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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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2023 CLINIC CALENDAR

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2023

Feb 1-5

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2023 SA Dressage Clubs Calendar

Results from this event count towards SA Squad selection and HOTY

Competitions that are running FEI tests

25/1/2023

2023 Thorough Care SA Dressage Series

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

Young Horse		Para HOTY	
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
25 & 26	Lucindale Show AH+P Society	Competitive / Closed Restricted / HRCav	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 3rd (1 -3 pm), 4 & 5th (7 - 8.30am)	Enquiries to 0430 090 251	Strathalbyn Polo Grounds
4	Mt Crawford Dressage Club	Competitive / FEI (PSG, IA, I2) / CUR/ Para EA / FEI	MCDC Grounds & HOTY
5	Dressage Club of SA	Interschool / OTT/ Competitive / FEI HOTY (I1, IB, GP)	Cromwell Park & HOTY (FEI)
5	South Australian Dressage Association	TBA	TBA
11 & 12	Boneo Autumn Dressage Championships	Competitive / FEI / Para	Interstate Competition
11 & 12	Mid South East Dressage Club	Extravaganza Weekend	Hynam PoloX grounds
11	Judges Seminar - F/G	Free Education Day re Dressage tests; all Judges, Riders and Coaches welcome	Cromwell Park (9am)
12	F / G Judges	Shadow Judging and Sit-Ins	AHDC- Strathalbyn
12	Adelaide Hills Dressage Club	Competitive / Unrestricted / Participant / Interschool	Strathalbyn
19	Dressage Club of SA	Para (EA & FEI) Selected competitive / FEI. This day is to replace the cancelled 14/1/23 comp.	Cromwell Park & HOTY
19	Clare Valley Dressage Club	Closed Unrestricted	Clare Showgrounds
19	Southern Flinders Dressage Club	Competitive / Participant	Murray Town
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
9	Southern Flinders Dressage Club	Closed Unrestricted	Murray Town
15 - 16	South Australian Dressage State Championships	All EA levels, FEI, Youth, Pony, Adult Amateur Owner-Rider	HOTY
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	Strathalbyn
7	South Australian Dressage Association	TBA	TBA
7	South Eastern Dressage Association	South Eastern Showdown Round 2 – Unofficial	Mount Gambier
13	Judges Seminar - A / B / C	Free Education Day re Dressage tests; all Judges, Riders and Coaches welcome	Cromwell Park (9 am)
14	Judges Seminar - YH	Free Education Day re Dressage tests; all Judges, Riders and Coaches welcome	Cromwell Park (9 am)
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
4	South Australian Dressage Association	TBA	TBA
11	Adelaide Hills Dressage Club	Competitive / Participation / FEI / Closed Unrestricted, Interschool	Strathalbyn
10 & 11	Boneo Winter Dressage Championships	Competitive / FEI / Para	Interstate Competition
17	Mt Crawford Dressage Club	Closed Unrestricted	MCDC Grounds
17	Clare Valley Dressage Club	Competitive / Participation / Closed Unrestricted/ Para	Clare Showgrounds HOTY (EA only)
18	Southern Flinders Dressage Club	1st Round Winter Series - Competitive / CUR / Para	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
July	Club	Competition Type	Venue / Classification
2	South Australian Dressage Association	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 Flinders Dressage Club	Closed Unrestricted Winter Series Round 2	Murray Town
22?	Judges Seminar (TBC)	G / F	Naracoorte - TBC
23	Mid South East Dressage Club	Competitive / Participation / Closed Restricted	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	Para State Championships	Para	TBA
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 TBC	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	FEI / Competitive / Participation / Closed Unrestricted / Para TBC	Cromwell Park
10	Clare Valley Dressage Club	Closed Unrestricted	Clare Showgrounds
16 & 17	Boneo Spring Dressage Championships	Competitive / FEI / Para	Interstate Competition
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	Aldinga
23	Mt Crawford Dressage Club	Charity Day - Closed Unrestricted	MCDC Grounds
23 - 24	Mid South East Dressage Club	SA Country Dressage Champs / Competitive / FEI / HRCav / 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	Strathalbyn & HOTY
15	Southern Vales Dressage Club	Competitive / Participation / Closed Unrestricted / FEI TBC	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
4	Judges Seminar - E / D	Free Education Day re Dressage tests; all Judges, Riders and Coaches welcome	Cromwell Park (9 am)
5	South Australian Dressage Association	TBA	TBA
11 & 12	Dressage Club of SA	Competitive / Participation / FEI / YH	Cromwell Park & HOTY
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 Championships 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	Competitive / FEI / Para	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
7 - 10	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 Freestyles	Clare Showgrounds & HOTY Para only
17	Southern Vales Dressage Club	CUR	Aldinga

Dressage Judge Activities Update

By Liz Duncan

The news for SA is we have set dates and venues for a number of SA Dressage Judge Seminars for 2023. Please add these dates to your diary:

- Saturday 11th March for F / G Seminar – Cromwell Park - Wendy Barker (WA) – 9:00 am – 3:30 pm
- Sunday 12th March – Shadow Judging and Sit-Ins at AHDC, Strathalbyn – contact Judges' Committee for places (dressagejudge@equestriansa.com.au)
- Saturday 13th May – A / B / C – Cromwell Park – presenter Jane Ventura
- Sunday 14th May – Young Horse – Cromwell Park – presenter Jane Ventura
- Saturday 4th November – E / D – Cromwell Park – presenter TBA

We are very pleased to let you know that Wendy Barker (WA, National A and JE) is returning to SA for our F / G Seminar on Saturday 11th March at Cromwell Park. This is an ideal opportunity for anyone thinking of becoming a Judge, or any riders wanting to know more about what the Judge is looking for. Also, this is a re-accreditation Seminar for existing F / G Judges (and a workshop for other levels). The Seminar will discuss Rule updates and have practical test judging. We welcome all interested enthusiasts. We will also have places for Judges for Sit-ins and Shadow Judging at the AHDC event on the next day, Sunday 12th March.

As you will have heard the EA tests for 2023 have had some small changes, including naming as 1.1, 1.2, and 1.3 etc. The Advanced 5.3 has numerous changes. Please check the EA website for the summary of test changes.

A summary of Rule changes for 2023 is also available on the EA website. Please read to update with issues that may apply to your level. The full set of 2023 Dressage Rules is freely available to download from the EA website.

The EA National Dressage Education Calendar is available online. Anyone travelling and is able to attend the Sydney SIEC Practical Seminar G to C on Sun 12th February held by DNSW (Sue Cunningham

and Kristen Closson (kay@scribblypark.com.au) will be able to attend their level of online theory in the previous week.

Also note that Stephen Clarke is presenting a Judges' Workshop on Monday 27th February at Willinga, NSW (kay@scribblypark.com.au)

Congratulations to Mariola Nelson who has completed the requirements to become G level Judge. Thank you for your work to become a Judge. We need more volunteers to follow to ensure enough Judges for the future.

Please feel free to contact the Committee if you have any questions about Dressage Judge training: dressagejudge@equestriansa.com.au

Regards

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Dressage SA

From The Committee

Applications are now open for a Rider's Representative (RR). The RR is a voluntary position and will be co-opted to the DSA Committee for two years, unless they already hold a position on the Committee. Should there be more than one applicant, they will be voted in by the ESA members who are Dressage competitors. You will find the full list of the RR roles and responsibilities in this edition of MF and on the Dressage SA webpage. Expressions of Interest need to be sent to dressage@equestriansa.com.au by March 3rd. Dressage SA is also looking for expressions of interest for a Treasurer, so if you are numerically inclined, please let us know.

DSA State Championships - 15 and 16 April 2023

Entries will open shortly. The State Championships will be held April 15 and 16 at Mt Crawford Dressage Club grounds.

Announcements / Reminders

- ◆ There are new tests for 2023. They can be found on the EA website.
- ◆ The Foundations for the Future Squad for 2023 will be announced in the coming weeks.
- ◆ Pony riders: remember to have your Ponies measured in preparation for the State Championships in April. You can find measuring dates in the Calendar on the DSA website.

HOTY 2023 - As previously announced the HOTY 2023 has some major changes to how HOTY will be calculated in 2023. Here is a list of some of these changes but please read it 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 are open so don't forget to put your entry in to be included in this year's tallies.

Squads - We are currently working through the applications for the 2023 Future Squads and the mid-year review of the High Performance Squad. Once the Squads are finalised we will announce the new Squads and members.

2023 Thorough Care SA OTT State Dressage Series — the first competition in the Series was held on 15 January at Southern Vales DC. It was really great to see so many thoroughbreds dancing around a Dressage arena. Congratulations to the winners: there were some very close scores. The next competition is at the Dressage Club of SA. Information about the Series can be found on the Dressage SA webpage. Thank you to Thorough Care SA for supporting this Series for 2023.

See you around the arena,

DSA Committee

OTT Dressage Series 2023

Hosted by DSA & SA Dressage Club's



THOROUGH
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CASH PRIZES

Qualifying Competition Date

Jan 15 – SVDC
March 5 – DCSA
May 28 – MSED
July 9 – AHDC
Sept 10 – CVDC
Oct 28 – MCDC



Photo: Emma Woolman Photography

Open to Off the Track Thoroughbreds

- that have raced or Trialled
- or have been through a yearling sale
- or had a previous active stable return

Entries through each club via Nominate

<https://nominate.com.au/equestdn/Nominate.aspx>

Cash prizes will be awarded at qualifying events to the overall 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners of the combined tests at each level, using rule 3.19.

Please check the conditions of entry for each competition



DRESSAGE
SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Gold Performance Medal Recipients 2022

We had seven combinations awarded with Gold Performance Medals in 2022. Congratulations and well done ladies.

Megan Evans & Heathmont Romance
Preliminary



Karen Horsell & Guizo da Ferrara
FEI Medium & Big Tours



Steph Hann & Golden Delight BHI
Preliminary

Photo credit: Emma Woolman Photography



Lucy Williams & Cover Girl BHI - Novice



Kate Dennis & Fidelus - Preliminary & Novice



Ruth Schneeberger & Miramar Serene - Small tour



Catherine Skinner & Dobria de Jeu - Small tour

Photo credit (Karen, Ruth & Kate): Emma Woolman Photography



HOTY 2022

Results

The 2022 Horse of the Year winners were awarded at the ESA Awards night last Saturday. Congratulations to the winners: it's a fantastic achievement.

2023 HOTY DATES

- ◆ DSA - 7/1 (Para HOTY)
- ◆ DCSA - 14-15/1
- ◆ MCDC - 4/3
- ◆ DCSA - 5/3 (I1, IB & GP)
- ◆ DCSA - 19/3 (Para HOTY)
- ◆ State Champs - 15-16/4
- ◆ MCDC - 20 (Para HOTY)
- ◆ Clare Valley DC (Para & EA only) - 17/6
- ◆ Southern Flinders DC (Para & EA only) - 18/6
- ◆ Australian Youth Champs - 6-9/7 (SIEC)
- ◆ Mid South East DC - 23/7
- ◆ Mid South East DC - Country Champs 23-24/9
- ◆ AHDC Spring Festival— 7-8/10
- ◆ National Championships - 12-15/10 Boneo
- ◆ DCSA - 11-12/11
- ◆ SVDC - 19/11
- ◆ MCDC - 25/11
- ◆ AOR National Championships 1-3/12 (Tamworth)
- ◆ CVDC—10/12 (Para)

Foundation	1st	Megan Evans	HEATHMONT ROMANCE
	2nd	Jessica Allan	SOUND REASON
	3rd	Amelia Stacey	CARIBBEAN BHI
AOR	1st	Alyssa Fox	ROXETTE TD
	2nd	Cherysse Fancsali	TOORADIN PARK HALO
	3rd	Susanne Nelson	BLACK SILHOUETTE
EA	1st	Anne Smith	SHADOWS TOLLINSKI
	2nd	Cheryl Hatswell	PONDEROSA STUD ROYAL LASS
	3rd	Steph Hann	LIGHT MY FIRE BHI
Pony	1st	Sarah Tickner	NILTON DEL PIERRO
	2nd	Phoebe Foulkes	MOUSE DETECTIVE
	3rd	Keeley Menadue	IBNKY XQUISIT
Youth	1st	Olivia Buchanan	WELFINE
	2nd	Keeley Menadue	FREEMANS LODGE ROCKSETTE
	3rd	Micaela Butler	SON OF ODIN
FEI	1st	Ruth Schneeberger	ROXLEIGH FIDELIO
	2nd	Lorraine Wohling	FOREVER ROYAL
	3rd	Karen Horsell	GUIZO DA FERRARIA





FOCUS ON

KAREN HORSELL AND GUIZO DA FERRARIA *South Australia's newest Grand Prix dancing partners.*

Thank you Shelley Arnold for putting together this fabulous Focus On Karen Horsell and Guizo Da Ferrara



*Guizo competing Grand Prix at the Australian Nationals 2022
Photo credit: James Abernethy*

A few years ago, I attended the Adelaide Hills Dressage Club's Spring Championships and watched a very beautiful grey stallion compete at Novice level. At the time, I thought 'Wow, that one has potential! I wonder where he will be in a few years time?'.

As history shows, under the careful guidance of his knowledgeable and sensitive rider, Karen Horsell, 'Guizo' is now performing very successfully at Big Tour level. He is only 11, so they are just at the beginning of their Grand Prix journey.

I was asked by Dressage SA to write a story about this wonderful partnership and I can honestly say that I feel very honoured to do so. I have always loved Guizo and after visiting the Portuguese School of Equestrian Art in Lisbon, Portugal in 2018, I was fascinated by this noble and intelligent Iberian breed, the Lusitano. I met up with Karen recently and learned that she is a very talented artist with an interesting life outside of horses. As often is the case with Dressage riders, there is a lot more to them than meets the eye and this is certainly the case with this remarkably talented lady.

KAREN – A LIFE OF MORE THAN DRESSAGE

Karen was born in Adelaide and with non-horsey parents, started riding at 7 at the Fineview School of Riding run by Sarita Stratton (nee McDonald). It was there that she learnt about good basic horsemanship and her lifelong love of horses began. Her first pony was called 'Grandpa' and she learnt to master the not so gentle art of falling off with that little rascal. Apparently, Karen would enter Showjumping classes with enormous enthusiasm, only to find that Grandpa would refuse to go near the first fence as he believed that jumping at shows was not part of his agenda.

A variety of riding skills were learnt at an early age and by 12, she was eventing her first horse, Blackford Gilmorro (Gilly), a first cross Andalusian. This is where Karen's great interest in the Iberian horse commenced and she believes their impressive stature and great temperaments make them ideal riding horses for many people. Gilly was the



Blackford Gilmorro, 1st X Andalusian, 1988

perfect equine partner to help her to establish confidence in a broad range of disciplines. At the age of 13, Karen met the wonderful Miguel Tavora and started her training journey with him.

This friendship with Miguel lasted for 35 years – he was her mentor in all aspects of riding and they developed a very unique partnership together. Even though he was a Dressage specialist, Miguel encouraged diversity with riding as he felt it was great for both horse and rider and this ethos also reflected his own riding career.

FOCUS ON CON'T—KAREN HORSELL AND GUIZO DA FERRARIA

South Australia's newest Grand Prix dancing partners.

While riding Gilly in eventing and dressage, Karen started University and obtained a Bachelor of Education and Design. She decided that teaching was a great career to combine with horses and after graduation was employed by her old school, Westminster and has been teaching there ever since. “Technically, I have never left school”, she laughs. She was born with a natural talent for art and has followed her gift into many artistic areas. She did portraits to help pay for a Uni education, but her passion is for sculpture. She has done significant works in both bronze casting and ceramic sculpture and has exhibited in Fine Art exhibitions at Westminster.

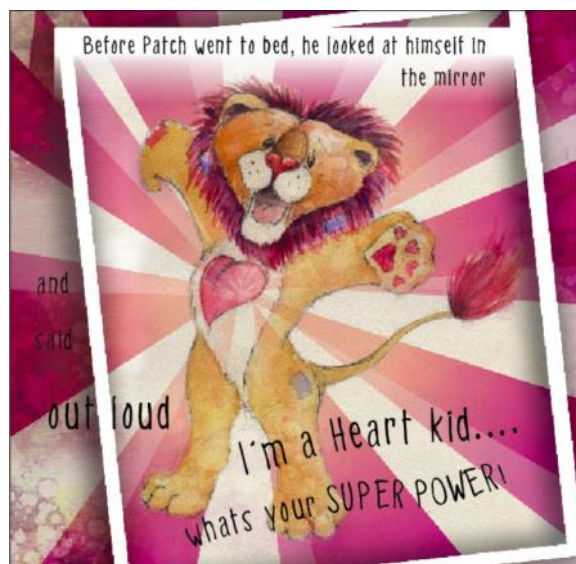


During her university training, Karen also started coaching in the equestrian field, with her main interest, of course, being Dressage. She has a great passion for teaching young people and loves their positivity and forward-thinking attitudes. Her dedication to this aspect of her sport has recently been rewarded with Karen being named EA Coach of the Month for November, 2022. She has a small number of very talented pupils, who are really starting to excel in dressage, but with her very busy schedule, coaching is a relatively small part of her equestrian life.

FAMILY COMES FIRST

Stuart is her very supportive partner who fortunately loves the horses and came seriously on the scene in 2002. They are raising two children together. Their daughter displayed a talent for riding but never continued to pursue this interest. She is now in the middle of Uni studies, and prefers to have a sneaky ride on Guizo when she visits from Melbourne. Their beautiful son Josh was born with a serious congenital heart defect and the family has had a long history of supporting him through six open heart surgeries and many other major heart procedures. Josh is now doing well and Karen believes that this experience with him has taught her many life skills, including pragmatism, optimism

and that ‘just get on with life’ attitude. She also believes that her horses have given her the respite that she needed when life has thrown up its challenges over the years. During these difficult times, Karen formed a foundation called the “Patch the Heart Lion Foundation” and developed a heart lion character to help and support children and families affected by Childhood Heart Disease. Karen illustrated a book - ‘Patch the Brave Heart Lion’ to help young families discuss difference and inclusivity on their heart journey.



After Gilly, Karen experienced the joys of riding a hot and sensitive Thoroughbred before moving to a black Andalusian cross, Koorong Park Alfredo, who also had a quirky personality with its own set of challenges. They reached Small Tour and her FEI

FOCUS ON CON'T—KAREN HORSELL AND GUIZO DA FERRARIA

South Australia's newest Grand Prix dancing partners.



Karen and Koorong Park Alfredo, FEI Small Tour

enthusiasm was starting to blossom. Her next partner was Hudson Kavalier and he really gave her the taste for the serious FEI work. Simultaneously, the idea to buy a purpose-bred Dressage horse, preferably of Iberian breeding, flourished in Karen's mind.



Karen and Hudson Kavalier, home bred FEI stallion

FINDING GUIZO

Miguel and Karen had remained very good friends over the years and as Miguel was writing his own Dressage training book, Karen was the obvious choice to illustrate it for him. She did all the diagrams and illustrations for 'Dressage Principles and Techniques – A Blueprint For The Serious Rider' and the friendship blossomed further over this period. Karen had fallen in love with the Lusitano breed because of their temperament and movement and said to Miguel "I want to import a stallion from Portugal". It is well known that he was virtual royalty in the Portuguese horse scene, so with his many contacts over there, the intrepid travellers set off to visit lots of small studs around the country.

The first time Karen set eyes on Guizo was at the Golega Fair, a large Festival held annually for horses and their enthusiastic followers. It was love at first sight. After being given the thumbs up in the indoor arena, the new partners headed off around the fairground which was packed with people, horses and carriages in an equivalent setting to Sideshow Alley at the Royal Adelaide Show. Did Guizo care? NO! Was Karen enthralled with his temperament, his great initial training and the basic trust he had in his rider? A BIG YES!



Guizo: first ride, Golega Horse Fair, 2015

The deal was done and the 4 year old Guizo arrived safely in Australia in March 2016. After a well earned rest, the pair started training and this progressed smoothly under the intermittent guidance of Miguel.



Karen and Miguel Tavora, second ride at stud

Blessed with a great Grand Prix pedigree, excellent type and a wonderful attitude towards his work, his progress towards Small Tour in 2019 was relatively straight forward.

FOCUS ON CONT'D - KAREN HORSELL AND GUIZO DA FERRARIA

South Australia's newest Grand Prix dancing partners.

Karen describes him as "a lovely person, obliging, very sensitive, an absolute tryer" and she has worked very hard to keep his lightness, self-carriage and sensitivity during his training. They reached Big Tour in 2022 and now Karen wishes to keep improving the partnership and the relationship that



Guizo competing Grand Prix at the Australian Nationals 2022
Photo credit: James Abernethy

they have developed over the years. Karen's wonderfully down to earth attitude towards life is exemplified by her words: "I really like to present the partnership I have with my horse rather than focusing on competition".

Notwithstanding that, they already are consistently scoring well over 60% at Big Tour level with outstanding results at the recent Australian

Dressage Championships in Victoria. This humble attitude that Karen has, makes her a wonderful role model for her younger pupils as she leads the way by example. And who will ever forget their breathtaking performance at Sue Trigg's funeral, both in the arena and in the majestic procession around the beautiful McLaren Park? This event said it all about their partnership - good training, harmony and mutual understanding.



GUIZO THE BREEDING STALLION

Guizo is also a breeding stallion now licensed for the Portuguese Lusitano Stud Book. He is available to a limited number of approved mares by frozen semen only. These horses are very intelligent and talented but need clear boundaries during their training. They are now having great success in International Dressage competitions and are also being used to an increasing degree over Warmblood mares in northern Europe. Karen has a few of his offspring in the wings, but as Grand Prix is their main focus at the moment, she considers her breeding programme to be quite low key.

SOME WORDS OF WISDOM FROM AN EDUCATOR

- ♦ Respect the horse and he will respect you
- ♦ If it ain't broke, don't fix it – this particularly applies to Karen's consistently correct and insightful training programme and loyalty that she has displayed over the years to Westminster School and her coach and mentor, Miguel Tavora
- ♦ Horses don't forget - both good and bad things – in spite of all the interruptions and distractions, forward progress in Guizo's training still occurred
- ♦ Display kindness and firmness with a horse; its welfare is paramount
- ♦ Aggressive or cruel riding can never be tolerated
- ♦ Use a consistent, methodical and logical training programme
- ♦ Always listen to your horse's responses

Thank you, Karen, for our wonderful chat the other day. On behalf of the SA Dressage community, we wish you every success with your gorgeous boy and look forward to watching you both dance your way through your tests for many years to come.

Karen would like to particularly thank her mother for her invaluable and continued support over many years, her partner Stuart Martin for supporting her passion for horses, and to Jo Taylor (Southern Vales Dressage Club Wonder woman) for her unwavering help during a very tricky time when the family was in Melbourne with Josh.

Shelley Arnold



Equine Advancement Summer Dressage Showcase

Words by Marlene Hunt

In early January, Dressage South Australia hosted the EQUINE ADVANCEMENT SUMMER SHOWCASE which was held at the wonderful facilities of CROMWELL PARK. A big thank you to Equine Advancement for coming on board as the Naming Right Sponsor of this event. We know it takes a village to run such an event so thank you to everyone who helped on the day.

We had the most beautiful horses and ponies competing in the Equine Advancement State Young Horse and Pony Classic. This class is a wonderful opportunity for breeders and owners of young horses to showcase the development, training and talent of their future Dressage stars and what a wonderful line up we had.

The Para Equestrian Classes were fantastic with great numbers in the various classes which formed part of their HOTY Series with



Photo: Atkins Photography

We were also treated to fantastic EA and FEI Freestyles. We thank Treadlite for sponsoring our Freestyle classes: they are always a highlight in any program. There is just something about watching beautiful Dressage with great music.

A raffle which we conducted to raise money for an all-purpose access portable toilet to be available at



Photo: Emma Woolman Photography

inspirational tests and fabulous music in the Freestyles.

Along with our own very accomplished South Australian Judges we also were lucky enough to have a YH and Para Judge from Victoria and an A Level and YH Judge from Tasmania.



South Australian Para Competitions went cleverly on line thanks to the Wedd family and it became very successful so thank you to all who bought tickets. It is a basic human right to have a safe and accessible toilet for all riders with a disability. We hope that Para Dressage continues to grow in South Australia and this is one way we can achieve that. Thank you again to all the Judges, volunteers and the riders who made the day such a special one.



Photo: Emma Woolman Photography

Para-Dressage

2023 has started off with a bang for Para Dressage!

Early in January, Dressage SA hosted the Equine Advancement Summer Showcase. Being the first event for Para Dressage in 2023 we are excited to say this was our biggest event to date - six riders over four grades of classification who each pushed to get plenty of PBs from our wonderful Judges.

Congratulations to those riders for being involved with this event. I understand how difficult it can be to get into that arena. You all did so well, and I hope you enjoyed the chance to do your Freestyles in the lovely Cromwell Park Indoor arena.



Para Dressage SA was delighted to have Mr and Mrs Steward from Victoria attend this event. I think I can speak for many that their knowledge on Para Dressage was just fantastic and we all appreciated them making the time to come over to South Australia. Thank you Greg for stewarding on the day and for Veronica in judging Para Dressage, Young Horse and for giving that wealth of knowledge and support to our SA Para Judges as a Judge Educator. Thank you also to those SA Judges for taking time out of your weekend to continue to support and attend the Judges' Para update.

The raffle became very popular and raised \$1,200 dollars to support us in supplying Accessible Toilets to Dressage venues for 2023! Congratulations to Nicole Wagner for winning the amazing prize pool. Thank you also to the Dressage SA Committee for putting this important matter forward and a big

thank you to all the businesses who donated prizes.

I sadly forgot to get a selfie with the Accessible Portaloo this time, but I would like to thank Genna from Thrive Physio Co for supplying the donation for this event accessible Portaloo.

Again, congratulations to the riders, supporters, drivers, Officials and all those who put in to make these events happen.



Key Dates:

11 - 12th February - Equine Pathways Australia Clinic - www.equinepathways.org.au

4th March - Mt Crawford Dressage Club

Intro EA - (EA Levels 1 & 2), EA - (EA Level 3 & 4)

FEI - (Intermediate A & Intermediate B)

9 - 11th March - Dressage Clinic with Sophie Wells - OBE Paralympic, World and European Gold Medallist.

To know more about Para in SA, contact Noella Angel - DSA Para Dressage Representative: noella_angel@outlook.com.au.





Dressage SA Riders' Representative Roles and Responsibilities

EOI close March 3rd 2023

The Riders' Representative is a voluntary position and will be co-opted to the DSA Committee for two years unless they already hold a position on the Committee. If there is more than one applicant, they will be voted in by the ESA members who are Dressage competitors. The Riders' Representative must be an ESA member and be a current Dressage rider.

Key Responsibilities:

- ◆ facilitate a Riders' Forum
- ◆ to act as a focal point for riders to enquire about any aspects of competitions or concerns regarding policies, rules etc. and to provide information and answers for simple enquiries, ensuring compliance with the governance framework including the Dressage Rules, By-Laws, General Regulations, relevant EA and FEI documents, ESA policies and procedures
- ◆ to act on behalf of riders and to communicate riders' concerns in a timely manner to officials and/or the Dressage Committee of SA, Executive Officer or the ESA Board where the matter cannot be resolved as a simple enquiry
- ◆ to ensure riders' confidentiality is maintained at all times to enable riders to express their concerns
- ◆ to treat all riders concerns with empathy and in a respectful and professional manner
- ◆ to note, where a rider has a complaint against another rider the role of the Riders' Representative is to advise on the avenues of complaint available to the rider but not to act on their behalf
- ◆ to advocate for riders and be a conduit to officials and the National Riders' Representative

Key Knowledge, Abilities and Experience:

- ◆ a good working knowledge of the EA Dressage Rules, ESA Constitution, EA and ESA Bylaws, ESA and Dressage SA policies and procedures
- ◆ ability to act impartially and ethically
- ◆ ability to follow up and to ensure issues are resolved appropriately, in a timely manner and within the framework set by the governance documents
- ◆ ability to keep the rider informed of progress and outcome
- ◆ good literacy and communication skills
- ◆ good understanding of the complaints process via Sports Integrity Australia

It is important to note that the role of the Riders' Representative does not prevent any competitor from approaching Officials, Organising Committees, the Dressage Committee of SA, ESA Executive Officer or the ESA Board directly with a concern.

To apply, please provide an expression of interest addressing the Key Knowledge, Abilities and Experience to: dressage@equestriansa.com.au by 3rd March 2023.



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Happy New Year!

SFDC seems to have great luck with our Winter weather ... but it does not seem to extend to Summer! After a rather mild Summer, our Twilight competition in January had to be cancelled due to a 39 degree forecast! Hopefully our February competition has better luck!

So instead, we have a Committee Round Up. Meet our ponies!

Treasurer: Elle Wilson & Koyuna Redwood



Koyuna Redwood, or Maximus as he prefers to be called, is an 11 yo WB gelding by Koyuna Genesis out of Belcam Actress. A Showjumper in his previous life, Max sustained a career ending injury and after being rehabbed by Elle, they are giving Dressage a red hot go! Max loves ear scratches, milk thistles and slow wandering trail rides with lots of snack stops. Elle's aim for 2023 is to have a crack at Novice!

President: Grace Friedrich and DS Spicy Salute



"Hi everyone! My name's Grace and I am excited to be the new President for the Southern Flinders Dressage Club. I have been a member of the Club since 2018, when my journey into Dressage began.

I am currently competing at Novice with my eight year old Warmblood gelding, Roger. His bloodlines include Salute and Cruising and I am grateful to be able to work with such a talented and generous (though often very challenging 😊) horse. I am looking forward to growing our partnership and moving up the levels. I also enjoy a bit of an adrenaline rush by dabbling in Showjumping when I get a chance.

My goals for this year are to solidify ourselves at Novice and maybe give Elementary a crack. I am honored to be a part of the Southern Flinders Dressage Club and look forward to all the events we have planned this year."

Secretary: Ali Kirkman and Redbanks Rivka



Redbanks Rivka is a 6yo WBx by Kinnordy Rilke out of a little black licorice-all-sorts Cob type mare. River's love language is food and being groomed. Being a sensitive soul, River has been brought on very slowly. This paid off in our first season of Prep in 2022 with consistent, calm tests and a few blue ribbons. Hopefully 2023 contains the same success at Prelim and another year of confident and calm tests for us both! River also really enjoys jumping so her rider will need to put on her big girl pants (and back protector) and have a go at Showjumping as well!!!

2023 Event Calendar		SOUTHERN FLINDERS DRESSAGE CLUB	
	<u>Saturday</u> <u>14th Jan</u>	Twilight Unofficial Dressage Closed/Unrestricted	
	<u>Sunday</u> <u>19th Feb</u>	Unofficial Dressage Closed/Unrestricted	
	<u>Sunday</u> <u>19th Mar</u>	Official Dressage Competitor/Participant Show Jumping Round 1	
	<u>Sunday</u> <u>16th Apr</u>	Unofficial Dressage Closed/Unrestricted	
	<u>Sunday</u> <u>21st May</u>	Unofficial Dressage Closed/Unrestricted Show Jumping Round 2	
	<u>Saturday</u> <u>17th Jun</u>	Unofficial Dressage Closed/Unrestricted Winter Dressage Series Round 1	
	<u>Sunday</u> <u>18th Jun</u>	Official Dressage (C/P) AOR / Horse Of The Year Winter Dressage Series Round 1	
	<u>Sunday</u> <u>16th Jul</u>	Unofficial Dressage (C/U) Winter Dressage Series Round 2 Show Jumping Round 3	
	<u>Sunday</u> <u>20th Aug</u>	Official Dressage Competitor/Participant Winter Dressage Series Round 3	
	<u>Saturday</u> <u>16th Sep</u>	Unofficial Dressage Closed/Unrestricted Show Jumping Round 4	
	<u>Sunday</u> <u>15th Oct</u>	Unofficial Dressage Closed/Unrestricted Club Championships	
	<u>Sunday</u> <u>19th Nov</u>	Unofficial Dressage Closed/Unrestricted Awards Presentation	



SOUTHERN VALES DRESSAGE CLUB

Equestrian Park, Aldinga Bay Sports Complex

www.svdc.info

2023 Calendar of Events

FEBRUARY – JULY

NO EVENTS as the Club moves to our New Grounds

ALL Following Calendar Events TBC

SUNDAY 20th AUGUST TBC

Competitive / Participant / Closed Unrestricted

Closing date 7th August

SUNDAY 15th SEPTEMBER TBC

Competitive / Participant / Closed Unrestricted

Closing date 7th September

Open Day 2nd September

SUNDAY 20th OCTOBER

Competitive / Participant / FEI / Closed Unrestricted

Closing date 7th October

Open day 12th October

SUNDAY 19th NOVEMBER

Competitive / Participant / FEI / PARA / AOR / HOTY

Closed Unrestricted

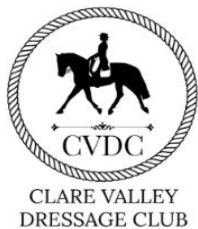
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Open Day 9th November

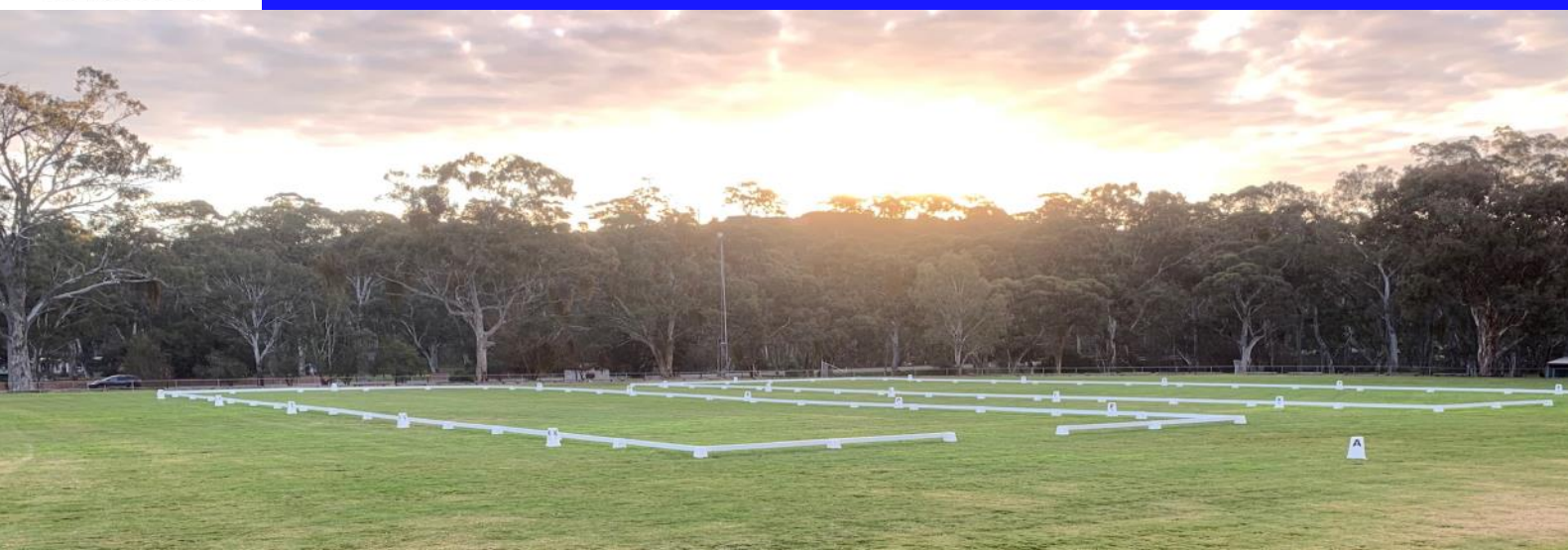
SUNDAY 15th DECEMBER

XMAS PARTY

Closed Unrestricted



CLARE VALLEY DRESSAGE CLUB



Committee for 2022-2023

President: Alex Chapman
Vice President: Joy Salter
Secretary: Jane Wetherall
Treasurer: Pippa Mitton

Committee Members

Mary Alletson
Nicole Berry
Kirra Launer
Brittany Moir
Julie Peterson

Club Calendar 2023

12th Feb: Competitive / Participant / CUR
12th March: CUR
23rd April: CUR
7th May: CUR
17th June: EA Horse of the Year / CUR / Para
9th July: CUR
6th August: Protocol Day
10th September: CUR
12th November: Closed Restricted - CVDC Club Champs and CUR



January / February News - 2023

What a fabulous turn out for our 11th December Christmas Competition, which included our Club Championships, Para Classes, CUR and Freestyle classes. It was fantastic to have our Para riders travel to share the day with us. A myriad of tinsel-festooned horses and riders twinkled across the Showgrounds. A very big thank you to Noella Angel who assisted with the draw, supported her team and stepped in to judge our CUR classes at late notice. Molly Gill and Kirra Launer did a fabulous job judging our CUR and Freestyle tests. A delicious shared lunch was enjoyed by everyone, before riders got themselves ready for the afternoon tests. The competition culminated in presentations, accompanied by wine and cheese platters. A very big thank you to our sponsors Eldredge Wines, Mid North Environmental Services, Projecta, Steve and Kirra Launer, Lowe Farms and Narva. Your support is greatly appreciated and without you these special days would not be as successful.

The 15th of January saw our Club welcome Naomi and Greg Mashford, who kindly judged and pencilled for the day. The weather was fantastic and the grounds rode well. Naomi provided our riders with extremely helpful comments and was very encouraging to our riders. Everyone went home with aspects that they felt happy with and also areas for growth. We look forward to seeing Naomi and Greg back in the future.

Our next comp will be our February 12th Competitive and Participant day. We will be offering classes from Prep to Advanced and are looking forward to another great day of Dressage. Head over to Nominate to get your entries in.

Our Annual High Points Award evening will be held on Friday February the 24th at Eldredge Wines, commencing at 6.30 pm. This promises to be a wonderful evening, recognizing and celebrating the achievements of our Club members and volunteers. Please see the flyer for further details and save the date. We look forward to seeing you there.

Kind regards

Jane Wetherall
Secretary

**How cute is our mascot for
our Christmas comp!**

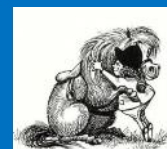


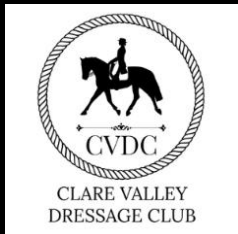
CVDC warmly welcomes all levels of riders. We aim to encourage and support our riders to achieve their goals in a friendly environment.

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/>

Contact: Alex Chapman 0408 728 264 Jane Wetherall 0438 816 712





Club Championships 2022

Preliminary Champion Youth

Cherry Blossom owned and ridden by Indigo Dixon

Preliminary Champion Open

Fords Bomber owned and ridden by Jane Berry

Preliminary Reserve Champion

Broughtonvale Chevrolet owned and ridden by Deborah Scammell

Third Placing

Ben owned and ridden by Aleisha Strugnell

Novice Champion Open

Asham Georgia owned and ridden by Melissa Heerebout

Novice Reserve Champion

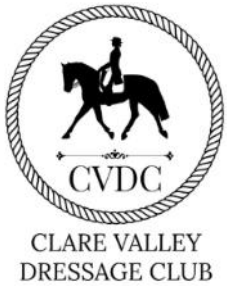
Premium Diesel owned by Jane Wetherall and ridden by Rebecca Cox

Third placing

Riverbelle owned and ridden by Phoebe Seneca

Congratulations
Everyone





FUN AT THE CHRISTMAS COMPETITION AND CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

CVDC Welcomes Noella and the Para SA Teams



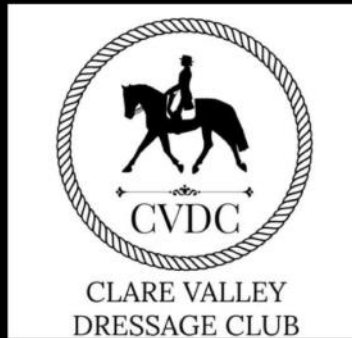
The new Poster Girls for Mid North Environmental Services



A big thanks to Gary Corfield who kindly
donated the use of his Accessibility Toilet
for our Para Riders

Award Evening

Please join us on
Friday the 24th February
at Eldredge Wines 6.30pm
for Dinner followed by the
Presentation of ...



2022 High Point Awards Youth, Pony, Horse

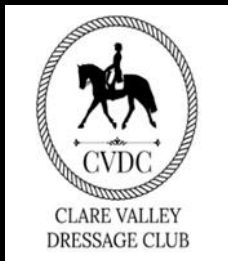
Volunteer of the Year Award



\$25 per adult and \$12
per child includes
continuous German style
Pizzas, garlic bread and
dessert platters.
Wine, beer, soft drink
and juice available.
No BYO



Everyone is welcome,
bookings via Nominate.
To assist with catering
please book by
Wednesday the 22nd of
February. All enquiries
to Jane Wetherall

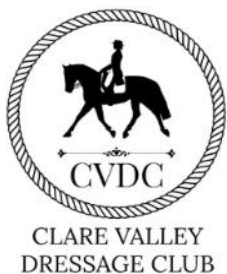


CLARE VALLEY DRESSAGE CLUB CALENDAR 2023



15 th January	Closed Unrestricted Competition
12 th February	Competitive / Participant / CUR Competition
24 th February	Awards Dinner Presentation of Hi Points Award winners for 2022 & Volunteer of the Year
12 th March	Closed Unrestricted Competition
23 rd April	Closed Unrestricted Competition
7 th May	Closed Unrestricted Competition
17 th June	EA HOTY Competitive / Participant / CUR / Para Competition
9 th July	Closed Unrestricted Competition
6 th August	Protocol Day
10 th September	Closed Unrestricted Competition
12 th November	Club Championships: Closed Restricted / CUR
10 th December	Christmas Competition Closed Unrestricted / Para / Freestyle and Pas De Deux

*Show Jumping dates to be confirmed.



CLARE VALLEY DRESSAGE CLUB

2023 CVDC MEMBERSHIP

1st January 2023 - 31st December 2023

Member Benefits:

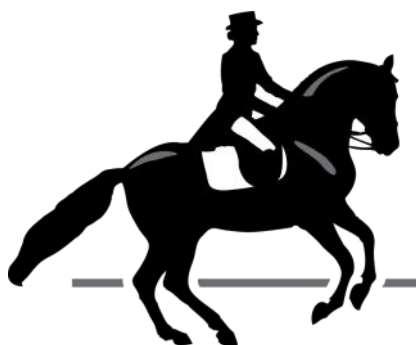
- Discounted competition entries
 - Early Bird access to Clinics
- Free entry into High Point Horse, Pony, and Youth of the Year Competition
- Requirement for entry into CVDC Club Championship 2023
 - Emailed Bimonthly Newsletter

Membership Prices:

- Senior Riding (19 + Years) \$70
- Junior Riding (up to and incl 18 years) \$60
 - Concession Riding \$65
- Family (1 Adult and up to 2 children under 18) \$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



S. A. D. A.



South Australian Dressage Association

Greetings from the South Australian Dressage Association. SADA is the oldest Dressage Club in South Australia and though we have been a little on the quiet side lately we have now sorted out some grounds and are looking forward to a new year full of progress, fun and achievements.

Our membership year runs from January to December with competitions on the first Sunday of every month. We are looking forward to seeing our new grounds at 428 Humphry Rd, Reeves Plains continue to develop as the year progresses. We can be contacted via our Facebook page or by email at sadressage@gmail.com.

Entries to our events can be found on Nominate and close Sunday night, two weeks before each event.

Our Club caters for riders of all ages and abilities. We have monthly led classes, Primary and Secondary school classes and classes for adults in both senior Horse and senior Pony categories. Our members are eligible for the annual High Point Awards and we hold our Club Championships for eligible members in December every year. We will also be holding Competitive classes again in the not too distant future.

2023 Committee: SADA has begun the year with a 14-member strong and enthusiastic Committee, all of whom have taken on roles to ensure the Club runs smoothly.

President – Anne Smith

Vice President – Jan Boyd



Secretary – Julie Williams



Treasurer – Meryl Gibb



Catering managers - Brenda Scarfe (Below Left) and Candice Francis (Below Right)



Awards and High Point – Anita Trenwith (Below Left) and Maddison Hughes (Below Right)



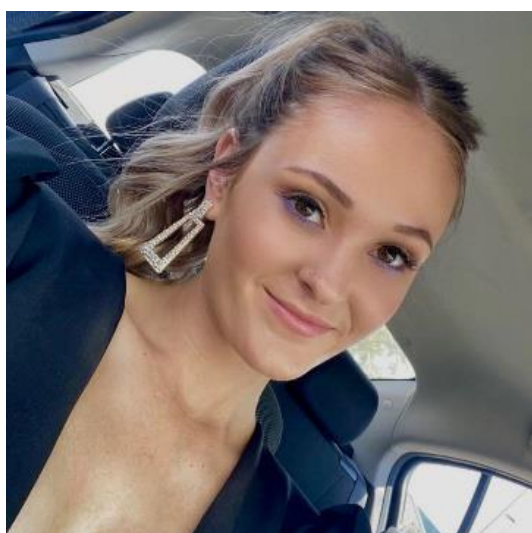
Entry and Draw Secretaries - Julie Williams (photo previous page), Mandy Gevers (Below Left) and Melissa Heerabout (Below Right)



Judging and Penciling Coordinators - Michelle Hall (Below Left) and Kym Feltus (Below Right)



Sponsorship Coordinator – Jenisha Carter



Committee member Gabrielle Star



The South Australian Dressage Association has been waiting patiently for a long time to move to their new grounds and after a few delays it is now full steam ahead. The grounds have already had extensive works completed with Equimesh perimeter fencing, car and float parking areas and the outdoor arena is ready for its debut competition on 5 February this year.

The official opening of the new SADA grounds is scheduled for 2 April 2023 and we hope to see lots of people at this event. We would like to acknowledge the Office of Recreation, Sport and Racing for their support in the funding towards these developments and also to the Kieren family for all the funding and work that is going into the venue.

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SADA Club Championships December 2022 Photos



Club Championship and High Point Winners





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AHDC competitions can now be entered via

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

Happy New Year everyone and best wishes for a healthy and successful year ahead.

The 2022 AGM was held during the lunch break at our December competition and the Committee remains the same, with one new member. We gratefully welcome Sheila Lewis to the team and acknowledge her experience and dedication from past years on the Committee.

Unfortunately the January 8th Competition had to be cancelled due to extremely hot weather. Our Hot Weather Policy is to cancel if the forecast for Strathalbyn is 35 degrees or above on the Friday night on the BOM App. We are keeping our fingers crossed for the February Combined Training Day!!!

AHDC and SSJC have invested \$5,000 each to help pay for the new K Line Pod Irrigation System. The travelling sprinklers previously used were high maintenance, labour intensive and costly to run. One sprinkler broke down over the Christmas break and the part needed was no longer available. Graham Brook (our Groundsman) fixed it temporarily but had to move the sprinklers manually, which is very time consuming.

The total cost of the new system is around \$20,000 so hopefully we will make a substantial profit from the grounds Fundraiser Combined Training Day on 29th January to contribute to the remainder owed. Daish have kindly agreed to help with a payment plan if needed. The system should be all up and running by the time this report goes online.

The Government Grant Application for a new toilet block has been lodged and if successful, we have explored several options. Many thanks to Viv McLean and Rod Angel for the effort they have put into researching these options. More info on that next time.

Happy riding and stay safe.

Wendy Brown

AHDC President

2023 Diary Dates

12 February - Closed Unrestricted / Combined Training / Interschool

Tests: Prep 1, Prep 2, Prelim to Advanced 1s and 2s

12 March - Competitive / Participation / Closed Unrestricted / Interschool

Tests: Prep 1, Prep 2, Prelim to Advanced 2s and 3s

1 April - Protocol / Closed Unrestricted

Tests: Prep 1, Prep 2, Prelim to Advanced 1s and 2s

2 April - Competitive / Participation / Closed Unrestricted / Para (EA and FEI)

Tests: Prep 1, Prep 2, Prelim to Advanced 1s and 2s

7 May - Closed Restricted Club Championships

Tests: TBA

11 June - Competitive / Participation / Closed Unrestricted / FEI / Interschool

Tests: Prep 1, Prep 2, Prelim to Advanced 2s and 3s

9 July - Closed Unrestricted, Thoroughcare SA Series

Tests: Prep 1, Prep 2, Prelim to Advanced 1s and 2s

13 August - Competitive, Participant, Closed Unrestricted, Para Winter Champs Final

Tests: TBA

3 September - Closed Unrestricted, Golden Oldies

Tests: TBA

7 & 8 October - Spring Festival - Competitive, FEI, Young Horse, AOR, Participant, Closed Unrestricted

Tests: TBA

12 November - Closed Unrestricted

Tests: TBA

10 December - Competitive, Participant, Closed Unrestricted

Tests: TBA

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From the Committee

After the festive season we were able to ease back into things with a CUR Competition utilising two arenas and running tests from Preparatory to Medium.

Conditions were perfect, a little warm with a gentle breeze to keep things comfortable. Several riders also took up the opportunity to utilise the practice arena.

As a new Committee we're still settling into our various roles but the day ran smoothly.

The next two months will be busy as we host an Interstate Judge and run an FEI Small Tour and Para Dressage alongside regular Competitive and CUR classes.

February is Dressage @ Dawn with an earlier start time in anticipation of possible hot weather. Entries have already closed for this one and we wish our competitors a smooth preparation and good luck on the day.

March is a HOTY event in addition to Competitive, CUR, Para and FEI so it will be another big day. For these two competitions we will be running the same tests as those for the State Championships to give riders some "match practice".

The State Championships in April will also be held at the Mount Crawford grounds. The event is being organised by DSA, however you are sure to see some familiar faces among those helping out.

We would also like to thank those who have recently stepped down from the Committee for all their years of hard work they put into the Club to make it what it is today.

MCDC Committee

2023 Calendar



21 JAN	Closed Unrestricted (CUR)
11 FEB	DRESSAGE @ DAWN Competitive / CUR / FEI Small Tour Interstate Judge
4 MAR	Competitive / CUR / FEI / HOTY / PARA Interstate Judge
18 MAR	MCDC CLUB WORKING BEE Making the Club Great
15-16 APR	STATE DRESSAGE CHAMPIONSHIPS @MCDC GROUPS ORGANISED BY DSA All EA levels/ FEI / Youth Pony / AOR / Freestyle
29 APR	CUR
20 MAY	CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS FEI Small Tour / Competitive / CUR / PARA
17 JUN	CUR
15 JUL	CUR
23 SEPT	CHARITY DAY CUR
28 OCT	FUN DAY & "COME'N'TRY" Pairs / Prix Caprilli / In-hand / CUR
25 NOV	HOTY Competitive / CUR / PARA / FEI Interstate Judge
9 DEC	CHRISTMAS COMP Competitive & CUR

NOMINATE LiveScore

MCDC continues to use Nominate LiveScore.

The LiveScore dressage system completely removes the need for paper as part of the Dressage scoring process. It engages spectators by showing trending percentages on a movement-by-movement basis, pushed out to spectators' phones.

It is fast - riders get a digital copy of their test as soon as the Judge signs it.

Facilities at MCDC

- Five permanent areas - Treadlite surface.
- Bookable practice area
- Warm up areas
- Permanent lighting
- Bookable undercover and outside yards
- Wi-Fi across the grounds
- Catering at events
- Wash bay
- Toilet facilities



Membership

Membership is now open to join Mt Crawford Dressage Club via Nominate.

MCDC has a long and proud history of supporting and developing the sport of Dressage in South Australia and we would love you to be part of it.

As a member, you will enjoy:

- Discounted competition entry fees
- Electronic scoring with instant results appearing in Nominate
- Eligibility to enter our training days
- Annual Performance Awards
- Voting rights
- A friendly Club environment
- A diverse list of great Judges.

2023 Annual Performance Awards

The Annual Performance Award are back and are open to all members of MCDC. Entry is via Nominate.

Club Merchandise

The Club has an exciting range of Club clothing: Polo Tops, Jackets, Vest etc in Adult and Junior sizings. For orders, please email mcdcdrawsec@gmail.com and our Merchandise Co-ordinator will be in touch.

Dress Code

- **CUR** classes are either formal ie shirt, stock or tie and jacket, or MCDC Club polo shirt.
- **Competitive** classes - dress is of course formal. In the case of hot weather, summer dress will be announced and you may leave your jacket off. To dress correctly is to show respect for the Judge.

MCDC Training Days

Mt Crawford Dressage Club offers **members only** monthly training days. Training Days are with a variety of instructors and cover many aspects of Dressage and horses. From how to create a freestyle test, to pole work, working equitation, groundwork with horses, how to improve your test marks and many others.

The Training Days Sub-Committee can be contacted on the following email address: mcdctrainingdays@gmail.com. Information and Policies regarding the Training Days can be found on the [Policies](#) page.

2022 SA State Dressage Championships

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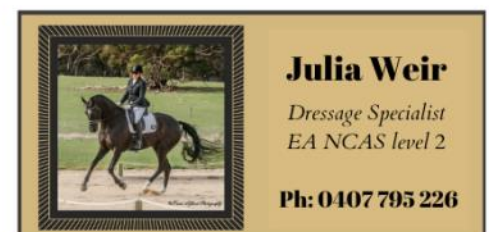
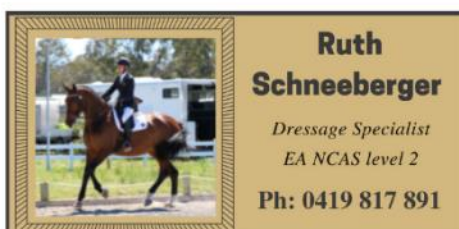
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DRESSAGE CLUB OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

From The President

Greetings Dressage enthusiasts!

The weather gods have not been at all friendly to start off our 2023 show season. January has been so up and down in temperatures that we had to think on our feet to keep things moving along. Once the predicted weather soared to above 38, especially with so many shows being cancelled due to wet weather before Christmas ... our plans were changing daily!

Our two-day January HOTY show became a one-day event and rather than cancel, we were able to reschedule the balance of classes to the 19th March. We moved the Young Horse classes onto the Sunday one-day show for DWTS quallies looming. We were very appreciative that DSA agreed to the reschedule, as well as extending all qualifications for the State Champs to include our March 19th show, with scores pending. Additionally, we will welcome our Para Equestrians to our March 19th show! This has helped everyone give it their best shot to get SA horses up and out there!

A huge shout-out to our Vice President / Draw Secretary Elise, who ducks and weaves: spending hours redesigning draws as the scenario shifts! The March 5th show filled in under 12 hours and we know many riders were not able to gain a ride. We run just the two arenas and have to cap our entries, so in order to try to let our Members know that the shows are going live on Nominate, we will be setting up an alert note for Members to gain quick access. This only applies to non HOTY shows of course, which are not capped.

Thank you as always for the amazing support of our major sponsor: Horseland Adelaide. They have given us a fantastic set of arena markers as part of our Summer Fundraiser Raffle, to be drawn at the end of our Part 2 HOTY show on March 19th. Please find Naomi from our Committee at our shows to purchase tickets or come up to the check-in area!

Our two fabulous photographers, Claudia Kennedy of Airtime Images and Alix Bell from Alixandra Bell Photography & Design, took some beautiful images of the riders. We thank them for attending and the riders for supporting their small businesses.

We keep asking riders to take the time to thank our Sponsors by tagging them on socials or dropping them an email or note – thank you to those of you who have done this. It is very much appreciated - please help us out by doing this as it goes a very long way to make them feel valued!

Please be aware that we have mainly riding Members on our DCSA team and although some of these great people are not officially on the Committee, they all work very hard to bring the shows to the fraternity, so giving them first access to a yard is a very small token of the appreciation for all their hours put in before the shows. This may mean that at some shows, none are available to hire. All of the yards are booked through the Club, so please don't try to negotiate yards or paddocks with Cromwell Park.

Also of great importance is that our insurance is dependent on only competing horses being present on the grounds during our shows.

Please ensure that you are fully aware of all the conditions for attending shows at the beautiful Cromwell Park. They are listed on our website and will be enforced.

With best wishes to all for a successful 2023!

Anne Raymond

President DCSA



ARE YOU A DCSA MEMBER?

The Dressage Club of SA was the first dressage club in SA, having been started by Tom Roberts in the 1950s.

Our passion for dressage has led us to run shows with the horse and rider at the forefront of our focus.

Riders who join by January 31st, 2023, will have Leaderboard points counted for the January 15th 2023 show.

Membership year is from January – December 2023

Membership Fees: \$50 Senior & Youth

JOIN RIGHT HERE <https://www.nominate.com.au/clubs/>

Benefits of DCSA membership:

- Reduced entry fees to events, a saving of up to \$80 over the competition year.
- Members will receive a bulletin when a DCSA show is live on Nominate (new & commencing in February)
- Members will receive preference in order on show waitlists.
- Members will be given preference to book competition day yards.
- Members will receive Leaderboard entry with no fee and an invitation to the top three riders in each category to compete in the Gala Finale Event.
- Preference for members in any offered Protocol Days during the winter season with top level instructors/judges

LEADERBOARD 2023 as at 24TH January



FEI Horse/Pony & Rider		POINTS	OPEN EA Horse & Rider		POINTS
MIRAMAR SERENE	Ruth Schneeberger	70	PONDEROSA STUD FIRST ROYAL	Cheryl Hatswell	67
SHADOWS TOLLINSKI	Anne Smith	68	DIVINE WINDS FORTITUDE	Caitlin Howship	66
PONDEROSA STUD LUCIOUS	Cheryl Hatswell	35			
REGAL WOLKENDANCE	Melissa Boekel	33			

AOR Horse/Pony & Rider		POINTS	EA Pony & Rider		POINTS
DREAMTIME MI	Ryan Fletcher	70	TULLAROI ALL I WANT	Tara Lloyd	70
HEATHMONT ROULETTE	Verity Hayman	70	IBNKY XQUISIT	Keeley Menadue	34
ROXLEIGH FITZWILLIAM	Tiffany Harding	68			
PERFECT DANCER BHI	Lisa Fehrmann	68			
CARIBBEAN BHI	Amelia Stacey	65			
SOUND REASON	Jessica Allan	61			
VERONDINA ARTAYO	Veronica Hannam	29			

YOUTH Horse/Pony & Rider		POINTS	CR Horse/Pony & Rider		POINTS
ARAWN	Sophie Gardiner	70	CARAMELO CABALLERO	Chloe Wedd	70
CRUSADER S	Chloe Wedd	67			

Points will be added for riders who join before midnight January 31st



TINY TOTS TOURNAMENT DATES:

March 5th

September 10th

November 11th

Entries via Nominate

Make sure you keep in touch via our Tiny tots Newsletter and info on our website right here:

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Twilight Champions Gala

3RD DECEMBER 2023 AT CROMWELL PARK

The top three combinations in each Leaderboard section will be invited to compete for the ultimate Champion in the six sections.

To award the final Champions one test will be ridden, with Presentation & Harmony marks added to the final score.

PRIZES!

Beautiful rugs from the major sponsor Horseland Adelaide, \$100 cash from Birdrise Farm Stays, Rosettes and other prizes will be awarded to each Champion!

Leaderboard top score winners for the 2023 will be awarded a rosette in addition to being invited to compete for the category Champion at the event.

MEMBERSHIPS PAID BY JANUARY 31ST 2023 WILL HAVE ALL
TESTS FOR THE 2023 LEADERBOARD SCORING INCLUDED



Mid South East Dressage Club

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AOR
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Champion

AOR
Novice
Champion

Congratulations **NICE GOING!**
GREAT! Way to Go!
Yea! **FELICITATIONS**
CHEERS Take A **BEST**
BOW! **WISHES!**

AOR Champion In Our Midst

In December, Club member Kate Dennis and the love of her life - Fidelius (aka Eddie, Ed), headed off to make their Interstate debut in the big competition arena at the National Equestrian Center in Werribee, Victoria.

A warm-up event held by Dressage Clubs over two days gave them a look at the arenas and a taste of the warm-up traffic and busy stables. Kate said: "Ed loved it and was not fazed by all the fuss and atmosphere." A great start with a win at 77+ % and a placing at 74+ %, with souvenirs to bring home too.

A week spent refining the training and it was back for the big one on the next weekend. Wholla!! It all paid off and it was a very successful weekend, coming away with two seconds at 73+ %s in the Novice. Again there were some notable Rosettes to show off on the trophy shelf at home.

Congratulations Kate - your dedication and attention to detail is paying off.

A Heart Felt Thank You

The Mid South East Dressage Club would like to thank Jen Gilligan, who was the very worthy recipient of the Lindy Wright Memorial Award for service to Dressage in South Australia for 2022. Jen has often traveled to the SE of SA and Regional areas to judge and support Dressage .

Jen very generously donated the \$500 prize money to assist a Dressage rider in the South East Region to further their understanding and skills or to enable them to travel to compete.

The successful applicant will be able to use the funds to assist them with their riding. Some of the ways they could be used are: for lessons (with a qualified trainer), attending competitions, purchasing equipment, joining a Dressage Club or EA, or in any other relevant ways.

Application forms are available on our website and need to be submitted by 31st January. The recipient will be announced at the Lucindale Show Dressage comp in February

"If you listen to your horse with more than your ears you will hear him talking to you."

Happy New Year
Enjoy your riding from the first sit in 2023

MSEDC EQUINE EXTRAVAGANZA

SATURDAY 11 AND SUNDAY 12 MARCH 2023

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The Mid South East Dressage Club is proud to present a weekend designed for all horse enthusiasts throughout the Limestone Coast and beyond

- Specialist Dressage lessons • Poles sessions • Protocol Sessions • Saddle Fitting • Bridle Fitting
- Horse Massage as well as a chance to catch up with old friends, meet new ones and share some laughs

This year we have again secured some fantastic Clinicians to impart their knowledge. Back by popular demand we have **Jason Dins**, **Susan Chandler** and **Lucy Williams** as the Instructors. We are also fortunate to have **Riannon Longney** (Horse Massage), **Courtney Fraser** (Bit fitter), **Nichole Kopp** (Performance Saddlefits), **Lucy Williams** (Poles) and **Susan Chandler** for Protocol sessions.

ENTRIES CLOSE MONDAY 27 FEBRUARY

PLACES WILL ALLOCATED ON RECEIPT OF ENTRY AND PAYMENT

To participate in this MSEDC weekend you will need to be one of the following:

- 1) *A current financial MSEDC member*
- 2) *A current financial HRCAV or EA member*
- 3) *If none of the above - Pay an HRCAV Day Membership for each day of attendance*

To join us for this fabulous weekend of fun and learning, please complete the details below and overleaf before forwarding your payment and booking information to us to secure your spot! Bookings can be made by post or email. Payment can be made by cheque or EFT. All the details are on the booking form. We hope to see you there!

Saturday Dinner & Information Evening - approximately 6.30 pm

You are invited to share in an evening meal to learn, discuss and ask questions. Nichole Kopp from Performance Saddlefitt will be the speaker. BBQ Dinner: the Club will provide meat, people attending to bring either a dessert or salad to share. BYO Drinks.

To become a MSEDC member please join via the Nominate via the link:

<https://www.nominate.com.au/Clubs/RegistrationInformation.aspx?CID=127>

MSEDC EQUINE EXTRAVAGANZA - Our Clinicians

Jason Dins

Jason has been running his business for the last nine years in Central Victoria. This business offers services such as breaking and training of horses of all ages and breeds. As an NCAS Introductory Certified Coach with Equestrian Australia this sees him coaching all levels of riders. He teaches at a number of Pony Clubs and Adult Riding Clubs in the area. Private lessons and training is offered on and off site, so this sees him travelling the Macedon Ranges, Western Victoria and other regional areas on regular occasions. Jason also competes at least one to two weekends a month on either his own or clients' horses, at a variety of levels from Young horse classes, through to FEI level.

Sue Chandler

Sue is a highly sought after EA NCAS Level 2 General Coach, EA NCAS Level 3 Dressage Coach, EA Coach and Judge Educator and an EA NOAS "A" Level Dressage Judge/ Mentor and has successfully competed in many FEI competitions over the years. She enjoys teaching beginners as well as advanced riders and horses, and her simple and friendly coaching style is appreciated by all who attend her lessons.

Lucy Williams

Lucy has 20 Years of Equestrian Coaching experience. Lucy also holds the [IGE Level 3](#) Equestrian Coach's Passport and is an accredited "[Ride With Your Mind](#)" Coach. Lucy assists riders to realise the influence of their position on their horse's way of going.

Having been through the British Horse Society exam system Lucy has a solid foundation of thoughts and beliefs on teaching and coaching. Ongoing training and continuous evaluation of current training methods used by both herself and others build on this foundation. Lucy regularly trains with various coaches and Mary Wanless ([RWYM](#)) in the UK to improve and update her equestrian skills and coaching methods. She believes keeping an open mind is extremely important in the continual development of our abilities.

Lucy has evented to Intermediate level. Her ability to explain and never make the rider feel inadequate but to always build on the positive creates confidence in her riders. Down to earth, fun and encouraging, Lucy likes to create an environment that brings out the best in all her clients, whatever their level.

Riannon Longney (Horse Massage)

Riannon has been riding for as long as she can remember, competing at Pony Club state level in SJ, Eventing and Mounted Games and is now an EA member, enjoying show jumping and some dressage locally.

Riannon is a qualified veterinary nurse with 18 years' experience in a mixed practice. She holds a diploma qualification in Equine Myofunctional Therapy from the NCTM. Riannon completed an animal cold laser accreditation and use the cold laser in her treatments. She also attended a whole Horse Dissection with Sharon May-Davis.

Riannon is now fully self-employed and provides Equine Massage and Laser treatments in the SE of SA and SW Vic to a diverse range of clients in many disciplines.

Courtney Fraser (Bit fitter)

Courtney has collaborated with the Horse Bit Emporium to assist you with your biting needs. For any discipline or any sized mount, Courtney will be able to find a bit that ensures control and comfort for your horse's individual needs.

Courtney Fraser grew up on a cattle and sheep farm in Mansfield, Victoria. Learning to ride around the farm and competing through the local pony club. Courtney continued her passion for horses after finishing VCE and gaining employment at the Victorian Equestrian Centre. It was there Courtney began coaching riders of all levels and continued her own training as a coach, rider and competitor.

In 2011, Courtney travelled to Germany to work at a competition stable where she rode breakers through to Grand Prix horses. After 10 years of working in the equestrian industry, Courtney made the commitment to form her own business training performance horses and coaching pupils as well as providing her bit fitting service.

Nichole Kopp (Performance Saddlefitters)

Nichole is a registered veterinarian currently practicing in the Adelaide Hills and has spent her entire life surrounded by horses. With her background she is passionate about ensuring our equipment suits both horse and rider anatomy so the pair can work comfortably and effectively as a team – optimising horse comfort and welfare.

Her lifelong passion for horses and wealth of knowledge on anatomy and biomechanics has led her to be part of the Performance Saddlefitters team and in June 2022 Nichole made the trip overseas for training and assessment, passing her Society of Master Saddlers flocking exams with ease. She continues to train and mentor with Paula Jeffery and Lyn Prescott, who have both held qualifications with the UK SMS for many years, while working towards completing the next step of her saddle fitting journey, becoming a qualified SMS saddle fitter.

Nichole is dedicated to finding the best saddle fit solutions for you and your horse, bringing you the best of English and European custom made saddles and thereby increasing horse performance, comfort and welfare.

2023 Calendar

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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