



# Halt & Salute



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MANNING VALLEY DRESSAGE &  
HACKING CLUB



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**Membership Fees:** Jan – Dec; Once only Joining Fee -\$5.  
Annual – Adult- \$25  
Family-\$35  
Junior 16 and Under - \$15



## Bits 'N' Pieces

- The Australia Day comp was run and won and enjoyed by all. Results are available on our website. Vik and Mark Rimmer took the entries and made the draw, Carol and Celia ran the bbq, Tracy and Liz organized the workers and the paperwork. A great team effort and THANKYOU!
- Vik and Mark are much too busy this year to do any more T-shirt comp organizing so we are again looking for someone to run these days. Linda Pike took on the March day at short notice, Jill Ramsey and Cath Moss have offered to do the July day, THANKYOU SO MUCH! Coralie our esteemed president has offered to run the October one which will be a registered Cancer Council fundraiser with (we think) the breast cancer colour pink as a theme. Thanks Coralie for doing this!!! This will make our December comp a normal Official /Associate dressage day. We thought that there were so many others who had battled cancer, some winning, some not, that the day should encompass them all, not just the legendary Pauline Elliot. That should cover this year's dates, perhaps all think about whether you could take a turn next year, so much easier if the job load is spread out. We all need to do a little to save a few doing lots!
- \*\* It would be great if we could get some offers of people happy to learn the system and be available to do scoring, this is another important cog in the wheel of successful comps . \*\*
- The March t-shirt comp was another lovely day, top BBQ set up in the dark on the morning by Carol and ably cooked and run by Terry Roy. Thanks Terry and Julie for all the effort, although from all reports Terry had such a great time surrounded by all us lovely dressage ladies Julie has offered for him to do it again! Thanks to Tracy and Liz Davis for chasing pencilers, doing up judges folders and setting up and cleaning our office, what stars. Thank you Valerie and Joy for scoring and the big news is Valerie actually did give the computer scoring a run without too many hassles. Thanks to Alison for judging and providing us with their home grown sausages, Belinda and Helen for judging, all the pencilers and Linda Pike for taking entries and doing the draw. Another awesome team effort! Results also on the website.

- Regarding the BBQ, we run these only on our t-shirt days and we are on the lookout for a person who would be able to be the “catering officer”. This would involve purchasing the bread, cakes, drinks, lollies, chips etc and setting all this up on the tables, getting the BBQ out etc. Assistance in packing all away at the end of the day would be great too. Other committee members would also be helping where possible, if you think this sounds like a contribution you could make towards the success of your club, contact Carol Meany (65574095)
- Our April 3<sup>rd</sup> Off/Ass comp was another washout, this La Nina weather is getting a bit monotonous! The entry form was on Nominate and our site and a manageable number of entries were received. Such a shame to have to cancel. We have such great comps, fabulous friendly atmosphere and welcoming members and committee.
- The Gloucester Off/Ass comp at the Gloucester showground is our next outing for MVD&HC. This will now be run on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June instead of Sunday the 26<sup>th</sup> due to a clash with another event at the grounds. Entry form included in this newsletter but remember postal entries to Valerie are by arrangement only and you should enter on nominate where possible. If you can help out with any organizing or tasks on the day please contact Ross Green on 65502568.
- All offers of helping out gratefully and thankfully received! We ask often and there are lots of awesome people who do help out regularly if not every time. We would like to see some new ones stepping up occasionally though and it has been discussed at meetings that more need to do so, lest we have to introduce a compulsory clause along the lines of “No competition entry will be accepted unless you have committed to helping out with at least one of our competitions throughout the year” This is a stick approach which we do not want to introduce! Please offer! There are always test credits awarded to helpers along with many thanks, but it is a great feeling knowing you are adding to the success of your club!
- There has been lots of discussion on the rule at OFFICIAL/ ASSOCIATE COMPS ONLY that “Prep tests are open only to horses who have never won a prep test and/or riders who have not ridden above novice level “ As has been stated in previous newsletters, the rule was introduced to try to make it more fair for our members at the comps where we have professional riders attending. We had experience of these riders coming along with special horses and doing prep tests, basically ensuring no chance for our own members. Of course over time situations have arisen where it could be perceived to actually penalize members. To this end we are in the process of revising this rule and some suggestions are as follows;
  - Does not apply if the test won had less than ? number of competitors.
  - Does not apply if the winning test % was less than ?
  - Does not apply to juniors under the age of ?
 This obviously increases the workload of the organizer who must check up on results and also relies on non members being honest as we may not have access to their results for checking. The easiest option would be to scrap the rule altogether. Please, anyone with an interest or thought on this, contact a committee member.



## Focus on a club rule.

The committee discussed and decided in the interests of keeping our club family friendly we would allow the rule of one rider per horse to be waived in leadline tests only. This means if you have more than one child that would like to come along and do a leadline test and you only have one pony or one space on your transport we will allow them both to compete on the one pony!

## CLUB POLO SHIRTS AND CAPS

We have a list of members wanting to order club shirts and caps. This order will be going to the embroiderers on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June. If anyone would like to add an order please contact Carol Meany on 65574095 before this date. Our shirts and caps do look very nice, are hard wearing and well worth the investment. The costs are

- \* Burgundy collared polo with dressage horse and club name = \$35
- \* Burgundy baseball style cap with same horse/ club name motif = \$20

## NAME THE COMP!!

We are offering a free test for the best title to give to our new October Cancer Council fundraiser t-shirt/training competition.

Get your thinking caps on and let's see what we can come up with!  
Contact Linda by email to let us know any you come up with!



# From the Dressage Council

At the recent ADC meeting it was agreed that due to the number of requests being received for different pieces of gear/bits/bridles etc, etc to be approved, there was a need for a separate sub-committee to be established to assess these requests and make recommendation to the ADC.

At present the ADC has been making decisions on equipment as they are received but the communication about the outcome has not been satisfactory and Gear Stewards etc have no idea what is legal and what isn't. It was therefore decided that if all approvals were effective from 1 January we would have a better way of making sure everyone who needed to know knew as it would all be included with the rule changes.

The ADC has approved the following:

- The Equipment Committee to consist of the Chair ADC, Dressage Steward General, Dressage Riders' Representative
  - This Committee will meet once a year – in August – to consider all requests received
  - All requests for assessment of equipment are to be referred to the Chair ADC in the first instance
  - The Chair ADC will keep a record of all requests and will request more information if required e.g. photos etc
  - All requests are to be acknowledged as they are received by the person who receives the request and the person making the request is to be advised of the process and that if approved/not approved will not be effective until the 1 January and in the meantime it is not approved
  - Details about the Equipment Committee are to be publicised on the EA website and on the Equipment page
  - Recommendations from the sub-committee will be tabled at the September meeting of the ADC/SDAs
  - Final approval/non approval will be made by the ADC at their meeting following the meeting with SDAs
  - Approved equipment will become effective from 1 January the following year
  - Approved and Non-approved equipment will be added to the Equipment page on the EA website
  - Pictures/diagrams of all approved/non-approved equipment are to be published on the EA website and through SDAs
- As applications are received it is proposed that information will be placed on the web site under a heading 'Applications in Progress – Not Yet Approved/Not Approved'



The above photo is blurry but centre front is the amazing Mrs. Fiona Marsh who was awarded the EA dressage volunteer of the year 2010. Congratulations Fiona, a well deserved award going to a lovely and selfless lady! Her long service to Hastings Valley Dressage Club is legendary and ongoing and those who know her find her truly special.

# Manning Valley Dressage and Hacking Club 2010 Annual Point-score Trophy Presentation Night!

The tally is done and we have booked a night into our calendar!  
Our trophy presentation night will be held on the Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June  
2011, commencing at 4.30pm with trophy presentations followed by a social  
meal available from the club bistro.

Venue will be Taree Leagues

Sports Club where we hold our monthly meetings.

Cost : Just the cost of the meal you order on the night!

We will have a nice evening socializing and congratulating all those who have  
done

well enough to gain trophies and horse/ pony/ rider of the year awards and just  
all who participated in 2010

Please all come along!

RSVP: Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> June to Valerie Brodin, 65577074



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

Club meetings held at Taree Leagues Sports Club, 7.00pm in the dining room. **ALL WELCOME!**

Gap months may be filled with lesson or social days, watch the calendar for updates.



Official/associate competitions



T-Shirt/Training competitions

<b>May</b>		HVDC T-shirt comp, Wauchope Showground Enq: Jo Border, 65864070
<b>June</b>		Sat 25 <sup>th</sup> , Official/ Associate Dressage Gloucester Showground Enq : Ross Green 65502568  Sun 12 <sup>th</sup> Annual Pointscore Awards Night Taree Leagues Sports Club Bookings to: Valerie, 65577074
<b>July</b>		24 <sup>th</sup> , T-shirt Comp Taree Showground Enq : TBA
<b>August</b>		20 <sup>th</sup> & 21 <sup>st</sup> , Mid North Coast Dressage Championships Taree Showground Enq : Valerie , 65577074
<b>September</b>		
<b>October</b>		23 <sup>rd</sup> , T-shirt Comp, Cancer Council Fundraiser Taree Showground Enq : Coralie Burnett
<b>November</b>		
<b>December</b>		4 <sup>th</sup> , Off/Ass Dressage Taree Showground Enq : Valerie , 65577074



## Rider Profile:

This time we hear from Jodie Brazier

### ***1. When did you start riding?***

Age 13 for 4yrs, did trail riding & pony club. Took it back up in 1997 when we moved to Wauchope, I was going to do endurance riding. I still have never done an endurance ride.

### ***2. Your first/favourite horse?***

My first horse was Queenie she was a very fat 21yr old grey Welsh Mountain pony, she would always pigroot into canter & only cantered on 1 lead.

My favourite would have to be Noodles who has grown on me. He came to us in very poor condition & he & I have learnt to trust each other.

### ***3. What was your first competition?***

Pony club ODE, I placed 1st in the dressage phase.

### ***4. Your most memorable experience?***

I have many memorable moments, one would have to be placing 5th at the Dutch Open for Riders with a Disability, 2001, riding a borrowed horse against riders from Europe on their own horses. I was the only rider on a borrowed horse to place.

### ***5. The best advice anyone has ever given you?***

“Never give up” & “there is no such thing as can’t.”

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

My great great grandparents bred Clydsdales for show & work. My grandma rode to school with multiple jockeys on the one horse. (I always wanted to do this). Mum & dad weren’t horsey when I was a kid. My mum took up riding at 52yrs old & competed eventing for 16yrs, she is now competing in dressage at 74yrs.

### ***7. Your best buy ever?***

Noodles, what a wonderful little horse he has turned out to be, he trusts me & just keeps on trying even when the aids may be rather blurred at times. Also my County saddle which makes me feel very secure.

### ***8. The handiest item in your tackroom?***

Fiona Marsh. Without all her help & support I wouldn’t have achieved what I have.

### ***9. The person that you most admire?***

My mum, I hope I am competing when I’m her age.

Virginia Holmes, I would love to ride as accurately as she does one day.

### ***10. What is the future for you?***

Who knows? To enjoy life in general, stay healthy & active. To keep on riding & improving, see where my riding may take me.

THANKS JODIE

**Manning Valley Dressage and Hacking Club**  
**Official / Associate Dressage**  
**GLOUCESTER SHOWGROUND SATURDAY 25th June 2011**

Closing date 8.6.2011

- \*Entries to be made online at [www.nominate.com.au](http://www.nominate.com.au)
- \* Postal entries by arrangement only to: Valerie Brodin 361 Cedar Party Road, Taree 2430
- \* EFA rules apply.
- \*Draw will be posted on website: [www.mvdhc.com](http://www.mvdhc.com). *Check website for possible cancellations before leaving home.*
- \*Preparatory tests open only to horses who have not won a prep test & riders who have never ridden above novice level.
- \*Horses may only compete in a maximum of three tests over two consecutive levels.
- \*Entry fees can only be refunded if you provide a vet/doctor certificate and will be subject to a \$5 admin fee.

PREPARATORY TESTS	ASSOCIATE TESTS	OFFICIAL TESTS
EFA Prep 1	PRELIMINARY 1A, 1B	PRELIMINARY 1C, 1D
EFA Prep 3	NOVICE 2A, 2B	NOVICE 2C, 2D
	ELEMENTARY 3A, 3B	ELEMENTARY 3C, 3D
	MEDIUM 4A, 4B	MEDIUM 4B, 4C
	ADVANCED 5A, 5B	ADVANCED 5B, 5C
		PRIX St GEORGES
		INTERMEDIATE I

*N.B if entering Medium or Advanced please ensure you note if you are riding official or associate "B" test*

**Riders must be members of EFA or MVD&HC, currently financial.**

**ENTRY FEES PER TEST:** Official tests, MVD&HC Members \$16, Non-members \$22  
 Associate tests, MVD&HC Members \$12 Non members \$18

**ENTRY FORM- Only by arrangement if unable to enter online**  
 Send to: Valerie Brodin 361 Cedar Party Road, Taree 2430

Closing date 8.6.2011

test	HORSE / PONY (please circle)	EA NO.	RIDER ADULT / JUNIOR (please circle)	EA NO.	BRIDLE NO.	GRADE POINTS	FEE

+ GROUND LEVY, \$10 PER HORSE \_\_\_\_\_

Owner \_\_\_\_\_ EFA No \_\_\_\_\_ Total fees \_\_\_\_\_

Rider \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth compulsory for Juniors \_\_\_\_\_ EFA No \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax No \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Neither Manning Valley Dressage & Hacking Club nor the EFA accepts any liability for any accident, damage, injury or illness to horses, owners, riders, grounds, and spectators or any other person or property.**  
*I agree to abide by the conditions of entry and rules and regulations as set down for the conduct of a dressage event.*

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Parent must cosign for junior \_\_\_\_\_

I can offer the following help: Judge \_\_\_\_\_ Pencil \_\_\_\_\_ Score \_\_\_\_\_ Gear steward \_\_\_\_\_ Put up arenas \_\_\_\_\_  
 Pull down arenas \_\_\_\_\_ Collect tests \_\_\_\_\_ Call tests \_\_\_\_\_  
 Any help you, or someone you are bringing, could offer would be greatly appreciated!