



Warringah Dressage Association
Newsletter



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Hello Members,

Welcome to another edition of WDA News!

The September Championships saw another successful day conclude with some very worthy winners and gorgeous weather if not a little hot for some. Congratulations to our participants whether winners or not!

The new lunging arena in the Ash Arena with cones to divide between riders and lungers seemed to be a hit with those that require lunging. I thank those that adhered to the rules set down by WDA committee. It is in the interest of safety that it has been initiated with fairly stringent conditions, in order for lunging to remain on our agenda.

The *gear check area* is becoming accepted by most with each passing competition. Some are not particularly pleased with the arrangement, however this functions with far greater proficiency than the old gear check area. New signs will be posted around the road area to alert drivers to an equestrian event (which should be pretty obvious to most). Please walk your horse in hand if you are a little nervous to ride around, or have a friend walk beside you. You may mount before entering the main arena for gear check.

A reminder to all – if you have GEAR CHECKED to ride in the main arena you MUST not have bandages or boots on your horse. Please remove them before entering – this is an EFA ruling!! You may warm up in the Ash Arena with boots or bandages on

REMEMBER the POINT SCORE is now posted on the web for WDA and those eligible must have VOLUNTEERED their time AND have been signed off by a committee member.

If you are unsure of your status please call Nik Bliss 0417264619 (I have the volunteer sign off book). If your name has been placed on the point score it DOES NOT guarantee you have volunteered your time!!

I would once again like to thank our judges who diligently turn up for our events (I'm sure helped by our caterers – P'neenies who keep our judges fed!)

I hope you all utilised the coffee stand on the day complete with yummy sandwiches and tasty morsels to tempt you. They will return for next November competition.

Many thanks to Mellisa Offord for the donation of prizes from John Kohnke. Please endeavour to use the products and we are always happy to receive feedback – so let us know how they went!

Remember to post your entries in EARLY for our November comp.

Happy riding in this lovely Spring weather.

Stay safe and see you in November.

Nik

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WDA would like to thank all of our sponsors for their continued support. Our appreciation goes to;

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- P'Neenies Café Terrey Hills

WDA MEMBERSHIP FOR 2009

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2008 HAS NOW CLOSED

Please check website for 2009 membership renewal forms, our membership year runs from Jan – Dec and you must have renewed your membership by June 30 to be eligible to compete at the members championships.

For membership enquires, please call Lisa Phillips on 0412 092 670

Entry fees for 2008 will be:

Members: Official \$26
Associate \$20
Non Members: Official \$36
Associate \$30

WDA members will be given priority for competition entries, especially when events are over subscribed. In future, tests will be limited to 25 riders. Over subscribed tests will have a reserve list. Riders for reserve lists will be taken in order of receipt of entries. **We would also like to remind our members that NO LATE or PHONE entries will be accepted for any competitions. It is also mandatory that ALL riders pay the \$5 arena fund fee.**

Remaining 2008 Calendar Dates

30th November

REMEMBER

You are required to help out for ½ a day (3 hours) at least once during the year if you wish to be considered for the Rider of the Year or Horse of the Year point scores and other awards presented at the end of season such as Rider-Helper of the year, Non-Rider helper of the year, and the School Master award. This may be split between 2 comps ie; 1½ hours at 2 comps is equal to 3 hours at 1 comp. You can help out by assisting at competitions, pencilling, running, scoring, gear check, erecting arenas etc. or you can help out prior to or after competitions by photocopying etc. **We would ask everyone who assists us on the day of competition to sign the helper's book at the office. Your signature will be counter signed by a committee member.**

WEBSITE

www.warringahdressage.org

Members are invited to submit items for our "Tricks and Tips" page. Your tip may help someone no matter how small.

Members who are instructors can advertise their services on our Instructors page.

NEWSLETTER TO BE EMAILED

From now on our newsletter will be emailed to all members. Hard copies will only be mailed to members that have not provided email addresses. Any member not wishing to receive the Newsletter by email should notify Tinika Bliss on 0417 264 619. Update your email details if you have changed email address or service provider.

TIP OF THE DAY

How do you catch a loose horse?
Make a noise like a carrot....

WARRINGAH DRESSAGE ASSOCIATION

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OFFICIAL/ASSOCIATE DRESSAGE COMPETITION

DPI EVENT HER

SUNDAY: 30th November, 2008

Venue: Main Arena, St Ives, Showground. Mona Vale Rd, St Ives.

Closing Date: October 30th, 2008 (late entries will not be accepted)

Enquiries: 0414 416 362 or 0414 796 405 (before 8pm)

Entries to: WDA, P.O. Box 527, Terrey Hills, 2084

Entry Fees: WDA Financial Members: \$20 associate, \$26 official

Non Members: \$30 associate, \$36 official

Level	Associate Tests	Official Tests
DNSW Prep (2005)	No 1	
Preliminary	1.1	1.3
Novice	2.1	2.3
Elementary	3.1	3.3
Medium	4.1	4.3
Advanced	5.1	5.3

- One entry form per horse please.
- Horses and ponies are able to compete in official classes. They must be registered with the EFA.
- From 1st March, bridle numbers are compulsory in all Official Classes. Bridle numbers are strongly recommended by Dressage NSW for Associate Classes. **WDA prefers bridle numbers be used in all Associate Classes. (See Dressage NSW web site to apply for a bridle numbers).**
- The waiver of liability form (available from the Club's web site), **must be completed and attached** to your entry.
- Incorrect or incomplete entries will be returned.
- Class sizes will be limited. When the class is filled, you will be placed on a reserve list. There is no guarantee of a place. Enter early to avoid disappointment.
- Riders entering Associate classes **must be** either a current financial member of WDA, or have at least Associate EFA membership.
- The event will be run under EFA and WDA rules.
- Two consecutive levels per horse allowed e.g. Novice/Elementary and a **maximum of 3 tests per horse**
- Callers are permitted in all tests.
- Juniors in 2008 are riders born on or after Jan 1st 1991.
- If a horse is graded, it may only compete at its graded level or above, or HC in a lower level. This rule applies to associate and official classes.
- **Grading points must be supplied** even if only competing in Associate tests.
- The draw will be posted on the Club's web site approximately one week before the competition.
- Refunds will not be issued for scratchings received after closing date, unless a doctor or veterinary certificate is supplied.

Check List: Please ensure:

- Waiver has been completed and attached to this entry.
- You are member of the EFA or WDA (compulsory for insurance).
- Horses and Ponies are registered with the EFA and have a current performance card if entering official tests. (Ponies require an official height certificates to obtain a Pony Dressage performance card).
- All the information requested on the entry form has been supplied.
- Bridle number is supplied if competing in official tests.

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Please complete *one form for each horse* you are entering.

Horse's Name	EFA #	Bridle #
	Microchip #	Grading Points
	<input type="checkbox"/> Horse	<input type="checkbox"/> Pony
	Rider's Name	EFA #
Test Details (Maximum of 3 tests per horse two consecutive levels only)	<input type="checkbox"/> Junior	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Senior	
	Test #	Fee payable
	Compulsory Arena Fee (per horse)	\$5.00
TOTAL:		\$

I agree to abide by the conditions of entry, rules and regulations as set down for the conduct of a dressage event.

We are always short of helpers at our competition and appreciate any time that you can give to help us run the day. You will receive a voucher worth \$15 for use when entering future competitions.

- Are you able to assist on the day with pencilling, gear check, running or other yes /no
- Are you a member of Warringah Dressage Association yes/no
- Are you a member of the EFA yes/no

Signature of Rider:Phone number.....Email.....

Address of Rider.....

Name of Owner..... Signature of Owner EFA no.....

Address of Owner

Address of property where horse is kept

PIC (if known).....

Signature of parent/guardian if under 18 years