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Hello valued WDA-AUS members and friends.

Welcome to another edition of the WDA-AUS newsletter, which covers Western Dressage related events and issues from the previous 3 month period. In this edition we are excited to present our first ever NATIONAL SHOW coverage—what a wonderful event that turned out to be! Great venue, great people, great sponsors, awesome horses and so many cool prizes!

Jumping straight back into work mode after producing an epic Nationals, the WDA-AUS board members have been extremely busy working in the background to update our Constitution, Rulebook, Horse grading points system, upcoming Judges training seminars & protocols, affiliate information seminar, as well as all the usual Board related business.

We are super excited to present the fruits of such labour to our valued membership. Please take a look at the brand new HORSE LIFETIME AWARDS & RECOGNITION PROGRAM that is presented in this newsletter and subsequently will be uploaded to our rulebook. We feel this system will help our sport to be more inclusive and provide encouragement and recognition to the horse and rider's western dressage journey. Horses will no longer be "Graded out" of a level based on their points accumulation.

Keeping in mind, Western Dressage is about progressing through the logical, systematic training methods similar to Classical Dressage, to develop a well trained, happy horse with longevity and versatility in mind. Whilst the focus should be on each individuals' progression through the levels of training, the WDA-AUS provides a framework of levels and tests that are offered at affiliated WD shows & events for the horse and rider to showcase and test their skills and progression with professional feedback from accredited judges.

Everyone's journey differs and we are putting the progression through the levels in the hands of the individual, rather than insisting horses & riders progress at a perceived set standard. We trust you to do the right thing by your horse and your fellow competitors.

HAPPY SHOWING

The WDA-AUS Board



Frequently Asked Questions

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Horse Points:

<http://www.westerndressage.com.au/horses>



Calendar 2022

Queensland

9-10 July	WDSEQ	TROPICANA Championship	Caboolture
13-14 Aug	FCWDA	WD Show	Maryborough
20-21 Aug	WDSEQ	Clinic/WD Show	Burpengary
3-4 Sept	WDSEQ	Clinic/WD Show	Burpengary
24 Sept	NQQHA	WD Show 1 Series 6	Tully
4-6 Oct	FCWDA	FCWDA Championships	Maryborough
7-9 Oct	WDAQ	QLD WD STATE SHOW	Maryborough
22-23 Oct	NQQHA	WD Show 2 Series 6	Malanda
19-20 Nov	FCWDA	Vivian Wearing Clinic	Maryborough

Western Australia

17 July	WDAWA	AGM/Club Day	Foxwood Farm
21 Aug	WDAWA	Show	Foxwood Farm
17 Sept	WDAWA	Show	Crystals in Kellerberrin
16 Oct	WDAWA	Show	Foxwood Farm
20 Nov	WDAWA	Show	Foxwood Farm

Victoria

17 July	WDWV	Clinic	Romsey
23 July	WDAV	Show	Ayr Hill
13-14 Aug	WDAV	Clinic/Show	Elmore
21 Aug	WDAV	Clinic	Ballarat
17 Sept	WDAV	Clinic	Tynong
15-16 Oct	WDAV	Show	TBA

South Australia

12 Aug	SSWPC	Annual General Meeting	Macclesfield SA
29-30 Oct	SSWPC	Buckle Series Championship Show	Kirkaldy, SA

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2022

Jul 17th ... WDAWA Show
Jul 23rd ... AGM & Hi Point Awards
Jul 24th ... Intro to WD Clinic
Aug 21st ... WDAWA Show
Sep 18th ... Crystals in Kellerberrin
Oct 16th ... WDAWA Show
Nov 20th ... WDAWA Show

2023

Feb 19th ... WDAWA Clinic
Mar 19th ... WDAWA Show
Apr 16th ... WDAWA Show
May 21st ... WDAWA Show
Jun 18th ... WDAWA Show

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Maryborough Equestrian Park

Entries close 15/8/2022

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WESTERN DRESSAGE WEEK 2022

Maryborough Indoor

Fraser Coast Western Dressage Championships 5th & 6th October

Western Dressage Association of Queensland State Championships 7th 8th & 9th October



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MEMBERSHIPS

The new membership / competition year commences on July 1st, 2022 & goes through to June 30th, 2023. WDA-AUS discounted the membership fee in 2018 by 50% . Membership fees have not increased since then, even though insurance premiums have been on the rise each year. The insurance fee has again increased and unfortunately because of this, the WDA-AUS membership fee will increase from \$90.00 to \$95.00 for the 12 month period.

NATIONAL SHOW

The Western Dressage National Show was a success and WDA-AUS intends to host the National Show as a biennial event, every 2 years rather than annually. It will not be held in the month of May, it will be later in the year in the last quarter of 2024. Once the venue booking is confirmed an announcement will be made so that we can all plan towards attending.

GRADING SYSTEM

As the national governing body for Western Dressage in Australia, the board of management strives to continually develop & grow the sport, while maintaining a standard of excellence and preserving the integrity of the discipline and its execution. We are proud to be recognised by other national breed associations as the approved performance body for Western Dressage in Australia.

In the interests of our members the National Board conducted a review of the Horse Grading System which governs the sanctioned level that a horse may compete in.

To bring Australia into line with our American and Canadian counterparts and, with a view to using international judges at future National & State events, **the grading system will cease to exist as of July 1st, 2022 and will be replaced with an Awards & Recognition Program**, which will commence on the same date. The current level restrictions remain in place until 30/06/2022.

The WDA-AUS Rulebook will be amended accordingly in due course.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR YOU & YOUR HORSES?

- This is separate to the National & State end of year high point awards.
- Horses will have a lifetime accumulation of points recorded.
- The points that each horse currently holds up to 30/06/2022 will remain intact.
- Recognition / Awards will be given upon reaching point milestones.
- Horses will no longer grade out of a level.
- Horses will no longer be restricted to a particular level, provided the conditions of the level are met.
- A Horse may only enter two (2) consecutive levels at any one show competition.
- A Horse may only compete in a maximum of four (4) tests in any competition day.

TEST LEVEL	CONDITIONS
Basic	Horses must be at least 3 years old
One	Horses must be at least 3 years old
Two	Horses must be at least 4 years old
Three	Horses must be at least 4 years old; Horses must have achieved at least 75% in no less than two Level 2 Classes
Four	Horses must be at least 4yrs old; Horses must have achieved at least 75% in no less than two Level 3 Classes; May only be ridden two-handed in a snaffle bit, transitional bit, bosal or bitless bridle, or one-handed in a curb bit or two rein bridle.

The WDA-AUS encourages the progression of horses and riders through the training levels and would like to provide encouragement, recognition and awards throughout the journey.

Rules

- Points are awarded to the licensed horse according to its percentage score, placing and number of entrants in the class. These points are awarded to the horse irrespective of the rider except for Youth class placings, ie. Only placings from "Open" classes will earn points.
- Points can ONLY be earned at WDA-AUS Affiliated and Sanctioned events judged by a WDA-AUS accredited Judge
- Points are only allocated to Sanctioned Classes (Not Introductory Level or Come & Try Classes)
- Places from 1st to 5th to be awarded for each class.
- All equal placegetters receive full points for their placing
- No points will be earned for test scores below 60%
- CHAMPIONSHIP** Show = 1.5 times points,
STATE Show = DOUBLE points,
NATIONAL Show = TRIPLE points,
ONLINE Shows recognised and/or organised by WDA-AUS = HALF points. (Affiliates/Branches are limited to holding only one Championship show per year)
- Points are cumulative for the lifetime of the horse and need not be earned in one competition year
- Awards and Certificates will be sent out to horse competition license owner by WDA-AUS at the discretion of the association as the horse reaches each milestone.
- Horses that reach these milestones and achieve the awards and certificates will be listed in the WDA-AUS newsletter in recognition of their outstanding achievement.

WDA-AUS Points Scale

Minimum Percentage	Number of Riders in the Class	Placing	Points Awarded
65%	1 – 4	1st	4
65%	1—4	2nd	3
65%	1—4	3rd	2
65%	1—4	4th	1
60%	5 or more	1st	5
60%	5 or more	2nd	4
60%	5 or more	3rd	3
60%	5 or more	4th	2
60%	5 or more	5th	1



WDA-AUS Lifetime Awards & Certificates

<i>Certificate of Merit</i>	<i>50 points in a Sanctioned Level</i>
<i>Certificate of Achievement</i>	<i>100 points in a Sanctioned Level</i>
<i>Certificate of Excellence</i>	<i>150 points in a Sanctioned Level</i>
<i>Bronze Century</i>	<i>100 points achieved in each of 2 different Sanctioned Levels</i>
<i>Silver Century</i>	<i>100 points achieved in each of 3 different Sanctioned Levels</i>
<i>Gold Century</i>	<i>100 points achieved in each of 4 different Sanctioned Levels</i>
<i>WDA-AUS Performance Bronze Medal</i>	<i>200 or more points Total across 3 different Sanctioned Levels* (*minimum 20pts in a level to count)</i>
<i>WDA-AUS Performance Silver Medal</i>	<i>350 or more points Total across 3 different Sanctioned Levels* (*minimum 20pts in a level to count)</i>
<i>WDA-AUS Performance Gold Medal</i>	<i>500 or more points Total across 3 different Sanctioned Levels* (*minimum 20pts in a level to count)</i>
<i>WDA- AUS Superior Performance Horse</i>	<i>500 or more points Total across 4 different Sanctioned Levels* (*minimum 20pts in a level to count)</i>



The very first ever Western Dressage Association of Australia Western Dressage National Show was a HUGE success!

The success of our first National show demonstrated the growth and high standard of Western Dressage in Australia, and highlighted the inclusivity of our sport and the genuine mateship and positive vibe that we are proud to offer.

Western Dressage caters for all levels of riders and horses, it is family orientated and the help and support given freely amongst our members, committees, affiliates and board of directors is something to be proud of.

Back in April 2021, a handful of the dedicated WDA-AUS board members sat around a horse show camp and cooked up the idea that it was about time we created and held a National Western Dressage show for our members. Ideas were discussed at length for a few hours (each of us getting more excited as the ideas took shape) and when those ideas were shared with the rest of the board members at the next meeting, all were in favour and the process to start organising such an event was put in to place. Our WDA-AUS board is made up of a small group of VOLUNTEERS, spread from Far north QLD, SEQLD, and WA. We rarely get to have meetings in person and most things are discussed via video meetings and emails, and occasionally the Queenslanders get some face to face time at a horse show. When we say it was a mammoth effort to pull this one together... that is an understatement. However, our amazing Secretary/VP/Wonder Woman (Paula) led us all in the right direction and what a magnificent event we had.

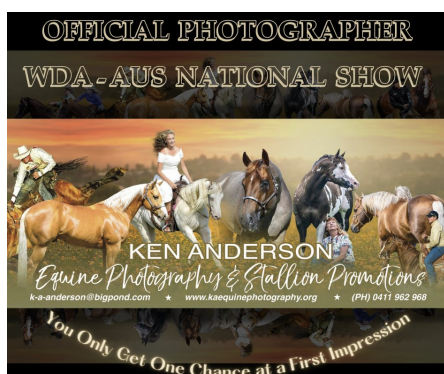
We had a huge and valued line up of sponsors who we are extremely grateful for, some of them completely new to WD, yet willing to support our growing sport. This allowed us to hold the event at such a prestigious venue and to give out some outstanding prizes (including a saddle!) to our winners and placegetters - please support those who support us and our sport in your every day life (and a Thank you from competitors goes a long way). You will find our sponsors logos and adverts scattered throughout our Newsletter, Facebook page, Website, National Show program. Thank you to all of our sponsors and also a big thank you to some of our Affiliates and Branches who provided support and sponsorship as well.

How amazing was it to see so many Western Dressage competitors in the one place! We had riders from as far north as Innisfail, Far North QLD and as far south as Melbourne, VIC, as well as riders from Bundaberg, Maryborough, Dalby, the Gold Coast, as well as all around SE QLD and the Sunshine Coast. It truly was a National Show for everyone.

Our three judges judged a full round of classes each—Introductory Level to Level Three—across 2 separate arenas within the massive complex that is QSEC (QLD State Equestrian Centre) at Caboolture, QLD. The National standard was very high and competition was fierce, with strong results in each class, often with placings at the top end of the field being quite close.

The DVL Saddlery Highest Aggregate percentage was achieved by Gold Coast horsewoman, Carolyn Gorrill and her beautiful palomino mare, Who Whiz Einstein. They were awarded the Trophy saddle handcrafted by our Major Sponsor Damon Lowrie of DVL Saddlery. The Thomas Arena Products TEAMS CHALLENGE was a big hit, with the Master & The Apprentices taking out the coveted title. You can find the many winners and placegetters from the Show listed in this Newsletter. The WDA-AUS board congratulates all of the winners and placegetters for their outstanding effort and achievement and also commends all competitors for making the effort to attend and compete at such a high standard at the very first WDA-AUS National Show.

After such a successful first event the National board has decided to hold the National Show every two years, which allows us to be able to plan and offer an even better event for our members as our sport continues to grow. The date will be released for the 2024 National Show in due course. (all NATIONAL SHOW photos credited to Official Photographer KEN ANDERSON)



Feedback from a National Show Sponsor

Thomas Arena Products were proud to sponsor the 2022 Western Dressage National Championships in May at QSEC, Caboolture. As a Major Sponsor of this event, we were made to feel very appreciated from the moment nominations were made. Gita also competes in Western Dressage, so being looked after with preference for stabling and camping and being given Dinner tickets was a very nice touch from WDA-AUS—Thank you.

The promotion of our brand as sponsors leading up to the event and being invited to present the Team Challenge Award at the final presentation was greatly appreciated.

Congratulations to all the hard working committee that contributed to a very successful National Show, you should all be applauded for pulling off a fantastic event.

Errol & Gita Thomas

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A National Show Competitor's view

Nationals was extremely well run, and the classes ran through smoothly. The committee did such a great job in running the show. The prizes provided were exceptional, with such a massive support from so many great sponsors. It was nice to see competitors travelling from far and wide, and getting to meet all these people. The overall vibe of the show was friendly and supportive, and that's why Western Dressage is becoming so popular.

Carolyn Gorrill

National Show

A note from a National Show Judge

Firstly, it was an honour to judge at the first Western Dressage Association of Australia National Championships at QSEC in Caboolture in May 2022. I had a fantastic time. Not only did I enjoy judging, I also enjoyed spending time with – and learning from – my fellow judges – Rachael O'Dowd (VIC) and Carol Paterson (QLD). We were well taken care of by the show organisers and were capably looked after by Jayne Leadbetter and Lyn Robertson.

On behalf of my fellow judges, thank you to the National committee for their hard work in pulling together such a fantastic show. The show was competitor friendly, well supported by fabulous sponsors and very smooth running. Knowing how much work goes in to just running a local show, I am in awe of the amazing work put in by our volunteer National committee. I would also like to thank the hard-working scribes – Lynette Hawarth, Lyn Robertson and Naomi Sharrock. They did an amazing job keeping up with us and managing the occasional technical glitch with the Livescore system.

From a judge's perspective, the competition flowed really well. It was great to be able to judge at all levels across the 3 days – and the improvement that I saw in combinations over the course of the classes I judged was great to see. It was wonderful to see happy horses and happy competitors and equally pleasing to see a number of youth competitors who gave many senior riders a run for their money.

The standard was very high with some very good work demonstrated across all levels. It was particularly pleasing to see how well the riders had prepared with most demonstrating a solid grasp of the basics and principles of western dressage at all levels.

I am so looking forward to the second National Show and expect there will be yet another leap forward in overall quality. The future looks bright for western dressage, and I look forward to its continued growth and development.

Congratulations to everyone involved in running our first National Show and I look forward to our second National Championships.

Margaret Augerinos



National Show Results

Major Sponsor
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HIGHEST AGGREGATE SCORE OF THE SHOW

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Champion
Carolyn Gorrill & WHO WHIZ EINSTEIN

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CHAMPION HIGHEST AGGREGATE SCORE AWARD
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HIGHEST AGGREGATE SCORE OF THE SHOW

DVL MAJOR SADDLERY & EQUIPMENT

Reserve Champion
Gita Thomas & SHINEY NU ADDITION

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RESERVE CHAMPION HIGHEST AGGREGATE SCORE AWARD
"A BEAUTIFULLY HANDCRAFTED & CUSTOM MADE TROPHY BRIDLE BY DAMEN LOWRIE
OF DVL SADDLERY & EQUIPMENT"
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HIGHEST AGGREGATE SCORE OF THE SHOW

DVL MAJOR SADDLERY & EQUIPMENT

3rd Place
Vivian Wearing & TASSAWOODS ACE

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3RD PLACE HIGHEST AGGREGATE SCORE AWARD
"A BEAUTIFULLY HANDCRAFTED & CUSTOM MADE TROPHY BRIDLE BY DAMEN LOWRIE
OF DVL SADDLERY & EQUIPMENT"
"B COMPLETE 2.5KG BUCKET DONATED BY BANANA FEEDS AUSTRALIA"

Introductory Level (Sponsored by DARLING DOWNS VETS)

Champion Montana Hamilton & Tapt Dancin Dundee
Res Champion Chloe Sentence & Tally S Xplicit Kiss
3rd Mandy Hall & Ronanvale Millionic Milly
4th Carolyn Sentence & Rosewoods Final Kiss
5th Karen Kruger & Cindas Gift

Basic Level (Sponsored by CLEINS HORSE TRANSPORT)

Champion Carolyn Gorrill & Who Whiz Einstein
Res Champion Gita Thomas & Shiney Nu Addition
3rd Erica Watkins & Mondure Apache Calboy
4th Montana Hamilton & Tapt Dancin Dundee
5th Teresa Russo & Roanies Roc Star

Level One (Sponsored by WDA-AUS)

Champion Vivian Wearing & Tassawoods Ace
Res Champion Gita Thomas & Shiney Nu Addition
3rd Chloe Lough & Chesalon Shocker
4th Courtney Barbera & Wynetta IPS
5th Debbie Scells & RKN Gee Whiz

Level Two (Sponsored by THOMAS ARENA PRODUCTS)

Champion Vivian Wearing & Tassawoods Ace
Res Champion Louise Harris & Too Much Hootch
3rd Sue Franks & Smart Nu Release
4th Debbie Scells & RKN Gee Whiz
5th Courtney Barbera & Wynetta IPS

Level Three (Sponsored by WDA-AUS)

Champion Louise Harris & Too Much Hootch
Res Champion Catherine Woodbridge & Rockin The Blues

Youth (Sponsored by WDA-AUS)

Champion Montana Hamilton & Tapt Dancin Dundee
Res Champion Chloe Lough & Chesalon Shocker
3rd Chloe Sentence & Tally S Xplicit Kiss
4th Megan Chatfield & Coco Nioka King
5th Hanna Corica & Haverbecks Luna

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Vivian Wearing &
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Chloe Lough
& CHESALON SHOCKER

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Vivian Wearing & Tassawoods Ace

National Show



Gita Thomas & Shiney Nu Addition



Montana Hamilton & Tapt Dancin Dundee



Catherine Woodbridge & Rockin The Blues



Louise Harris & Too Much Hootch



Chloe Lough & Chesalon Shocker



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Carolyn Gorrill &
WHO WHIZ EINSTEIN



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National Show

Highest Scoring Australian Stock Horse, from a Single Test across the 3 day National Western Dressage Show

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Highest Scoring Registered Quarter Horse, from a Single Test across the 3 day National Western Dressage Show

Debbie Scells &
RKN GEE WHIZ



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Highest Single Test Score of Any Level Achieved by a Youth Rider across the 3 day National Western Dressage Show

Montana Hamilton &
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Carolyn & Who Whiz Einstein pictured with partner Luke Baker & Damon Lowrie from DVL Saddlery



RIDER PROFILE

Carolyn Gorrell

Q1. Rider Age, Location, Club membership?

I am 45 years old, live in Beaudesert, QLD and a member of WDSEQ

Q2. Horse's Name: Who Whiz Einstein (LUCY) & Black Jac Revolution (Blackety)

A. Horse's Age & Breed: Lucy is a 9yr old registered QH mare by USA Reining stallion, Einstein Revolution out of Whiz Me Luck.

Blackety is a 6yr old gelding by Einstein Revolution out of Jacks Little Miss Perfect

B. Horse's Background: Lucy started her career as a reiner and was very successful in Futurity and Derby events before making the transition to Western Dressage

Blackety started his career as a reiner with limited outings due to Covid, he has now competed in Western Dressage and has been started on cattle.

Q3. How long have you been competing in Western Dressage events?

I first started competing in Western Dressage at the start of 2021. Due to a change in career I only managed to attend 2 shows that year where I competed in non-sanctioned events. I have attended more shows in 2022, including local club shows as well as Nationals and Tropicana.

Q4. What level do you compete in at Western Dressage events?

I compete in Sanctioned Basic and Level One

Q5. Have you competed in other horse events previously?

At a young age I started out competing in Dressage, Show jumping and Eventing on thoroughbreds. I then worked in the racing industry and spent 14 years riding racehorses. In 2005 I started riding and training horses at Australian Outback Spectacular. This is where I fell in love with Quarter Horses. In 2010 I bought a Quarter Horse called Down N Boogie and began reining.

Q6. What are some of your major horse-related achievements (WD or other disciplines)

My biggest horse related achievements were winning the Rookie Pro at Nationals for Reining in 2011 on Down n Boogie, winning the Level 1 Open Futurity and placing in all other open levels at Nationals for Reining in 2016 on Lucy, winning the Basic Level Champion, Highest Overall Aggregate and Highest Individual Test at Western Dressage Nationals 2022 on Lucy.

Q7. Where do you go to show in Western Dressage events?

I mainly compete at local WDSEQ club shows at Burpengary, as well as Caboolture for Nationals and Tropicana. I am hoping to attend Maryborough later in the year for Fraser Coast and the State Show.

Q8. What do you like best about Western Dressage?

There is so much to like about Western Dressage. Firstly, the people are so friendly and supportive of each other and make everybody feel welcome. There are so many people that are passionate about the sport and put in so much time and effort into running these shows.

The tests encourage all levels of horses and riders. I believe it doesn't matter what discipline you want to compete in, your horse should have a solid foundation. Western Dressage encourages that good foundation and allows horses to go out and compete at a level that suits.

I love that I can compete on Lucy in Western Dressage. As she has gotten older reining is too hard on her body and mentally, she doesn't enjoy it anymore. Western Dressage allows me to keep competing on her, and when she shows she doesn't get stressed, like she did towards the end of her reining career.

Q9. Who has helped you the most in your Western Dressage journey?

Viv Wearing has been the person that gave me lessons and encouraged me to give Western Dressage a go. My partner Luke helps me so much, at competitions and at home. He is constantly watching me ride at home and at shows and giving me his opinion.

Q10. What are your goals with your horse in Western Dressage?

My goals with my horses in Western Dressage, is to just keep improving and keep progressing through the levels.



RESULTS

INTRODUCTORY LEVEL (Non Sanctioned)

Champion Tracy Davies riding Mistress N Tassas Jewel

Reserve Champion: Tracey Strelitz riding Quixotes Lil Wimpy

BASIC LEVEL (Sanctioned)

Champion: Montana Hamilton riding Tapt Dancin Dundee

Reserve Champion: Tracy Davies riding Mistress n Tassas Jewel

LEVEL ONE (Sanctioned)

Champion: Vivian Wearing riding Tassawoods Ace

Reserve Champion: Gita Thomas riding Shiney Nu Addition

LEVEL TWO (Sanctioned)

Champion: Vivian Wearing riding Tassawoods Ace

Reserve Champion: Louise Harris riding Too Much Hootch

LEVEL THREE (Sanctioned)

Champion: Louise Harris riding Too Much Hootch

YOUTH (Sanctioned)

Champion: Chloe Lough riding Chesalon Shocker

Reserve Champion: Montana Hamilton riding Tapt Dancin Dundee

Vivian Wearing & Tassawoods Ace competing at ARBC



The 2022 ARBC Western Dressage Championships opened the ARBC Show on Saturday the 16th April at the Dalby Equestrian Center. With five Championship Buckles up for grabs, there were so many entries received that the WDWD branch needed to purchase another dressage arena, organise a second judge, penciller and another photographer to accommodate them all. Judges Paula Byrne (QLD) and Kate Elliott (VIC) sat through and judged some great tests in Sanctioned classes from Basic to Level Three as well as Non Sanctioned Introductory Level. WDWD Branch would like to thank the judges as well as pencillers Jayne Leadbetter & Sarah Lilburne for their time and attention to assist in the smooth running of the day's competition. The camaraderie shown by all competitors and officials for this this event ensured a busy day was carried out successfully across two separate arenas. Thank you also goes to the Show secretary, Lisa Berg for producing a draw that ensured arena clashes for competitors were avoided. The presentation for the ARBC Western Dressage Championship event was held on the Saturday evening following a big day of showing, with many first time buckle winners very happy to receive their awards and prizes. Congratulations to all competitors and thank you to all of the wonderful sponsors. Congratulations to Vivian Wearing riding Tassawoods Ace on winning the Highest Aggregate Percentage of the show, taking home the DVL Saddlery & Equine handcrafted Trophy Bridle. (Pic below) The ARBC and WDWD Branch would like to thank all of the wonderful Championship Buckle Sponsors of the show along with our Reserve Championship Prize Sponsor—Lou's Halters—for their incredible support.



Championship Buckles
INTRO LEVEL - YOUTH
BASIC LEVEL
LEVEL 1 LEVEL 2
LEVEL 3
PLUS HIGHEST AGGREGATE % TROPHY BRIDLE

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QLD QH State Show

WDA-AUS approved the inclusion of Western Dressage classes at the QLD QH State Show which was held recently on June 27th 2022, at the Gatton Showgrounds. These classes were judged by WDA-AUS accredited Judge, Mr Steve Thake. The Basic Level Champion was Carol Lear with her AQHA registered gelding Just Radical. Carol received a lovely Bridle Bag sponsored by the WDA-AUS as well as 12 months free WDA-AUS membership. Congratulations Carol.



AQHA National Show

In line with our recent partnership with AQHA, there was a WDA-AUS approved Western Dressage class offered at the AQHA National Show Q22 held in Tamworth on March 31, 2022. Judged by WDA-AUS accredited Judge, Lorelei Payne, the winner was Michelle Garratt and her beautiful red roan AQHA registered stallion, GP One Awesome Oak. They received an embroidered Stable bag sponsored by WDA-AUS as well as 12 months free membership with the WDA-AUS. Congratulations Michelle.



Western Dressage Association of Victoria

WDAV held an Introduction to Western Dressage Come N Try Information Day & Judges Clinic at Lancefield Park on 19th June. 2022 WD National Show judges, Margaret Augerinos and Rachel O'Dowd, as well as WD clinician and competitor, Meagan Harrison presented a morning theory session on the principles of Western Dressage and what the judge looks for during a test. This was followed by some ridden time practising movements and then riders rode tests which were judged and feedback was given so they could reride their test and attempt to improve their scores. This proved to be highly beneficial with positive results.



Western Dressage Western Victoria Branch

WDWV branch held a Western Dressage clinic with Meagan Harrison at Caniambo (near Shepparton) on April 9th. Although a bit wet and drizzly the day turned out well and was well supported. It was great to see such a positive interest in Western Dressage in this area. There are quite a few more WD clinics planned for the upcoming months with WD National Show competitor and clinician Meagan Harrison.

FUNDRAISING FIESTA

WDAWA held a FUNDRAISING FIESTA Show on the 22nd May at Foxwood Farm. All profits from this event are going towards the purchase of a PA system for the club—it was great to see the event well supported. A huge thank you to Roxanne Balchin for donating the venue hire of Foxwood Farm and Vanessa Hancox for donating her time to judge us. There were some great tests ridden with the highest score of the day being 85.21%.

Introductory Level

Champion Beth Noble & EEC Its All Good
 Reserve Champion Berny Taylor & Bling Rhuls

Basic Level

Champion Catherine Foster & Sam

Level Two

Champion Vicki Parker & Triandibo Insheplayin

Level Three

Champion Natalie Mitchell & Statford Mojave



Western Dressage Association of Western Australia State Show

RESULTS

INTRODUCTORY Level

Champion Cherry Brennan & Seekin To Be Lazy
 Reserve Champion Beth Noble & EEC Its All Good

BASIC Level

CHAMPION Rhianna Pullen & Chai

Level One

CHAMPION Catherine Foster & Sam

Level Two

CHAMPION Vicki Parker & Triandibo Insheplayin

Level Three

CHAMPION Natalie Mitchell & Statford Mojave

Highest Score of the Show

Beth Noble & EEC Its All Good

The WDAWA held their State show on June 19th at Foxwood Farm with Roxanne Balchin judging and Vanessa Hancox calling tests. By all accounts it was an enjoyable day that was well supported and well run. The lower levels were particularly well supported, with the highest test score of the show coming from WDA-AUS board member, Beth Noble and her horse EEC Its All Good in one of their Introductory Level tests.

Rebecca DeVries was on hand to capture all the special moments. You can find these on her website.

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Beth Noble & EEC Its All Good

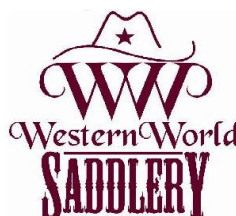
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North QLD Quarter Horse Association

NQQHA held the final show in their Western Dressage Series Five at a new venue in Tully, FNQ. With a massive big outdoor sand arena to set the Dressage arena up in, there was plenty of room for riders to warm up and prepare for their class and be close enough to see what was happening in the show arena. Unfortunately a few late scratchings brought overall test numbers down a bit but those that did come rode some lovely tests and had a wonderful day. In particular there was a new youth rider attempting her first ever Western (or even English) dressage test and she nailed it to take the win in her Introductory test against the adults. Winners for Series Five will be announced in the coming weeks.



Hayley Smith (youth) & Roanies Roc Star (Tully)



Western Dressage Association of QLD

WDAQ held a Western Dressage 2 day show in Maryborough on June 18-19, with Steve Thake judging for the weekend. Entries in the lower level classes were very well supported in both Non Sanctioned and Sanctioned, with some new as well as old faces. Their format of holding Introductory and Basic Non Sanctioned classes on Saturday afternoon and then a full program of Sanctioned as well as 2 more Introductory (Non Sanctioned) classes on Sunday has worked quite well in improving overall test numbers for a show weekend.



Lisa Berg & C N Double (Maryborough)



Samantha Kostowski & Rebels Law (Maryborough)

Western Dressage South-East Queensland

WDSEQ held an affiliated WD show at the Burpengary Equestrian Centre on Sunday, April 3rd. The event was well supported, especially in the Introductory (Non Sanctioned) and the Basic (Sanctioned) levels. Many riders taking the opportunity for one last show prior to the very first National Western Dressage event only a few weeks later.

The SEQ club followed this up with a Western Dressage Training weekend and open pen at Burpengary on April 30th—May 2nd for all WDSEQ and WDA-AUS members.



Some of the WDSEQ Members at the WD National Show

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Thank You

The WDSEQ are also extremely grateful to the RSL of Australia (Woodford), for supporting the sport of Western Dressage and providing sponsorship by donating Power Packs to enable them to recharge the scoring devices at the arena during a show. These were very much appreciated and will certainly come in very handy at future events. Thank you to the Woodford RSL.



WDSEQ Training Weekend at Burpengary



Geoff Sentance from Woodford RSL presenting WDSEQ President, Lyn Robertson the donated Power Packs at the Training Weekend at Burpengary

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**Southern Star Western
 Performance Club**
**Southern
 Buckle Series**



The Southern Star Western Performance Club recently hosted two Western Dressage competitions as part of their Southern Buckle Series.

The first event was held on April 24th at Kirkcaldy Park in the Adelaide Hills, SA, the club's home ground. Visiting judge, Margaret Augerinos from Victoria, was very impressed with the quality of horses entered and the overall standard of tests ridden. There were 38 tests ridden and just over 20 riders entered in Come and Try classes, Non Sanctioned and Sanctioned Classes. With so many riders new to Western Dressage in our area this format ensured all riders were able to enter and ride at a level they felt was right for themselves and their horse to get started on their Western Dressage journey.

The second event of the Buckle Series was held May 29th at the Tilling Hill Equestrian Centre (a local Indoor Arena) at Echunga, SA due to the impending bad weather. Roxanne Balchin from WA was flown in to judge this event and she was also impressed with the quality of the horses and riders and was particularly thrilled that all riders had taken the time to learn their tests. Another 38 tests were ridden at this event, with different tests offered this time so as to challenge and help develop rider's skills.

Both shows were a success and the club is looking forward to October 28th and 29th when they will hold a two day competition and the finale of the Southern Buckle Series. After securing some valued and generous sponsors for the October weekend they will have beautiful buckles as well as cash prizes up for grabs. SSWPC would like to thank all of the competitors for making the competitions a success and thank Sarah Caroline Photography for the beautiful photos.

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