



Nov 2012 News Sheet for Dressage Judges

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Jennie Loristen-Clarke was absolutely charming at her Dressage Education Workshop at Brookleigh on 23 October. Her message to judges was very much the message Stephen Clarke always brings - "As a Judge, the first thing is to be positive, not to judge as a police officer might... we've got to be encouraging in our judging."

She explained that riders and judges must both be "Quick to reward." Discussing Preliminary level, she said "If they are forward, in rhythm and to the bit, it's satisfactory, they are not expected to be through the back, and if they show a bit of cadence you're on an 8!"



Dressage Judges Taskforce presents

Judges wind up and Benita's Rave Night



Let's celebrate 2012 and Benita's 80th Birthday on
Thursday 29 November 2012, 6pm - 9pm.
Swan Valley Equestrian Centre.
RSVP Didy Massey at didymassey@inet.net.au

**Please join us to help celebrate Benita's birthday
and the end of another great year of Dressage!**

Nov 24 & 25th - writing, mentoring & sitting in opportunities

November 24th will be mentoring opportunities with Guest Judge Deidre Stock who is travelling to WA for Perth Dressage Club's Sunday 25th event for Prelim, Novice & Elem horses. PDC is bringing Deidre over on Friday, giving Dressage WA an opportunity to hold an additional event on November 24th, principally for Medium- FEI horses, (as they will not have a start on 25th Nov), but also running one Prelim, one Novice & one Elem test on 24th, along with the higher tests, providing 2 chances for upgrading judges to complete some mentoring or shadow judging over the weekend. Enquiries for Saturday 24th should be to Hazel Hikins.

Hot Weather Policy

WA can be very proud of the fact that EA has adopted a very large portion of DWA's Hot Weather Policy, for use in all disciplines across Australia, and it is now in force. DWA has already announced that if it is forecast to be hot, the higher tests will start at 7.30am on Saturday 24th November to comply with the Hot Weather Policy, for the welfare of our horses.

Congratulations to Megan Tidbury!

Megan, Acting High Performance Manager at EWA, applied for a one year Masters in Sports Administration and Technology in Lausanne, Switzerland, and was successful! The program was initiated by the International Olympic Committee and is run through four of the major Swiss Universities. One of the aims of the course is for the students to be offered a career in sport after graduation. Many of the graduates of the course have gone on to work within an International Sports Federation (approximately 40 of whom are located in Lausanne itself) or with the International Olympic Committee. Best of luck with the course and your career Megan!

Arranging sitting in and mentoring

Draws will be up on www.dressagewa.org listing judges at most events. A current list of Mentors and Judge Educators is now available on this site under [www.dressagewa.org/Dressage Judge Contacts](http://www.dressagewa.org/Dressage%20Judge%20Contacts)

Generally speaking, the best way to arrange mentoring and sitting in is to check the Draw then contact the appropriate JE or Mentor using the Judge Contact list on DWA's website to request the opportunity personally.

Becoming a judge

If you need information on how to become a judge, or how to upgrade, go to www.dressagewa.org

Best wishes

Wendy Barker