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Merry Christmas from the team at Dressage WA! What a year 2018 has been. We've seen a few new additions to the calendar, like the Pony Dressage Showcase and the Grass Roots championships, and as a whole, our sport in WA is getting stronger.

We'd like to say a big thank you to Sharon Pasco and Tanya Pasznicki for their service, as they step down from the committee. We really appreciate all the hard work you've put in. We have been organising the calendar for next year, and we have got some great events planned, starting with a super few days of dressage with Lilo Fore. In the meantime, we wish you a very Merry Christmas and happy New Year.

May Santa bring you all the new matchy-matchy tack on your list.

May your horses be well behaved and direct their festive spirit into an expressive trot and not expressive bucks.

May your dreams be goals that you are on the way to achieving!

Thank you to Rebecca De Vries for the wonderful photos from our awards night





Inaugural IRT Insurance Grass Roots Championships

Building our sport from the ground up

24 November 2018

More than 100 tests were ridden by some 50 riders at the inaugural Grass Roots Dressage Championships, held by Dressage WA at the SEC on Saturday 24 November.

This event was staged in response to feedback from riders who wanted a true grass roots show for developing dressage combinations. Only riders who were Participant or Adult Rider members of EWA were permitted to enter, and only on horses without current dressage cards. Classes were split into three categories with placings for Senior Participant, Adult Riders and Ponies.

With EWA's support, the event also included closed, restricted Elementary classes for Participant riders, allowing them to have a go at the next level before they make the leap into the Competitor ranks. This opportunity was embraced by a couple of riders and the championship was a very close race, taken out by Eliza Laycock and Newhope Nomel by one point on a countback on collectives.

Abbey Robson took home the Prep and Novice championships with ponies *Canterbury Randolph* and *Narcoola Park Deva* respectively, while Emily Gomboc and *JP Rhamises* won Preliminary champion.

IRT Insurance were kind enough to come on board as the competition's naming rights sponsor, which helped us buy some wonderful championship rugs for our overall champions.

We also received some very generous sponsorship from the following suppliers, which enabled us to send our riders home with prizes galore! A big thank you to:

*Kohnkes Own
Equisentially
The NRG Team
WA Pine Shavings
Mane Event Equestrian Supplies*

*Goodwoods
Interpath
Pimp My Pony
Horseland
VH Saddlery*



Andelain Lord Gaverenth shows off his amazing garland for the highest score of the day

Penrose Park Garlands also donated a stunning green and gold garland for the highest score on the day, which went to the beautiful pony *Andelain Lord Gaverenth* ridden by Nicole Zilko, who received a score of more than 80% in her Preliminary 1.2 class.

Here's a few snippets of the amazing feedback we received from riders who attended this event:

"This was the perfect atmosphere for my young horse's first dressage tests and the judges' encouragement and supportive comments were greatly appreciated."

"Thank you to DWA, all the judges and volunteers for putting on a great competition."



"Thank you to each and every person involved in organising this fabulous event. Our 2nd dressage comp in our 6 months together and after a twenty year break from horses for me! Still can't wipe the smile off my face - even if I did forget my 2nd test! We had such an amazing day - thanks again!"

"Thank you so much to Dressage Western Australia and all the judges and volunteers for such a great event - lovely atmosphere and fantastic to be able to ride Elementary tests."

"What a fantastic day! Huge thank you to the organisers and the very generous sponsors."

"Massive thank you to the organisers, volunteers and of course most generous sponsors."

Dressage WA is hoping the Grass Roots Championships will become an annual event, provided there is enough interest from riders in forming an event sub-committee. Expressions of Interest in being part of this sub-committee should be sent to Dressage WA via the website.



Eliza Laycock and Newhope Nomel showing off their elementary championship rug

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MASTERS OF DRESSAGE 2019



Dressage WA is fortunate to have the opportunity to join with Dressage QLD & Dressage NSW to bring to Australia - International Competitor, Trainer, Judge & Dressage Master



STEPPING STONES TO COLLECTION WITH FEI 5* OLYMPIC DRESSAGE JUDGE

LILO FORE

Successful Grand Prix trainer and retired 5*FEI judge, Lilo is much in demand worldwide for coaching clinics and judge education. Lilo's career has spanned over thirty years and has included breeding, competing, training, coaching and judging. She was shortlisted for the USET in 1976 and recently retired as a FEI 5* dressage judge.

31st January to 5th February, SEC

MASTERCLASS Saturday 2nd February.

Riders clinics 30 Jan, 2 , 5 Feb
Elementary level seminar 1 Feb (The beginnings of collection)
EA FEI level Workshop 3 Feb (Establishing Higher Collection)
Coaches workshop 4 Feb

The Lilo Fore visit will run in conjunction with The EA Stewards Seminar presented by Cathie Drury Klein FEI Level 3 and the EA Dressage Rules workshop with Gill Botten, 2nd Feb.

Supported by the Dressage WA Development Fund | www.Nominate.com.au for Schedule, Tickets & Entries



Dressage Western Australia & Dressage Judges Task Force
are proud to host
Masterclass with FEI 5 * Dressage Judge Lilo Fore
The Stepping Stones to Collection
Saturday 2 February 2019 | SEC | 6pm

Start the year with a burst of inspiration with some new ideas and tips from FEI 5* Judge Lilo Fore. Our masterclass will be focusing on the basis of all dressage training - the introduction of new skills through a series of gradual stepping stones in the development; from the beginnings of Rhythm and Relaxation to the final stepping stone of the Dressage Training Scale - Collection.

Using exercises and movements from the new 2019 EA Dressage Tests, Lilo will show the progression through the levels and how the introduction of correctly ridden exercises will enable the rider to produce an athletic horse, that can move through the grades.

Lilo's knowledge and experience, not only as a judge but also as a trainer and producer of dressage horses, will be showcased as she works with various levels of horses and riders. Lilo will explain why test movements are introduced at each level and how they should be ridden - both to get the best marks and to develop the horse in the most correct and effective way.

Lilo will show how each new skill can be introduced as a stepping stone to help the horse become physically and mentally stronger. Correct training creates the harmonious partnership we are all seeking with our horses and with Lilo's tips from the Masterclass everyone will get ideas on how to improve their performance and enjoy their riding.

The evening promises to be both educational and entertaining for anyone with an interest in dressage, or just improving their own horse's way of going. Gain a better knowledge of why certain exercises such as lateral work are introduced to the horse and see how Lilo works with a variety of different combinations.

You will have the opportunity to submit questions throughout the evening, so get your thinking caps on.

Enjoy an evening with friends and start the year off with some new ideas from one of the world's best... dressage rider, judge, coach...Lilo Fore.

Join us in the "Cocktails and Collections" VIP Area for supper and balcony seating.

\$95 all-inclusive ticket includes champagne/cocktail on arrival, superior viewing and scrumptious supper! Gather a group of friends or fellow Club members for this Highlight of the Dressage calendar in 2019.

General admission tickets \$35

Ticket Bookings <https://www.nominate.com.au/EquestDn/Event.aspx?event=13171&eventlist=2>



Lilo Fore: Amazing Training Opportunities

Lilo has been an important part of the development of dressage around the world and has served as an International judge since 1990. She has officiated at major events throughout the world including the Olympic Games, World Cup Finals, World Young Horse Championships, Pan American Games and World Equestrian Games.

Lilo is an FEI competitor, trainer, instructor and Sport Horse Breeder. Her farm, Sportshorse America, is based in Santa Rosa CA, where she has lived since moving from her native, Germany. Lilo's involvement with USDF and USEF has proven instrumental in the development and promotion of dressage education in the United States. Those who read Dressage Today and other equestrian magazines will have seen her training articles in print, which give just a glimpse of her amazing knowledge and experience.

Lilo is committed to teaching riders the correct training principles, from the early days of training the young horse to the educated Grand Prix horse. Some of you may remember Lilo's perspective of an instructor on the DVD 'On the Levels', giving training tips for each movement of the dressage tests introduced to Australia in 2014. We hope to introduce some of our new tests during Lilo's visit to benefit from her insight again.

Lilo has now retired from FEI judging but has maintained her Dressage, Young Horse and Sport Horse Breeding and Judging in the US.

Lilo has a vast amount of experience as an international rider, coach and a judge which WA will benefit from. Take the opportunity to learn from someone who works with the overall development of the dressage horse and rider combination to create optimum performance.

There is something for all dressage enthusiasts to get involved with whilst Lilo is here. You may want to take up one of the rider clinic packages; attend the EA Elementary level seminar - developing the first stages of collection, introducing lateral work, simple changes, counter canter; take a look at the EA FEI levels workshop - development of collection to GP; EA Coaches and Judges are invited to join the rider coaches educational clinic; or sit back and enjoy a special Masterclass with Lilo Fore. If you're lucky maybe Santa will bring you a VIP ticket.

Come and meet Lilo...it's an opportunity not to be missed. Her enthusiasm to help the sport and sense of humour is refreshing.

An initiative by Dressage WA Judges Taskforce & Development Series, and Supported by the WA Dressage Development Fund

RIDER PACKAGES SELLING FAST, book yours before they are sold out!

Entries Now **Open on Nominate!**



Rider packages – Super Value!

Selected package riders will be invited by Lilo to present at the Masterclass & Judge Seminars.

Silver Package \$290

1 x Clinic private lesson 40 mins

1 x ride at Seminar (selected by Lilo)

Judges Seminar entry Fri & Sun

Your free entry to Masterclass

Invitation to Welcome Party

Gold Package \$450

1 x Clinic private lesson 40 mins plus

1 x 30 min Protocol or Lesson
(Bring your EA coach for free to sit-in & workshop with Lilo - Coaches Workshop Monday)

1 x ride at Seminar (selected by Lilo)

Judges Seminar entry Fri & Sun

Your free VIP entry to Masterclass

Invitation to Welcome Party

Masterclass Polo Shirt

Limited to one package per combination

<https://www.nominate.com.au/equestdn/Event.aspx?event=13162&eventlist=2>





DWA Club Competition Incentives Scheme Recipient: Valley Equine Vet Centre's Swan River Dressage Spring Gala winds up the year with prizes galore

There were prizes galore at Swan River Dressage's Spring Gala on 27-28 October 2018.

Keeping with the tradition they set in 2016 & 2017, Swan River Dressage finished their Valley Equine Vet Centre 2 day show with mounted presentations in front of a large and enthusiastic group of cheering spectators! The environment was just as friendly & relaxed as usual at Camellia Park in West Swan, & Guest Judge (A Level EA Judge) from Queensland, Jacki Reed said she was very impressed by both the quality of the event & the quality of the horses that she judged.

This was the fourth & final event in Valley Equine Vet Centre's Dressage with Decorum Series for 2018. There were Open Championship Awards for horses & riders at all Competitor levels with super vouchers from generous sponsors including Horseland Midland, Alka-pellets & Oakford Stock Feeds.

Swan River Club Members also won Club High Point embroidered hay bags and beautiful floral rosettes for Competitor, Preparatory & Participant classes.

The highlights of the weekend were the beautiful embroidered woolen Leaderboard rugs awarded for highest scoring Swan River Dressage member combinations over the whole Dressage with Decorum Series.

Barb Davis, Vice Chair & one of the key members of the organising committee commented, *"We were really delighted with the really good sportsmanship & the very friendly relaxed environment which everyone contributed to – we strive to make an encouraging & welcoming atmosphere a priority at all Swan River's events."*

Treasurer Geoff Davis commented, *"We needed more committee members for 2019, & we are really pleased that so many of our members have stepped up to help for the coming year! We are sure Swan River Dressage will be even more successful in the next 12 months."*

Jill Kessell, Committee Member of Swan River showed her talent for multi-tasking for the weekend, hosting Jacki Reed, as well as judging, scoring, writing, & more – she said, *"We were so lucky with the weather, it was perfect for the horses!"*

Secretary for Swan River Dressage, Marg Marshall said, *"We don't ask our members to do duties, but we do love to see them getting lots of prizes!"*

Chair of Swan River, Wendy Barker remarked, *"It has been fantastic having fantastic sponsors like Valley Equine Vet Centre, Horseland & Alkapellets support us again this year. We have loved seeing so many young horses & riders blossoming over our 4 events, & we are really looking forward to seeing them developing further in the New Year!"*





DWA Club Incentives Scheme

Is your club eligible for a competition grant?

In 2019 Dressage WA will again be offering EWA-affiliated clubs (including dressage and adult riding clubs) the opportunity to apply for retrospective subsidies when running official dressage competitions (Participant and Competitive).

The aim of this subsidy program is to encourage clubs to hold competitions and help them meet associated costs, such as venue hire, judges, officials and prizes. In 2018, five clubs applied for seven subsidies totalling almost \$2000, but many more were eligible and

Your club could be eligible for up to \$1240 per competition, depending on the level of classes offered and the number of tests ridden and scored. It is important to note that the subsidy is only offered for two events per club per calendar year and they must be run under and comply with EA rules.

Furthermore, in 2019 Dressage WA will be requiring clubs to **restrict their entry fees to \$35 per test** (or \$45 for FEI) to be eligible for this subsidy. This additional criteria is aimed at keeping entry costs lower for competitors and Dressage WA will also be adopting this fee structure for any of its events (excluding the State Dressage Championships).

The table below summarises the subsidies available and the basic eligibility criteria (in addition to the fee structure outlined above):

Subsidy	Eligibility criteria
\$200 for 1 st event \$400 for 2 nd event	Minimum of 50 Participant and Competitive tests (Preparatory to Advanced) ridden & scored
\$100	Minimum of 5 Small Tour (PSG and Inter 1) tests ridden & scored
\$200	Minimum of 5 Medium Tour (Inter A and B) or Large Tour (Inter II and GP) tests ridden & scored
\$200	Minimum of 5 FEI young horse/pony tests ridden & scored
\$120 (\$40 per test to max of \$120)	For up to 3 PE tests ridden & scored (no subsidy for further tests)
\$120 (\$40 per test to max of \$120)	For up to 3 FEI PE tests ridden & scored (no subsidy for further tests)
\$100	Minimum of 5 young horse/pony tests (4, 5 and 6 year-olds) ridden & scored
\$100	Minimum of 10 freestyles ridden & scored

How to apply?

After your competition, please send an application letter to DWA using the Contact form on our website at www.dressagewa.org. This letter should include your club details, competition summary and club's banking information.

You must also include the following supporting information to be considered for a subsidy (no exceptions apply):

- Copy of the final competition draw
- Copy of the final results, including scores/placings
- Summary of prizes presented to competitors
- Competition report & photos (electronic format) for DWA newsletter

Where does this funding come from?

These subsidies are provided through the Dressage Development Fund, which collects the levies applied to Participant and Competitive dressage tests. Dressage WA has responsibility for administering this fund and reinvesting the levies into initiatives that encourage further participation and growth in the sport.



Thank you to all of our contributors for December. If you have any ideas or anything you'd like to read in the DWA Newsletter, please get in touch with us by going to the link below:

<https://www.dressagewa.org/contact-us.html>

Dressage Western Australia Committee Members

Chair – Suzanne Simons

Vice Chair – Val Mayger

Treasurer – Natalie Sakich

Finance/Treasury – Natalie Sakich/Suzanne Simons

DWA budget management, DDF accounts, purchase orders and payments

Issue of Information – Steph Munro

Website and Facebook

Correspondence – Suzanne Simons/Sharon Pasco

Minutes, Agendas, incoming and outgoing correspondence.

Business/Strategic Planning - Committee

Events – Working Parties

Club Liaison – Leanne Pitcher

Pony Representative – Leanne Pitcher

Participant Representative – Tanya Pasznicki

Official Liaison – Val Mayger

Judges, Stewards, liaising with other disciplines, national issues.

High Performance – Tracy Spackman

EA/EWA – Val Mayger

liaising with EWA Board and CEO, ADC etc.

Riders Representative – Sharon Pasco

Includes downgrading applications, Rider's forum etc.

Performance Trophies/Awards – Val Mayger

Para Equestrian – Val Mayger

Young and Junior Rider Rep – Natalie Sakich/Steph Munro

General Committee Member – Linley Crackel

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