



Halt & Salute



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HACKING CLUB



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Fee -\$5. Annual – Adult \$25 Family \$35
Junior 16 and Under - \$15



Bits 'n' Pieces

- Welcome to the new year! Things are off and running already this year with our Australia Day comp going ahead on the 25th January. There was a great Aussie BBQ lunch, provided by the club with help from Alison and Bill Archinal who donated their fantastic meat, to help celebrate all things Australian! It was a lovely fun day, lots cooler than the preceding week thank goodness. There were great costumes and we all had a fun, relaxed day. Results included in this newsletter.
- Hazels Freestyle clinic the day before had to be postponed and will now be held on May 23rd. This will give those interested more time to get their stuff together and take the best advantage of this offer. Hazel has spent her whole life with horses is verging on FEI level competition and loves her freestyles and performing with her horse in long reins. Call Hazel to get something started! PH: 65513633 We also will be offering normal lessons with Ross Green and Belinda Bailey on this day if enough interest is shown. Ross is an EFA Level one instructor, B level judge and successfully competes at FEI level. Belinda is an EFA level 2 instructor, EFA coach educator/assessor and specializes in eventing. This will mean lessons going on in all three arenas and should be a good day to get together with no competition stress. Look out for a booking form on the website.
- If you or a friend or family member can help with penciling, scoring, collecting tests etc, please give Linda Pike or Carol Meany a call. Thankyou to all those who helped out last year, too many to list and don't want to miss anyone, you are STARS!
- The DPI has announced we no longer need to register events with them but we still need to collect record of attendance forms (bugger!) Please try not to forget these when coming to our comps. (form available on website)
- The Pauline Elliot Memorial Day in December was a great success. 70 horses entered, 5 arenas running and over \$300.00 raised for the Cancer Council! A special thanks to those who found it in their heart to donate extra money with their entry. Not heaps of these, the reason behind adding the \$1 to each test entered! Results included in this newsletter.
- Our Christmas party and trophy presentation went well. All who came had a fab time and the trophies were really nice. A lovely cake of dressage horse in arena was organized by Nicole Stubbs and Tracy Davis, Tracy also organized the salads and venue (which was great, the kids had a ball!), Linda Pike organized meat and trophies, Carol Meany organized all the lovely Christmas gifts for the kids and the lucky door prizes. Great job girls. Thanks to Spirit Lodge for the lovely participation medals for every junior that rode at a competition throughout the year. Congrats to those who received trophies, your support of our comps and your hard work with your horses paid off. Good luck to you all for this year. The more comps you come to, the more chance of points toward trophies!
- The trophy winners are listed in this newsletter and if your name is there and you weren't there to receive your trophy they can be picked up from Manning Valley Saddlery, including the Red Book Preliminary Champion and Reserve which were not announced on the night
- The EFA has advised that the new rules for ponies will apply from 1.1.09 which means if you are applying for a pony dressage card you no longer have to provide a height certificate. If your pony is close to the limit, though, they advise it could still be a good idea to get one in case you are challenged on height at a competition.
- The club is finally going to get around to living up to the "Hacking" in our title and will be holding a hack show later in the year, probably in September as a warm up for you all for Taree show. We will endeavour to hold Hack shows again if the response to this one is good. We intend to run an open ring and a beginner ring for those

members who have never really done any showing. We hope you will all get in and support this show as if not it will be the last!

- Thankyou all those who have sent back your membership renewals and taken advantage of the early bird special. This will be the last paper newsletter sent out unless you ticked the box. Thanks to those accessing it from the website.
This will save the club money and the weary committee from hours of photocopying and folding and stickering.
Good Luck in 2009!

N.B If you have downloaded the MI from our website, we found a mistake in it so the correction has been made and you will need to download it again or look it up and make the correction on your copy. SORRY for the hassle!



Rider Profile: This issue we have Karen Welch, our trusty website co-ordinator. Karen lives in Wingham and works in Woollies , Taree.

1. When did you start riding?

At 27, when we moved to Wootton from the city. I still had 10 weeks to go with my third child. Enlisted the neighbours daughter to ride a young 2yr old filly from Mt George. A Childhood dream come true!

2. Your first/favourite horse?

A buckskin filly called princess but my favourite is Willow.

3. What was your first competition?

A dressage comp - Taree championships of all things!

4. Your most memorable experience?

Winning my first Hunter Under Saddle class on a home-bred gelding and beating a few seasoned riders at a western show.

5. The best advice anyone has ever given you?

Breath.

6. Did you come from a family with a horsey background?

No horses were definitely not in my family except the pit ponies when Dad worked in the coal mines in England.

7. Your best buy ever?

\$130.00 pony for my first horse and then buying Connie from Melbourne with Coralies help.

8. The handiest item in your tack-room?

ME - I do everything.

9. The person that you most admire?

Steve Howe for putting up with me and Coralie Burnett for making me realise I can do it and believe in myself.

10. What is the future for Karen Welch?

To return to the AQHA Nationals and get a blue ribbon for Dressage and Hacking.

Thanks Karen, good luck and if hard work has anything to do with it you will realise your dream.

2007 and 2008 annual pointscore winners

RED BOOK SENIORS

Preparatory Champion Byalee Romance

Senior Dressage hoty

Preliminary champion Reserve Vindex Eminence
Cosmos
*** Vindex Eminence ***

Novice champion Reserve Raphael
vindex eminence
Reserve per sie

Senior Rider oty

Elementary champion Fairway Coppertone
Reserve Wye Montee
*** Sue Vickery ***

Medium champion Lets Imagine
Reserve Pacific Corina

senior pony oty

Advanced champion Prince Imran
Reserve Catalina willow
*** marneros la dolce vita ***
Fei champion Catalina Florencia
Reserve Byalee Gold

Red book juniors

Preparatory champion billie
junior dressage hoty

Preliminary champion snowy river
*** mr peanuts ***

Novice champion Reserve rustlers spinning star
snowy river

junior rider oty

Elementary champion Reserve Billie
Kiara spectra
*** Elizabeth Davis***

Junior pony oty

Equally lemons flat chloe
Snowy river

Green book seniors

Preparatory champion kara gemstone
Reserve pacific dazzle

Most Improved Senior

Preliminary champion margarita
Reserve bob binks

*** Gail Dowling ***

Novice champion archer
Reserve Catalina willow

Most Improved Junior

Green book juniors

*** aiden guest ***

Leadline champion tamika roach

Preparatory champion bright talaq
Reserve lemons flat Chloe

Preliminary champion Mr Peanuts
Reserve lemons flat Chloe

Novice champion moonlight shadow
Reserve Mr Peanuts

Calendar of events Calendar of events

If you know of an event that could be added to this please let Linda pike know.

Club meetings held at Royal Hotel, 7.30pm in daylight savings, 7.00pm once daylight savings finishes. ALL WELCOME!

JANUARY	25 th , Australia day comp, Taree
FEBRUARY	18 th , Club meeting
MARCH	1 st , Green Horse/ Training Comp, Taree 18 th , club meeting
APRIL	26 th , Official /Associate dressage, Taree 15 th , club meeting
MAY	23 rd , Freestyle clinic with Hazel plus lessons with Ross Green and Belinda Bailey. Taree 20 th , club meeting
JUNE	28 th , Official/associate dressage, Gloucester 17 th , club meeting

JULY	26 th , Limited entry Green Horse Day, Taree (due to big job organizing champs) 15 th , club meeting
AUGUST	22 nd & 23 rd , Mid North Coast Dressage Championships, Taree 19 th , club meeting
SEPTEMBER	27 th , Hack Show, Taree 16 th , club meeting
OCTOBER	25 th , date booked, event TBA. 21 st , club meeting
NOVEMBER	29 th , Pauline Elliot Memorial Day, Official/Associate dressage, Taree 18 th , club meeting
DECEMBER	*** Christmas Party and Trophy Presentation Night ***

