

June 2017

MSEDC June Newsletter



Notes from Committee

Please note that there has been a change in the calendar, June 25th Winter Series R3 is an Unofficial event.

The Winter Grand Finale on July 23rd is now the Official round. Communication to the club members, there has been too much on Facebook and not enough on the website and/or in the newsletter. We do apologize for this and hope to improve this, it has been brought to a meeting and discussed. We are looking forward to uploading more pictures to the Website, would you; as club members, like to see your pictures on the website and watermarked. Available to purchase for a gold coin donation to the club? The committee does take the time and effort to put into taking better photos, we would like to then share these, it is noted in the membership pack for you to give permission for us to then use pictures of yourself.

The Hygain Showdown scores are tallied up from the overall top 6% from each club.

Country Classic is now being put together, if anyone would like any more information or would like to give a helping hand, you will not be turned away.

The committee will be putting together a "suggestion box" of sorts and are coordinating a lunch at the last round of the Winter Series, Grand Finale, for all club members to come and talk to us about anything that springs to mind. What would you like to see from us? We are here to better the club, we can't do that without you. Thank you, you are all appreciated and loved.

DSA Meeting

Discussed at the SA Dressage meeting, held on the 2nd of June at 7pm.

With the MSEDC having some "technical difficulties", I should have paid more attention in computer lessons at school. We tuned in on the swabbing rules coming in to force, all competitive events (unofficial & official) are going to be affected and thrown into a hat for random selection. The number of horses swabbed depends on the number of entries for that particular event, horses are selected in the same random manner, selected via arena and time frame. Only the President will be contacted of this and will provide the DSA with a draw and exchange further information on procedures. Swabs will be taken by the DSA or DSA designated personal, a witness is to be present while swab is taken then a filed record/declaration of the action/swabbing for all those that are involved.

HRCav and unofficial competitors are not affected by the swabbing levy but CAN be subjected to swabbing! This information will be added to the rules and condition of entry for every competition. IF A POSITIVE RESULT, subject is to abide by federal/national rules, regardless of competitor status (official, HRCav, unofficial) accepting a possible suspension/fine and/or opportunity to appeal.

This is not to pick on a particular level of competitor but to hopefully increase the safety and welfare for everyone involved in a competition.

DSA State Dressage Champs:

The DSA have been discussing that each year a different club has a chance to hold the SA State Champs. In doing so this gives each club an opportunity to be supported and noticed.

2017 MSEDC Calendar:

- Winter Series R3 (Unofficial)-25th Jun
- Winter Grand Finale Hygain SE Showdown & Castec Rural Supplies MSEDC Winter Series (Official) - 23rd July
- August—Training rally with Dirk Dijkstra
- Country Classic—23rd & 24th Sep
- Oct—Kingston & Naracoorte Show
- Nov—Millicent Show
- Dec—Xmas Breakup



Special points of interest:

- *DSA Swabbing*
- *DSA Approved 2018 Calendar, back page*
- *Pony Club Meeting*
- *Dirk Dijkstra August*
- *Winter Series & Grand Finale*
- *Country Classic*



Some may have heard, along the grapevine, some may have been dreaming about it. Either way your committee have been hard at work trekking and rebuilding bridges to hopefully give our club a more horse friendly environment to call home. With so many opportunities here in and around the Mid South East it does look easier than it sounds but one thing is sure and true, things will get easier for how humble club. We can only hope that we have your support and elbow grease when it comes to the big move.

We would love to hear your thoughts on what and where you would like to see the MSIEDC go.

Dirk Dijkstra is coming to Naracoorte!

An EFA NCAS Level 3 Coach, Coach Educator, EFA Assessor, An A Level Dressage Judge and Colt Classifier; all rolled into one person. Not only a well known and respected competitor and teacher of Dressage BUT also a wealth of knowledge and Showjumping talents. "A jack of all trades" in the Equestrian world, not only in Aus but internationally, not only in the arena but also in the breeding ground.

Dirk is one of only a handful of Dressage riders in Australia who is out competing at the highest level as well as instructing. He has plenty of years of experience as a mentor to working pupils and has produced some of Australia's best riders such. He has competed at the highest possible level in all Olympic horse riding disciplines and is ready to pass on his knowledge and experience to the next generation of equestrian enthusiasts.

With the promise of great coffee, a warm crowd and wonderful venue, we will be very happy to present and offer lessons with the legend himself in August. Dirk is currently competing successfully on a son of Metall, the one and only Metallic, whom are both regularly mentioned in The Horse Magazine. Most recently for their success in winning the Boneo CDN Grand Prix, the spunky duo have also competed at Melbourne's Equitana and both frequent the Dressage and Jumping with the Stars in style.

AUGUST

For more information and expressions of interest in having lessons with Dirk, please contact Jessica Smith. done.4_kelpies@hotmail.com

Round 1 & 2 of the Castec Rural Supplies Winter Series



The boys from Crowded House must have spent some time in Naracoorte when they wrote "Four Seasons in One Day", as the weather brought rain, hail and shine! We thank our lovely Arena Squad for setting up the two arenas Friday afternoon, Jane Allen, Kristy Boord & her boys, Carol Dundas, Donna Eichler, June Whitehead & the Club's President Michelle Dupree.

We saw new club member Janeen Lepley on her Spotted Wonder Pony Ashton getting out there in the level 4 HRCV alongside our very own Club President Michelle Dupree on her Firecracker "Fairview Fire", Macca. It was quite an impressive turnout seeing some tougher tests completed by Donna Eichler, Carol Dundas and Kristy de Bruin, a little biased when I say that I was quite captivated by Donna's gelding Bandarra Lightyear. Kristy de Bruin was another one of my favourite's, personally, to watch on her strapping steeds Roo and Tommy.

With so much action and the Sun giving us it's Wintery best, we were lucky for the day, with the final couple of tests for the Round 1 finishing at 2pm. There was still plenty of daylight for those to travel home warmly and safely, those that camped had the sun's company to help with feeding and washing up after the days activities. But there were black clouds loaming, making the campers wondering whether or not it was a good idea to stick around, of course then the thunder started. Comforting enough, as quick as the weather changed, the black clouds and threatening thunder didn't stick around for long; giving us hope for Sunday.

Day 2 & Round 2, as the day before, we weren't sure what the South East weather were to bring. The sun was warming and humble but if you weren't keeping busy the bitter wind went straight through you. Colleen Smith had come to the 2nd round a little sore, after a fantastic show the day before. With her only riding one test in the Sunday, she then was a little unlucky in getting rained on in the afternoon Prelim. As the competition started to whined down, the threat of a stormy end was becoming surreal, lucky for us we had an amazing Arena Squad for dismantling. As the lovely few ladies hurried in packing up the trailer, THANK YOU, they just beat the harsh hail that came during the presentations. Scaring poor Ashton, wanting his mummy, he joined us too in the shelter of the stewards shed as the storm passed.

For Round 3, June 25th has been changed to Unofficial, please do not forget that there are Tiny Tot walk—trot tests for our little future *Dressage Stars*.





Castec Rural Supplies Winter Series Round 3 & Hygain SE Showdown Round 2

June the 25th, this round was originally sent out to be an official but after a bit of a speedbump in the calendar the Committee and HRCav, along with the support of EA, have decided to change the June round to Unofficial. Entry forms are available on the MSEDC website www.msedc.org.au/entryforms.php also available on the Club's Facebook page; if you would like a copy sent to your email, please don't hesitate to contact the committee. Entries close the 20th June.

This round of competition is held at the Naracoorte Showgrounds, please follow the entry form for further details on entering and booking camping/stabling. The committee are looking forward to you seeing you all there. PLEASE don't forget about volunteering some of your time to help run such an event.

Thank You.

HYGAIN SE Showdown



4th of June, is exactly what it sounds like. A Showdown, head-head competition with our neighbouring club, South East Dressage Association. This is the first year such a series has happened since the 1980s, WOW, and with your support it won't be the last. We are bringing you all a showdown, not only for an extra competition but to widen the competition, getting more numbers within the levels/tests, encouraging each other reach our personal bests. Why not? SEDA has supported the MSEDC with volunteers, judges and over all their competitors travel to Naracoorte to give us a show to put on. Face it, without competitors, we'd look pretty funny out there on our own. SEDA has just acquired their own grounds within the Mt Gambier Showgrounds, with stabling and yards available to bring comfort to our athletes. The camping facilities are second to none as the grounds hold up well no matter how much rain falls and with hot showers available, what more could you ask for.

We look forward to seeing more of SEDA and assisting them grow as a club.

Hygain has been a Super Trooper, sponsoring this series and giving us some insight into what they can offer our Noble Steeds. Be sure to ask as many questions about their feed range, as there is something for every pony and bigger pony (horse).

Winter Grand Finale, 23rd July



Winter is here! As Game of Thrones predicted and the slower you get the years seem to get quicker, soon Winter will be over. With the end of July comes our Winter Grand Finale, where the Hygain SE Showdown & the Castec Rural Supplies Winter Series come to a final and we celebrate by coming together for an action packed Sunday on the 23rd of July.

The Grand Finale will be an Official competition, EA and HRCav, where we will welcome all with open arms and warm hearts. Entries close on the 17th of July and we PLEASE ask for as many volunteers as possible, events don't run themselves and all help will be greatly appreciated, also not forgotten.

With our Grand Finale closely approaching, don't forget to thank our sponsor's, "Your Local Bloke" at Castec Rural Supplies and the ever wonderful Hygain, Feeding Champions Since 1983. Whom have provided us with such wonderful support this season and outstanding prizes to be won.

Entries: entry forms are available on www.msedc.org.au website, please fill out all relevant areas and PLEASE provide a volunteer. Then send to Kristy Boord gkboord@westnet.com.au along with receipt or proof of payment of entries.

Entries close on the 17th July 2017.





Believe in yourself

MSED C Committee

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VP: Kristine Hancock

Secretary: Kristy Boord & Jessica Smith

Treasurer: Amanda Harrold

Committee: Lisa Hurrell, Colleen Smith &

Lester Masters



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There has been a review of the Mid South East Dressage Club's Code of Conduct. If any individual has an opinion of another person or with the Committee itself, PLEASE DO NOT express this on social media or within yourselves/clicks in or among the club. We are all here because we have one MAJOR FACT in common, We Love Our Horse/s, we love our Dressage. There is so much heartache in this world, we DO NOT need it here, somewhere that is supposed to unite us all.

We do support everyone and their opinions, we all make mistakes.

We are not perfect but our best is perfection.

If you and/or anyone that you know has an idea or has something that needs to be heard, we as a committee are here to help and take whatever action is necessary. We will help and share any information that may be missing.



COME AND SEE US

As the club welcomes new faces, sometimes the loyal favorites seem to be forgotten. Please do not let that be the case, we adore you all. Please don't hide, we are nothing without each of you, regardless of what your competition level, training level or how fancy your browband is. We, as your club committee, value each of our members and value all opinions and ideas.

If you're feeling left out and as if you're drifting toward the back of the crowd, please don't stay silent, WE would like to invite you all to a dinner/lunch or even a fundraising BBQ to share, swap and express any and all topics that you may have been keeping aside.

We as a club can not move forward without hearing from you, we only want and try for the best for our members, but with that we need to hear from you. Sorry that we're not telepathic.

Please contact us soon or at the Winter Grand Finale if YOU would like to see a CLUB meeting/get together in support of the "little guy".

Country Classic

Spring! It is only 13 more weeks until Spring, but who's counting? The MSEDG has always put on a spectacular event in September and this year it will be nothing short of Classic.

The Country Classic will be an EA only event, with Official & Unofficial tests to suit everyone. As the club recently held a HRCV only event in March, with SEDA in Mt Gambier, we saw it then an opportunity to give EA the same loving attention its competitors well deserve.

The MSEDG Committee have been busy at work putting together a Classic event with the wonderful support from Prydes. The Classic will also bring a Trades Village, bringing you the quality any Classic Dressage Competitor could ask for.

DSA Approved 2018 Calendar :

- 27th&28th Jan— MSEDG Extravaganza
- 24th&25th Feb—Lucindale Show
- 10th, 11th&12th Mar—SA State Champs, possibly @ Southern Vales.
- 25th Mar—MSEDG training day
- 29th Apr—MSEDG training day
- 27th May—Winter Opening (Official)
- 23rd&24th Jun—R2&R3 Winter Series, SE Showdown.
- 29th July—Winter Final
- 26th Aug—MSEDG training day
- 29th&30th Sept— MSEDG Festival
- 6th Oct—Goroke Show
- NOV—Equitana Melbourne
- 2nd Dec—Xmas Shin-dig