condolences for those who had terrible water damage and lost electricity for many days. Hopefully we will see more sunshine and fine days ahead for the farmers to harvest the hay.

Don't forget that AHDC membership is due for renewal on January 1st 2023.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a happy, safe and healthy New year.

Successful Riding

Wendy Brown
AHDC President

2022 Diary Dates

11 Dec - Competitive / Participation / Closed Unrestricted

Tests: Competitive - 1A, 1B, 2A, 2B, 3A, 3B, 4A, 4B, 5A, 5B

Participant: Prep A, Prep C, 1A, 1B, 2A, 2B

Closed Unrestricted: Prep A, Prep C, 1A, 1B, 2A, 2B, 3A, 3B, 4A, 4B, 5A, 5B

Late entries close at midnight Friday 3 December

**AHDC Membership will be due on
1 January 2023. Reminders will be
sent via Nominate.**

2023 Diary Dates

8 January - Competitive / Participation / Closed Unrestricted / Young Horse

Tests: Competitive - 1A, 1B, 2A, 2B, 3A, 3B, 4A, 4B, 5A, 5B

Participant: Prep A, Prep C, 1A, 1B, 2A, 2B

Closed Unrestricted: Prep A, Prep C, 1A, 1B, 2A, 2B, 3A, 3B, 4A, 4B, 5A, 5B

Young Horse tests

12 February - Closed Unrestricted / Combined Training / Interschool

Tests: TBA

12 March - Competitive / Participation / Closed Unrestricted / Interschool

Tests: TBA

1 April - Protocol / Closed Unrestricted

Tests: TBA

2 April - Competitive / Participation / Closed Unrestricted / Interschool

Tests: TBA

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Mt Crawford Dressage Club

UP COMING EVENTS

2022 Competitions

Dec 10 - Competitive Afternoon and Under Lights, CUR, Freestyles.

2023 Competitions

Jan 21 - CUR

Feb 11 - FEI/Comp/CUR

Mar 4 - HOTY/Comp/CUR

Training Days 2022

Dec 3 - Greg Trembath

All Entries via Nominate



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From The Committee

In an unprecedented situation, due to the unseasonably wet weather, we have had to make the unfortunate decision to cancel all activities at the Mount Crawford grounds for the past three months. This has not happened before and it is not a decision the Committee made lightly, but in the interests of horse welfare and the preservation of the grounds for the future it was deemed the only choice we had, as it is currently under water and will require several weeks of dry conditions to become safely usable for large competitions.



This necessitated the activation of plan B in order to run the AGM within the 5 month time limit from June 30. Our AGM was held in the Pavilion on the Oval at the Mt Pleasant Showgrounds and was well supported with 42 members in attendance and 10 visitors. It is the end of an era as Veronica Hannam has stood down after her long tenure as President. We also say goodbye to our Treasurer Craig Hannam, or maybe that should be "Bye for now".

The Club welcomed two new life members at this AGM. Craig has been Treasurer for 10 years and Caroline has been Vice President 10 years. Thank you both for your continued support of the Club. Caroline is staying on in her role as Vice-President.

Our Secretary, Tina Grech, has also decided not to re-stand, as have Committee members Kate Rumbold and Viv Aarons. We take this opportunity to publicly thank these hard working volunteers, without whom the Club would not be what it is today.



We had two nominations to take on the daunting task of attempting to fill Veronica's shoes, at the same time bringing their own visions for the future direction of the Club, which necessitated a ballot. Virginia Creed agreed to count the votes and we are pleased to announce that Donna Gray is the new President of Mt Crawford Dressage Club.



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Veronica Hannam

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SUB-COMMITTEES

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



Donna Gray was involved with Mt Crawford back in the late 80's and 90's when the Club was just getting started and the grounds were nothing more than a paddock. She is looking forward to helping the Club, along with the hardworking Committee, continue to grow and develop into the future.

Unfortunately there was no competition for Virginia to judge. However we were able to hold a Q and A session before the AGM. It was fantastic to hear first hand about the FEI and their progress / direction on horse welfare. There was some discussion of Social Licence in relation to our sport and the way we conduct ourselves in and out of the field of play. Her experiences overseas as an FEI Judge, some hot topics from National and some top training tips made for a very interesting hour of discussion.

As we have not been able to run the third leg of the OTT series (and in consultation with Thoroughcare SA) we presented the awards on the standings after two competitions. Congratulations to Chloe Wedd riding BELLUCCIS BOY - the Preliminary Series winner and Erin Clark riding FIREBIRD - the Preparatory Series winner.

Even though we haven't been actively competing at Mount Crawford we have not been idle and are still working to make improvements, having purchased some Treadlite rubber for the warm-up area and arenas. At this stage it isn't complete and still needs to be spread but rest assured by the time conditions are suitable for riding, the new surface will be ready and waiting to be christened.

We have also purchased, with the help from a grant we were successful in securing, an AED which we certainly hope we don't need to use, but good to know it is there should that need arise.

From the outgoing committee and the newly elected one we hope to see you out on your horses in the near future.

Happy Riding

MCDC Committee

2022 SA State Dressage Championships

Thank you to all the sponsors of the this year's Championships



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Our Shows are held at CROMWELL PARK 234 Onkaparinga Valley Rd, Hahndorf, SA



OCTOBER 2ND SHOW REPORT

It really takes a small army to make a great Show and we had some new team members put their hands up to help us out in October: Di Pritchard and Denise Piggott took the reins to score for us and did an amazing job in the office; Lauren Thomson gear checked for us all morning with that role being taken over by Phil Thompson for the rest of the day and Samara Russell walked a million steps picking up tests and being a smiley new face to our team. Tash's penciller team - Fran Pagay Doerflinger, Georgina Downey, Judith Sonnefield, Mira Canala, Amelia Stacey and Jess Poland were fabulous.

Gath and Stu, the cheerful indoor gate stewards and Viv Bretherton the outdoor gate steward – thank you for standing out in the weather all day to be the arena gate keepers.

A cameo appearance on the microphone from one of our greatest supporters - Shelley Arnold, complete with wheelchair - we have ordered an industrial roll of bubble wrap for you!

Our Judges as always worked hard to give their marks and opinions on the tests and we thank Lisa Ashby for stepping up to judge the Tiny Tot Tournament riders: looking so smart and professional and spending time offering feedback to the entrants. We love that the riders contribute to our Shows in so many ways and encourage and welcome any riders that would like to be involved in the Show day in any small way.

You are all SO very appreciated and hope that you enjoyed your day and hope that we will see you back again 😊😊

Thank you to our sponsors for the October Show – Horseland Adelaidean and Chaleur Park Performance Ponies. How good is our new audio system, purchased with the generous sponsorship of Jane McDonald at Birdrise Farm Stays. Thank you to Cristy Patterson and Dayle Tolosa from Total Custom Designs who printed the medallions for our Tiny Tot classes – delivered just as we drove out of our gate at 6.15 am – dedication to the cause!

We appreciate all the support that goes to make the Shows that bit more special.

Thank you to Claudia Kennedy from Airtime Images who adds her talent for capturing equines dancing in the sand with a sunny smile for the day and June and Geoff Maudlen for delivering the delicious Mane Box gourmet lunches to the Show!

Thank you to the competitors who left their areas free of hay and manure – you cannot imagine how much it is appreciated when everyone shows respect for the grounds. It makes our days so much easier.

Last but by no means least, our appreciation to Andy and Mandy Cogan for welcoming our Club to Cromwell Park. How fortunate we feel at every single Show to be able to bring a Dressage competition to the riders at such a perfect venue.

Anne Raymond

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TINY TOTS TOURNAMENT

Earlier this year the DCSA took the initiative to run a "Tiny Tots event" at its Dressage competition at Cromwell Park with another one held in October. I believe this initiative has come with mixed opinions.

Whilst the Dressage judges for the main official classes are having their lunch, the beautiful Dressage arena is being used by little people who love their ponies and are excited to be there, every bit as much as the adults.

The Tiny Tots are excited about taking their ponies to a wonderful facility whilst catching up with other Tiny Tots and their ponies that they know. It is not a competition per se, as each child receives a rosette (and a medal at the last event) and much to the excitement of the children a "bag of goodies".

The smiles on their faces are priceless.

I thought to myself "what would Robbie (Sgt Tom Roberts) think?". Having had lessons from Robbie as a youngster I believe he would be pleased with DCSA's philosophy and intentions.

After all he was a kind man to both horse and rider and as he always looked "at the long term", I believe he would be happy to see children happy with their ponies and enjoying themselves, especially in a safe environment; whilst at the same time having opportunity to watch the big people.

We can all learn from each other, no matter what the age! We can all remember our first event and the excitement that came with it.

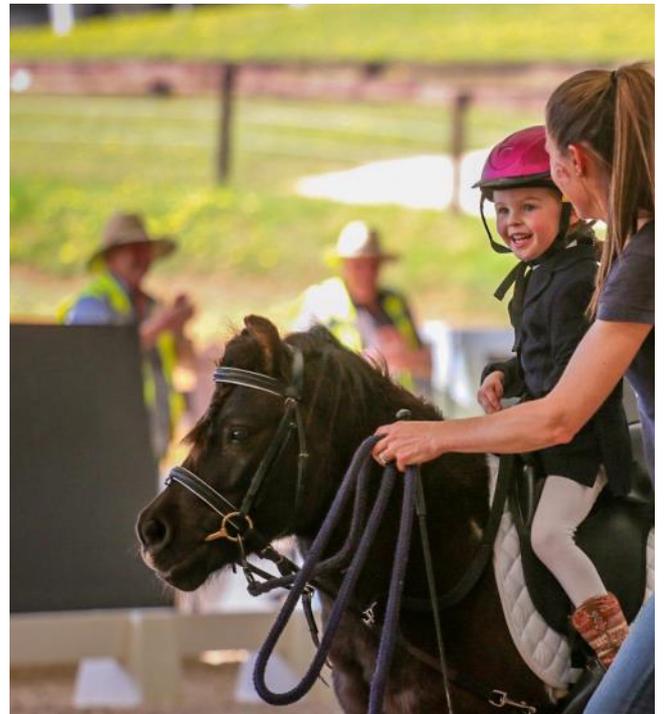
These "little people" are the future of the sport.

Having witnessed first-hand the excitement, time in helping prepare eg. cleaning ponies and gear, I believe DCSA are to be congratulated on this initiative.

Kind regards

Wendy Hunt





TINY TOTS PRIZES!



Thank You EQ SADDLERY!

Our Vice President Elise Sparke selecting the Tiny Tot Tournament prizes using the \$300 voucher from EQ Saddlery, with Dominic Jones from the store.

THANK YOU, EQ Saddlery and everyone who shopped at the store and gave their tokens to vote for our Club!



Horseland Adelaide Christmas Show 20th November 2022

Well, our determination and I guess a small element of stubbornness kicked in the week leading up to our final show for the year!

Nostradamus was no help whatsoever and we just had to make a decision on Friday morning and forge ahead, so ahead we went. Thank you to Andy and Mandy at Cromwell Park along with Greg, who keep their equine facility in tip top shape and enabled us to proceed.

THANK YOU is not enough to our Judges, pencilers, stewards, volunteers and the crowd of helpful people offering us coffee, help and general support. We simply cannot run these Shows without all of you and that is the bottom line. Please know how much you are all appreciated. Our regular Club supporters are legendary: thank you so much.

Our Trade Village people had a lovely day in the stables and Milton kept us supplied with his amazing coffee. Huge appreciation to our major sponsor for 2022 - Horseland Adelaide – what amazing support we have had this year. The beautiful Horseland Adelaide rugs will be presented to our Leaderboard winners at our January show! Thank you, Arena Equestrian, for sponsoring the Youth category this year. We know how excited the winner will be to receive the prize!

Thank you so much to our other sponsorship partners during this year – Birdrise Farm Stays, Everyday Equestrian, Apex Equine Therapy, Chaleur Park Performance Ponies, Little Equine Co and Kiah Glenn Stockhorses.

And a final huge THANK YOU to Veronica Hannam from DSA for always being there to answer our questions, offering advice and tips to help us get through the Shows!

We wish all of our riders and supporters in our equestrian family a safe and joyous Christmas season. We look forward to seeing you all at our January HOTY show, including Young Horse classes. Entries are open on Nominate and will close before Christmas!

Anne Raymond
DCSA President

2022 LEADERBOARD SERIES

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FEI HORSE/PONY & RIDER

Winner: Cheryl Hatswell & *PS Lucious*

Runner Up Karen Horsell & Guizo Da Ferrara & Ruth Schneeberger & *Roxleigh Fidelio*

OPEN HORSE & RIDER

Winner: Cheryl Hatswell & *PS First Royal*

Runner Up: Anne Smith & *Shadows Tollinski*

OPEN PONY & RIDER

Winner: Ruth Thompson & *CP Tristan*

Runner Up: Sarah Tickner & *Nilton Del Pierro*

AOR HORSE / PONY

Winner: Verity Hayman & *Heathmont Roulette*

Runner Up: Lia Ashby & *New World Divine*

CLOSED RESTRICTED HORSE & RIDER

Winner: Elise Spark & *Ballandown Lobo*

Runner Up: Naomi Zirnsak & *Ballandown Lobo*

CLOSED RESTRICTED PONY & RIDER

Winner: Zena Alliu & *Naboo Gold De Luxe*

YOUTH HORSE/PONY & RIDER also sponsored by ARENA EQUESTRIAN

Winner: Sophie Gardiner & *Arawn*

Runner Up: Kelley Menadue & *Freemans Lodge Rockette*

AUSTRALIAN STOCKHORSE OF THE YEAR – sponsored by KIAH GLEN PERFORMANCE HORSES

Winner: Naomi Zirnsak & *Ballandown Commander*

Runner Up: Nicole Wagner & *Tarawonga Havok*

TINY TOT TOURNAMENT - sponsored by EQ SADDLERY

Winner: Willow Mitchell & *Reggie*

CONGRATULATIONS!!!



Mid South East Dressage Club

Affiliations: EA South Australia Member Horse SA HRCVA

Dates for 2022/23

November 27th –

Club Day Christmas Fun Day

December N/A

January 22nd

Proposed Twilight Competition

February 25th 26th

Lucindale Show

March 11th 12th

Extravaganza

April 23rd

Winter Series round 1 unofficial

May 28th

Winter Series round 2 Official

June 25th

Winter Series round 3 unofficial

July 23rd

Winter Series round 4 Official
HOTY

August 27th

Club training day and AGM

September 23rd/24th

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From all of us at the Mid South East Dressage Club to all of you out there in the Dressage arenas, Judges' cars, scoring rooms and those around the Committee table. All our thanks and may the Dressage Father Christmas bring you joy and good training next year.





From the President

I hope you're all enjoying this lovely weather. It's nice to be out with it being a bit drier underfoot...

Angela Donaldson Clinic Report

Well done to all those that attended the Clinic. We had all 4 seasons in those few days, but the rain on Sunday didn't dampen anyone's great riding!! There were some drop jaw rides with fabulous training that we saw... well done to everyone..!!

I have had preliminary discussions with Jen Gilligan re the Lindy Wright Award. A criteria is being developed by the Committee under the recommendations from Jen to support a deserving dedicated rider to pursue their dreams with the help of this generous support from Jen. It will be open to all ages. Stand by for forms appearing soon in the Club newsletter in the near future.

Ann Dodd

Check out the updated website: looking very good. www.msedc.org.au

2023 Planning is under way ...

Our November Christmas get together was a fun day at the Naracoorte Pony Club Grounds with a hot chicken and salad lunch and all things horsey.

January activity will be held at the Lucindale Hockey Grounds. If the weather is warm it may be a twilight meet. It may be an opportunity to have a ride through the new tests if they have arrived.

February planning has started for the Lucindale Show Dressage on 25 and 26 February 2023.

March the Committee has done a strong half halt and engaged some clinicians for the very popular camping weekend event. The 2023 Extravaganza will be held at the Hynam Polo Cross Grounds on 11 and 12 March 2023.

Winter Series

- Dates – April 23rd Unofficial, May 28th Official & OTT, June 25th Unofficial, July 23rd HOY 2023
- Venues – Unofficial Rounds at the Polocrosse Grounds Hynam (TBC)
- Official Rounds at the Naracoorte Show Grounds

Country Classic 23 – 24 September 2023

