

Warringah Dressage Association

Newsletter

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Presidents Report

Our last Members comp ran very smoothly with a sunny day to top it off. Once again – my enormous thanks - to a fantastic committee who are like a well oiled machine.

Congratulations to all our winners – the list is published further on in the Newsletter. Well done to all participants for just having a 'go'.

Thanks to all the volunteers who have been quite diligent - keep up the great work, we really appreciate it. Please ensure you have volunteered to be eligible for Horse of The Year Point score and have been signed off in the Helpers Book – located on comp day at the Front of House. There is a list published in this edition so keep an eye out for YOUR name. If it is not published – you haven't done your hours required!

Our November comp is fast approaching so PLEASE send your entries in ASAP. Don't leave it before it is too late.....

Hopefully we may squeeze in one last clinic for the year – stay tuned and keep checking our Website. They have been very popular throughout the year and are now booking out VERY quickly!!

WDA will be holding our AGM for the end of year – date will be announced shortly. Fresh blood is needed and welcomed – if you want to have a say in the running of your club – please volunteer to help on our friendly committee. There is no job too small.....

Please let us know if you are looking for work or even staff in the horse industry – we can always publish your enquiry on the WDA Website.

Don't forget about our For Sale listing as well. It is a free service!!

Any query you would like answered? New column coming next issue – so send in your enquiries now to blisshom@bigpond.net.au and they will be published in the next WDA Newsletter.

That's about it for now – stay safe and enjoy your 'ponies'.

Cheers!

Nik
(aka Tinika)

Clinics

We are now coming to the end of another busy year at WDA. On top of our competitions, we have been lucky enough to hold 4 clinics, two with Rozzie Ryan and two with Heath Ryan. Both Rozzie and Heath have given inspiring, motivating and extremely educational clinics, with plenty to be learnt by horse, rider and spectators.

We have been very fortunate to have return visits from the Ryans and I am sure all those who participated or watched the clinics will agree when I say that both Rozzie and Heath have an amazing ability to adjust their teaching styles to give advice and tips that work specifically for each horse and rider combination with enthusiasm and care regardless of the training level!

By giving our members access to coaches of this calibre we hope that we can further develop and improve dressage in the area. So make sure you make the most of the WDA clinics by either participating or by being a spectator. Either way there is so much to be learnt from these incredible instructors!

The clinics have been extremely popular, and have been filling up fast. Please make sure that you get your entries in quickly so you don't miss out as places are limited! Don't forget in order to participate in the clinics you must be a member of WDA, so be sure to get your membership renewals/applications in early next year! Applications have closed for 2009.

Keep your eye on the website www.warringahdressage.org and look out for the WDA emails (make sure you keep your contact details up to date) to make sure that you don't miss out!

We look forward to seeing you at the next clinic.

Regards,

Michelle Siroky

Clinics

Heath Ryan Clinic 22nd & 23rd September 2009



Well once again WDA was lucky enough to secure Heath Ryan for another clinic for its members. It was another fabulous two days at Nik Bliss' lovely Ingleside property.

Day One was a beautiful sunny day reaching tops of 30 degrees. Day Two was unfortunately the day of the horrific dust storm Sydney experienced in September. But this didn't deter Heath or the riders and all the horses were impeccably behaved despite the trying conditions.

Heath once again showed his enthusiasm and positive attitude towards all riders and their horses. There were some familiar faces from Heath's previous clinic with WDA, back for more and some new faces of people ready to experience one on one time with Heath. He even sat on a few of the horses this time so he could get a feel of what the riders were feeling, so



he could help them solve any problems they felt they were having.



Heath focused on getting everyone riding with a positive attitude and you can do anything you want to do attitude. He encouraged everyone to get their horses moving forward with an upbeat tempo but still maintaining rhythm. He said in clinics he doesn't want to get everyone working on what they can already do, he likes to push them to their limits so they actually grow and take away something new. He did say there is a fine line to pushing limits and pushing too far, so it is a very fine line he treads! Everyone who was lucky enough to ride at the clinic

thoroughly enjoyed their time with Heath and can't wait for the next one!



Thank you to Michelle Siroky for once again organizing a fantastic clinic that was run with precision. And again poor Michelle didn't get to enjoy the fruits of her labour due to recently having a beautiful brand new Baby boy Emerson.

And another big thanks to our President Nik Bliss for holding the clinic on her picturesque property and being the hostess with the mostess!!

All photos courtesy of Furdography www.furdography.com.au

Regards,

Kari Lyne

Feedback

Here is some feedback from riders who participated in our last clinic...

- *Another lesson with Heath proved to be one of those rare and timely lessons where you are able to make a quantum leap. It is probably more the timing that things were about to change due to the hard work prior but Heath is able to immediately see things with a 'broad brush stroke' and expects willingness and results!! There is nothing like a Heath push to get you MOVING!! Just what I need now and then despite my own expectations (and I am my own worst enemy). Don't expect empathy with Heath – his challenging opinions are food for thought and great for processing, storing away for later consideration. His work ethic is phenomenal, when most would simply fade away. He pushes himself beyond reasonable limits at times - which only spurs me on to try harder – do more – make it happen.*
- *My feedback would be that I've never seen my horse go so well as when Heath rode him. I have attended both Rozzie and Heath's clinic and noticed a difference in their styles. Heath is more the horse trainer and Rozzie the riding instructor. I think you need both to progress and look forward to future clinics*

- *Another 2 very inspiring days. Heath's ability to push combinations through positive reinforcement and demanding accuracy and maximum effort is brilliant. He gets results from horse and rider by making the rider believe in their ability. Watching the lessons over the 2 days it was fantastic to see how his enthusiasm for each combination was maintained from the beginning of the clinic until the last lesson.*
- *I felt Heath was very complementary about my riding skills, feel & timing which certainly boosted my confidence & belief in myself. He was positive & encouraging with regard to Dom and has probably encouraged me to push for that little bit more when training at home on my own. His comments regarding riding being intellectual & reflexive were certainly true and I've taken a few things from him verbally that I can use when I'm coaching others myself. In summary, a great & valuable experience – and I'd certainly go back for more!*
- *Words cannot describe how good my lessons were. The last clinic stimulated me to dig deep and really ride, we've worked hard and a reaping the results. This time even Heath was impressed with our improvement and pushed us to our very best. My horse was soft, and super cooperative and a pleasure to ride. I rode like I've never ridden before. You won't get the smile of my face for weeks! I want more!*
- *Brilliant. Effectively summarised my horse, my riding and my path forward in one passionate burst of enthusiasm. Not afraid to challenge horse and rider without intimidating either. Loved it.*
- *I have never been coached by someone who has so much presence. Heath can instantly assess your capabilities (whether you are aware of them or not) and so passionately pushes you there. He thrives off our common denominator, the love of riding and our pursuit to do it to our best. Heath never stops. He never looks at the clock or sits with his head in his hands, he doesn't tire, he won't take his eyes off you, let alone eat or drink and he'll teach rain, hail or dust storm. He is with you every step of the ride, he has so much heart he will set yours ablaze*
- *After being lucky enough to have a one on one with Heath I feel a renewed enthusiasm for what I now think I can achieve with my horse! He's not a flash well bred horse but he tries his guts out and it was no different in our lesson! Despite the dust, despite the wind, despite the new surroundings, Heath challenged us every minute and I got results I would not have believed possible! We've not done anything like the half step exercise, which gleaned instant results - he felt so collected, powerful and forward! His methods were direct but forgiving, there was no stage where a horse was pressured to perform, he was asked in such a way where it was easy for him to understand what was expected and so was not reprimanded for being confused. The results from that kind of approach speak for themselves!
It was definitely worth swallowing that much dust to get results like that! Now the challenge is going to be trying to replicate that feeling in my own training!*

Competitions

Upcoming competitions

Date	Event
22 nd November	Open Official and Associate Competition

❖ *A reminder that entries for our November Competition close October 23, 2009. Ensure you get a spot on the draw; get your entries in early!*

We now have our first date for 2010!

Date	Event
21 st February	Open Official and Associate Competition - Prep to Advanced

❖ *Entry form for February comp will be available on the website before Christmas!*

Entry forms can be downloaded from the WDA website: www.warringahdressage.org

Members Only Championships Results

Preparatory Junior	Ellie Marks / Billie <i>Champion</i> Taylah Collins / Valley View Spice Girl <i>Reserve Champion</i>
Preparatory Senior	Alexis Scott / Lotus Park Eskimo <i>Champion</i> Soo Broster / Thumbelina <i>Reserve Champion</i>
Preliminary Junior	Phoebe Wilkinson / Farleigh Havana <i>Champion</i> Sydney Evans / Funtastic <i>Reserve Champion</i>
Preliminary Senior	Melissa Gough / Double Jay Ice Dancer <i>Champion</i> Rebecca Mc Donald / Cayuse Global Warrior <i>Reserve Champion</i>
Novice Junior	Tessa Gunn / Gold Crest Trooper <i>Champion</i> Charlotte Craig / Glen Lee Rivoli Eliza <i>Reserve Champion</i>
Novice Senior	Susan Wright / Two Socks Ravel <i>Champion</i> Jan Dampney / San Sebastian <i>Reserve Champion</i>
Elementary Junior	Clare Miller-Bliss / Turimetta Hey Jude <i>Champion</i> Natalie Shultz / Crackers <i>Reserve Champion</i>
Elementary Senior	Soo Broster / Ardis Party Jester <i>Champion</i> Alexis Scott / Lotus Park Chiaroscuro <i>Reserve Champion</i>
Medium Senior	Rachelle Evans / Folly Fields Down Under <i>Champion</i> Emma Cartland / Rossa D'ora <i>Reserve Champion</i>

Point Score

Preparatory Horse of the Year

Joska	J Sims	6
Lotus Park Eskimo	A Scott	11
Thumbelina	S Broster	9
Bekky	L Neill	7
HV Falcon	A Scott	5
Hollywood Doll	D Geraghty	3
Veritas	J Sims	1

Junior Preparatory Horse of the Year

Rhyl Nabila	E Marks	12
Valley View Spice Girl	T Collins	10
Amaranda Charisma		
Curley	C Neale	6
Midnight Mischief	J Ferguson	5
King Charles 1	K England	3

Preliminary Horse of the Year

Cayuse Global Warrior	R McDonald	10
Double Jay Ice Dancer	M Gough	11
Lyle	S Jenkins	9
Belrose Harvey	S Baker	6
Brandaroo	D McVicker	2
Smudge	R Zumbo	2
Christernee Material Girl	M Hall	2
Kastanie Sansibar	A Coates	3
Anniversary Dance	K Lyne	4
Soloshel Rocketman	K Schebesta	6
Barsham Sunspecks	J Gunn	1
Two Socks Ravel	S Wright	2

Junior Preliminary Horse of the Year

Farleigh Havana	P Wilkinson	16
Funtastic	S Evans	14
Harold	T Picello	6
Amaranda Charisma Curley	C Neale	10
Chasing Gold	E French	3
Ardis Tomahawk	T Broster	7
Skylord	M Dery	6
Melanie	M Marks-Meenan	7
River Oak Shabu	A Jones	2
Princess	A Jones	1

Novice Horse of the Year

Lakini	A Schbesta	6
Two Socks Ravel	S Wright	18
Wattles Montague	K Schebesta	9
Barsham Sunspecks	J Gunn	3
Kastanie Sansibar	A Coates	6
San Sebastian	J Dampney	5
Henry's Dream	L Barnes	5
Verishanti	R Smith	3
SoloShel Rocketman	K Schebesta	2
Lotus Park Chiaroscuro	A Scott	4

Junior Novice Horse of the Year

Sandhills Maxfli	E Hawker	6
Goldcrest Trooper	T Gunn	17
Arctic Moon	J Evans	7
Ardis Tomahawk	T Broster	4
King Lodge Prince of Thieves	S Baker	4
Glen Lee Rivoli Eliza	C Craig	14
Arakoola Talisman	T Gunn	6
Eaglewood Celebrity	I Macnamara	8
River Oak Shabu	A Jones	6
Valentinos Embrace	S O'Connor	6
Crackers	N Schultz	4
Rhyl Nabila	T Gunn	6
Currowan Shahri	S Tripp	3

Elementary Horse of the Year

Ardis Party Jester	S Broster	13
Lotus Park Chiaroscuro	A Scott	13
Pozieres	L Umlauff	8
Sterling Silver	L Summerhayes	11
HV Ballando	A Hawke	3
Magic Carpet Ride	C Dawson	2
Caroon Xtreme	B Soans	1
Grand Manitou	S Broster	3

Junior Elementary Horse of the Year

Turimetta Hey Jude	Clare Miller-Bliss	23
Crackers	N Schultz	5
Rhyl Nabila	T Gunn	10
Glen Lee Rivoli Eliza	C Craig	4

Medium Horse of the Year

Folly Fields Down Under	R Evans	23
Grand Manitou	S Broster	12
Rossa D'ora	E Cartland	8
Rosedale		
Armani	S Loane	14
Magic Carpet Ride	C Dawson	1

Advanced Horse of the Year

HP Fangio	A Schebesta	12
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Reminder: Only Members who have helped out through the year are eligible for Point score for HOTY!

See chart below: if your name isn't on the list you still need to help out to be eligible. November competition is your last chance!

**WDA HELPERS
LIST 2009**

Name	Feb	June Task	Sept Task	Nov
Alexandria Jones	cancelled	runner	runner gear check	
Alex Schebesta				
Amity Bliss		penciller		
Andrew Gunn		scorer	scorer	
Anna Wright			penciller	
Averil Langtry		foh / penciller	foh	
Becky Soans		gear check		
Caroline Craig			penciller	
Catherine Dawes		foh	foh	
Cheryl Miller			penciller	
Christine Dery			penciller	
Craig Neale			penciller	
Daisy Allen			runner	
Diane Saunders		gear check		
Di Geraghty		penciller		
Ellie Marks			runner	
Helen Diacano		penciller		
Jeanette Sims		gear check	gear check	
Jeff Bliss		scorer helper		
Jill Hawker			penciller	
Jo Gunn		foh	foh	
Jordan Evans		penciller/runner		
Kate Fawcett		penciller		
Kirsteen Dixon			penciller	
Kitty Jenkins		penciller	runner	
Lisa Umlauff			penciller	
Louise Barnes			gear check gear check	
Lyndall Marks				
Michelle Siroky		penciller		
N.Shultz		penciller		
Nanny Joan		scorer helper	scorer help	
Nik Bliss		foh/gear check	foh	
Pip Lind		penciller		
Rebecca McDonald			penciller	
Rosie Langtry		penciller		
Stephanie O'Connor		penciller		
Sue Geenwood		gear check		
Susan Jenkins		penciller/runner		
Susan Wright		gear check		
Taylah Collins			runner	
Victoria Blake		penciller	penciller	
Helen Zaman		gear check		

What's New?

Name the WDA newsletter

We have had a few entries to the Newsletter Naming competition but we would like some more! So we are going to hold it open until after the November competition. So please give it some thought and send some ideas in. The winning entry will receive a \$50 gift voucher to Horseland Terrey Hills. Send your ideas to Kari@h-t.com.au

Volunteers

Volunteers are an integral part of the club. In fact all of our WDA committee members are volunteers and give up much of their own time to organize competitions and clinics for all WDA members to participate in. However, as with any community it is imperative that all members do their part and also offer a couple hours each year to help with the running of events.

It is important for you to understand that this is a really important function that we need your help with as competitions cannot continue to be run by the same people each time. So if you enjoy the WDA competitions please come and volunteer!

There are many ways in which you and your family can help (mums, dads, brothers, sisters, other family and friends!... with each competition we need volunteers for:

- Pencilling
- Collecting test papers
- Gear checks

Benefits

- Satisfying your WDA commitments to enter End of Year Championships
- Meet other riders and people with similar interests
- Helping out your club so that we can continue to run these competitions

Reminders

WDA Website

Make sure you check the WDA website regularly for updates to competitions, clinics, point score and some of your newer sections 'For Sale', 'Photos' and riding 'Tips'. If you would like to advertise something in 'For Sale' or add some of your own riding 'Tips' please send the details to blisshom@bigpond.net.au

