



# Collected Banter



Warringah Dressage Association  
Newsletter #1 2010: April



## Welcome to Autumn edition of Collected Banter

As the days begin to shorten, Australian horses breathe a collective sigh of relief as the heat abates and the all-too- prevalent Queensland itch from the bugs, heat and humidity wanes. It's the perfect weather for riding, so get out, get some lessons and get geared up for a wonderful season of dressage.

We have also printed the current rules for the Horse of the Year scoring. Please be sure to familiarise yourself as some rules may have changed.

## 2010 Calendar

19th May	Rozzie Ryan clinic, Ingleside. <b>Closes 12th May - entry attached</b>
30th May	Open Official & Assoc. Comp. <b>Closes 30th April - entry attached</b>
19th Sept	Open Official & Assoc. Comp
28th Nov	Open Official & Assoc. Comp

## Keep up to date...

WDA will be running numerous clinics and protocol days in 2010. Watch this space!!

### Would you be interested in a protocol day?

Register your interest by emailing [warringahdressage@yahoo.com.au](mailto:warringahdressage@yahoo.com.au)

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Stay up to date with all the latest club & competition info!

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- Heath Ryan clinic update
- Rozzie Ryan clinic update
- HOTY 2010 - current pointscore & amended rules
- May entry - get in quick!!

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- May comp results
- Clinic updates

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Inset & comp photos courtesy of Horseography



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## President's report

An extremely wet start to 2010 had the committee worried, but thankfully the Club's first competition of the year rolled around and dawned to a beautiful day with a fantastic turnout.

Classes in both Preliminary and Novice were oversubscribed; unfortunately placing some riders on the reserve list (perhaps enter early next time to avoid this!). Traditionally prelim and novice are big classes with less numbers in elementary, but I was pleasantly surprised to note that Elementary was quite well contested. Having been "around" WDA for about 12 years now, it's great to see some familiar faces moving up the levels and proving that hard work and patience really does pay off.

A highlight of our February competition was the Horse of the Year presentation for 2009. Hard work was definitely rewarded as 19 of our members received trophies or rugs, and in some cases both! A heartfelt thank you goes to our sponsors:

- Embroid Me Mona Vale
- Factor Computing
- JMW Advertising Marketing
- J9 Designs
- The Schebesta family
- Terrey Hills Equestrian Saddlery for supplying gifts for all the runners up!

Without these sponsors we would not have been able to present our winners with such fantastic rugs and trophies.

## Secretary's report

Please ensure you get your entries in as early as possible. Prelim and Novice are very popular and can be full before the closing date. We must limit our class sizes to be fair to judges and competitors.

I have had queries regarding scoring when two or more riders have the same percentage. Please refer to the Dressage rules on Dressage NSW website [www.dressagensw.com.au](http://www.dressagensw.com.au) Item 3.18 on page 35 for clarification.

There will be a new grading system introduced effective as of July 1st 2010.

## Treasurer's report

Finances look good, as follows:

Total income	\$6,586.89
Total expenses	\$1,451.70
Total profit	\$5,135.19

I am looking forward to the next competition in May, for which we are working to secure great judges once again. I would like to remind all competitors to ensure they ride as per their draw time or risk being eliminated. Riding to time ensures a smooth competition day and most importantly keeps our judges happy. For the 2010 competition year, the rules have been slightly modified for the Horse of the Year point-score. You will find the amended rules on the following pages. Please familiarise yourself with them and do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Nik Bliss and the previous committee have spent the past few years working hard improving our club and ensuring riders enjoy each WDA event. As a rider and member of the club I cannot thank them enough for all their hard work, as I personally love going to Warringah events and have no problem recommending our club to others.

I look forward to working with the current committee during the year as we strive to fill the large shoes left behind by last year's committee. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or suggestions regarding the club.

See you at the next comp.

Cheers,  
Mel Gough

The new system is based purely on performances:

- Placings will not count for grading
- Preliminary and Novice are once again separate levels
- Horses/ponies are only upgraded once they have gained 30 up-grading points in a higher level than their grading.

Please see Dressage NSW website for full details on how the system will work.

Cheers,  
Jo Gunn

Two very successful clinics have been held during February and March, both making small profits, as did February's competition.

54 riders have paid their annual membership to date.



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## February Comp

Warringah's first competition of the season was a huge success with competitors and judges alike. An atmosphere of calm pervaded St Ives Showground, with most horses remarkably settled and doing consistently obedient tests. The weather was uniformly sublime, tending towards quite warm in the latter half of the day. With jackets optional, riders elected to enjoy the relaxed club atmosphere with many choosing to ride without.

Thanks as always to the volunteers and the judges, who make these days possible. A huge amount of hard work goes in behind the scenes and it is the riders who benefit, with well-run, well organised and enjoyable competition days.

Our next competition is scheduled for 30th May 2010. Lock it in your calendars and enter early- as always, our lower level tests fill very quickly.





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## 10 things I like about Heath...

1. Heath is a hero, he was recovering from a bug/virus he caught whilst travelling back from the US & still turned up to teach us in very warm weather with a very ailing throat. He was so passionate & gave every single rider 110%
2. Heath is POSITIVE in the extreme. Everything he said was encouraging, supportive & made me & my horse feel like super stars, albeit for two days.
3. Heath is so passionate about Australia, Australian's & our horses & believes there is nothing we can't do. This kind of spirit is contagious & makes me so proud to be counted as an Aussie.
4. Heath rode with a helmet. Horses fall, cars backfire, we only have one head & I think Instructors need to not only set an example but they are a very important resource & must keep themselves in plentiful supply (a community service really).
5. Heath answered all our questions & encouraged more. I think I can safely say, as soon as our horse's hooves touched the arena, no one felt intimidated by such an awesome talent as Heath.
6. Heath is strong supporter of a good work ethic. Yes, there are super talented horses & riders out there but nothing beats simple good old fashioned hard work, time & trust. Look at people like Wendy Schaffer & her Pony Club ex-racehorse Sunburst that took her to win team gold at the Atlanta Olympics after a 10 year partnership.
7. Heath was very supportive of local talented Instructors. The kind that get out there & practice what they preach (or have done so in the past).
8. Heath has the most wonderful exercises to help get you & your horse over little sticking points. Things that you & I may not think of ourselves but once we are told it is completely obvious.
9. Heath encourages you to go right to the edge of your limits without pushing you over the edge.
10. Heath wrapped up the lesson by talking to us about what we had just done & what could be next. This was very satisfying as it rounded out the lesson perfectly.

Feedback by Lisa Umlauff

## Heath Ryan returns....

Another sold out show for Heath, who packed the house at his latest clinic held at the picturesque Bliss property in Ingleside. The clinic dawned, bright, clear and sunny, and eager participants dragged their equally eager mounts to experience the benefit of Heath's wisdom.

Heath was uncharacteristically subdued, the victim of a rather nasty dose of the 'flu. However, this did not preclude him from imparting all the enthusiasm and knowledge to his captivated audience and from hopping aboard whenever he felt some additional help was required. Despite his illness, lunchtime morphed into additional riding time and every ounce of energy Heath had was directed towards the lessons.

Participants were many and varied, from ex riding school horses (one notable equine participant who showed a distinct penchant for flying changes after being guided by the experienced Heath), through to those competing advanced and beyond; all went away with a much improved understanding of the feeling Heath was trying to achieve and a positive frame of mind.

Heath is the consummate optimist, with an uncanny ability to see the good in every horse and rider combination in front of him and point it out at high volume and with vehement belief. (See inset- one rider's view of the clinic). Reinvigorated, riders and horses rose to the challenge and produced some transformative work. Distracted horses with flat, 'forehandy' paces were replaced with energetic, focused and softly swinging work. It was a pleasure to witness.

An experience as always and Warringah thanks Heath in choosing to continue with the lessons irrespective of his health. Huge thanks to the organisers of the clinic and we hope to see Heath back later this year.



Apologies readers, the WDA newsletter team neglected to organise a photographer for these clinics, so you'll have to make do with old ones!  
We'll make up for it next time I promise! -Ed

Photo courtesy of Furdography



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## Rozzie Ryan clinic

**Wednesday 24th March 2010**

Firstly, congratulations to Rozzie on her successful campaign at Werribee with Jive. Heath – she got you this time!!

The Rozzie clinic was another successful day with all riders coming away with exercises to continue working on and no doubt feeling inspired to sneak away from families to practise some more!

It was, from my perspective, lovely to hear Rozzie mention that she had seen improvements from the last clinic. She is a very concise coach, who despite her ENORMOUSLY heavy schedule at home – graciously makes the time to visit us on the northern tip of Sydney. I might mention that both Heath and Rozzie have an amazing facility, which is like a whirlwind on pure adrenaline, located at Heatherbrae. It is here you can see the amazing stallions working every day – the amazing Jive (Magic) and Fabio – aka Regardez Moi, as well as the new recruit Fiji R. The arena is a constant hive of activity with the 'girls' working methodically on the new breakers (as well as their own) and Gordon Bishop doing the bravest job of all with enormous patience – starting the babies under saddle. So we drag Rozzie away for the day to coach us on our own 'precious' ponies.

I saw over the day both horses and riders improve – focus – and feel inspired. She has a quiet but determined manner, imparting knowledge that is going to be beneficial, if processed well. From my own perspective – I was completely unaware of anyone watching from the sidelines, so engrossing was the work.

Laura Summerhayes beautiful mare sold to Anke Hawke proved to be one of the more stunning combinations. This pair will be one to watch. Well done for a first event out together.

To Mel, Christine, Cathy, Helen, Anna, Gail, Bec, and Clare I hope you had as much enjoyment as I did and take on board any pertinent words of advice! To Fiona – thanks for coming – despite the last minute glitch.

My sincere thanks to Rozzie and Heath for their time and patience with us at WDA this year. It is an important year for the elite riders and we appreciate the effort required.

I would love to see more spectators – this is the breeding ground for learning for riders, coaches and judges!! All are welcome so don't be shy. My sincere thanks to Jo Gunn for her contribution of lunch items as well as Catherine Dawson for the evil caramel cups. My thanks also to Rebecca Zumbo who despite working, managed to put together a delicious lime tart. It certainly makes my job a little easier knowing I have great support.

The next clinic is not too far away so keep an eye on the WDA website for information and of course we will email all members.

To Anna and Fiona – may your ponies not be informed of any future clinics to ensure places!! No whispering!

Nik Bliss





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## February Comp Helpers List

Amity Bliss	Fiona Balzer	Kelly Hattersley	Phoebe Wilkinson
Amy Tennant (Mary-Ann Tennant)	Gail Fowler	Kerrie Schebesta	Rebecca McDonald
Averil Langtry	Isabella Macnamara (Mandy Jones)	Kitty Jenkins	Rosie Langtry
Caitlen Neale	Jan Moran	Lisa Umlauff	Soo Broster
Catherine Dawe	Janine Warner	Louise Neill	Susan Jenkins
Charlotte Craig	Jill Hawker	Melissa Gough	Susan Wright
Eve Allen	Jo Gunn	Melissa Hall	
		Nicola Gunn	

## Horse of the Year 2010

### Rules for Pointscore

1. Both the owner and the rider(s) of the horse must be financial members of the club at the time of competing.
2. Points will not be awarded retrospectively.
3. Horse of the Year Pointscore runs through the calendar year.
4. To receive points the horse must score over 55% in Prep, Prelim, Novice or Elementary and over 50% in Medium and Advanced
5. Points are awarded as follows: 1st = 6, 2nd = 5, 3rd = 4, 4th = 3, 5th = 2, 6th = 1. This refers to placing amongst members in the test not necessarily the placing in the entire test.
6. Preliminary to Advanced Horse of the Year (Senior), and Horse of the Year Junior.
7. Ponies and horses are not separated for the pointscore.
8. Points are not awarded to horses competing HC.
9. Double points will be awarded on championship day/s.
10. Points will be awarded for each division if the tests are divided.
11. Equal placing will receive equal points.
12. HOTY winners are not eligible to compete for HOTY at the same level in subsequent years.
13. Horse and Rider combination must compete at more than one competition throughout the year.
14. To be eligible for Horse of the Year you must have helped for a minimum of 3hrs throughout the year or made some form of significant contribution to the club (to be agreed upon by member and WDA committee). Please email [warringahdressage@yahoo.com.au](mailto:warringahdressage@yahoo.com.au), to discuss this option.





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## HOTY Current Pointscore

### SENIOR

#### Preparatory

Oliver's Fortune	Eve Allen	6
Warlock	Rozanne Hartley	6
Chequers Bon Cheval	Heather LeProvost	5
She's A Doll	Sandra Barker	5
Bekky	Louise Neill	4
Stanislaus	Elizabeth Lamaro	4
Felix	Alexis Scott	3

#### Preliminary

Rubicon	Dorothea Lungerhausen	10
Stoneridge Justin	Cheryl Miller	8
Cayuse Global Warrior	Rebecca McDonald	6
Hollingrove Fangio	Catherine Cupit	6
Restore	Marisa Whant	5
Soloshel Rocket Man	Kerrie Schebesta	4
Lakini	Alex Schebesta	4
Joska	Jeanette Sims	3
Lantief	Lauren Seeley	3
Double Jay Ice Dancer	Melissa Gough	3
Felix	Alexis Scott	2
Christernee Material Girl	Melissa Hall	1
Frieswood Volcans Pride	Fiona Balzer	1

#### Novice

Principle	Janine Warner	8
Lakini	Alex Schebesta	6
Papal Luck	Kate Rickards	6
Kayem Evangelisto	Michelle Baker	5
Barsham Sunspecks	Joanna Gunn	5
Two Socks Ravel	Susan Wright	4
Soloshel Rocket Man	Kerrie Schebesta	4
Lantief	Lauren Seeley	2
Alkyra Knight	Katherine Barker	1
Wattles Montague	Kerrie Schebesta	1

#### Elementary

Jubilation of Wyuna	Kelly Hattersley	9
Acacia Ridge Romanesque	Lisa LeProvost	7
W.D Marzipan	Helen Zaman	6
Jagermeister	Nicole Newton	6
Two Socks Ravel	Susan Wright	5
Pozieres	Lisa Umlauff	4
Landaluka	Christine Beveridge	3
Alhamabra Castille	Christie Westlake	1
Kayem Evangelisto	Michelle Baker	1

#### Medium

Haybourn Smooth	Lisa Phillips	11
Folly Fields Down Under	Rochelle Evans	6

#### Advanced

HP Fangio	Alex Schebesta	12
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### Points

### JUNIOR

#### Preparatory

Black Magic	Josh Mosse-Robinson	6
Argenta Flurrie	Meg Pocklinton	6
Minty	Isobel Mosse-Robinson	5
JD	Anika Clarke-D'Aprile	5

#### Preliminary

Amaranda Charisma Curley	Caitlen Neale	10
Imperial Millicent	Phoebe Wayne	9
Castlereagh Sirek	Abby Kernaghan	9
Minty	Isobel Mosse-Robinson	6
Funtastic	Sydney Evans	6
Black Magic	Josh Mosse-Robinson	4
Apache Dream	Sarah McVicker	4
JD	Anika Clarke-D'Aprile	3
Argenta Flurrie	Meg Pocklinton	0
River Oak Monarch	Alexandria Jones	0

#### Novice

Wingrove Finale	Isabelle Miller	7
Neversfelde Whisper	Rachel Adam	12
Silverthorn Royal Astra	Molly Marks-Meenan	7
Farleigh Havana	Phoebe Wilkinson	4
Bindi Eye Jasmin	Amy Tennant	8
Alcantara	Bianca Clarke-D'Aprile	2
Gold Crest Trooper	Tess Gunn	6
Elide	Madeline Green	1
River Oak Shabu	Alexandria Jones	3

#### Elementary

Turrimetta Hey Jude	Clare Miller-Bliss	6
Glen Lee Rivoli Eliza	Charlotte Craig	11
River Oak Shabu	Alexandria Jones	4

#### Medium

Arakoola Talisman	Tess Gunn	6
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**WARRINGAH DRESSAGE ASSOCIATION**  
**OFFICIAL AND ASSOCIATE DRESSAGE**  
**COMPETITION**



**SUNDAY, May 30th, 2010.**

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

**Closing Date: Friday April 30th, 2010 (no late entries please)**

**Enquiries:** Jo 0414 416 362

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

Entry Fees: Members: Associate \$25.00 per test, Official \$28.00 (plus \$5 admin fee per horse)

Non Members: Associate \$35.00 per test, Official \$38.00 per test (plus \$5 admin fee per horse)

<b>Level</b>	<b>Test</b>	<b>Test</b>
<b>EFA Prep</b>	No 3 (2006)	
<b>Preliminary</b>	Associate 1B	Official 1C
<b>Novice</b>	Associate 2B	Official 2C
<b>Elementary</b>	Associate 3B	Official 3C
<b>Medium</b>	Associate 4A	Official 4C
<b>Advanced</b>	Associate 5A	Official 5C

- One entry form per horse please. Maximum of two horses per rider and two tests per horse.
- The waiver of liability form (available from WDA web site), must be completed and attached to your entry.
- Riders must be a member of WDA or EA to compete.
- Incorrect or incomplete entries will be returned.
- Class sizes will be limited. Enter early to avoid disappointment.
- The event will be run under EA rules and WDA rules.
- Two consecutive levels per horse allowed e.g. Novice/Elementary.
- Callers are permitted.
- Horses and ponies must be registered with EA and have a current performance card to compete in official classes. Owner and rider must be current members with EA.
- Juniors in 2010 are riders born on or after Jan 1<sup>st</sup> 1993.
- If a horse is graded, it may only compete at its graded level or above, or HC in a lower level. Horses grading points must be supplied.
- 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. The administration fee will not be refunded.

# WARRINGAH DRESSAGE ASSOCIATION

## DRESSAGE COMPETITION



SUNDAY, May 30th, 2010. (Closing date Friday April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010)

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

Rider's Name:			
Address:			
Phone:		EA No:	
E-mail:			
Rider Details:	If Junior : DOB (on or after 1/1/93)	Junior:	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Senior:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Horse's Name:			
Horse Details:	Bridle No:	EA No:	
	Microchip No:	Grading Points:	
Test Details: (Max 2 tests per horse)	Test 1:	Fee Payable:	\$
	Test 2:	Fee Payable:	\$
	Compulsory Admin Fee (per horse):		\$ 5.00
	<b>Total:</b>		\$

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. Helping is **condition of membership**. If you do not fulfill this requirement you will not be eligible for an annual point score award.

- Are you able to assist on the day with penciling, gear check or running? **Yes**  / **No**
- You must be a member of Warringah Dressage or EA to enter this competition.
- Please complete and attach waiver and cheque and supply all the information requested on the entry form.
- I agree to abide by the conditions of entry, rules and regulations as set down for the conduct of a dressage event.

Signature of Rider (or parent/guardian if Junior):			
Email:			
Address of Rider:			
Name of Owner:		EA No:	
Address of Owner:			
Signature of Owner:			



# Warringah Dressage Association

[www.warringahdressage.org](http://www.warringahdressage.org)

Warringah Dressage Association is committed to the pursuit of excellence in dressage. As part of that commitment we are providing our members the opportunity to develop and grow through clinics with some of Australia's best dressage instructors.

*We are proud to offer our members the chance to have a one on one lesson with  
Rozzie Ryan!*

- Date: Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2010
- Cost: \$145 per lesson
- Location: Ingleside
- Duration: 45 minutes

Please get your entries in early to avoid disappointment, places are strictly limited. Throughout the year we will be offering clinics with a number of different instructors, so keep your eye on the WDA website [www.warringahdressage.org](http://www.warringahdressage.org)

Name:		
Address:		
Phone:	EFA No:	
E-mail:		
Clinic Date: Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> May 2010	\$145	Total: \$145
Horse's name:	Horse Age and breed:	
Riding experience:		
Competition/ training level:		
What are you looking to achieve from the clinic? <i>(Please give this some thought as it provides your instructor with a better understanding of what you would like to achieve)</i>		

Please send your completed entry form, EFA waiver & payment to: Tinika Bliss PO Box 1275, Mona Vale NSW 1660. Please make cheques payable to "Warringah Dressage Association" Only complete entries with full payment will be accepted

Entries Close- 12<sup>th</sup> May 2010

*Please note that to be a part of the clinics held by WDA you **must** be a current WDA or EFA member. Clinic entry fees are NON refundable unless a suitable replacement is found. Only one lesson per member per day. Depending on number of entries riders may only be able to have one lesson. Please be advised no videoing or photos to be taken without rider and WDA approval. Please see Nik Bliss on the day.*