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HDC Membership Fees Remain Unchanged for 2017

Hawkesbury Dressage has a great program of events and activities occurring in 2017.

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.

STOP PRESS!!!

**Entries for the HDC Championships close 11pm, 7 May!
Be sure to enter for a great day of competition.**

A Word From the President

Well it's been an eventful start to 2017 for Hawkesbury Dressage. Our first competition of the year was cancelled due to pending inclement weather. This is the first time we have done this in all the years I've been on our committee. It's an agonising decision to have to make, knowing that all the hard work and organisation has been done and then comes to nothing. Especially knowing that people are eager to get their horses out and about after the silly season is finally over, and also knowing that for us getting another date approved by both SIEC and DNSW that doesn't clash with the myriad of competitions now being held across the state is not that easy. So it wasn't a decision made lightly by any means. The weather on the actual day wasn't as bad and the arenas at SIEC would most certainly have held up. However, the grounds where parking was allocated would have been a quagmire and we figured most riders wouldn't have been doing much riding anyway as we had the most amazing amount of rain in the lead up to the event. Anyway, it was the right thing to do in this instance and hopefully we won't have to do that again in hurry!

We had our second clinic with the wonderful Stefano Van Zuijlen at the end of January. Luckily only one of those days was extremely hot and a quick reshuffle of lessons saw us escaping the worst of the heat. Once again all riders have been extremely happy with their lessons with one rider remarking that he is 'the best trainer she has ever been to, bar none!' which is great to hear. Stefano is back with us again this month. More details further in this newsletter. If you cannot make it with your horse, do try and come and watch as he really is an inspiring coach.

The start of the year has also been rather eventful for me personally too as just after the Stefano clinic I had a rather unfortunate equine related accident which left me with fairly severe head injuries and a 2 week stay at Westmead hospital. I am now on the road to recovery, and could possibly be back riding before the end of the year, we have to wait and see. I have to say the general horse community have been absolutely wonderful. I was inundated with flowers, from my own lovely committee and many others. I've had lots of visitors and offers of help, phone calls, messages...it's been quite overwhelming and I'm so grateful to everyone for being so kind. A big special thanks to the Hawkesbury committee who kept everything running as smoothly as ever and have been very supportive and understanding as I try and make my way back to normality! We really do have a wonderful community in this sport.

Hope to see you all at our next event. Happy riding everyone

Sally

HDC Calendar 2017 – Upcoming Events

We would love to see you at these upcoming Competition and Training events in 2017, with the opportunity to win **great cash prizes!!!**

2017 Competitions

28 May: The HDC Championship Event: In previous years, the HDC Championships have been held over two days. This year, a new format is being trialled. You can still enjoy a full weekend of equestrian activity but the Saturday (27th) will now be a Training Day while the Championships themselves will be run on the Sunday. See the Training Day schedule below for more details of what is on offer on Saturday.

30 July: Due to the great interest shown last year in the Futurity Classes, these will again be offered at this July competition. There will be **prizes of over \$5,000** to be won! More details on these Futurity Classes can be found elsewhere in this Newsletter.

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

HDC competition entry fees in 2017.

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

2017 Training Days

Get your horse used to the SIEC arenas at our Members Only Training Days. Arena familiarisation, arena “private time” sessions, protocol tests, coaching and trail rides are just some of the activities that may be on offer at these events

Training Days for this year are currently scheduled for:

- **Saturday, 27 May**

This Training Day will be held the day before the HDC Championship event and will not only be a great opportunity to rehearse for your Championship classes but will also be a fun social day.

Tea, coffee and cold water will be provided. A lunch break has been scheduled from 12pm to 12:30pm so bring a picnic lunch and spend some time chatting to your fellow members.

An equine osteopath and vet, Dr Frank Doerges, will also give a very interesting and useful talk on his field of expertise during the lunch break.

- **Saturday, 22 July**

- **Saturday, 14 October**

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

HDC Championships – 28 May, 2017

In recent years the HDC Championships have been held on two days over a weekend. This year a new approach is being adopted, with a Training Day being held on Saturday, 27 May and the Championships themselves being run on Sunday, 28 May.

The Championships will still follow the same format. Two Championship classes will be held at each of the Levels and the combination with the highest overall results in those two classes will be declared the Championship winner of the relevant Level.

The Championship classes will be the two highest classes within a Level (eg. Novice 2.2 and Novice 2.3). However, given the popularity of the Preliminary and Novice tests and to provide riders with the opportunity to ride “entry level” tests, a Preliminary 1.1 class and a Novice 2.1 class will also be offered. These tests will of course be Official but will **not** be taken into account for the purposes of determining Championship results.

The classes on offer at our 28 May, 2017 event are as follows:

Closed Unrestricted

Preparatory C (cu)

Preliminary 1.2 (cu)

Novice 2.2 (cu)

Preparatory D (cu)

Preliminary 1.3 (cu)

Novice 2.3 (cu)

Official Competitive

Preliminary 1.1 (oc)

Preliminary 1.2 (oc, **Champ.**)

Novice 2.2 (oc, **Champ.**)

Elementary 3.2 (oc, **Champ.**)

Medium 4.2 (oc, **Champ.**)

Advanced 5.2 (oc, **Champ.**)

Prix St Georges (oc, **Champ.**)

Intermediate I (oc, **Champ.**)

Intermediate A (oc)

Grand Prix (oc, **Champ.**)

Novice 2.1 (oc)

Preliminary 1.3 (oc, **Champ.**)

Novice 2.3 (oc, **Champ.**)

Elementary 3.3 (oc, **Champ.**)

Medium 4.3 (oc, **Champ.**)

Advanced 5.3 (oc, **Champ.**)

Intermediate II (oc, **Champ.**)

Intermediate B (oc)

Closing date for this Competition: Sunday 7 May, 2017 at 11:00pm

2017 Futurity Classes!

Given the great success of last year's Futurity competition it has been decided to conduct this again in 2017. And once more, riders can win **over \$5,000 in cash prizes!**

There will be three Futurity Classes staged at our 30 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 2016.**
- 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 the Futurity classes to be run, there will have to be a minimum of 50 horses/ponies entered in the overall Futurity competition 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: \$80
Non-Members: \$100

Another Great Stefano van Zuijlen Clinic in May!

The great news is that, by popular acclaim, the Dutch Master Coach, Stefano van Zuijlen, will be returning in May to provide yet another 5 days of expert coaching to riders in our region. Stefano has already conducted clinics in Sydney, sponsored by HDC, in October of last year and January this year, all of which were sold out and with many riders clamouring for more!

Stefano has demonstrated a great ability to zero in on exactly those issues that can most benefit from his coaching. He works with riders until they have grasped the concepts he wants to convey and it is incredible to see the improvement already showing in the horse's way of going over the course of a lesson. It is no wonder that riders who have experienced Stefano's coaching or who have seen the improvement in others have urged us to get Stefano back.

The 5-day clinic will again take place at Heidi Scott's indoor arena at Glenorie and will be held on **16th, 17th, 19th, 20th and 21st of May**. It is open to both HDC members and non-members although of course HDC members get a discount on the clinic fee. The fee per session is also lower for riders, whether members or non-members, who book multiple sessions.

Bookings close at 11pm on 8 May 2017, but based on previous demand, the sooner you book the better as these sessions really do sell out quickly. Bookings can be made through Global Entries Online

Here are some photos from a previous clinic held at Heidi Scott's arena:

Stefano providing expert coaching advice to Cathy Cupit





HDC President, Sally-Ann Barbera during her lesson



A picture of concentration! Stefano really zeros in on those issues that will provide most benefit to the rider.

Camelot Horse Rugs 2016 HOTY Winners



Congratulations to all our 2016 HOTY Winners!!!

Closed Unrestricted HOTY

Thalaba Alchemy

Brett Palasch

Preliminary HOTY

Supreme Horse of the Year

TS Windtanzer

Melissa Lee

*(Rug accepted on Melissa's behalf by
Virginia Russell)*



Novice HOTY

Supreme Ambition

Krystyna Pollard

Elementary HOTY

Furst Fling

Robyn Targa

(Rug accepted on Robyn's behalf by Justin Worthy)



Medium HOTY

Desert Star

Virginia Russell

Advanced HOTY

Mauritius

Wendy Calabro



FEI HOTY

Mr Fantasy

Justin Worthy

*(Rug accepted by the owner, Sheila
Reeve)*



Pony Of The Year

Tristram Miss Muffett

Julie-Anne McGovern

*(Rug accepted on Julie-Anne's behalf
by Justin Worthy)*



Well done all!!!!

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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 2016-17 Sponsors and Supporters

