



# RIDE WRITE

## Newsletter of the Mid South East Dressage Club

Affiliations EA South Australia Member Horse SA HRCVA

September 2022

### August Activity Day

was a resounding success, good numbers attended and (at the risk of sounding like a broken record) the weather was perfect for training and socializing.

Sausages for lunch and then the Annual General Meeting.

Welcome and congratulations to long time member Ann Dodd as our new President, stepping up to fill this important role to lead the club onto another year of Fun Friendship and Forward Moving.

Ann brings with her a new and very enthusiastic group to support her and continue on the great work of the 2021/2022 Committee. Congratulations to Ann and to her crew. We all look forward to the year ahead.



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## August Activity Day



Winners are grinners as the ol saying goes.  
Woody and Striking Eagles couldn't be separated by a photo finish  
Duchess of Avalon taking the honours without handicap



Our resident Country Cook making sure the sausages are cooked to perfection. I wonder what is in the cup!!!



Ray and Julie getting in some serious training Lucie on a perfect day. The clubs beautiful poles reflecting the sun shine



## ***Committee Chatter***

At the new committee's first meeting held on the 7th September.

- The Committee wish to thank Lucie Hill for a fun day training and Amanda Lock for providing feed back to Protocol riders.
- As the club is affiliated with HRCav the club is required to complete and submit a Risk Management plan. This has been completed and forward.
- Website host Paula Gust has been contacted to update the web site
- Equipment Insurance with MGA insurance has been renewed
- Discussion for an activity day 22 or 23 October to run a training clinic
- November Activity Day/Christmas Break-up – low key free fun day at the Pony Club Ground TBC 27 Nov
- Lucy Williams Clinic 17/18 December 2022 sadly Lucy will not be available
- 2023 January Activity Day – 22 Jan will be discussed at the next meeting
- Lucindale Dressage – February – Open for discussion next meeting
- Extravaganza – March Long Weekend discussion next meeting
- Dressage SA – EA Dressage Bridle Numbers- Number Size Tolerance
- Dressage SA – Australian Masters Games 2023 letter of invite
- All members are welcomed and encouraged to join in at a committee meeting. If you would like to contact Linda Archer and she will include you on the Zoom invite.

**Next Meeting: Wednesday 5 October 7pm SA time via ZOOM – Linda to send invite**

## ***Welcoming Words from our new President***

First of all, a thankyou to our outgoing President and Committee for all their hard work keeping the club going through some tough times over the last year.

Secondly, a warm welcome to everyone from the new committee.

Together with our dynamic and proactive team we aim to provide a welcoming supportive environment to foster education and learning in all equestrian areas.

Our special focus this year will include more opportunities with instructors, training for the competition environment, Horse health and wellbeing, and most importantly, getting out together and having fun

See you all soon Ann



***Watch this space  
for October Activity  
Training Form***

## Equestrian Australia Equipment Annex

In conjunction with Section 5 of the Current Equestrian Australia Dressage Rules, the Equestrian Australia Dressage Committee seeks to provide the following information for clarification of permitted and non-permitted equipment for official competition. This document is not intended to imply approval if the target item of equipment is not listed. The Dressage Rules provide clear guidelines as to the equipment permitted. Wherever possible, the EADC is guided by rulings from the EADC and FEI Equipment Committees.

For additional equipment queries, please do not hesitate to fill in the query application form (found [here](#)) or for information please do not hesitate to contact the Equestrian Australia National office. This document will be updated twice a year.

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#### Application to Dressage Equipment Committee

The following application must be used for any query to the Australian Dressage Equipment Committee, a sub-committee of the Australian Dressage Committee. Applicants must ensure they are familiar with the current rules (**Section 5 – Dress, Saddlery and Equipment**) as related to permitted equipment for dressage competitions in Australia available from:

<http://www.equestrian.org.au/dressage-rules>

Applicants are directed to also review the Equipment annex available [HERE](#)

These 2 documents provide clear guidelines on permitted and non-permitted equipment and must be consulted prior to making application to the equipment committee.

Return application to:

#### Equestrian Australia

Post: P.O. Box 673, Sydney Markets NSW 2129

Fax: 02 9763 2466

Email: [karen.myers@equestrian.org.au](mailto:karen.myers@equestrian.org.au)

You will be advised of the outcome of your application by email after the Australian Dressage Equipment Committee's monthly meeting.



## Application to Dressage Equipment Committee

Date of Application:

Name	
EA Membership Number	
Email address:	

### Description of equipment

Manufacturer:	
Stated use:	
Section of rules under which this equipment is covered: (applications missing this detail <b>will not</b> be considered)	
Reason for application:	
Webpage:	
Image:	

*(An image or webpage address for review of visual evidence **must** accompany this application)*

As our club runs competitions under the affiliation of Equestrian Australia and some members are not members of EA but compete at club competitions in Restricted classes which are also governed by EA Rules. It is likely that members may not be used to reading about the rules that give guidance to equipment which is legal and not legal. The following page gives clear guidelines for bits used in all our competitions.

Please check you bit

Next month will show bridles and spurs

Section 1	BIT RINGS/CHEEKS	STATUS
Hanging Cheek/Baucher		✓
Eggbutt		✓
Loose ring		✓
Sleeved cheeks		✓
Shaped sleeved Cheeks		✗ Elimination
Full cheek / Fulmer		✓
D-ring		✓
Various gag cheeks		✗ Elimination
Mylor (or similar) Cheeks for use With hooks		✗ Elimination
Bevel Bit/Cheeks		✗ Elimination
B-ring snaffle		✗ Elimination
Dr Bristol		✗ Elimination
Mouthpiece with rotating middle piece		✓
Loose Ring Tube		✗ Elimination
Turtle Top Snaffle		✓
Myler permitted Snaffles		✓
Double jointed plastic bit		✓
Pinchless Snaffle		✓

Section 2	BITS / MOUTHPIECES	STATUS
Ported Unjointed bit		✓
Mullen Mouth		✓
Flexible Mullen Mouth		✓
Double Jointed Snaffle		✓
Single jointed Snaffle (including lock up)		✓
Loose ring Dressage Plate		✓
Cable double Jointed		✓
Cable Single Jointed		✓
Ported barrel		✓
Happy Mouth Straight bar		✗ Elimination
Beris Mullen Straight bar		✗ Elimination
Flexible Mullen Straight bar with lip guards		✗ Elimination
Plastic covered Weymouth		✓
Neus Schule Turtle Tilt		✗ Elimination Updated 6 Jly 2021, FEI recommendation
Weymouth (largest) and smallest ports illustrated)		✓
Weymouth with sliding mouthpiece, rotating arms or tilted mouthpiece		✓
Various mouthpieces		✗ Elimination
Bits with interference on the rings		✗ Elimination
Coloured Bits		✗ Two mark deduction
Bit guards		✗ Elimination
Bit clips on ergonomic bridles		✗ Elimination
Measuring Bits		N/A

If you have any doubts you can approach a committee member who will help find an answer for you. Better to be prepared before an event rather than go to gear check and not be able to continue !!!!!!!!!!!

# 2022 SA Country Dressage Classic

Proudly hosted by the



## 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> September 2022 Naracoorte Showgrounds

At the Committee meeting the last minute details were discussed and finer details implemented.

Entries have been received and the book is closed.

Draw will be done by Ann Linda and Kate on the 11/9/22

Judges will be emailed the draw for confirmation

Entries down slightly

Setup of 3 arenas will be 2pm on Friday

Ann will coordinate the volunteers

Sue Thornley will organise judges gifts and confirm accomodation

Linda will send off the Ribbon Order

Champions rug has been ordered

Committee members will cook judges evening meals

David Ramsey appointed Medical Officer

Ray Gilcrist and Kate Dennis will be emergency farriers

Vet is being contacted

PA system to be set up

Big job but worth bringing an event of this caliber to our Region. Also great we have club members ready to experience this level competition as well

Members please be proactive in putting your hand up to help in any small way to make this competition a success without too much stress.

To those members Competing remember .....

*“To Compete is to Win”*