

NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2016



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NEXT NHA MEETING NOTICE

Wednesday 27 January 2016
Gunnedah Services & Bowling Club
Time: 7:30pm

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

Hi everyone

We hope you all had a wonderful and relaxing time over the Christmas and New Year period and we welcome all our members to a busy 2016. We trust you are all ready for a great year of dressage as we have lots planned and look forward to seeing you all there.

Now is also a great time to get friends and family who are not members to join. If you know anyone new in the area, let them know about us or forward this newsletter and attached Membership Form along to them. The more members we have the greater the competitions and benefits and the more helpers at our disposal to make the riding days more enjoyable for all of us.

We had an encouraging roll up to our Annual General Meeting on 9 December. Reports showed that we had a great 2015 but it would be great if we could encourage more members and greater input from those who are members already. Thank you to all those who came along to support the club. The election of office bearers was held and we are grateful to those who put their hands up to help run the club.

OFFICE BEARERS 2016

President : Benita Anderson

Vice President: Chris van Os

Secretary: Elsbeth Craig-Leuscher and Trish Easey

Treasurer: Elsbeth Craig-Leuscher

Newsletter: Dianne van Os

Public Officer: Benita Anderson

Committee: Erin McCarthy, Virginia Blanch, Karen McElroy, Chris van Os, Dianne van Os, Kim Duver.

MEMBERSHIP FEES 2016

Membership fees will remain the same – JUNIORS \$15, SENIORS \$30, FAMILY \$40

A Membership Form for 2016 is attached for you to complete and return to the club either by mail or at the General Meeting on 27 January.

DRESSAGE DATES FOR 2016

JANUARY

27 NHA General Meeting

FEBRUARY

21 NHA Practice Day

28 TDC Closed Rest. & Unrest Comp

MARCH

13 NHA Official & Closed Unrest Comp

APRIL

23-24 TDC Official & Closed Unrest

JUNE

19 NHA Protocol & Etiquette Day

26 TDC Closed Rest. & Unrest Comp

JULY

23 Coona Dressage/SJ Day

24 NHA Practice Day

30-31 TDC Official & Closed Unrest

AUGUST

20 Manilla Dressage/SJ Day

SEPTEMBER

25 NHA Practice Day

25 TDC Closed Rest. & Unrest Comp

OCTOBER

23 TDC Closed Rest. & Unrest Comp

NOVEMBER

12-13 NHA Championships Official &
Closed Unrestricted Comp

TBA NHA Christmas Presentation Day

Publicity Officer: Dixie Walker

Mail Collection: Trish Easey

ANNA FULLERTON LESSONS & PRACTICE DAY

Anna Fullerton is an EA accredited judge and she is coming over to Gunnedah for Namoi Horse on Saturday 20th February to give lessons. They will be \$70 per lesson for 45 minutes. This is great timing for a lesson as we are having a practice day on the Sunday. Anna will be staying on the Sunday to assist us with the practice day. We will hold a lunch time BBQ and a rules/etiquette session with Anna and Kristy Faris, so come along with some questions and enjoy lunch together. For lessons please contact Anna directly on 0408 231 306. You need to be a NHA member to get a lesson.

NHA CLUB PATRON & PERPETUAL TROPHY

It was decided that Francis Anderson would be named our Club's Patron due to her services to the Club.

There will be an award from 2016 onwards for the biggest supporter of the NHA Club, using the perpetual trophy we already hold (originally donated by Pam Crosby). The recipient will also receive a smaller trophy to keep.

COMPETITIONS & TRAINING

We are looking at holding more training days throughout 2016 to give all our riders, both young and not so young a greater understanding of not only the rider and horse aspect, but also rules and etiquette relating to dressage and how to correctly ride a test. It was noted during the 2015 competitions that there was sometimes a lack of correct etiquette and an unfamiliarity with the rules. We hope to address this during the year. The club is approaching many trainers to get this programme up and running so please support these clinics to enrich your knowledge of the discipline.

Virginia Blanch will be assisting us to set up a scoring programme on our computers for competitions. This will make tallying of marks quicker and easier and speed up the processing time.

It has been decided that as a thank you to those that assist at our competition days, lunch will be provided as it can sometimes be difficult to get away to get something to eat or drink.

It is envisaged that there will be food and drink vans available at our NHA competition days.

SPONSORS & SPONSORSHIP

We would ask that members submit the names of companies and businesses that they think may be able to donate goods or services for our competitions days and we will send them letters detailing what NHA is all about and how they can help us. You do not have to approach them yourselves.

Please support our sponsors wherever possible to show our appreciation for their support of us. We would like to thank the 2015 sponsors of our events – Omega Feeds, Gunnedah Toyota, Gunnedah Business Cleaning, Gordon Barry, Bill Syphers, McElroy and Peterson, Middlebrook Air Operations Pty Ltd, Superior Guttering & Home Maintenance and Gunnedah Juke Box Hire.

GENERAL MATTERS

We are still trying to find out what is happening with the Showgrounds and the Tech Paddock and are continuing to correspond with Council and TAFE.



Don't forget the sunscreen. The summer sun is unforgiving and sunburn is upon you before you know it so start using sunscreen and hats to help avoid sunburn and skin cancer.

FOR SALE!

Do you need anything horsey or have something to sell. Maybe you have a great photo to share from our events. Don't forget to send your details to me for inclusion in the next Newsletter.

Until next month,

Happy riding ☺

The Editor

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The Trading Corner

FOR SALE!

16" ALL PURPOSE SADDLE - Well used condition, comes unmounted. Brown Leather with suede knee rolls. Narrow gullet. Very comfortable with cosmetic damage only. Saddle in good order and stored undercover. Can email photos **PRICE: \$40** (Ashlee 0457 418 677)

17" OLDER STYLE BROWN KIEFFER SHOW SADDLE - Has some sun damage on one panel but is covered by leg when riding. New girth points. **PRICE: \$150** (Benita 0439 425 627)