

# Ride Write

## Newsletter of the Mid South East Dressage Club

Affiliations EA/HRCVA Member Horse SA

February 2021



### Lucindale Show Dressage

### Saturday 27th & Sunday 28th February

Although Lucindale has suffered a fast moving bush fire which reached the town, Mother Nature has tried to make amens since by watering our hallowed competition ground with generous amounts of water. It looks stunning at the moment. Entries have already started trickling in.

### \*\*\*\*PLEASE NOTE\*\*\*\*

Entries are via Nominate

Go to [nominate.com.au](http://nominate.com.au)

Select Ag Shows; Select February; Select SA

Enquiries contact

Sue Thornley 0408847026 or

Kristy Boord 0417361269

**Entries close  
via Nominate  
17th February 2021**

On a disappointing note all our experienced high level judges from afar are sadly now not able to attend for many personal and unavoidable reasons. But the up side is we will see an ex member who started her dressage interest with the club, return to help out. Carly Boon recently completed her Elementary Level Judging exams so we are grateful for her help. Amanda Lock will also officiate on the Sunday, Due to the lack of official judges in SA we may have to run some EA classes as unofficial.

HRCVA Dressage will be official . See Face Book for instructions to enter via Nominate

Also NOTE all entries to classes at the show this year will need to be done through Nominate. These changes brought about by Covid 19 will also aid the volunteers on the day.

CR Codes will be on the gates and around the venue. Codes will also be at the Dressage at the Scoring truck. Please be vigilant with all covid requirements. Marshals will be in attendance

Look forward to seeing every one there for the first of many fun events for this year.



# LUCINDALE P, A & H SOCIETY DRESSAGE COMPETITION

EA & HRCVA Affiliated

**27th FEBRUARY & 28th February 2021**

**FEI/EA Official Competitive / EA Closed Restricted / Official HRCVA**

**Stock Horse / Childrens Tiny Tot Tests**



## EA Tests

Saturday & Sunday A's and B's Preparatory to Advanced

Official Class Division Open, AOR, Young Rider, Junior, Pony Note Closed Restricted Classes will be judged as one division.

## HRCVA TESTS

Saturday and Sunday 1's and 2's Levels 5 to Advanced

**New HRCVA tests applicable as from September 2020**

## Tiny tot test

will be the MSEDCA Children's test 1 & 2 Saturday, Sunday

## Venue:

Lucindale Showgrounds, Oak Avenue, Lucindale SA

## Entry fees:

\$25 per test  
\$20 per test (Mid South East Dressage Club members)

## Membership:

Compulsory membership to Lucindale PA&H Society for all riders \$10 - 18yrs and over \$5 - Under 8yrs

## Entries :

Via Nominate  
Go to [Nominate.com.au](http://Nominate.com.au)  
Select Ag Shows  
Select February  
Select SA

## Waiver:

Included via Nominate

## Entries close:

**Wednesday 17th February 2021**

## Enquiries to:

Kristy Boord 0417361269

## Camping:

Available at Lucindale Showgrounds \$20 for the weekend

## Stabling:

Available at the Naracoorte Showgrounds contact 0427621127

## Draw:

The draw will be posted on the MSEDCA Face book page and website at [www.msedc.org.au](http://www.msedc.org.au) by Monday 22nd February

## Scratchings:

0417361269

## Prizes:

Cash prizes to 2nd place and ribbons to 3rd place all classes.

• This event is run jointly under Lucindale PA&H Society, EA, MSEDCA and HRCVA Rules and Regulations

• The organizing committee, Lucindale PA&H Society, MSEDCA, EA and HRCVA does not accept any liability or responsibility for any accident, injury, illness, loss or damage to any person, property or animal.

• All competitors must present to the gear check before competing

• Dogs must be on a leash at all times

• The committee reserves the right to cancel or alter any class at their discretion.

• Hot weather times may be used in extreme weather conditions. Notification will be via the MSEDCA website and Face book

• Current, valid HRCVA membership and dressage performance card must be presented to the Event Secretary prior to competing in HRCVA classes

• Riders may only compete in a maximum of 3 EA tests per day

• If a rider is eligible to compete in BOTH HRCVA and EA tests, then they may only compete in a total of 4 tests in any one day, irrelevant of the test affiliation eg: 2 EA tests and 2 HRCVA tests = 4 tests total. This is the maximum.

• HRCVA registered club colours must be worn in HRCVA tests

• HRCVA riders must supply their own numbers for both sides of the horse

• HRCVA rules and regulations apply to HRCVA tests and HRCVA riders

• HRCVA riders may compete at their assessed Level and the next higher Level

• HRCVA prizes as per Event Rule 25

• EA rules and regulations apply to all other tests and riders

• Anyone who pays a Lucindale PA&H Society membership is eligible to enter the Closed Restricted classes

## Conditions of Entry:

- **Stock Horse High Point Award Sash and \$50 cash sponsored by the Australian Stock Horse Society South East Branch. To be eligible horses must compete in either 2 Preliminary or 2 Novice tests.**
- **Stock Horses must be members of ASHS**
- **Stock Horse Tests are judged under EA Rules with the exception of saddle, nose bands and dress. Current EA hard hat rules apply.**
- **Tiny Tots tests and rules are available on the [www.msedc.org.au](http://www.msedc.org.au)**



## Mosquito borne disease alert for horse owners

Friday 20 March 2020

PIRSA is reminding horse owners to be on the lookout for the potential impact of symptoms of mosquito borne diseases such as Murray Valley Encephalitis Virus and West Nile virus/Kunjin in their horses.

This follows the detection of antibodies to both diseases in sentinel chickens located in the Riverland.

Chief Veterinary Officer Dr Mary Carr said the sentinel chickens were a good indicator of mosquito borne disease risk and this latest detection has prompted the warning to horse owners to not only be alert but to minimise exposure of their horses to mosquitos.

"Mosquito activity has been low and to date there have not been any recent cases of these diseases in horses in the state, however it is prudent that horse owners take precautions to minimise the potential for transmission of such mosquito borne diseases," she said.

"This includes trying to avoid mosquito bites as much as possible and eliminating mosquito breeding areas on their properties. Other mitigation strategies include using repellents, covering their horses or keeping them indoors at time of high mosquito activity, particularly at dawn and dusk."

Dr Carr said the last significant outbreak of these diseases in South Australia occurred in 2011, resulting in more than 100 horses becoming ill. While most recovered there were a very small number of cases that required euthanasia.

"In horses, infections with these viruses will not always show signs of disease, however symptoms can include staggering, incoordination, weakness and depression.

"If owners notice that their horse appears unwell, they should contact their veterinarian to arrange for an examination and possible laboratory testing.

"PIRSA is also advising veterinarians on appropriate testing protocols, including testing for Hendra as a precaution given the symptoms of Hendra, Murray Valley Encephalitis and West Nile virus /Kunjin virus in horses can all look very similar.

"As Hendra can be a fatal disease in both horses and humans, it is essential that horse owners and veterinarians, if they come across such symptoms in horses, practice strict biosecurity measures and wear appropriate personal protective equipment."

There is no known human risk from direct contact with infected horses, however humans, like horses, can be directly infected from mosquito bites. Further information about Murray Valley Encephalitis Virus, West Nile virus/Kunjin and other mosquito borne diseases in regards to human health can be found on the SA Health website [www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/fightthebite](http://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/fightthebite).

For further information on Murray Valley Encephalitis and Kunjin for horse health visit [www.pir.sa.gov.au/horse-health](http://www.pir.sa.gov.au/horse-health)



# MSEDC EQUINE MINI EXTRAVAGANZA

## SATURDAY 6 AND SUNDAY 7 MARCH 2021

### NARACORTE POLOCROSSE GROUNDS, HYNAM SA

**The Mid South East Dressage Club is proud to present a weekend designed for all horse enthusiasts throughout the Limestone Coast and beyond.**

• Specialist dressage lessons • Protocol Sessions • Emmet Therapy Sessions for horse & riders as well as a chance to catch up with old friends and meet new ones, sharing a meal and some laughs.

Thank you to everyone who entered the January Extravaganza that was postponed. Unfortunately, not all instructors planned for January were available in March. Jason Dins Dressage instructor and Angela Donaldson will both be there. Naomi Moreland who specialises in using the Emmett Technique to help look after both horse and rider will also be there. Susan Thornley has also offered to do Protocol sessions.

## **Entries close Monday 22 February 2021**

Places will be allocated in the same order that original entries were received. The lessons with Jason and Angela will be limited to one horse per day with one instructor. If they aren't full extra lessons will be offered so please indicate your first preference and then as second preference additional lesson requests. Please don't pay any additional money until the draw is completed then we can make adjustments either way. Unfortunately, we can not offer packages but there will be no charge for camping. The MSEDC will be supporting the weekend by paying for Instructor meals and accommodation and ground hire.

*To participate in this MSEDC weekend you will need to be one of the following:*

- 1) *A current financial MSEDC member*
- 2) *A current financial HRCVA member*
- 3) *Pay a HRCVA day membership for each day of attendance*

**NB:** To participate in the level assessment activity, you must be a HRCVA full member.

To join us for this fabulous weekend of fun and learning, please complete the details below and overleaf and forward your payment and booking information to us to secure your spot! Bookings can be made by post or email and payment can be made by cheque or EFT. All the details are on the booking form. We hope to see you there!

Name:			
Address:			
		Post Code:	
Email:		Phone:	
Horse Name:			
Dietary Restrictions:			

### March Equine Mini Extravaganza

You need to be a MSEDc member or a HRCav member to participate.

If you do not have a current membership, you can purchase an HRCav 'Day membership' for each day

Select the activities you would like to participate in by ticking the boxes

Activity		Saturday	Sunday	Total
Angela Donaldson - dressage (45min lesson)	\$100	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$
Jason Dins - dressage (45min lesson)	\$100	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$
Lily Pad – Full treatment for horse or rider	\$50	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Susan Thornley – Test Protocol Session (30 min)	\$20	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$
Lily Pad – Mini treatment for horse or rider	\$30	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$
<b>Individual activities SUB-TOTAL</b>				\$
Camping and Yard – Polocrosse ground - weekend	n/c	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$
Additional yards at Polocrosse Grounds - weekend	n/c	Quantity		\$
Saturday Night Dinner (per head)	\$15	Quantity		\$
HRCav day membership (per day)	\$30	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$
<b>GRAND-TOTAL</b>				\$

Payment by cheque to: Mid South East Dressage Club Inc.

Payment by EFT to: BSB 633-000 A/C # 151 424 926

Please use your name as a reference & email confirmation of your payment to

The Treasurer: treasurer@msedc.org.au

**BOOKINGS CLOSE 22 FEBRUARY 2021**

*Places in sessions will be allocated on receipt of paid entry*

PO Box 922, NARACOORTE SA 5271

Membership forms available on the MSEDc website [www.msedc.org.au](http://www.msedc.org.au)

Please complete waivers when completing new membership forms or day membership forms.



# MSEDC UNIFORMS

## CLUB SHIRTS

Sun Safe Navy long sleeve shirt with contrast colour on zip and around the neck. Perfect for club competitions or activity days. Embroidered on the front with the MSEDC logo.

*LIMITED SMALLER SIZES AVAILABE*

*These beautiful shirts were originally chosen as our club shirts. However sadly after we chose these and had some made up they became no longer available... These shirts are sun smart, long sleeve navy shirts with white on the arm and contrasting orange around the neck*



## CLUB JACKET

Soft Shell Navy Jacket, with two zip pockets and lined with micro polar fleece. Perfect for those cold winter days. Embroidered front and back with the MSEDC logo.

## CLUB TIES



Example of a well turned out MSEDHRC AV rider and horse showing the full uniform for official Competition.

As highlighted for the recent Lucindale Show Dressage. When judges were not able to fulfil their engagement due to unavoidable circumstances there are just not enough judges to go around when there is another event on at the same time. It also highlights judges do not necessarily want to judge every weekend. So there needs to be more judges on the ground to share the load. There are many out there who have been involved and doing dressage for many years who could share the load.

Below from the Dressage Judges Committee



## Dressage Judge Activities Update

### February 2021

In South Australia we are facing a shortage of dressage judges and we desperately need to have knowledgeable riders and coaches putting up their hand to take on judge training. Also, many of our judges are on the 60+ age group and may want to “retire” in the next ten years or so. But it will take 5-10 years of training for enough new judges to fill this gap. Without enough judges, competitions will be limited and too much demand on too few. If you are interested in expanding your knowledge and giving back to your sport, please contact one of the Dressage Judges Subcommittee and find out more. Some information about upcoming events given below.

JSC members are Liz Duncan, Fiona Heysen, Tracy Tillman and Verity Hayman. Our contact email is [dressagejudge@equestriansa.com.au](mailto:dressagejudge@equestriansa.com.au)

### Judges Education Opportunities

The following seminars are planned for 2021 and hopefully there will be no program changes due to COVID19! Judges at all levels, coaches and riders are all welcome to attend. Seminars are a great opportunity for everyone to learn about how dressage training is assessed.

1. F/G Seminar – 13th March with Barrie Stratton at Cromwell Park, 9:30am registration for 10:00am start. For new G, current G and current F. To help this group of judges progress we will also work with AHDC on the following Sunday at Strathalbyn to help with coordination with Sit-in and Shadow-Judge opportunities.
2. A/B Seminar – 24th April with Maria Schwennesen – venue TBC
3. Young Horse Seminar – 25th April with Maria Schwennesen – venue TBC
4. E/F/G Regional Seminar – 22nd May with Felicity Yuncken – MCDC at Naracoorte.
5. D/E Seminar – 12th June – details TBA.

### Fast Track Judging

Recent rule changes have made the judges “**fast-track**” option more attractive as these judges start at F (Novice) while they train to E (Elementary) or D (Medium).

Riders who have competed at PSG/Int level and gained three scores of more than 62% in the last eight years can fast-track to Elementary. Or with scores of more than 60% at Int A/B, Int2 or GP, they can fast track to Medium – depends on your FEI level and scores. Level 2 General and Dressage coaches can also take this path.

To get started the fast-track judge does an Open Rule Book Test and attends a seminar at E (for E fast-track) or D level (for D fast-track). They are then a qualified F level judge and ready to take on judging Preliminary and Novice classes while working towards the E or D Theory and Practical exams. We hope more of our FEI riders will consider this option, see section 12.14 of the Rule book

## Gossip from outside the arena

- ◇ Lisa Hurrell and Lofty have restarted the training career ably help by Kristy B
- ◇ Trudi Lutt and Harvey are trying to settle into a routine after a heavy harvest program
- ◇ Kristy Boord and Ava have actually got in some rides
- ◇ Amanda Harrold reports Gemma is improving with every ride
- ◇ Linda and Frosty although not headed off to go Eventing are looking forward to a trip to SA to show off their Covid Training
- ◇ Ann Dodd and Maya are enjoying slipping in to Victoria to Hamilton training with Jason Dins



Helzo her beautiful beach rides on the gorgeous Puzzle.

◇ Kate Dennis and her new partner Eddie are preparing for their competition debut

◇ Sue Thornley has handed over the ride on the red pocket rocket Kyra to Nat Roberts while Sue renews trail riding paths with Spydar.

◇ Helzo Possingham has added to her stable a lovely red head mare, called Cherry, who we will enjoy meeting as they make their debut at Lucindale Show. In the meantime we can all envy



## Thank You

A very grateful and appreciative thank you to Amanda Lock who on the day of the fire at Lucindale sent an innocent text "I see there is a fire at Lucindale let me know if there is anything I can do"? I'm sure she didn't expect the instant urgent reply!!! Nor do I think she expected to be driving towards what looked like Armageddon, but that she did to help me evacuate my horses and then accommodate all three safely at her place. All three horses loaded quietly despite the wind and smoke. It was a great relief to not have to worry about them.

Thank you also to all the concerned messages. I have tried to get back to everyone personally, but if I missed anyone, please know it was appreciated.

*Sue, Spydar, Abby and Kyra Thornley*



Also thank you to the Naracoorte P&A who offered shelter for horses, dogs, goats, sheep, chooks and any animal seeking shelter. Great initiative on their behalf as there is no designated area for animals between Naracoorte and Mt Gambier





# Mid South East Dressage Club 2021 Calendar

FEBRUARY			
27 & 28	Lucindale Show AH&P Society	Dressage - EA, CR, HRC AV Tiny Tots	Lucindale Show Grounds
MARCH			
6 7	Instructor Weekend	Club Day	Naracoorte Polocrosse Grounds - HYNAM
28	MSEDC Club Day	Christmas Program	Lucindale
APRIL			
25	MSEDC Winter Series Round 1	Unofficial EA & HRC AV	Naracoorte Polocrosse Grounds - HYNAM
MAY			
22	Judges Workshop	Club Day	Naracoorte Polocrosse Grounds - HYNAM
23	MSEDC Winter Series Round 2	Official EA & HRC AV	Naracoorte Polocrosse Grounds - HYNAM
JUNE			
27	MSEDC Winter Series Round 3	Unofficial EA & HRC AV	Naracoorte Showgrounds
JULY			
25	MSEDC Club Day	Club Day	Venue TBA
AUGUST			
21 & 22	Lucy Williams Clinic Weekend & AGM	Club Weekend	Naracoorte Showgrounds
SEPTEMBER			
25 & 26	SA COUNTRY DRESSAGE CLASSIC	Official - FEI, EA & HRC AV EA HOTY Qualifier & AOR	Naracoorte Polocrosse Grounds - HYNAM
OCTOBER			
16	Naracoorte Show	Dressage - Unofficial EA	Naracoorte Showgrounds
NOVEMBER			
28	MSEDC Club Day	Club Day - End of year Breakup	Naracoorte Polocrosse Grounds - HYNAM



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## HORSE V. HUSBANDS :-

### Good thing About Husbands:

Husbands are less expensive to show  
Feeding a husband doesn't require anything that even vividly compares with the hassle of getting hay.

A lame husband can still work

A husband with a belly-ache doesn't have to be walked

Husbands don't try to scratch their heads on your back

They're better able to understand puns

If they're playing hard to catch you "may" be able to run them down on foot

They know their names

They pay their own bills

They apologize when they step on your toes

They seldom refuse to get in the vehicle

They don't panic, yelling and running all through the house when you leave them alone. (unless you left the kids too)

For a nominal fee you can hire someone else to clip them



### The Horses Advantage:

If they don't work out you can sell them

They don't come with in-laws

You don't have to worry about your children looking like them

You never have to iron their saddle cloths

If you get too fat for one you can shop for a bigger one

They smell good when they sweat

You can force them to stay in good physical condition ...with a whip if necessary.

They don't want their turn at the computer

They turn white with age, but not bald

They learn to accept restraint

They don't care what you look like, as long as you have a carrot



## A Training Riddle this month .

*What is achievable by any combination of horse and rider and still has to be practiced at the most elite level of dressage?*

Send your answer to  
president@msedc.org.au

**Do you know the answer?**