



## **D C Report – August 2015**

**Hi Everyone,**

Hope everyone has entered our dressage day. Our July rally had some super instructors with great lessons for all. I hope you all have gained some helpful coaching and have been able to get out in this wet/cold weather for training.

The dressage day is one of our fundraising events; as such this is a part of the compulsory

Maintenance levy and everyone is required to assist over the course of the event. If you haven't done so, please contact Anna Baker with your duty.

For our competitors please remember on the day to have FUN! A competition can be filled with nerves and anticipation and sometimes it's not always easy to overcome these issues but the main thing is that you are enjoying all that you have learnt, caring for and pre preparing your horse and you're out there having a go at the sport you love! I look forward to seeing you all at our dressage day and, as usual, seeing you support each other which is something that our club is renowned for.

Remember you are an ambassador for your club and try to make it a wonderful experience for everyone from the club and a lovely experience for competitors travelling to, and competing at, our club also.

Good luck everyone and enjoy the day!!

## Jump Clinic

We've had a great response to our jump Clinic with 28 riders taking advantage of the opportunity. The jump clinic is open to all members; our intentions are 2 x 1 hour lesson per rider in Showjumping and Cross Country. Hopefully the weather will play nice for us! Our Instructors for the day are Emily Anker, Sheridan Wilson, & Aude Reubrecht, and in exciting news there may possibly be a brand new jump for us to train over! Times and groups will be published on our facebook page on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup>. The Jump clinic can be considered as a rally if needed, so please bring along your card if you need attendance or grading marked.

## Werribee HT

I hope to see many of you camping out and enjoying the atmosphere at Werribee Horse Trials this year. Seville is on Gear check again this year it is a big job with hundreds of riders going through each day. Once the draw is out Kirsty Wallace has kindly volunteered to co-ordinate the roster for gear check. If you are not competing but will be supporting the riders please let Kirsty know and she will add you to the roster. I would encourage everyone to have a go, you'll always be on with a team to teach you the ropes and it is a fantastic way to get to know SPC members you don't see often. Camping bookings are filling fast so make sure you've got your spot.

## Certificates

At our July rally I had the honour of presenting **Emily Hudak** with her E certificate. Emily is the first SPC member to attain this level, well done Emily!

On August 22<sup>nd</sup> **Darcee McCallum** will be doing her practical test for her C Certificate, a culmination of some intense practice that Darcee has been working on. Good Luck Darcee I'm sure you will do well!

## Interzones

This year the grade 3-4 interzones will be held at Gladysdale over the weekend of September 12 & 13<sup>th</sup>. Entries for the grade 4 has certainly closed, but we are short of grade 3 riders this year, so if your grade 3 and considering please make yourself known. Good luck to all who have qualified.

## Barrel Racing - Nationals

A huge congratulations to Charlie Johnson and Dani Quinsee (Instructor) who have both qualified for the ABHA national finals in Tamworth on the 1<sup>st</sup> of September.

Charlie started riding at 8 at Wandin Riding Academy and was soon a fierce competitor in Eventing - a very English style of sport - however we've all seen Charlie wearing her cowgirl hat around, she is clearly very comfortable in it.

In 2014 Dani Quinsee, then the current Rodeo Queen of Australia, came to teach at WRA. Dani's competitive sport/career choice is Barrel Racing with her horse 'Harley'. Charlie became very interested in this sport and Dani kindly offered to mentor/instruct Charlie in all things Cow girl, especially Barrel Racing. So with much dedication and travelling the country for the sport of Barrel Racing, the points they have scored from each competition through the year, means that Dani and Charlie have now both qualified for the ABHA National Finals in their respective categories: Charlie as a junior and Dani in the open section. So on the 1st of September the girls and their support crew will travel a 28 hour round trip to Tamworth to compete against some of the best barrel racers in Australia. The trip will be broken up so it will take a couple of days each way, to make sure the horses are in top shape and fit to race. It is a weeklong competition with the first day being for exhibitions (practice runs) and then the competition begins.....

I'm sure all at SPC wish Charlie and Dani the best of luck on their road to nationals. Of course this journey will be costly one, so as a fundraiser Charlie will be holding a disco in the SPC clubrooms, I hope you can come along, have a boogie and support the girls!



## **Disco**

**Friday 28th August**

**7.30pm to 9.30pm at SPC Club rooms.**

**All SPC members' welcome and non members under 15 yrs (so bring a friend).**

**\$10 each – music, snack and water provided.**

**NO PASS OUTs**

**DJ Brad the Builder!**

## **Wyena CT**

Wow what a day was had at Wyena Dressage jackpot and combined training. Seville had 10 riders representing us there and what a job they did. Many ribbons were won and many personal achievements made. I was especially chuffed when I received a phone call from a dressage judge after the event complimenting SPC on their brilliant dressage skills and happy demeanour throughout the day. What fantastic work riders! Results are posted on the Wyena PC website and I'm sure you'll agree they are impressive.

## **Out n About**

What a busy month it has been, I'm always so proud to see the Seville colours out n about, showing great sportsmanship and encouraging others. Whilst ribbons are nice I encourage everyone to never lose sight of all that you have achieved on a personal level.



Anna Church & Viewbank Icon Reserve  
Champions at Cockatoo Dressage day

Emily Kay and Taliska Park Toffee  
3<sup>rd</sup> at Woodend HT

Ruby Pittock and Glowing Glory  
3<sup>rd</sup> Overall at Wyena Combined Training

Congratulations to all our riders who have been out and about. Please forward me any pictures and results as I would love to hear how everyone is going and if possible watch you compete. My mobile is 0438 858 353