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## ***President's Welcome to the 2011 Season***

It has been a rather arduous start to the year for many with excessive rain fall and the visit from cyclone Yasi. Our thoughts are with those that have been affected by these events.

Hopefully we will see our paddocks drying out soon and we will return to a more enjoyable routine with our equine friends.

Through the wet season the committee has been working hard to be able to keep you up to date with a myriad of rule changes from Equestrian Australia (EA), AON our insurance providers and Kerribee Park (KP).

Our new forms reflect the changes and I would ask that you make yourself familiar with the new ATDDEA Conditions of Entry which combine ATDDEA, EA, AON and KP rulings.

The **Conditions of Entry** form is available on the ATDDEA website (<http://atddea.webs.com>) along with all other relevant information from the club.

I would also encourage all members to visit the EA website <http://www.equestrian.org.au> and review the new **Dressage Rule Book**. The club will arrange for copies of sections 1, 2, 3, 6, 7 and 11 to be printed which will be available for a small donation to the club funds.

We also hold a stock of **Dressage Test booklets** which have useful diagrams of tests from preliminary to advanced.

If this seems a little overwhelming, join us for a little more clarification at the RSL on the Saturday evening of our practice weekend, the 19<sup>th</sup> March and Angela and the committee will take you through the information.

I look forward to seeing you all at our March event.

**Michael Sausman**

President

## **What's New**

It is difficult knowing where to start with this, as there have been so many changes. These have come into play in light of insurance requirements and fairness to competitors and participants.

Michael's direction above is a good starting point. Michael has been in discussions with our hosts Jim and Shirley at Kerribee Park. To help implement some changes and to clarify 'what is where' there is a mud **map** of the venue that has been uploaded onto the ATDDEA website on the coordinators page (if any of our members can improve on this it would be welcomed).

The club's **Risk Management Plan** has been reviewed and again all members are encouraged to make themselves familiar with its contents. It is also available on the club website.

In 2010 Jim was kind enough to agree to 2 new arenas (arena 3 and arena 4). We have now introduced **New Arena Rules for Non-club Event Days**, so that members are able to hire them; details again on the website.

Staying with our venue, **work is continuing on the large yards**, which of course has been slowed by the weather. The large yards running parallel with the road opposite the caretaker's house are now complete; the yards facing the entrance road are still under construction. It's looking good so far!

In general, insurance issues have certainly been brought to the fore in recent months and our club is no exception.

EA/AON no longer offers day insurance for clubs. **Restricted Membership** for our club is now available for one event only. **The Conditions of Entry form** offers more details on this.

In line with ATDDEA and KP insurance recommendations **lunging will only be allowed in the fenced cutting yard NO EXCEPTIONS**.

**Electric Fencing** of any type will no longer be allowed at any club event.

One last word on our grounds. The club has purchased 2 dung carts, forks and rakes to make it easier for all members to clear up their horse's stall during the event and before leaving. This is not an option! No more Mr. Nice Guy on this – there will be a name and shame board at events and on the website.

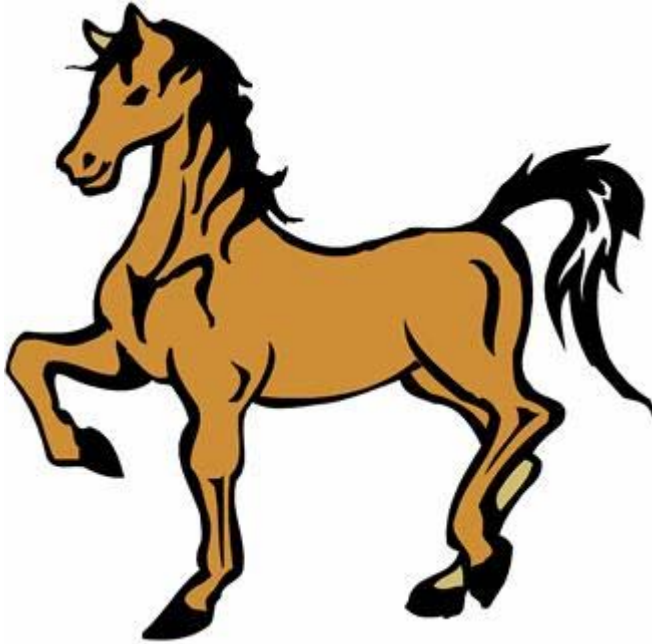
Our events and the organisation thereof have seen some changes voted in by the AGM and committee.

All participants in club events must assist with the event. If you are personally unable to assist then ensure that you bring a helper with you to carry out your allotted task.

Finally some class details and other points have changed, please read the Conditions of Entry form carefully.

In short, PLEASE **READ THE CONDITIONS OF ENTRY FORM** in detail

The committee is more than happy to answer any questions from members. Feedback is positively encouraged but please do this before or after the event and not when committee members are preparing to ride.



***Spritz brings you an Update on 2011 events***

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Venue</b>
<b>March 19<sup>th</sup> &amp; 20<sup>th</sup></b>	Training weekend <i>Coordinated by the committee All participants to assist</i>	<b>Outside Arenas Kerribee Park, Mareeba</b>
<b>April 2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	Associate Dressage Competition <i>Coordinated by Mossman members All participants to assist</i>	<b>Kerribee Park, Mareeba</b>
<b>May 14<sup>th</sup> 15<sup>th</sup></b>	Official and Associate Dressage Competition ATDDEA <i>Coordinated by Julatten members All participants to assist</i>	<b>Kerribee Park, Mareeba</b>
<b>June 11<sup>th</sup> &amp; 12<sup>th</sup></b>	Official and Associate Dressage Competition ATDDEA <i>Coordinated by Mareeba members All participants to assist</i>	<b>Kerribee Park, Mareeba</b>
<b>August 13<sup>th</sup> &amp; 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Official and Associate Dressage Competition ATDDEA Championships</b> <i>Coordinated by <u>all</u> members All participants to assist</i>	<b>Kerribee Park, Mareeba</b>
<b>September 3<sup>rd</sup> &amp; 4<sup>th</sup></b>	Club Competition ATDDEA <i>Coordinated by Cairns members All participants to assist</i>	<b>Kerribee Park, Mareeba</b>
<b>October 8<sup>th</sup> &amp; 9<sup>th</sup></b>	Club Competition ATDDEA <i>Coordinated by Malanda/Yungaburra members All participants to assist</i>	<b>Outside Arenas Kerribee Park Mareeba</b>

Calendar and programmes will be available online @

<http://atddea.webs.com>

## **TRAINING**

### **March 19th & 20th Practice Weekend**

After a little hiccup and a false start, the programme has now been emailed to you and is available on the website.

Due to the ridiculous weather we are only using the outside arenas 3 and 4 whilst the main arena undergoes some maintenance.

This unfortunately means that we can't operate a competition as we would have no warm-up area!

There will be plenty of help on hand for ring craft and encouragement in the arena. Thanks to all our mentors in advance for their time and energy, it is very much appreciated.

Sadly, the freestyle has been postponed but we are looking for a way of having a pure freestyle training day/evening somewhere, sometime.

We have managed to keep the Prix Caprilli for some fun (uses less electricity). The jumps can be modified to just trotting poles if you are uncertain, so please do tick the box on the entry form and have a go.

We are looking forward to a get together on the Saturday evening at the RSL where a breakdown of the new rules will be given.

The plan is to have supper after the event (at members own cost) before we check on our four legged friends back at K. Park and turn in for the night.

Although it is not a competition, you will need to send your entry forms into the Club P O box address on entry form 2 and of course send your payment. This will help us plan the weekend. Wendy has kindly confirmed that she will produce a mini draw with regard to your preferred times to participate.

Wendy can be contacted on 4092 7886 [benwennq@bigpond.net.au](mailto:benwennq@bigpond.net.au)

Because of the new insurance rules, only members who have paid their 2011 subscription will be able to ride; I'm afraid there can be no exceptions. Please don't leave it to the last minute to renew your membership as this is a huge work load for Esther to cope with.

If you have any questions please email or call either

Michael/Angela – 4094 2071 [angela@oceaneasy.net](mailto:angela@oceaneasy.net)

Esther                    4094 1340 [brooks@ipstarmail.com.au](mailto:brooks@ipstarmail.com.au)

## **Clinic with Marcela Adkins Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March @ Kerribee Park**

Our local German trained instructor Marcela will be hiring the club arena on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March in order to offer paid instruction to members. Please read the rules regarding the new arenas on the website. Again, the arenas can only be used by members of the club.

If you would like to book a lesson, please contact Marcela directly on 0439 839068 or email her at [snikda-daz@hotmail.com](mailto:snikda-daz@hotmail.com)

## **Ron Paterson Clinic @ Kerribee Park Friday 25<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March. Members and invited judges only.**

We invite all members to participate in this event which will be held on our outside arenas at Kerribee Park. This will be a Ron clinic with a difference!

Ron has agreed to give us his valued opinion through an expert eye not only from the stance of a coach but also as a judge and rider. Join us on the afternoon of Saturday the 26<sup>th</sup> March when Ron will be conducting a 'Judges Seminar'. Find out what the judges are looking for. Take home invaluable information on how to train yourself and your horse. Listen to his perception and comments on how to ride effectively in harmony with your horse. If you have ever thought of becoming a judge, then this is the opportunity to get an idea of what you would need to do.

Ron will follow on from this with a presentation on the Saturday evening (venue to be confirmed). **There will be no fee for observing on the Saturday afternoon or evening.**

If you would like to continue your education and book a lesson with Ron he will be continuing with the usual clinic format on the Friday, Saturday morning and Sunday. Further details and a booking form will be coming your way shortly.

If you are attending you **must** email Angela, [angela@oceaneasy.net](mailto:angela@oceaneasy.net) and specify if you would like to attend the Saturday seminar starting at 2.00pm on the 26<sup>th</sup> March and/or the Saturday evening presentation

[Please come prepared with hat, sunscreen, water and your own chair.](#)

You can find more details about Ron by visiting his website <http://www.htfequestrian.com/>

## **Kim Weston Clinic @ Paddies Green, Mareeba**

Kim has resumed her clinics for 2011. Kim will be holding a training weekend on the weekend of April 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup>. Contact Kim directly to arrange a booking.

Kim can be contacted on 0432600214 or email [kimilla@hotmail.com](mailto:kimilla@hotmail.com)