



Halt & Salute



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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

meetings on 3rd Wednesday of each month at the Royal Hotel, 7.00 pm.

ALL WELCOME!!

Forms available from website.



Bits 'n' Pieces.

- Our website has been upgraded to having a domain name now so the new address is www.mvdhc.com
It's a great idea to add the site to your favorites to speed up finding it!
- The Gloucester comp was run and won without a drop of rain! Thanks to all those who organized this fun and friendly day. The results were unavailable at time of printing but finally we have some points to add to our yearly pointscore trophies.
- The A.G.M has also happened with a good outcome all round. All positions were declared vacant and elections were run with Ross Green remaining as President, Coralie Burnett remaining Vice President, Nicole Stubbs remaining Treasurer, Carol Meany has taken over from Linda Pike as Secretary while Linda will continue with the newsletter and take on competition organizer for both official and green horse days.
- The decision was taken at the AGM that we would hold the raising of membership and competition entry fees until next year. We've all been hit by E1 and fuel prices so this was what influenced the decision.
- The club and Showground committee has been working on improving the riding surface of our sand arenas and they have had mostly good reports from all level of riders at the championships except for a corner in arena 2 that will need excavating and road basing like we did to some spots just before last years championships. A layer of crusher dust has been added to try to make them a bit grippier particularly when a bit wet. They still are not what you'd call "all weather" but are much improved and certainly loads better than having no sand arenas at all!
- An up to date, new first aid kit has been purchased with the advice of Carol Meany who is a nurse. It was also decided that committee members would be subsidized to attend a first aid course so we know how to use all the new great stuff in it! This will give peace of mind to us and especially competitors that there will be people with the appropriate knowledge to render assistance if needed, which we all hope wont be!
- We were all excited that E1 has been eradicated and we no longer needed to fill out THS's but now we still need to download and fill in a new form to bring to events as the club needs to keep a record of all horses who attend. It is called a Record Of Attendance form and can be found on the dpi website so please don't forget to do this before coming to our competitions <http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/agriculture/livestock/horse/influenza/movements/permits/horse-events>
- Green horse comp entry form available on website.

Pastures For Horses

By Elders Agronomist Tony Christian

The grazing habits of horses require that special consideration is given to the selection and management of pasture species. Because of New South Wales' range of soils and rainfall, no single pasture species suits all horse properties. It is then important to select varieties that grow in the region and are best suited to horse pasture grazing. A good pasture will meet the nutritional requirements of most horses including brood and lactating mares and growing foals, although working horses may need some supplementation.

Planning is critical to achieving pastures that meet you and your horse's requirements. The number of horses on the area will influence how well a pasture performs, and choosing the wrong species may result in pastures that are rejected by horses or grazed out resulting in weedy unproductive paddocks. As with implementing any pasture system soil health must be good with sufficient nutrients to produce productive pastures. Fertilizer will need to be applied with seed to provide the nutrients required for quick establishment and sustained growth.

Elders Taree has access to specifically designed horse pasture mixes available for purchase, with the additional facility to tailor mix pasture varieties to suit specific properties.

Horse Seed Mix: a balanced blend of grasses, herbs and clovers designed to provide year round production across a range of soil types and environments. Seed varieties include; Prairie Grass, Fescue, Ryegrass, White Clover, Lucerne, Sub Clover, Chicory and Plantain. Varieties used will tolerate close or hard grazing once established. Sowing rates of 10-15kg/ha is recommended.

This article is written by Tony Christian, B.App. Sci.
Tony has been promoted within Elders so for advice
contact Scott at Elders on 02 65522111

HUG YOUR HORSE

*When your day seems out of balance and so many things go wrong,
when people fight around you and the day drags on so long,
when parents act like children, in-laws make you think 'Divorce',
go out in your pasture... wrap your arms around your horse.
His gentle breath enfolds you and he watches with those eyes.
He may not have a PhD, but he is oh, so wise!
His head rests on your shoulder. You embrace him oh so tight.
He puts your world in balance, and makes it seem all right.
Your tears will soon stop flowing. The tension is now eased.
The garbage has been lifted, and you're quiet and at peace.
So when you need the balance from circumstances in your day,
the best therapy that you can seek is out there eating hay!!*



Hi every one, thank you all so much for entering and attending our 2008 Mid North Coast Dressage Championships! There were 96 horses entered, a fantastic number which shows we are definitely back to business after the ravages of E1. The weather was kind, a bit blowy but no rain so all competitions were run and won very smoothly.

Of course nothing happens without a crew of willing workers and as always is the case with our friendly club we had wonderful pencillers, scorers, runners etc and we are grateful for all their efforts. We must make special mention of Keith and Shirley Sumpner, Valerie Brodin, Helen Zimic, Paul and Nicole Stubbs (Beau & Cooper too!) for their courageous efforts in the office scoring, you don't get to see many horses from in there! Pencillers Mandy Underwood (both days, all day!) Regina Farr, Fiona Marsh, Lana Read, Brenda Pennicuik, Marion McPherson, Carol Thompson and Christie. Coralie for doing a bit of everything. Richard Paff our gear steward on Sunday. Hazel and Bill Jobson, Celia Tanner and some finished competitors Mums for putting away the pipe arenas Sunday afternoon. Linda Pike for taking entries and doing draws and fielding a thousand phone calls (late entries, changed entries, changed riders, scratching, typos in the draws etc!) Ross Green for organising judges to attend. Tracy Davis for her efforts gaining sponsorship. The list goes on! THANKYOU! Our Helpers all receive either some test credits for our competitions or vouchers if they aren't riding any more / at the moment, so if you couldn't find time to help this time, think about it next comp, there are rewards beyond seeing lovely horses doing their stuff and picking up some more knowledge of our fabulous sport of dressage.

Thanks to the judges who came, especially Nell Marshman who filled in with a couple of days notice when an A level judge was unable to make it. Nell had recently had foot surgery so we are very grateful she braved the pain to help us out.

The committee once again did a fabulous job of pulling it all together, sponsorship, prizes and trophies, taking entries and making a draw, score sheets and worker roster, finding judges and all the other bits and pieces that saw a great weekend had by all.

Thankyou!

The club can feel proud of itself and it's members for some wonderful results for local riders, check out the results on the website to see who they all are!

We also had some lovely emails from competitors who had not traveled to a competition here before, they were impressed with the friendliness and relaxed atmosphere that was a talking point among all who came when we hosted the 2005 State Dressage Championships. Prue Spurrett, President of Dressage N.S.W, always loves to come to our comps because of this and often asks us when we will run the States again!

There were gracious thank you's from low and higher level riders who had a great weekend including Dimity Lourey, Belinda Flynn and Lizzie Wilson-Fellows. It's great to get this feed back as this is what makes all the work and stress of organizing the Champs worthwhile!

With such a large competition run by a human volunteer committee there is bound to be some mistakes made and we would like to offer an apology to Kate Collins for an unfortunate error made by the committee. Sorry Kate for any upset caused by this error. Sponsorship was again a strong point for the area. We have many generous sponsors who dig deep every year to make sure we have all those great prizes. PLEASE support any of them you can and watch out for the sponsor profile page each newsletter. A word of thanks if you are in their shop as well would be great so they know we are all grateful for their generosity.

Thus another successful championships and may we see you all again soon!

P.S. Linda Pike took photos included and she apologies for the most unprofessional photos ever! Can only get better next time, hopefully!

Green horse practice competition

Where: Taree showground When: 2.11.08 Closing Date for Entries: 22.10.08

Enquiries- Linda Pike PH: 65569309 Email: jamiépiké@aapt.net.au

Send entries to: Linda Pike, 37 Terracone Rd Central Lansdowne 2430

**EFA rules where possible.*

**Limit of four tests per horse over two consecutive levels below novice, three tests at novice or above.*

If you use a stable on the day you **MUST pay the caretaker! This includes the stalls near the creek at back of grounds.*

**If you want your draw posted please include a stamped self addressed envelope, otherwise keep an eye on the website for the draw in the week before comp.*

Entry Fees: Members \$8. Non members \$12.

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

TESTS: Leadline MVDHC Prep 2 MVDHC Prep 5
 P1 P2, N1 N2, E1 E2, M1 M2, A1 A2

Please note these are Manning Valley tests available to download from the website.

Please detach entry form below to send and retain top for your information.

ENTRY FORM and please sign disclaimer also

TEST	HORSE or PONY (please circle)	RIDER Adult/junior (circle please)	FEE

Ground Levy, \$5 per horse _____
 Arena Levy, \$3 per horse _____
 Total fees _____

Owner _____ **EFA No** _____

Rider _____ **EFA No** _____

Phone _____ **Address** _____

Fax _____ **Email** _____

Neither Manning Valley Dressage & Hacking Club nor the EFA accept 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 co-sign for junior _____

I can offer the following help: Judge _____ Score _____ Pencil _____ Collect tests _____