



DARWIN DRESSAGE CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Notes from our recent meeting

Entry Forms:

Please fill out entry forms correctly - it is wonderful being able to send our entries electronically but please proof read. EG Make sure the test you are entering is clear . We will try to devise a more helpful form.

A good idea is to highlight the class you are entering on the main list of classes offered. Then if you make a mistake in the entry section, Fiona can see what you really mean. Incorrect entries could result in you not being entered.

Apologies:

Apologies for the clashes on Australia Day, we will endeavour to be more streamlined next competition.

Dress:

Dress for official competitions must be adhered to - it is how you show respect for the judge and it is an EFA rule. When the weather is exceedingly unpleasant (hot) an announcement will be made re permission to ride without jackets.

However the rider must present in a shirt with sleeves, a tie or full ratcatcher or stock, gloves, boots, helmet and jods.

Warm Up Areas and Walkways:

We would like to remind you that there are certain areas where you MUST walk your horses. These are the car park, the lanes between stables, the lane between the stables and pony club arena. In warm up areas the pace must be appropriate and safe for yourself and other riders.

Thank You:

Thank you to Fiona and Jackie for organising the Harvey Norman BBQ - no mean feat. Although the sausages BBQ/gas and the bread are supplied by Harvey Norman, the drinks, eskies, cooking equipment, sauces, onions have to be taken down there and set up. AND to finish off it all has to be packed up and cleaned up at the end of the day!

Thanks to all those who helped on the day. It was a great success.

Correction To 2006 NT Dressage Championship Scores:

For those wondering about the whispers heard re our 2006 Championships results.

DDC has changed all Championship results to reflect EFA ruling of % only.

“DDC & NT championships have always been and will stay a competition whereby the scoring system is based on percentages.”

This is due to our small number of competitors at each level. Thus officially PS Loftin and Fay Hatch Champion Novice and Checkmate, Pam Crellin recieved Res Champion in the Medium. New ribbons will be provided for those horses and riders.

DDC 2007 EVENT CALENDAR

Event	Day	Date
Practice Day	Sun	14 th Jan
Aust Day Comp	Fri	26 th Jan
Harvey Norman B-B-Q	Sat	10 th Feb
Orientation Evening	Fri	2 nd Mar
Practice Day	Sat	3 rd Mar
Dressage Under the Stars	Sat / pm	17 th Mar
2 Day Competition(Freestyle)	Sun/Mon	8 th /9 th April
Practice Day	Sun	22 nd April
Practice Day	Sun	6 th May
Freds' Pass Show Comp	Thurs	17 th May
1 Day Competition	Sun	10 th June
NJAS Judge's Clinic	Mon	11 th June
1 Day Competition	Sun	24 th June
3 Day Riding Clinic	Mon/Wed	25 th /27 th Jun
1 Day Competition	Sun	8 th July
Darwin Royal Show Comp	Wed	25 th July
Dressage Championships	Sat/Sun	4 th / 5 th Aug
Freestyle Championships	Sat / pm	1 st Sep
End of Year Awards Night	Sat / pm	TBA

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EFA Membership at DDC events:

Competitors please note that to compete at a Darwin Dressage Club event, you must be a full member of DDC or arrange for Day Membership. There will be no "EFA only" entry.

Membership to DDC for the NT Dressage Championships is compulsory. There will be no Day Membership for this event.

Pony Dressage:

The EFA will allow clubs with low entries in Pony Dressage to have ponies compete in the Open Official classes.

EFA will still recognise Ponies for End of Year EFA placings and awards.

"From this point forward DDC will not be offering separate Pony Official classes, Ponies may enter the Open Official classes. EFA will still recognize Ponies for EOY EFA placing and awards. Though, if in the future DDC numbers for Pony Dressage increase DDC will revisit this policy."

Club T Shirts:

Look out for these at our Orientation Evening and our next Competition in March

Queensland EFA / NT Merger.

This proposal is on the Queensland EFA Website. The meeting in Darwin about our EFA merger with Queensland will be in June. We should (EFA members) attend this. See pages 4 & 5.

Check out : <http://www.efa.com.au/> under Newsletter February

Our Judge for Dressage Under the Stars March 17th 2007

Paula Price

Paula Price and her horse True Seville have been selected on the National 2007 Elite Dressage Squad. Paula has been competing at Grand Prix and Inter 2 for several years. She is a B Level Dressage judge and a Level 3 NCAS Dressage Coach.

As a competitor, her scores rarely drop below 60%.

We look forward to having such a talented rider and trainer come to judge here in the NT.

Entry forms will be out soon. Remember this competition is at the Darwin Showgrounds.



Photo: Sideline Images

Timmy and Ayrial starring on Australia Day



www.sidelineimages.com.au

Visit from Queensland Instructor:

Attached are 2 pages of information / introduction Re: Malcolm Kerridge with whom Jenny Watts has been training prior to coming to the NT.

Jenny is organising a visit in April this year. For more information and bookings, contact Jenny. (see p6) or Email mjkhorses@bigpond.com

FOR SALE:

County Show/Dressage Saddle Brown leather 17" very good condition \$1000

Wintec jumping saddle 16.5" very good condition \$300

Contact: Louise 8988 9835

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FOR SALE:

Bates Maestro Saddle 17" med narrow, brown.

Suit Thoroughbred \$600

Contact: Pam Crellin 8983 2566

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FOR SALE:



Superb Child's Show Pony

Height: 13.3hh **Age:** 9yo **Price:** \$4,000

ARRA WARRA TRUMAN

Reg: APSB & EFA. Welsh C & Arab Derivative. Successfully competed at Pony Club, EFA Dressage, Show Ring and Show Jumping. Truman is a truly delightful and versatile large pony to have around with a sweet and giving nature. Absolute treasure to own, ride and handle. His personality will have you sold immediately. Has taken my daughter from beginner to champion. Currently completing Novice dressage (has accrued EFA Official Pony points) – Elementary on the flat. Consistently scoring over 60% in tests. Recent wins include 2005 NT Open Preliminary Freestyle Dressage Champion, 2006 Darwin Dressage Club Open Preliminary, NT Official Pony Preliminary and NT Novice Pony Dressage Champion, numerous Champion Pony Hack, Champion Junior Rider, Champion District Rider and Hack and so many more that they cannot all be mentioned. Competing at D Grade PC Showjumping but the scope to go further, clears 90cm without hesitation. Has won rider numerous Champion Junior Rider classes. Truman is a dream to catch, shoe and float and is handled and prepared by children. This pony has not yet reached his full potential. Regrettably for sale to approved home only as our 13yr old daughter has sadly outgrown him. Includes rugs.

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