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President's Report

Hi Everyone,

Well how did you all pull up from your lessons, I know someone who has very sore legs, Sharon welcome to the world of riding, and it was great to see you on your horse. I hope you all enjoyed your lessons and got something out of it.

We have a huge weekend ahead of use with our Open Day so we need all hands on deck to help out! I think at last count we have 80 riders and huge thanks to Sylvia for the work on the draw and receiving heaps of phone calls still more people want to ride. I would like to put out a huge thankyou to Anthony Murray who helped us out at our showjumping day building the course and helping me with some catch up on some rules.

A question for everyone, do we have any accredited showjumping judges amongst us??? If you are can you please let me know. Well I wish you all the best for the Dressage Day and hope to see some of you at the next meeting which is the 11th June please come along and put in your input. Happy Riding

Talk soon,
Catherine Mackie



PLEASE NOTE:

Cedar Grove and District Riding Club is a riding club and not a pony club. This means that you cannot compete at pony club events as a Cedar Grove member unfortunately. You have to be a member of a pony club.

THANK YOU

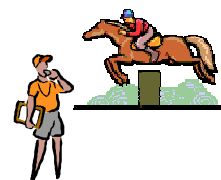
INTERNAL EVENTS



Up Coming Dates

All nominations for all our day will be on the web site, that way it saves paper and the web site address is on the top of this newsletter.

- 25th May – Open Dressage Day
- 14th June – Jumping Equitation
- 15th June – Open Jumping Day
- 29th June – Internal Dressage Day
- 20th July – Mini Hack Show
- 3rd August – Combined Training Day
- 24th August – Open Dressage Day



OPEN EVENTS

CG&DRC Dressage Internal T-Shirt Day Report - 27th April

The Club was happy with the turnout for our 2nd time round, we had about the same numbers but we did have some new riders - congratulations to all the riders and their gee gees who went into the dressage arena. It was enjoyable day, with most riders!

Thought I would add some photos to brighten up a bit in this newsletter! The Photography was done by myself - am an Amateur Photographer and loved photography since I was little girl.



Photos Courtesy by Michelle Ott Horsey Happy Snaps Photographics



Congratulations to the winners:-

Class 1 Prep 1 Under 16 years

1st Hannah Guise & Canopy Grove Will
2nd Bianca Russo & Prima Bella
3rd Katherine Ferguson & Bailey

Class 2 Prep 2 Restricted

1st Karen Simmons & Hombre
2nd Katherine Ferguson & Bailey
3rd Hannah Guise & Canopy Grove Will

Class 3 Prep 4 Open

1st Dianna Dahms & Bemine Willowbie
2nd Karen Simmons & Hombre
3rd Anita Foster & Kalimna Jewel

Class 4 1.3 Restricted

1st Lisa Koppman & Weowanna Tall Order
2nd Helen Wright & Ausden Montage
3rd Hellen Egan & Tablo

Class 5 1.4 Open

1st Helen Wright & Ausden Montage
2nd Sylvia Nelms & Elegant Rose
3rd Kerry Landers & Kimara Destiny

Class 6 Novice 2.2

1st Donna Morton & Cruise
2nd Heather Adcock & Kalimna Demokrat
3rd Sylvia Nelms & Elegant Rose

Class 7 Novice 2.4

1st Marlene Moriarty & Macca

Class 8 Elementary 3.1

1st Marlene Moriarty & Macca

W e l c o m e to the Cedar Grove & District Riding Club New Club Members 2008!

Belinda Brown
Belinda Claffey
Dianna Dahms
Keith Dahms
Kara Dixon
Kate Eggenhuizen
Sarah Ferguson
Nicole Ferguson
Katie Garing
Belinda Geissler

Dianna Gowanlock
Hannah Guise
Rebecca Hampton
Kath Hall
Lisa Holohan
Kate Johnson
Kerry Kennerley
Lisa Koppman
Anne Liddle
Leah McLaren

Lynn McLaughlin
Donna Morton
Tahleah Obrian
Bert Purcell
Belinda Russo
Deb Stephenson
Kylie Thomas
Stephanie Wooldridge
Lisa and Chelsea Zamora

CG&DRC Internal Showjump Day Report - 4th May

It was a great turnout for our Showjump Day - congratulations to all riders and their trusty steeds who bravely tackled the jumping, some of them first time. It was an enjoyable day, with most riders who started off 'rusty' surprising themselves with how big they were jumping and how much fun they had! There was a few spectators who enjoy the activities of the day. We had a lot of members come and ride, many of them stuck around to help put everything away. THANKYOU!! A big thankyou to Anthony Murray who built our course and to Catherine Mackay who was our Judge for the day. Xanthe - Showjump Sub-Committee.

Juniors 30cm

Rider	Horse
1st Chelsea Zamora	Oliver
2nd Grace Barnard	Wellara
3rd Hannah Guise	Petras Southern Comfort
4th Kara Dixon	Sweeny

Juniors 30-50cm

Rider	Horse
1st Chelsea Zamora	Oliver
2nd Hannah Guise	Canopy Grove Will
3rd Hannah Guise	Petras Southern Comfort
4th Grace Barnard	Wellara

Seniors 30-50cm

Rider	Horse
1st Kerry Landers	Dezzy
2nd Keith Dahm	Will
3rd Xanthe Ballinger	Sam
4th Nikki	Tully
5th Toni Laracuenta	Brooklyn
6th Marlene Moriarty	Macca

Juniors 50-60cm

Rider	Horse
1st Chelsea Zamora	Oliver
2nd Hannah Guise	Canopy Grove Will

Seniors 50-60cm

Rider	Horse
1st Anthony Murray	Kerry
2nd Rebecca Pascoe	Banjo
3rd Toni Laracuenta	Brooklyn
4th Kate Eggenhuizen	Summerlee Freya
5th Stephanie Wooldridge	Legato
6th Xanthe Ballinger	Sam

Juniors 60-75cm

Rider	Horse
1st Olivia	Monday
2nd Hannah Guise	Canopy Grove Will

Seniors 60-75cm

Rider	Horse
1st Leah McCarron	Polo Bear
2nd Kerry Anderson	Gwydir
3rd Stephanie Wooldridge	Legato
4th Anthony Murray	Kerry
5th Ellie Pajovic	Flirt
6th Stephanie Wooldridge	Dutchman

Juniors 75-90cm

Rider	Horse
1st Olivia	Monday

Seniors 75-90cm

Rider	Horse
1st Anthony Murray	Mighty
2nd Kerry Anderson	Gwydir
3rd Leah McCarron	Polo Bear
4th Stephanie Wooldridge	Dutchman
5th Ellie Pajovic	Flirt

Open 90cm-1m

Rider	Horse
1st Anthony Murray	Mighty
2nd Stephanie Wooldridge	Dutchman
3rd Anthony Murray	Flirt



Photos Courtesy by Michelle Ott Horsey Happy Snaps Photographics

For photos of the Events please visit the Website - <http://www.geocities.com/horseyhappysnaps/> or http://www.showphotos.com.au/view_photoq.php?photoqid=4

CG&DRC Rider's Profile - Xanthe Ballinger

HORSES: Sam - 16.3hh Bay Thoroughbred gelding and Rocky - 16hh Chestnut Thoroughbred gelding 3yo

HORSEY INTERESTS: Eventing, Jumping and Dressage

HORSEY LIFE STORY:

I grew up in a family of horse lovers. Both my parents rode as did my brother and sister. We kept horses at a riding school in Oxford Falls in Sydney until I was about 8. We had lots of riding school lessons (trotting around the arena on school ponies that knew what to do) we had a Dutch couple Tony and Frances Earnst, who were showjumpers, that taught us all. These were the days where instructors would put a \$1 note under our knees and challenge us not to drop them!! (How riding has changed in Australia!!)

When I was about 8 my parents went into partnership with friends breeding Quarter Horses. From there I spent most holidays and many weekends at the property near Maitland (NSW) and going to country pony club gymkanas. I was a member of Gresford Pony Club. This was great little pony club where we did LOTS of sporting, a bit of jumping and chasing cattle. The ponies I rode were all hand me down's that knew how to bend, barrel and flag race. I was always just a passenger and learned to hang on!! Apart from that we did a lot of stockwork on the property. I loved spending days out mustering cattle with Dad and Phil then having a go at drafting in the yards. The property was about 2,500 acres.

In the early '80s Mum and Dad bought a fruit farm just out of Ballina in a place called Teven. They shifted my horse there too. Again we spent extended long weekends all most school holidays on the farm (lots of long boring drives). I changed pony clubs and went to Alstonville for a while. This pony club did a lot of jumping and LOTS of hacking. My little pinto gelding didn't quite cut in the hack ring. I didn't stay with Alstonville long as I made friends with people at Lismore. I joined Lismore Pony Club instead. They did lots of jumping and hacking too. But at least there were a lot of jumpers. We had fantastic zone jamborees! We used to take the horses to Lennox Head and South Ballina quite regularly for "fittening" work (mad gallops up and down the sand and in the surf).

By the time I was in year 11 my parents decided I should go to boarding school while they sold up in Sydney to move permanently to Teven. So I went to NEGS in Armidale for 2 years. Very interesting!! There was an upside, I could take my horse. At that stage I had an Appaloosa x Thoroughbred gelding called Amigo. He was a very obliging horse and could turn his hoof to anything! While at NEGS I was introduced to eventing and was hooked! I competed on him in everything from polo cross to dressage, showjumping, eventing, camp drafting and hacking. He was a great horse and taught me heaps! NEGS was a massive learning curve in many ways. Our horses were all yarded and stabled, we had lessons a few times a week and most weekends were spent competing. I love the horse aspect of it!

When I finished school I spent a year with Amigo and another little black stockhorse gelding called imaginatively Black, showjumping. I loved it. I was meant to be studying to be a primary school teacher but that was an interruption to an otherwise fantastic time! I loved jumping at all the country NSW shows. I moved to Queensland the following year to study travel and tourism in Brisbane. It was meant to be a 6 month thing and turned the horses out for the break. Well 20 years later I'm still in Queensland! The horses came to Brisbane about a year after I left home but I just became a recreational rider and spent years just trail riding around Brookfield and taking the horses to Bribie Island for gallops on the beach. I kept Amigo until he died in 1998. He just moved from property to property where ever I lived.

It wasn't until I moved to Cedar Grove in 2001 that I really got back into riding. I didn't have a horse for about 18 months after Amigo died. But I was miserable without a horsie friend around. Lindsay, my husband, pushed me into getting another (I bet he wishes he could look into the future!) I leased a lovely little Arab mare from a nice local lady, Pam. Abbie was good little mare that gave me back the confidence to ride and started me competing again. From then I've had a series of nice-ish to down right awful horses.

At the moment I have Sam, a 5 year old Thoroughbred gelding, bay, about 16.3hh who I'm having a blast on and another young gelding called Rocky. I love that both my daughters ride. I just wish they could have the experiences I had riding on massive properties just riding and playing with there ponies.

I have a husband and 4 kids Melissa 13, Josh 12, Georgia 10 and Ben 8 - is there anything you need like what I do for a living? Probably not really needed.

By the way, I'm starting a new business with a friend - see www.more4horses.com - we'll be starting with rugs and building from there. The service we offer, is I'll come to you to show you our stock and fit your horse if needed. I'm pretty excited about it. We should be up and running in another week or so.

I joined the club in about 2001. While being a member of the club I have been secretary for a few years xx and now in my 2nd year as treasurer. I love our club!



Last Meeting Discussion - 14th May



Cr Hajnal Ban was at the meeting, which is just great - it shows that she supports the Club! The club is just waiting for the DNV and then the lease will be finalised. It should be a 5 year lease, there is a meeting at the grounds on the 30th May with Council looking at the inside and outside of the club, seeing what can be done and when. Cr Hajnal Ban is pushing to get the work done ASAP, and is also looking at getting us 1 master key so we don't have to have heaps of keys.

We are looking at getting a new fridge for the canteen, Jacquie is happy about that. We need to look into getting a Sponsor for the end of year trophies. Please make sure if you go out to other clubs and win 1st, 2nd, 3rd place to let Deb Morris know as it will go to your point score at the end of the year.

New T-Shirts for the Club - Sharon has a new contact and will look into it on Monday. We are also looking into selling the Yards for the year to help with our fundraising, at sign on day we will ask if you want to buy a yard for the year it will cost you \$10.00 for the year but you will have to buy your own lock to put on it.

Next Meeting is on the 11th of June at 7pm, at the Club House

Please note: KID'S LESSONS

Sharon has found a new children's instructor, who is starting on the 10th May, if anyone is interested then please let Sharon know on 5543 3126, thank you. Leah will be coming back in July and Hayley is just filling in for Leah.

Dressage Lessons with Gette Neergaard

Following on from our very successful clinic with Arian Nihaus. Marlene would like to organise a series of dressage lessons with Gette Neergaard who teaches up to elementary level. Preferably lessons would be on a Saturday morning - say every month. Lessons can be private or group - depending on what riders want.



To start would people let Marlene know if they are interested and she'll organise the first Saturday morning of lessons. If we are happy with them we can go on to organise the lessons on a regular basis. Marlene will find out the cost. Anyone interested please contact Marlene as follows:

Marlene.Moriarty@health.qld.gov.au

Mobile: 0439 671 037 - you can leave a message

Home: 5543 2657 - but don't leave a message as I don't listen to them.

Work: 5519 8214

Dressage at Pine Lodge - 28th June 2008

This is a day of ridden dressage demonstrations and education seminars which run from 8am to 8pm. Tickets are \$20 Adult; \$12 Child (5-12). Presold and group discounts available.

Website is www.qlddressagetest.com

or 3297 6325 after 6pm.

There will be a contingent from the Club going - so perhaps we could meet up there on the day.

The Shanghaied Guide to Dressage

A rough guide for husbands, boyfriends and others who have only a vicarious interest in the sport of Dressage.

Object of the exercise:

This is to navigate a horse around a small sandy paddock in a particular order. The horse must go faster or slower etc, according to a set of instructions called a 'Test'. This will be meaningless to you unless you can grasp a few of the fundamentals which I will explain below.

The horse has four main gears or 'Gaits': The Walk, The Trot, The Canter and The Gallop. They can each be performed respectively slow, not so slow, quite fast, and too fast. Too fast is normally not done due to space restrictions. You can tell what they are as follows:

a) The Walk.

This is divided into:

Slow Walk:

This should be very loose and uncoordinated, rather like a brother on crack (n.b feeding the horse crack or indeed "horse" to achieve this effect is frowned on)

Not so slow walk:

This should be a bit hurried. Like speeding up a bit to avoid a street beggar or an altercation on the pavement. It should be brisk and determined but not hurried.

Quite fast:

This is getting away from a lunatic who's attention you don't want to attract by running. It is brisk and concentrated. Unlikely to stop for anyone.

Too fast:

This would be like the power walking in the Olympics and is not done.

b) Trot.

Slow:

(sometimes called Passage). Diagonal feet move together punctuated by a period of levitation similar to that experienced by a cartoon character who runs off a cliff, and forgets to fall.

Not so slow:

Mincy and gay looking in most horses (especially geldings) sometimes called working trot.

Quite fast:

Determined to get to the other side as fast as possible without running. (Think white rabbit in Alice in Wonderland)

Too fast:

Normally only done whilst pulling a chariot and usually found at racetracks (otherwise it is not done.)

c) The Canter.

This is where the feet have a mind of their own. (Think skipping.) One front leg will point the way and the others will follow. Sometimes the pointing leg changes from the left to the right side or visa-versa. You will notice this as the horse looks like it might fall over. This is called a 'flying change'. This movement can be performed slow in which case the horse looks startled, or fast in which case it looks out of control.

d) The Gallop:

This is only performed at 'too fast' and therefore is not done at all.

Other Terms you may come across are:

Traverse.

This is a forward gait that is being blown off course by stiff cross wind resulting in a diagonal path. The horse still thinks it is going straight ahead.

The half Pass.

The horse has lost its way tries to get back to where it should be by crossing its legs whilst walking. Think of side stepping back into a queue you have inadvertently wandered away from.

Piaffe.

Basically 'Horse on a hot tin Roof'. Diagonal feet should be alternatively off the ground for as long as possible while the horse stays in the same place

Pirouette.

This is usually a Piaffe in which the horse slowly rotates in order to find a way off the roof.

Halt.

The horse stands still. Fidgeting, scratching, or picking its nose is frowned on. It should appear vaguely interested in the proceedings and not gaze around in a bored fashion or think of its holidays.

Shoulder in.

Like walking a dog on a very short leash or taking a small child up a ski tow bar. The head and shoulders are directed to the left or right whilst the body goes straight ahead. The spine can be twisted horribly. It can be combined with a stiff cross wind (see traverse above).

Passage.

See slow trot

Impulsion.

This is the amount of apparent energy visible in the horse.(Like a dog straining at the leash.) Contrary to expectations there does not have to be any actual movement.

Forward.

This is the enthusiasm and eagerness of the horse to go ahead. It can be standing still as long as it looks as if it would like to be moving.

Half Halt.

This is tricking the horse into thinking you want it to stop, but at the last moment kicking its butt. A conflicting procedure. Think of the order "advance with all haste slowly".

Eventually the horse tries to stop by tucking its bum in but continues forward which is good and is called 'collection'. The more eagerly it does this the better.

Collection.

This is a pent up state (as a result of the half halt fiasco). The horse can immediately spring into all gaits with impulsion (see above) Think of a boxer holding himself ready to avoid a counter punch.

The Kur.

This is an attempt to make the exercise (see above) more interesting by diverting your attention away with music. It sounds like an unwanted canine, but this is because it is one of the few German words that have been allowed.

The Grand Prix and the Prix St George.

These are the highest levels of the exercise (see above) and will incorporate all you have learned so far. By the time you have to sit through these you will be an expert.

Dressage Test Designed for....

The Test

1. **A.** Enter at ordinary serpentine.
X. Sprawl. Salute.
2. **C.** Stop dead. Stare in horror at judge and shy to left. Continue at ordinary working gallop.
3. **E.** Stagger left 20 or 15 or 22 meters in diameter circle or pear shape or five pointed star. Avoid excessive crossing of legs.
4. **K.** Begin to halt.
Z. Keep trying.
F. You can do it.
B. Pulley rein. Give up. Continue at out of hand gallop.
5. **H.** Regain right stirrup. Continue at ordinary trot, bouncing.
6. **MKT.** Change rein. Free Walk loose reins. Remove horse from judge's luncheon table. Ask judge for leg up. Jump back into ring.
7. **Z.** Turn down center Line.
Halt. Grin. Scratch. Burst into tears. Leave area at free walk on long reins, loose language.



An advertisement for a horse therapist. It features three horses' heads against a black background. The top-left horse is white and has a red speech bubble saying "hey dude... have you heard?". The top-right horse is light brown and has a green speech bubble saying "heard about what?". The bottom-right horse is dark brown and has a blue speech bubble saying "Yeah baby..... so relaxing!!". In the center, there are two red speech bubbles: one saying "Photonic therapy mate!" and another saying "Accupuncture without the needles". Below these, a large yellow starburst contains the text "Gets rid of those awful aches & pains & keeps them LIMBER!". To the left of the bottom horse, there is a list of services with star icons: "☆ Muscle pain & tension", "☆ Soft tissue injuries", "☆ Laminitis", "☆ Sacroiliac pain", and "☆ pre/post workout". At the bottom, another large yellow starburst contains the text "Therapist Yvonne Lucas (07) 5543 3104 or (0414) 602 025".



Cedar Grove and Districts Riding Club's Classifieds

Black Leather
Barnsby Kanter Dressage Saddle



17.5 inches...in perfect cond!
Paid \$3500 Sale \$2000

Please phone Sharon: 5543 3126



With thanks.....

Give Away
19 years old TB gelding

Looking to find a home for old boy
16hh Bay & currently ridden on weekends.
Is sound, dressage trained and good traffic!

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Mobile:- 0419 029 070



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Small loads
(approx 30 large Wheelbarrow)
\$80 delivered to the local area
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WANTED!



For 25 years - TB Mare 17 years - TB Colts 18 months - ChTB

Looking for DIY
Agistment for my boys!
(Feed twice a day myself)
approx. \$15 per horse?

Would be happy to help
out with feeding or
rugging if needed...

Preferably around Park
Ridge area but would look
elsewhere if there's one!

Please email Michelle on
ott_michelle@bigpond.com

THANK YOU

Palomino Gelding 2.5 yo
\$3000

**Very Handsome, Intelligent
and lovely Nature**

Dam: ASB Thoroughbred Sire: Part-Arab
Should mature approx. 16 hands
Contact: Marlene 5543 2657 or 0439 671 037

WANTED:

Kid's pony approx. 13
hands. Does not
have to be a show
pony but needs to be
quiet and reliable.
GOOD home assured.

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- \$60 Hunter Clip and for Ponies under 12 hands
- \$40 for a Trim

Phone Cath

3800 174 or 0411 626 921



**There is a black lunge whip and a lunge rein found
down at the club. If it's yours and you would like
it back, please come and collect it....thank you.**

Could members please email Editor on ott_michelle@bigpond.com with Sale Ads you may want to place in the newsletter!!

Thank you.

Horse Crossword

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Across

2. Where air enters the body.
7. Dappled or rose.
8. Hoof wall component.
10. Buckskin.
11. It's thick and furry.
16. Female horse.
17. Between the ears.
18. 16.2.

Down

1. A horse has one at each corner.
3. Hoof bottom.
4. Opposite of dish face.
5. Grooming kit essential.
6. 4 inches.
8. Human equivalent of the stifle.
9. Mouth bone.
12. Like all mammals, every horse has one.
13. Shave off the mane.
14. Can tell a horse's age.
15. Found in the hindquarters.



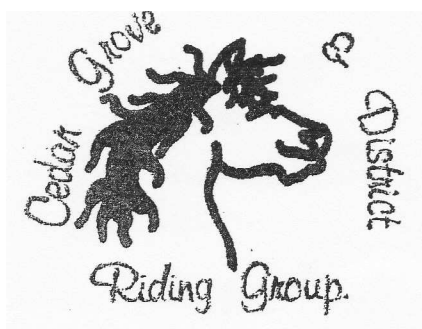
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This Riding Club founded by Lyn Suffolk and Susan Forgen in 1994.

We hold Dressage and Showjumping training and competition days with the occasional Hack Show. If your looking for an all-round club with a great membership base, we may be the club for you. We boast new sand arenas available for club members to use anytime, a huge grassed area ideal for showjumping and dressage days, yards and wash bays. A quiet friendly atmosphere ideal for new/nervous neddies and their riders.

