



**ATHERTON TABLELANDS & DISTRICT DRESSAGE &  
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ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED (ATDDEA)**

# **NEWSLETTER**

June 2010

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## ***A note from the Editor***

Hello ATDDEA members new and old.

Another month has passed and thank goodness we have seen a little sunshine. Hopefully as this month progresses we will see the end to horses foot problems and the like that have kept a few members away.

In this issue are details of the June club events. I must apologise for the errors on the competition program. We managed to delegate to a non-horse person and I am afraid the rule of ABCD was followed 'to the letter'. We forgot to mention that there were exceptions to the rule with the Medium and Advanced classes... Oops.

Mind you I would have liked to have seen her face when she came across the green horse!

This issue is a little short and sweet as we are trying to catch you all before the June nominations close.

That and the fact that Boston the dog is looking at me with a rather pleading look on his face and Michael is threatening to feed him with my dinner.

***Photo Call***

So who was the budding acrobat in the last newsletter? – Viv Kennett of course.

Here is another wonderful shot for you. Who could this be?



*Answer in the next edition*

If you have a photo or would like to contribute to the Newsletter please contact Angela Sausman – [angela@oceaneasy.net](mailto:angela@oceaneasy.net) or call 4094 2071  
Small advertisements are welcome for a donation of \$10

## ***May Official and Associate Competition***

A huge thank you to all that helped and rode at the May competition event.

We had some great feedback on the competition.

Maria Schwenneson was our visiting judge for May. The comments and encouragement from Maria, Netta and Sylvia were gratefully received.

The scoring results files are quite large so please email the editor if you would like a copy and please say which (or both) days, to [angela@oceaneasy.net](mailto:angela@oceaneasy.net). We are working on a solution where we will be able to keep you informed of placings at each event without man-power hours running into days typing placings in one by one.

Maybe a website fairy will appear?

## ***June Clinic with Ron Paterson- Mareeba Pony Club Grounds June 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> (Friday, Saturday & Sunday)***

Ron will be holding a 3 day clinic, this time at the Pony Club Grounds in Mareeba. Spectators are very welcome. An addition to the clinic this time is the agreement with Ron of shared lessons of 2 persons for those 13 years and under.

Here is a reminder of Ron's profile:-

Ron Paterson is an FEI International Judge (Horse Trials), a National A Level Dressage Judge, an educator and examiner in programs for judges and coaches and an assessor in the Queensland Inter-School Equestrian Association (QISEA).

Ron has been associated with horses for most of his life (he even rode his pony to school). He was twice the State Pony Club ODE champion representative at the Inter-Pacific Pony Club meet in Canada in the mid 60's.

He trained with the late Franz Mairinger at the EFA Centre at Bowral in NSW, and was a leading dressage rider in the late 60's, 70's and 80's. His A Grade show jumper was the NSW Dressage Horse of the Year.

In 1983 he received the Dunhill Dressage Scholarship which enabled him to train in Warendorf, Germany, at the German National Riding Centre (DOKR).

He was short listed twice in Eventing and Dressage for the Olympics, and has trained 8 horses to FEI Level.

He has also served in the administration of equestrian activities, on the State EFA branch committee's, and by formation of a working party to bring all Australian states in line with National rules and grading points. This is now the National Dressage Committee.

Ron is an expert in the basics, specialising in young horses and beginner riders. Most recent results are state champions in prelim and novice: The stallion - Royal Rubin 2005; The stallion - Donnatraum 2006; and The Mare – Cameo, all competed in America for two 1st's & two 2nd's at Novice level in 2008. Ron trained event horses All Luck (Shane Rose) and Ringwould Jaguar (Sonja Johnson) up to medium level. Sonja Johnson and Ringwould Jaguar were in the Silver-medal winning 2008 Australian Olympic Eventing team. He regularly attends schools conducted by international instructors and now has time to travel and pass on his teachings of the "Master's" he himself has learnt from.

For bookings email Margot Warnett - [margotwarnett@bigpond.com](mailto:margotwarnett@bigpond.com) or phone 40937 337

***June Official and Associate Competition  
June 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> (Saturday & Sunday)***

You should all by now have received the program, waiver and entry form for our next competition at Kerribee Park. Clementina Kelly will be our visiting judge for this month. All are welcome to join Clem for dinner on the Saturday night (venue to be confirmed). We are yet to confirm her arrival time also for Friday but dinner may also be possible on that day. Just find one of us on Friday as we set up if you would like to join us.

Please note those amendments to the Medium and Advanced level tests on the program. (Saturday Medium 4A, Advanced 5A – Sunday Medium 4B, Advanced 5B)

This time we will be holding a Prix Caprilli class in the Associate section on the Sunday afternoon. Sylvia Nelms gave the club a wonderful insight into the test on the practice day in May and given the fact that we have shiny club jumps and the go ahead from EQ we have decided to give them an airing. The height of the jumps will be very low (45cm - not much more than a trotting pole) so we can treat it as a Preliminary class and just have some fun. I am sure there will be willing helpers to call the test if that instills some confidence to have a go?

We will again be working to prepare as much as possible before the event so prompt entries please so that we can finalise the draw, print numerous copies for the judges boards etc and prepare the scoring program in advance.

Netta Stringer is our co-ordinator for the event (thank you Netta). Netta will also be called upon for judging so a show of hands for helpers would be very much appreciated.

## ***Dress Code & Gear***

If you are new to dressage this can be daunting and sometimes confusing (especially if you are used to another language – hereby speaks the Brit).

The club has adopted a strict dress code and operates under the rules of Equestrian Australia. The majority of these rules are for the safety of the rider and to maintain the well being of the horse. Some just make us look pretty.

If you are unsure what to wear and use, please ask. We would much prefer an email or phone call to clarify or just find one of us the night before at the grounds rather than add stress to your day at the gear check. Honestly, we don't bite – we are a friendly bunch!

Did you know the dressage rules are available online at <http://www.equestrian.org.au> or you can purchase a printed set of rules for \$5 from the club. Anna-Marie at the canteen has a box of them just waiting to be snapped up.

## ***Gear Checking***

Gear checking is mostly very straightforward. We will be adopting the forms that were used at the Suncorp Games for future use at the ATDDEA competitions as they worked well as a memory jog. If you have 5 minutes at the event ask the gear check steward to explain. We need more helpers to spread the load, so go on give it a go!

## ***Warm-up Etiquette***

So there you are 30 minutes before that horrifying test and you have Mr. or Mrs. Bouncy to warm up. You are concentrating generally more than your horse at this time but there are so many things to remember.

Apart from 'heels down' and 'look where you are going' and 'damn – was it track right or left?', there are a few things you need to be aware of in the warm-up area.

These are covered in the EA notes for Dressage Competitors section 10.2 and are available on the EA website <http://www.equestrian.org.au> ; or you can ask us for a hard copy. The notes cover everything for the new competitor and acts as a great refresher to seasoned riders.

We had some wise words on warm-up routines from Marcela Adkins at our practice Day in March which included 'don't change anything'. Don't suddenly surprise them with a whole new routine.

I usually have the word 'FORWARD' ringing in my ears too.....

## ***New 2010 Grading System***

A new horse grading system will come into affect on the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2010. Please see the EA website <http://www.equestrian.org.au> for details. We will have a printed copy on the board at the June Competition too.

***A little Plug for 2 of our Dedicated instructors who gave up their time freely to help out at our May Practice Day. Thank you Ladies.***

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Some of you are aware that our president Michael Sausman is (amongst other things) a CPR/First Aid trainer who carries out regular courses on the Tablelands. This includes annual CPR refreshers and the full "first aid" course. Groups are minimum 4 and maximum 10 and he usually travels to you. Let him know if you are interested in holding or attending a course for you or a group.

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(I made him donate \$10!)

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## What's on

***MALANDA PONY CLUB OPEN HACK DAY***  
**MALANDA PONY CLUB GROUNDS - MALANDA SHOWGROUNDS**  
**SUNDAY JUNE 20TH 2010**

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Mitavite Festival of Dressage  
Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> July  
Pine Lodge Equestrian Centre  
Thornlands  
QLD

<http://www.qlddressagefest.com/sponsors.htm>

Finally,

Don't forget to fill in those June nomination and waiver forms and get them to Wendy our fabulous Draw Co-ordinator before Friday.

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Or we will send around the fierce guard dog!

