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It Pays to Be An HDC Member!

Hawkesbury Dressage has a great program of events and activities occurring in 2016.

Membership of HDC lets you enjoy discounted Competition entry fees, Members-only training days, discounted Clinic fees and automatic entry into the Horse/Pony of The Year competitions

The membership year runs from 1 January to 31 December and membership categories are:

Junior Membership (under 21 years): \$35

Senior Membership: \$45

Family Membership: \$70

You can join or renew membership through Global Entries Online

See the HDC website (<http://hawkesburydressage.com.au/membership>) for full details on how to join or renew membership.

Word From the President

Hi everyone,

Let me start by sending a huge and heartfelt THANK YOU to all the committee members, club members, competitors and judges and volunteers for all the efforts made over our Championships weekend at the end of May. As usual HDC broke the drought on the first day but thankfully not to our usual standard and no classes were held up and the impact was minimal. There are further details of winners and gridders later in this newsletter.

You may have noticed that also back in May we advertised a clinic with Stefano Van Zuiljen at fairly short notice and then just as quickly it was cancelled again! This was just due to a mix up between here and Holland with dates and flights and all sorts of confusions! However, it did give us a chance to do some further research on Stefano and so I headed off to Melbourne to watch his clinic held there. I can now confidently report that all the rumours were true, Stefano is a very knowledgeable trainer with a good manner, no short cuts or tricks, just good solid training that he can impart to riders at ALL levels and is obviously very passionate about. Every single rider and horse improved before our eyes and I even felt my riding had improved when I got home and that was just from watching! Must be one helluva trainer!

We have now started to plan an October clinic and will bring you news of that later. But I am hoping Stefano will end up a popular addition to our increasing repertoire.

The next Big Thing is the inaugural Futurity competition that will be held in conjunction with our usual programme on the 31st July. We are offering HUGE prize money for this but at this stage the entries are a bit light on! The AWA has a show at SIEC on the 30th so you can make a big weekend of it as well as possibly winning \$1000!! We need members to help spread the word far and wide and make this a weekend to remember!

AWA entries can be done via Nominate and HDC's are, as usual now open on Global Entries.

Hope to see you at our next training day out at SIEC on 16th July. This is the day before Sydney Dressage's next comp and so a good chance to get your horses well 'familiarised' before competing with them.

See you soon and Happy Riding,

Sally-Ann Barbera HDC President

HDC Calendar 2016 – Upcoming Events

We would love to see you at these upcoming Competition and Training events in 2016, with the opportunity to win **great cash prizes!!!**

2016 Competitions Still to be Held

31 July: A special event which will feature our 25th Birthday Futurity Classes. There will be **prizes of over \$5,000** on offer*. More details on these Futurity Classes can be found elsewhere in this Newsletter.

Why not combine our HDC Event with the Australian Warmblood Horse Association Gala Day, also held at SIEC, on 30 July.

Classes to be offered at our 31 July Competition are as follows:

Preparatory C (cu)	Preparatory E (cu)
Preliminary 1.2 (oc,cu)	Preliminary 1.3 (oc,cu)
Novice 2.2 (oc,cu)	Novice 2.3 (oc,cu)
Elementary 3.2 (oc)	Elementary 3.3 (oc)
Medium 4.2 (oc)	Medium 4.3 (oc)
Advanced 5.2 (oc)	Advanced 5.3 (oc)
Prix St Georges	Intermediate I
Intermediate A	Intermediate II
Intermediate B	Grand Prix
EA Para Equestrian	

Note that the three Futurity Classes, which cannot be official, will be held separately and **in addition** to the classes listed above.

* Conditions apply

Closing date for this Competition: 11 July at 11:00pm, 2016

12 November : An Open competition which also features the Horseland Young Horse Championship for 4, 5 and 6 Year Olds.

Note that we had to change the original date for this event and 12 November is a **Saturday**.

Closing date for this Competition: 16 October 2016

2016 Training days

Get your horse used to the SIEC arenas at our Members Only Training days. Arena familiarisation, coaching from NCAS accredited coaches, protocol tests and trail rides are just some of the activities that may be on offer at these events

Our remaining Training Days for this year are currently scheduled for:

- Saturday, 16 July
 - *Closing date for this event: 11 July at 11:00pm*
- Saturday, 15 October

Entries for all Training Day activities can be made through Global Entries Online

HDC competition entry fees in 2016.

Member Entry Fee: \$38

Non-Member Entry Fee: \$48

Administration Fee: \$10

All HDC competitions and training days are held at the Sydney International Equestrian Centre, Horsley Park ... a world class venue.

You can enter **all HDC activities** (competitions, training days and clinics) via Global Entries Online. You can register for these at:

www.globalentriesonline.com.au/equestrian_dressage/sign_up

Silver Jubilee Futurity Classes!

Since 2016 is HDC's 25th birthday, what better way to celebrate it than to offer riders the opportunity to win some great cash prizes! There will be three Futurity Classes staged at our 31 July event, so start honing your skills now and join in the competition!

There will be a Futurity class at each of the levels:

- **Novice** (Novice 2.2)
- **Medium** (Medium 4.2)
- **Prix St Georges**

In each of these classes the cash prizes will be:

1st Place: \$1,000

2nd Place: \$500

3rd Place: \$250

Conditions will apply to the running of these classes:

- Horses entered in the class must not have previously competed at the relevant level (Novice, Medium or Prix St Georges) in either official or unofficial classes **prior to 1 October 2015**.
- Due to the entry conditions being applied to the Futurity classes, they must be classified as Restricted, Invitational. As such, horses and ponies will participate in the same class and scores will not be official.
- For a Futurity class to be run, there will have to be a minimum of 10 horses/ponies entered in the class by the event closing date. Refunds may be made up to the closing date but no refunds will be made after the closing date.
- Entry fees for a Futurity Class will be:
 - Members: \$60
 - Non-Members: \$80

- *Closing date for this competition: 11 July at 11:00pm*

HDC Training Day on 14 May

HDC held its second training day for the year on 14 May. We essentially followed the same formula as in our first training day, held in February, which was a very successful event that was enjoyed by all who attended. Again, a range of activities were on offer to HDC Members, including arena familiarisation, protocol tests, coaching and trail rides and over 40 riders participated in these activities. We were also very pleased to have Vicki Newham back to conduct our protocol tests and to have Rachael Downs who again provided her great coaching expertise.

So, rather than commenting further on the event, these photos speak for themselves.



Riders enjoying a lovely crisp May morning

Our HDC President, Sally-Ann Barbera during a coaching session with Rachael





Gotta love that brow band! Jacinta Bell with her horse.

Sharee Nielsen taking advantage of the arena familiarisation opportunity



Rachael coaching Belinda Lane-Weate



Maree Gawley during a coaching session with Rachael

While in another arena, Vicki was providing protocol test advice to Gail Benson on Gracefield Stephan



Helen Lawson during her protocol test



Graham Lever about to enter the arena.....

.....and get valuable feedback from Vicki



Glen Cutler kept the billy boiling, pictured here with Committee Member Jeanan Yasseen who did a great job helping the event to run smoothly.

Glen helps out at so many events, so a big 'Thank you' Glen!

Meet a Committee Member – Lauren James



How long have you been riding and in what equestrian activities? I was born in the country town of Barcaldine in Central Queensland. The small township was surrounded by pastoral properties and horses were always part of the country life. I think that some people are just born with a love of horses and even from an early age my favourite thing was visiting some family friends and riding their stock horses.

My family moved to Canberra when I was 9 years old and ponies were bought for both my sister and me. We used to agist them, not far from where the ACT equestrian events are held these days and spent many enjoyable hours trail riding and engaging in pony club activities.

This phase of my life with horses came to an end when I was around 17 but my love of horses and riding endured.

In 2001, it was a motivational speaker, invited by my then employer, who urged us all to reflect on what our true passions were and to follow them. So my passion for riding was rekindled. Shortly thereafter I bought a thoroughbred gelding, Saab, an absolute gentleman but, as I was to find out, not really suitable for dressage. So I added a chestnut thoroughbred mare to my stable. I took her through to Novice level but it was pretty clear that, with her conformation, we wouldn't go much further. In 2010 I finally found a nicely conformed, willing warmblood gelding, bred in Yass at Cadence Park. He was 4 years old when I bought him and only just broken in.

How long have you been involved with Hawkesbury Dressage Club? What got you involved with our club? I competed at a number of HDC events before actually becoming a member. For several years, there were only two clubs who used to hold their events at SIEC, those being HDC and Illawarra Dressage Association. I really appreciate the SIEC facilities, with all classes being able to be scheduled on sand arenas and a dedicated, large warm-up area, also on sand.

In 2013 I formally joined HDC and volunteered to take on the role of Treasurer on the Committee, as that position had become vacant. From my experiences at HDC events, I already thought highly of the leadership of HDC and, indeed, have since enjoyed working with a very active, dedicated, supportive and cohesive Committee.

In addition to my Treasurer role, I also assist with maintaining the HDC website, which was beautifully created by Verity Muscat and her company, pixeleight.

What does your current role on the Committee entail? At a basic level, the role of the Treasurer is to maintain an accurate account of the financial transactions of the organisation and be responsible for undertaking those transactions. In my past, I undertook the course of study

for a Graduate Diploma in Professional Accounting at the University of Canberra and also worked as an assistant accountant for a couple of years in the Finance Department of the Australian National University preparing financial statements and budgets for several of the University's trading enterprises. I felt that these were skills that I would be able to bring to the HDC Treasurer role.

However, I feel that I have been able to bring more than just a 'book keeping' dimension to the role. I have also provided financial analysis to assist the Committee in its various decisions which have a financial impact. I encouraged HDC to 'move with the times' to ensure that most of our banking transactions are now done on-line rather than the former, all cheque-based approach.

Since 2015, I have also ensured that all of the HDC accounts are hosted in the 'cloud', rather than just on the Treasurer's laptop. This provides many advantages. The accounting application is easy to use, updates are automatic, it makes any handover of the Treasurer role so much simpler and it makes the annual audit of the accounts by a qualified CPA or Chartered Accountant so much easier – the auditor can examine the on-line accounts and the application itself will assist in the identification of any issues. However, a very major benefit of this system is the transparency that it enables. In addition to the detailed year-to-date financial reports which I table at every Committee meeting, all members of the Committee are also given reporting permissions on the cloud application, so any one of them can go on-line and run whatever financial reports they might be interested in.

Have you been involved in any equestrian activities other than riding? I think I have already made the point that horses, riding and dressage in particular really are my passion. As part of that passion I have wanted to do whatever I can to assist riders and their horses to be given the best possible opportunity to showcase the results of all the time, effort and resources they have all put into their sport.

It was in this spirit that I founded Sydney Dressage. As mentioned above, Illawarra Dressage Association (IDA) was one of only two dressage clubs holding their events at SIEC but it became known in 2011 that IDA was in the process of winding up. I persevered through all the bureaucratic 'hoops' to get Sydney Dressage established as an Association so that there would continue to be an opportunity for riders (including me) to continue competing at SIEC. In subsequent discussions with the IDA leadership and Fair Trading, it was ultimately decided that a sensible way forward would be for the now existing Sydney Dressage and IDA to merge. That was done in early 2012, but of course only after a new set of bureaucratic hoops to jump through! Over the course of 2012, Sydney Dressage took off as a resounding success, which continues today.

I have also contributed to the sport of dressage in my capacity as a judge. I started judging in 2009 and am currently a D level (Medium) judge and in the process of upgrading to C level.

What attracted you to dressage? There are probably a few key reasons. Firstly, I have always wanted to be a good rider and I see dressage as being the ultimate way of reaching a state of communication and harmony with a horse. Secondly, I love dancing (I took classical ballet lessons until the age of 13) and in dressage I want to experience the feeling of just 'dancing with my horse'. Thirdly, I'm not keen on jumping (more chances of falling off!).

Which horses are you currently riding? What are you doing with them at the moment? My current dressage horse is Welts Pharaoh, bred at Cadence Park. He is an Australian

Warmblood who incorporates a number of the older bloodlines including Weltmeyer (grandsire), Wunder, Salute and Kilof McOhl (a Danish warmblood imported by Mary Hanna). I bought him when he was a 4 year old and just broken in. I ride him every day, weather permitting, but have not competed him a lot, often due to my Committee work, my judging commitments and any number of other things faced by all riders – weather, injury, etc. When I do get a chance to get him out, I have just started competing Elementary.

What do you concentrate on most with your training? Like all riders I *try* to stay in a good position, with steady hands and to ride my horse straight, supple, round, engaged and in self carriage. Any progress towards this goal is celebrated!

Is there anyone in particular who has inspired you in your equestrian pursuits? I am inspired by any rider who can get their horse truly collected, in self carriage, uphill, taking its weight behind, engaging its hind legs, willing and in harmony with its rider. To me, that is the pinnacle of dressage. I take a keen interest in watching our top riders in Australia but also often watch videos of world class European and other International riders

If you had a piece of advice for dressage riders, what would it be? Well, this advice was passed on to me by a dear friend so I will pass it on here... Number 1. Love your horse and develop a positive relationship with him/her. Number 2. Work to achieve an independent seat. Number 3. Work to achieve a steady, elastic contact. Number 4. Transitions, transitions, transitions.....

Tell us a few non-horsey things about yourself: I have a degree from the University of Canberra in Mandarin and Economics. Whilst in Canberra I had a number of roles including working at the ANU and the Federal Parliamentary Research Service.

Upon coming to Sydney in 1998 I gained computing qualifications and worked on Year 2K projects for IBM. I then went on to acquire web development skills. I have developed several database-driven websites for large companies and some less complex websites for small businesses and organisations.

I actually do have a number of interests in my life other than horses. I am very interested in art and try to find time to do some oil painting of my own. I am also getting more and more into photography. I still regard myself as quite an amateur photographer, but am making an effort to improve my skills, especially in the post-processing area. And, a lot of my time is taken up by the latest additions to our household – Jasper, who is a 1 year old white standard poodle (and very large!) and Clovis (named after the first king of what is now France), a blue standard poodle who is very much a puppy (4 months) and up to all the typical puppy antics!



HDC Championships: 28-29 May

Hawkesbury Dressage Club held its 2016 Championships as a two day event on the 28th and 29th May. At this event 36 classes were on offer to riders, ranging from Preparatory right through to Grand Prix, thus providing an opportunity for every rider to find the competition level that was just right for them.

HDC congratulates all those who won or placed in each of the classes. We especially want to acknowledge and congratulate those riders who achieved Champion or Reserve Champion status at this event. Of course HDC also sincerely thanks all those sponsors who sponsored the various Championship classes, along with Robank & Sydney Equestrian Supplies who provided the reserve champion saddlecloths and Sharon, from Camelot Horse Rugs who did the beautiful embroidery on all of the Championship rugs.



Brett Parbery on PPH Zeppelin in the Grand Prix

Championship Results

<i>Maybelle Farm Equestrian Centre Preliminary Champion:</i> Michelle Baker on Bradgate Park Amadeus
<i>Lucisco Solar Lighting Novice Champion:</i> Riley Alexander on BZ Fortune Cookie
<i>Dressage Bits 'n Pics Elementary Champion:</i> David McKinnon on Woodside Lady Loxley
<i>Always Building Medium Champion:</i> Brett Parbery on MI Sirtainly Sir
<i>The POSH Salon Share Advanced Champion:</i> Linda Foster on Neversfelde Samiro
<i>Imperial Horse Floats FEI Small Tour Champion:</i> Deon Stokes on Don Dancier
<i>Hawkesbury Equine Veterinary Centre FEI Big Tour Champion:</i> Mary Warren on Mindarah Park Raphael
<i>Freemans Lodge Pony Champion:</i> Justin Worthy on Langtree Gallery
<i>Kurrajong Park Equestrian Centre Pony Champion:</i> Justin Worthy on Langtree Opium
<i>Annette Kohen Closed Unrestricted Champion:</i> Karlie Triffitt on Gelosi

The Robanks & Sydney Equestrian Supplies Reserve Champion Results

<i>Preliminary:</i> Dee Vodden on EV Elusive Romance
<i>Novice:</i> Krystyna Pollard on Supreme Ambition
<i>Elementary:</i> Robyn Targa on Furst Fling
<i>Medium:</i> Riley Alexander on Fiderhall
<i>Advanced:</i> Sally Rizzuto on Warloch One
<i>FEI Small Tour:</i> Matthew Dowsley on Don de Sandro
<i>FEI Big Tour:</i> Melinda Hart on Richmond H
<i>Pony (Preliminary/Novice):</i> Justin Worthy on Langtree Opium
<i>Pony (Elementary and above):</i> Sydney Evans on Dara Park Tequila Sunrise

The Championship event ran smoothly even with the last minute decision by SIEC to move our operations from the Mess Hall to the West Tower. Our thanks go to all the riders and judges who supported HDC by coming along to its event. We also thank our Committee members who all played their part in putting the event together; our Event Secretary, Libby Campbell; our draw and scoring team, Karen and Graham Lever; our gear steward, Ben Clear, our official photographer, Kim Talbert; our first-aiders; the Falconers who set up our arenas; and everyone else who contributed. Among those who helped on the day were:

Catherine Beh & Niece	Carolyn Henley	Mark Rodney
Trish Brennan-Wood	Debbie Hennessy	Chris Sherrin
Jacqui Buddin	Kerry Irwin	Cheryl Sing
Penny Callum	Michele Jorna	Lexi Stapleton
Peter Collins	Belinda Lane-Weate	Inger Sutherland
Glen Cutler	Sue Lowe	Fiona Swain
Catherine Dean	Julie Anne McGovern & Friend	Stephanie Taylor
Anita Dore	Georgina Olsen	Karlie Triffitt
Lauren Evendon	Sharon Palmer	Dee Vodden
Carolyn Heads	Krystyna Pollard	Karen Waters
Kylie Hemsley	Janine Rands	Sharon Watt



Riley Alexander, the Lucisco Novice Champion; Karlie Triffett, the Annette Kohen Closed Unrestricted Champion, and Brett Parbery, the Always Building Medium Champion



Michelle Baker, Maybelle Farm Preliminary Champion and Justin Worthy, Pony (Prelim/Novice) Reserve Champion, with Club President, Sally-Ann Barbera



David McKinnon, Dressage Bits 'n Pics Elementary Champion, with Sally-Ann and Club Vice-President, Justin Worthy



Jo Peet accepting Linda Foster's award of The POSH Salon Share Advanced Champion

Editor's Note

Due to pencilling, judging and other activities, the usual HDC photographic team was unable to take many photos at the May Championship event. As a result, I have included some images which Members have kindly uploaded to the HDC Facebook page. I am not sure who to credit for those images, so all I can do is thank those who took them.

In each Newsletter I am including a profile of one of your Committee members so that you can get to know them better. The choice of which member to spotlight is done by a third party pulling a name out of a hat. I trust that over time these Newsletters will profile the entire Committee.

Meet a Sponsor – Lucisco Solar Lighting

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Some equestrian applications include Arenas, Wash Bays, Stables, Shelters, Feed Bins, Day Yards, Tack Areas, Paddocks and Horse Floats to name a few. Other more general applications include Pathways, Gardens, Sheds, Children's play areas, Garages, Mail boxes, Gates & Driveway entrances, Wood sheds, Workshops, Gazebos, Jetties and Camping sites.

The potential locations and uses are endless and it is worth noting that all Lucisco products are backed by Lucisco's reputation and Australian product warranty.

For more information you can visit the Lucisco website at www.lucisco.com.au, e-mail sales@lucisco.com.au or contact James on 0420 498 691.



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Committee Meetings

Committee meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7.00pm at The Richmond Golf Club, Bourke Street, Richmond (right beside the railway station).

If you would like to come along, we would love to see you there!

HDC Thanks its 2016 Sponsors and Supporters

