



# Halt & Salute



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Annual – Adult- \$25  
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- ❖ Our last comp day was a T-shirt Day run by new recruits Vik and Mark Rimmer. Vik and Mark have had experience running Dressage at NABIAC show and their own adult riding club at NABIAC showground as well as involvement in the Brumby Association. As is often the case we have had already busy people put up their hand to help run comps for this club.

Thank you so much Vik and Mark!  
( results on the website)

- ❖ AGM. The Club Annual General Meeting is to be held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> August, 7.00pm at Taree Leagues Sports Club. Please think hard about coming along and offering to play a more active behind the scenes role. As has been mentioned before, Linda Pike will no longer be able to continue with organizing Official Competitions and if there is nobody there to take up this position then the club will no longer be able to run Official comps. This will include our spectacular Mid North Coast Dressage Championships which has 130 odd horses attending this year. So if you enjoy riding official comps at a local venue come along and offer yourself! There will be help from the current committee to get you up to speed on what's involved. Also Carol Meany has so many irons in the fire that she needs a competition secretary to take up the role of preparing the paper work and folders for the judges for comps. This is not a hard job and surely there is someone who can assist in this position. PLEASE, if you value this club and the official comps then you need to come along!

❖ We will be in need of people to help erect pipe arenas for the Championships at Taree showground on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> August. These arenas do not set themselves up and a large crew can get it done quickly rather than a weary few spending their whole day at the showground. Again, PLEASE offer yourself if you are at all available on this day, even if just for a small while, every little bit helps!! Call Linda on 65569309 or 0488 586 151

❖ Don't know if this has happened to you but this is the third time this scam has hit the Brodin's.

First was the float. Annica got an email whilst we were overseas. I forwarded it to my sister in Sydney who was able to phone Annica and explain that it was a scam. The second time was Nicole and her saddle. Tonight was the third time - Calypso.  
See below the email we got and then our reply  
The first email usually starts with:

G'day mate is your horse float still for sale?  
Cheers Mike

The second one comes with an offer and how to pay by PayPal. If you don't have PayPal, it is so easy to set up etc etc as explained by the con-artist. Also, as they are out of the country, their agent will be picking up the item. Apparently they can rescind the PayPal payment after they have picked up the goods. Annica, on our instructions, sent them a reply that it was cash only and the price stood firm. She never heard from them again.

Sent: Friday, August 06, 2010 7:24 PM  
Subject: Horseyard Inquiry

Hello pal, this must be a very wonderful horse, is it still on market please? cheers Frank

To: Frank Smith  
Sent: Friday, August 06, 2010 9:12 PM  
Subject: Re: Horseyard Inquiry

Dear Frank

Yes, Calypso is still for sale. He is a wonderful horse and we really do not want to sell him. Unfortunately, he is lame in his front left leg and his tail fell off yesterday. He is missing a few teeth and he has a bad case of diahorrea. However, the vet assures us that he is still quite capable of executing flying changes despite this impediment.

This horse comes with a vet certificate and 12 months warranty. We have attached a recent video of this spectacular example of equine supremacy.

Please do not hesitate to contact us regarding payment. We prefer PayPal. If you do not have PayPal, it is very easy to set up. Just ask us and we will explain how.

Cheers Mate

## Member Story

Rhiannon Jaeger-Michael and her horse Reve Dore (Billie) were successful in Sydney when she competed at the Dressage NSW Young Rider Championships, held at the Sydney International Equestrian Centre from 15<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> July.

Rhiannon competed in the Dressage NSW Scholarship 15 Years and under test, where she did both set and freestyle movements. She won one of the Young Riders Scholarships, so she will now get to attend a 3 day training clinic in January with instructors selected by Dressage NSW. It is a great chance to access top coaches, meet other young riders and improve knowledge and participation in dressage events.

There were 10 young riders in 2 age groups that won a scholarship. They were delighted to each win a white saddle cloth for their horses, embroidered with "Dressage NSW Young Rider Scholarship Finalist". They also won a blue sash. Then much to their surprise and delight, Toshiba, who sponsored the event, presented the 10 girls with a Toshiba Notebook each. So the trip to Sydney to attend the 5 day event was definitely worthwhile.



Well done Rhiannon!!

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**FLOOR STOCK ONLY OFFER EXCLUDES VET WALL PRODUCTS SALE ENDS 21ST AUGUST**

Continued from last newsletter

## The Frame

A subject for 2005 – Carolyn Lieutenant (taken from Judges Clinic resources sheets)

As previously stated, the FRAME in which the horse is ridden depends completely on his degree of training and also the stage of warm-up on any particular day.

Even the more advanced horse should never be expected to be ridden in an unrealistically short or compressed outline as, like with any athlete, there should be systematic warm-up period,

How high, how low, how round, how short??? He has to be COMFORTABLE. The neck must act like a shock absorber in order for the rider to keep an elastic connection. It must be stressed that any time the horse should be able to be ridden forwards and downwards especially when tension exists. If this is done correctly, it is very instrumental in lifting and rounding the horses back, making it easier for the hind legs to step actively under the body with well angulated hocks. Yes, the horse will be behind the vertical in this frame as flexion through the poll must always be maintained. The rider must always take care never to pull the neck in or down but activate the horse by always starting from behind to create energy which in turn encourages lightness. The nose of the horse must not be dragged back into his chest or under neck but rather the front line of his face could point to his front feet or to his knees.

The horse needs only to be so low that he cannot block in front of the wither – there should be no dip in his topline. How high or low can depend very much on each individual horse and also it's age, stage of training, retraining, disposition etc and the knowledge and ability of the rider and what he aims to achieve.

One thing must be clear – when the horses “gives” the rider must “give” also, or in other words, stop doing what they are asking, just simply keep the connection by sending the horse actively forward. There is nothing more confusing for a horse that is not soft or supple in the neck to have a connection that is too loose with the rider (it is like a jerk in the mouth when the contact is retaken). However, if the horse is correctly “through”, the momentary loss of contact will not affect him. This is the aim of the “give and retake the reins” in the new dressage tests.

If the horse does not move freely forward from the riders aids – in other words is lazy – it will be impossible to keep him in a frame and most points on the Training Scale will never be correctly achieved. It must be noted that a rider without a correct independent position, supple arms and hands, will find it difficult to keep an elastic connection. Instructors should always address these problems.

The horse will NOT be on the forehand if he is ridden forward from behind with active hocks because the stretching of the topline extends all the way back to his tail and lifts the back and allows it to swing. If, however the flexion of the poll is lost and the horse leans or attempts to pull the reins away from the rider, the “lifting” effect is lost and the neck drops in the shoulder and then the horse will be on the forehand.

He should be able to work in all three paces in a FRAME and like this show transitions between and within the paces. In this way the quarters are able to step under and develop the carrying power as well as being able to thrust forward. Only then can you say your horse is truly “through”

Continued next newsletter.



**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, 43 COWPER ST TAREE 7.30pm in daylight savings, 7.00pm once daylight savings finishes. **ALL WELCOME!**




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



Official/Associate competitions



T-Shirt/Training competitions

<p><b>AUGUST</b></p> 	<p>Sat/Sun 21<sup>st</sup> &amp; 22<sup>nd</sup>, Mid North Coast Dressage Championships, Official/Associate, Taree Showground, Info: Linda, 65569309 or 0488586151</p> <p>Wed 18<sup>th</sup> AGM. Please come along!</p>
<p><b>SEPTEMBER</b></p>	<p>Wingham Eventing Club One Day Event Contact: Belinda Bailey 0412 770 992 <a href="http://www.bellviewpark.com.au">www.bellviewpark.com.au</a></p>
<p><b>OCTOBER</b></p> 	<p>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>, t-shirt/training competition, Taree showground, info: Valerie, 65577074</p>
<p><b>NOVEMBER</b></p>	
<p><b>DECEMBER</b></p> 	<p>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup>, Pauline Elliot Memorial Competition, official/associate, Taree showground, info: to be advised after AGM.</p>



MVDHC will be having a raffle both days on our Championship weekend.

We have so far collected 15 prizes including a gearbag, wallets, horse statue, gift vouchers, dog rugs and vouchers for riding lessons and a horse massage. We are hoping to get to 24 or so prizes. The raffles will be drawn on sat & sun afternoon at presentation.

We hope you all support these raffles as we are hoping to raise enough money to buy a programme that will enable us to do our results on computer.

We will be selling tickets both days near the gate heading out to the arenas, so please remember to bring your money with you. Tickets will be \$2 each or 3 for \$5.

If anyone has any sort of prize that they would like to donate to the raffle please call Donna Jaeger on 6558 3081 or 0438589482.

*Thank you Rhiannon and Donna Jaeger for organising this. Please buy as many tickets as you can, the prizes are worth it!*



*barry mcgregor photography*

Photos are available to purchase at the Championships from our caravan.

If you miss us at the event, all of the photographs taken will be on our web site by approximately the next weekend where you can browse them at your leisure.

Our prices are:-

6 x 4 - \$10

5 x 7 - \$15

8 x 12 - \$30

8 x 10 - \$30

12 x 16 - \$75

Postage & handling \$5 - not applicable if purchased on the day

All photos come in a presentation folder.

Additional options can be ordered and posted only.

20 x 30 - \$170

Text added - \$5 per image any size

Composite 8 x 12 - \$40 1st 2 photos, \$5 per additional thumbnail

Composite 12 x 16 - \$85 1st 2 photos, \$5 per additional thumbnail

Canvas prints

11" x 15" - \$90

12" x 18" - \$110

16" x 20" - \$150

20" x 24" - \$165

20" x 30" - \$205

Low resolution cd or email - \$10 per image

Release of copyright - high resolution cd or email - \$120 per image

Personalised Calendars - \$50 for 1st copy, \$40 per additional copy

Standard Calendars - \$25

Personalised Screensavers - \$50

Standard Screensavers - \$20

Clocks - \$100

Barry endeavours to take many photos of **every** rider at the event.

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## Rider Profile:

This month we hear from the energetic  
Vik Rimmer.

### 1. When did you start riding?

I think I was about 6 when I was first thrown bareback onto paint Shetland stallion named Oscar with a mean attitude, but damn safe and smart little horse.

### 2. Your first/favourite horse?

Favourite horse – too many to name. Vanessa is the role model and her daughter, Jade, filling large shoes already, as is my young Brumby Jack!

### 3. What was your first competition?

Megalong Valley gymkhana in the 1980's.

### 4. Your most memorable experience?

Part of Jade's breaking in, I took her out our road and away from home a bit she got a big scare. I couldn't get her to go forward so decided to hop off and lead her to the problem. As I was putting my foot down, I trod on a rock which rolled, causing me to dislocate my knee and stretch ligaments and I fell in a heap. Laying there screaming for Mark to come with Jade standing shotgun over me, protecting me, but as soon as she heard a car down the road, she took off at a gallop, stopped in the middle of the road, stopped the car which was our car and Mark, then galloping straight to my location bringing Mark to me. Dang amazing and no wonder I love this girl!!

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

"To thine own self be true"

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

Majorly. My grandparents were excellent horseman, my parents are excellent horseman and my cousins currently tour the Australian rodeo circuit.

### 7. Your best buy ever?

The pair of clippers I just bought on ebay from America. Awesome and they make it through Jade's thick mane no probs.

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

My beautiful hubby!!! Would be totally lost without him!!! Not to mention the cold beers at the end of the day.

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

In the Dressage club, that would be Helen Zimic and Ross Green. Both people are amazing in so many ways. I wouldn't have kept going at Dressage if it weren't for them.

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

What I'm experiencing now – life, love, family, horses and making the best of each and every single day as it comes.