



National Capital Equestrian Club Newsletter

NCEC welcomes a new year with new faces, events and ideas

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Hello and welcome NCEC members to the new look and feel NCEC Newsletter!

As the headline below suggests, there's been a few changes since the Annual General Meeting held on the 11th of August, including the passing on of the job of newsletter editor to me, Susan Elekessy from the very capable Alison Cox and I will endeavor to keep up to her standards.

See below for more on what other changes have taken place with your committee, as well as details about our Pony, Horse and Rider of the Year awards as well as the many other great awards NCEC presents every year.

It looks to be a very exciting new financial year for NCEC with a few new events planned.

One of the highlights will be the **Christmas Freestyle Spectacular**

to be held on the 6th of December which promises to be exactly that, with lots of fantastic prizes and it will be an event not to miss — see more on this later in the newsletter.

Another event planned is the **Judge's workshop and Young Horse Seminar on the 5th December** that we are hoping to confirm shortly. This will be an event not only for judges but for local riders, breeders and trainers and should be a great day for everyone. See more on this later in this issue.

NCEC is continuing the tradition providing support for all aspects of dressage in the local area, with its new **Judges Assistance Program** which will provide assistance, including financial, to judges in a myriad of ways. See page 2 for more on this in this edition.

As there are so many people in the club we thought it would be



nice to get to know some of our members a little better so have decided to include a small **Member of the Month** section coming soon.

And finally, as this is YOUR newsletter and we are asking you what you would like to see more of in it. If you have anything you'd like to include or suggest, or even just make a comment we'd love to hear from you. Please email susan-elekessy@primusonline.com.au

Cheers for now,

Susan

Coming Events

- NCEC October 11/25 split venue comp see web for details www.ncec.asn.au
- ACTDA September 20th www.actda.com.au
- Dressage NSW Oct 9/10 www.dressagenw.com.au
- Young Dressage 18 Oct www.youngda.equestrian.org.au
- Monaro Equestrian Club 18 Oct www.mea.net.au
- Goulburn Dressage Champs 24 Oct www.goulburndressageclub.asn.au

NCEC welcomes new faces to Committee after Annual General Meeting

The recent Annual General Meeting on the 11th of August welcomed in a new Committee which now comprises of:

President Liz Pugh

Vice President Alison Cox

Secretary Lesley Gillis

Treasurer Jacqui Knobel

Committee members—Amy Little, Stephanie Debaecker, Di Burgess and Susan Elekessy.

NCEC sincerely thanks the

08/09 Committee for their significant contribution over the last year and is looking forward to a great 09/10 season.

OCTOBER COMPS—11th (Prep—Elem) and 25th (Med—GP) — get your entries in now!

“We really appreciated the opportunity to be able to compete on a great surface with our higher level horses, especially indoors, as we always have to travel at least 3 hours to do so. I thank NCEC for allowing us the opportunity and encourage people to participate and even just come along and watch.”

State and National Level competitor Rebecca Walshe on NCEC's last split venue competition

Following on from the success of the first split venue competition trial early in the year, NCEC will conduct another split venue competition in October.

Competitions including **Preparatory to Elementary** will take place on the **11th of October** at our usual grounds at Canberra Riding Club.

For those wishing to compete **Medium to Grand Prix** level, the venue will be at Pegasus and will be held on the **25th of October**.

This is a change from the last split venue comp which happened on the same day.

About the change in format, President Liz Pugh said

“Although we received great feedback from medium and above level competitors about the venue change, especially giving them the chance to compete locally indoors, some competitors wanted to compete horses in both comps, so we’ve listened and that’s why we’ve split the days. We’re also encouraging people to come along and watch at Pegasus too and will be providing some drinks and nibbles as well.”

NCEC is hoping to encourage more medium and above level

combinations to participate in these competitions, trying to cater for the many needs of our members, and also to encourage people to come along and have a fun day of dressage.

Entries are now being accepted for both October comps. Check out our web site for entry forms and more <http://www.ncec.asn.au>

NCEC's new Judges Assistance Program — making it easier to be a judge

The National Capital Equestrian Club is delighted to announce its new Judges Assistance Program. This new exciting venture commences now.

NCEC is committed to the sport of Dressage. A big part of the sport is the training of officials, especially judges. Without all the people involved there would be no competitions and skilled, educated judges are an important component of the recipe for the success of the sport.

NCEC is committed to promoting the education of its judges and will assist prospective and current judges to achieve or maintain accreditation with the

National Judges Accreditation System.

NCEC propose to do this by providing financial assistance to judges to attend judges schools, facilitating learning experiences and conducting Judges Clinics and Workshops.

Financial Assistance to Attend Re-accreditation Workshops

We will reimburse judges costs for travel and accommodation to Sydney to attend a re-accreditation workshop at their level at 40 cents per kilometre and \$80.00 towards the cost of accommodation after attendance at the workshop.

Facilitated Learning

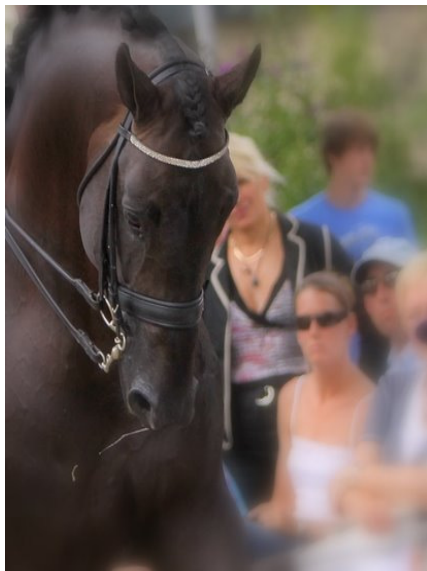
National Capital Equestrian Club will, where possible, when requested by any level judge, facilitate judges to sit with and compare notes with accredited judges during a competition.

Judges Clinics and Workshops

NCEC will also where possible, conduct judges workshops and clinics.

Check the website for further details and conditions.

www.ncec.asn.au



Like watching lovely horses on your weekends? Maybe judging is for you...

JUDGES WORKSHOP AND YOUNG HORSE SEMINAR with Uwe Spenlen 6th December

The National Capital Equestrian Club is proud to present a workshop and seminar with one of the world's best known and respected Olympic level judge and trainer Uwe Spenlen for judges, riders, trainers and breeders.

Uwe has had a long and distinguished history with horses, training with the great Paul Stecken (along with his very good friend, the late great master Reiner Klimke) and is well regarded as a master of classical and correct training of dressage horses.

He is also a well known advocate of the young horse and has delivered seminars and presentations on young horse training around the world.

Uwe is fresh from providing expert commentary at Aachen Show in July this year where he provided qualified, enlightening and entertaining observations of some of the worlds best combinations.

This workshop is open to anyone interested in learning about young horse training, including judges (the seminar will count toward their accreditation) as well as all interested riders, trainers, breeders – **all are welcome and its free!**

The seminar will comprise of:

- A presentation on how to train young horses, what the basic principles are, and the pitfalls of incorrect riding and applying too much pressure too soon;
- A demonstration on young horse handling, lunging and long reining (doppel longe) with a diverse selection of young horses;
- A ridden seminar including 4, 5 and 6 year old horses with Uwe explaining the key points to look for when judging, riding and training these ages and stages of horse; and
- A Freestyle to Music with Uwe providing expert commentary.

The day will also include an opportunity to sample some of the areas best wines (of course – this being *SERIOUS* dressage!) and promises to be an event not to miss.

The workshop and seminar will take place at Callum Park in Wamboin. For more details and also if you are interested in participating in a clinic with Uwe please contact Susan Elekessy on 62383302 (home), 0402 073 373 (mobile) or susanelekessy@primusonline.com.au, or Lesley Gillis at lesley.gillis@defence.gov.au

Christmas Freestyle Spectacular!

Attention all freestyle and music fans— great prizes and cash to be won at the Christmas Freestyle only competition at Pegasus on the 6th of December!

There will be a full program of classes from Preliminary to Grand Prix plus a Pas de Deux and Pas de Any class.

So, start thinking now and planning your freestyle. Drag in

your friends for a Pas de Deux or a Pas de Any.

Music an issue? Fortissimo Freestyle in Sydney can organise the music for your freestyle. Their number is in every edition of Dressage NSW's Centreline magazine or their number is 0427 980 025. Otherwise touch base with your computer savvy mates or us and we can help put you on the right track.

It will be a great day for all including spectators too so do come along as we'll be providing drinks and nibbles as well as a great day of fun dressage that even husbands can enjoy!

Check out our web site <http://www.ncec.asn.au> for more info



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What do you need to know to get them there?



If the idea of pouncing around with garlands and fabulous ribbons in front of a crowd of adoring fans appeals—better get along to the Christmas Spectacular!



We're on the web!

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NCEC - Annual General Meeting

NCEC Annual General Meeting was held on Monday night 10 August 2009 at the River Kwai Restaurant in Weston. Around 50 people attended the meeting and a great night was had by all.

First up was the presentation of the awards for Volunteer and Member of the Year. These two categories of award recipients are our most prestigious, representing the most valued members of the NCEC team.

Without the on-going efforts of our band of volunteers and our members we would find it impossible to run competitions. As you know, there is a huge burden of administrative work attached to all competitions and a huge effort of running the competition on the day. The winner of Volunteer of the Year was a draw between Hilary Mende and Sue Johnson, and the runner up was also a draw—Amy Little and Anne Benoy. The member of the Year went to Megan James with runners up Emily Drown, Jenny May, Katelyn Roughsedge, Lisa Pluis and Rebecca Drown.

For the Horse and Rider of the Year Award winner see below. Awards are given to both winners and runners up as without their endeavours there would be no competitions.

President Liz Pugh said of the night :

"It was great to see everyone let their hair down after a big year and celebrate their hard earned successes. We hope that next year is as much fun as this one and that people continue to support the club as much as we all enjoy being part of it."

NCEC Horse and Rider of the Year Award Winners

At the recent AGM the annual awards were given out to successful combinations that have proven their 'staying power' over the year.

Preliminary horse of the Year

Tayco Sweet Affection

Novice Horse of the Year

Jazz Fusion

Elementary Horse of the Year Rider 30—39

Shaunie

Susan Elekessy

Medium Horse of the Year

Tayco Sir Dynamo/Lac La Biche Dynamic

Rider 40 —49

Alison Cox

Advanced Horse of the Year

Lac La Biche Dynamic

Rider 50-59

Wendy Lorenz

Rider under 20

Amy Reilly

Senior horse

Shaunie

Rider 21– 29

Nicole Richardson

Congratulations to everyone who did well and good luck everyone for this year!



NCEC Members Advertisements

Advertisements for NCEC members only—contact the newsletter editor for more information.

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DonFrederico/Regardez Moi bloodlines with a fantastic trainable temperament. Reluctantly for sale \$28000. Phone Susan on 6238 3302.



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Fundraiser – Profits to ACT Equestrian Association

The November Trivia Night fundraiser for the new drought proof arenas at Equestrian Park made a profit of \$1,395.02. This money will be presented to the ACTEA Committee at its next meeting.

NCEC now has ONLINE ENTRY News Flash! Entry Form and Standard Conditions of Entry on NCEC Website. Commencing with our August competition, competition riders can draw down a standard entry form and the standard conditions of entry from the NCEC website.

Competition specific entry forms will continue to be available for all competitions and will be loaded onto the website several weeks prior to the close of entries. Specific conditions of entry will be attached to the entry form, for example when we run green horse/ green rider the entry form will include the specific conditions.

Competitors are asked not to complete the internet entry form until they have looked at the competition specific entry form as the committee reserves the right to change and amend competition details. We ask that you not be overly enthusiastic in entering too early to avoid putting both the competition secretary and yourselves through extra unavoidable effort.

Member of the month coming soon—anyone you want to do in?

Dressage Clinics in the ACT —Are you looking for a coach?



Are you looking for some help from a regular coach?

There are a number of people in both the local area and who travel to the ACT regularly to give lessons and clinics.

In addition NCEC are wanting feedback on anyone you would be interested in participating in a clinic with so email lesley.gillis@defence.gov.au or susan.elekessy@defence.gov.au with suggestions.

Here are just a few of the people who are currently available for clinics in the

ACT regularly:

Heath Ryan, Nicholas Fyffe, Roger Fitzhardinge - see www.actda.com.au

Dianne Jenkyn—email tracey_anne.maher@dofa.gov.au

Brett Parbury—email jan@bsmsport.com.au

Any others we've missed? Let us know

NCEC are also requesting expressions of interest for people wanting to participate in a clinic in early January 2010 in Canberra with Stefan Van Ingelgem, international competitor, trainer and coach. Please email susan.elekessy@primusonline.com.au

Competition wrap up — Green Horse, Green Rider and Associate Dressage Competition held on 16 August 2009

Although the weather was a typical "four seasons in one day" Canberra day, that didn't stop the punters at our end of winter event.

Green horses and riders intrepidly braved the cold, then windy, then warm conditions to familiarize themselves and their horses before the spring season kicks off.

NCEC provided prep to elementary associate events, and included green rider and green

horse events in the preliminary classes to give newer combinations a good day out without pressure.

Jodie Newall had a good day with her big brown baby horse Jive Matrix C by Jive Magic, winning the green horse 1A and placing second in the 1B, behind judge Jule Manolas on Homeport Captain who also won the 1A. Some competitors perhaps wishing Jule had been judging instead that day!!

Emma Christofelz went very well with her enormous 18 hand Angara Apogee, winning both Novice tests, tying for first with Russell Jarrett and his Warendorf in the 2B.

Georgia Hope and her HP Freelance took out both the elementary tests, with a great score of 68 + % in the 3B.

NCEC would like to graciously thank everyone who made it happen, including judges Cobie Brinkman, Kay Dahlberg, Julie

Van Dyke, Kim Foster, Christine Lawrence and Lesley Gillis.

All in all it was a good day, with some really nice young horses coming out for their first outings and looking promising for the future, as well as some green riders cutting their teeth on the challenge of dressage for the first time.

We look forward to seeing you all again soon.