

Equestrian Victoria E- News

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Edition 1

Welcome to the 1st Edition of Equestrian Victoria's E- news, a monthly newsletter sent to all members to keep you up to date.

If you have any feedback please feel free to email info@efavic.com.au

Did You Notice?

We are no longer the Equestrian Federation of Australia, Victorian Branch.

We are now **EQUESTRIAN VICTORIA**, new look coming soon...

Important Measuring Rule Change effective from 1st January 2009.

Available for download from any Equestrian Australia website.

Important Notification

The new National Anti-Doping Policy which is effective 01 January 2009 is now available for download from any Equestrian Australia website.

All owners/riders should make themselves familiar with this document.

Pro Rata Fees

Come "into play" on the 1st of February, Pro Rata is only offered to NEW or EXPIRED members, NOT available to renewing members.

Prices, forms and Online Payment are on the website.

Jumping News

Happy New Year and I hope you enjoyed your holiday break. The shows are in full swing. All riders are reminded that they must be registered to compete in official classes. The entries are checked and unregistered riders and horses will be fined considerable amounts of money if found in breach of the rules as per the Disciplinary By-laws.

Course Designer courses:

Dates have been set for a series of three jumping Course Design courses. The first is AN Introduction to Course Building by Alf Parson. This will be held at Werribee for a cost of \$50 per participant for EFA Members \$100 for non-EFA Members. It will be a great start for budding course designers, existing CDs looking to update their qualification (mandatory every two years) and for any riders keen to gain valuable clues on walking their courses. Your club may wish to deepen the local knowledge within members and whether you are an EFA Club Pony Club or Adult Riding club – you should consider sending personnel to this course.

Upcoming Events

- 1 Feb - Macedon Ranges Dressage Club
- 3 Feb - EFA Training Day
- 7 Feb - Woody Yallock Horse Trials
- 7 Feb - Yarra Glen Show
- 8 Feb - VDC Open Comp
- 12 Feb - Barastoc Horse Of the Year Show
- 14 Feb - Grand Valley ShowJumping Classic
- 14 Feb - Pakenham Horse Trials
- 15 Feb - Sth Eastern Dressage Club
- 15 Feb - WVDC @ Ballarat Pony Club
- 21 Feb - PPSJC Summer Show
- 22 Feb - Sale & Dist SJ
- 22 Feb - Warrnambool HT
- 22 Feb - Westernport Dressage Club
- 27 Feb - Berwick Show
- 28 Feb - Yeringberg HT
- 1 Mar - Geelong Grammar Dressage & Jumping Day
- 7 Mar - Melbourne ShowJumping Club Summer Show
- 7 Mar - Tonimbuk HT
- 8 Mar - Tullamarine Pony Club March Show
- 14 Mar - AWHA
- 15 Mar - Albury Wodonga Equestrian Association
- 21 Mar - Wandin CIC
- 26 Mar - PSI Dressage & Jumping With The Stars
- 29 Mar - Glenbrae EC
- 5 Apr - Yarra Valley DC
- 14 Apr - Young Rider Festival
- 18 Apr - Camperdown CIC
- 2 May - Level 2 First Aid Course
- 5 Jun - Melbourne International 3DE

For More Info on these events log onto www.efavic.com.au

Jumping News Continued...

Yarra Glen Show

Jumping riders are reminded that the jumping section of the Yarra Glen Agi Show has been moved to ASEA venue instead. Entries are on the day or an entry form can be used if wished. This can be downloaded from the website.

Open Clinic

The next open clinic is to be held on 21st/22nd Feb. Be sure to get your booking in early to avoid missing out. Forms are available on the website.

Senior Squad

Dates have been set for the coming twelve months- they are June 27/28th; August 29/30th October 24/25th and Nov 3/4th (Midweek). The nomination forms will be due out at the end of March.

Young Rider squad nomination forms are due out at the end of February so keep that in mind if you are interested in joining this highly successful group of young riders.

The annual Challenge between SA & Vic was held at the Mt Gambier JNR/YR Championship Weekend held Jan 2nd-4th. We thank the following riders for doing such a fine job representing their state. Junior Team was Jonathon Smith, Kirsten Neil, Maureen McGrath and Jayden Coates. The YR Team was Andrew Wootten, Pip Rounds, Lisa McLennan and Kristy Haworth. Unfortunately the South Australians carried off the day but we are looking forward to the return bout to be held at the Victorian YR Title Show to be held in April.

2009 Victorian Interschool Championships

July 7th – 9th 2009 at Werribee Park National Equestrian Centre

Schedules will be available online from www.efavic.com.au from 16th March. Entries close on 20th May. The event incorporates Dressage, Jumping, Horse Trials, Showmanship, Show Horse, Handymount and Novelties.

Coaching Updates

A new initiative is our **Dressage/Training Days**. These days are designed for **all** riders to attend.

These Training Days will be run by qualified, highly sort after, NCAS Coaches, who bring with them a wealth of knowledge and experience. These days will be run on the first Tuesday of every second month starting on the 3rd February.

There is a 2 Day Introductory Coaching Workshop including an Update Clinic on the 4th & 5th February (Coach Educators are welcome to come and observe the 2 days), with a Train to Teach on the 11th March which is open to all Coaches, Intro and up.

General Coaching, please note the Show jump Building Course being offered on the weekend of the 28th February and the 1st March.

Level 2 & 3 Jumping/Eventing Coaching, Show jump Building Course being offered on the 21st & 22nd March.

Attention Intro Coaches – A good way to get activity slips signed off is to be demonstration riders at any of our Assessment days and Workshops.

All Coaches and riders - **Keep your eyes on the NCAS Training Calendar**. Any questions, please contact Claire on 9013 0707 Ext 104 or coaching@efavic.com.au

Market Night

That's right; the most successful market place to sell all your horse equipment is on again! It will be held on the 16th May at WPNEC in Indoor Arena One, and we're hoping this one will be bigger and better than ever!

All information including Booking forms and a Site Map will be available on the website on the 1st of April. If you do not have internet access please call the office after the 1st of April and we will arrange postage.



Show Horse Coordinator News

Sadly after many years of being Show Horse Coordinator Jan Smith has retired. The committee would like to thank Jan for her commitment, passion and devotion toward Show Horse events, she will be missed greatly.



Dressage Judging

The Victorian Dressage Sub-committee would like to draw the earnest attention of ALL riders to the dangerously low number of judges available for Victorian Dressage competitions this season. Victoria has lost 68 judges from the panel since 2001.

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If you would like to put something back into your sport and want to become a dressage judge please contact the EFA Vic dressage coordinator, Jess Hermans - dressage@efavic.com.au or (03)9013 0707 ex 105.

Attention Riders

Please make sure your bridle numbers are visible on both sides of the horse/ pony. If you do not have a bridle number you will not be able to compete at any Dressage EFA or EFA affiliated event.

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Show Riding Clinics

Are open to all riders of all levels, the only requirement is that you are a current financial member of the EFA. Take advantage of these fantastic opportunities to have lessons with EFA/NCAS accredited instructors.

Dates For the Clinics Are:

April 25 & 26

May 16 & 17

June 13 & 14

July 18 & 19

December 19 & 20

Application Forms are available on the website.

EFA Australian Showhorse and Rider Championships

The absolute pinnacle of show horse events in Australia was held on the 5-6 of December. It attracted the very best show horses and riders from all Australian states along with a team from New Zealand.

Victoria took out the battle for Team honours this year, with six Championships and Four Runner Up awards from South Australia with four Championships and three Runner Up awards. New South Wales claimed three Championships and two Runner Up titles, with Queensland one and one and Western Australia one Runner Up award.

The first win for Victoria was in the Leading Rein class with gorgeous Daizi Plumb on Silkwood Angel Wings the champion, and Ebonie Lee on Langtree Gemima with the reserve.

Faye Hinchliffe was Champion on her mount Northern Leandro in the Show Hunter Hack Championship.

Victoria had a lot of success in the Rider classes with Reserve placings in all three classes. Abbey Heffer in the Junior Rider class, Stephanie Barrington in the Intermediate Class and Briony Payne in the Senior Rider class.

There was another victory for Silkwood Angel Wings with beaming Grace Hill winning the Small Pony Championship.

What a way to close the event with mother and daughter team Francesca and Courtney Christie both champions in their classes. Courtney took out the honours first in the Small Hack Championship, riding Magnifique. Mum Francesca followed the lead winning the Large Hack Championship on SLM Mind Games.

The judges were Mr. Greg Gerry from NSW, Mrs Gail Laidlaw from Victoria and Sally Lawrie from SA.

The committee would like to express their deepest thanks to all the competitors for making the event a very festive occasion, also to all the judges, sponsors, traders and to the volunteers. Without you events like these would not be able to run. We are always looking for more people who are willing to lend a hand, if you would like to contribute your time please email info@efavic.com.au

For a full list of results, please visit the website www.efavic.com.au

Judge Seminar Dates

Sunday 29th March, 2009

Young Horse Seminar
Werribee Park (after Dressage and
Jumping With The Stars)
Ulf Moeller and Susie Hoevenaars
(*This is a Workshop only*)

Saturday 16th May, 2009

F to D Levels Reaccreditation
Seminar Treehaven Equestrian
Centre, Somerville

Sunday 14th June, 2009

F to D Levels Reaccreditation
Seminar
Hidden Valley Equestrian Centre,
Wallan

Sunday, 21st June, 2009

F to D Level Reaccreditation Seminar
In association with the Young Riders
Squad
Werribee Park



Eventing News

Competitions in February:

Entries for the Woody Yallock have now closed. Draw soon available at www.efavic.com.au

Pakenham, Warnambool and Yeringberg are still taking entries but close soon.

State Squads:

The eventing state squads were announced on January 29th. Full lists are available on the EFA Vic website. The first Stars of the Future / Young Rider squad clinic is scheduled for March 14/15.

National Squads:

The National Eventing Squads have also been announced.

Congratulations to Edith Kane, Crystal Conning and Cassie Lowe. These 3 talented Victorian Riders have been named on the National Youth development squad.

Summer Training clinics:

The eventing summer training clinics were very well received with over 80 riders attending. These will become a regular fixture on the eventing Victoria calendar. The winter series will also run as usual in July and August. These clinics are open to all riders.

Young Rider Trans Tasman

Camperdown Horse Trials will be hosting the YR Trans Tasman Teams competition at their event on April 18/19th

2009 Horseland EFA Australian Interschool Championships

The Australian Championships will be held on 29th September to 1st October at Werribee Park National Equestrian Centre. The event is open to competitors who qualify at the Victorian Interschool Championships in July.

Carriage Driving

Watch this space! EFA Victoria has put a proposal to the National Carriage Driving Committee with a 12 month plan of events, activities, seminars and training days. It is hoped that by the next edition of the E-News, we will have an established calendar.

Young Ambassador

Training weekend will be held at Werribee Park National Equestrian Centre on 25th – 26th July.

Applications will be available from www.efavic.com.au from 1st April and close on 29th May.



Dressage News

Qualifying for Young Horse Events:

- Horses must qualify by achieving at least 6.5 (65%) at a young horse qualifying competition conducted by these rules at the age group they are entering
- Competitors are to submit on the entry form two performances in the above mentioned competitions for eligibility as detailed above. If any performances are at events with two rounds, the entry form must state in which round the score was achieved
- Horses may qualify with one performance, however preference will be given to horses with two performances
- To verify the performance, a copy of the test paper or result sheet must be submitted with the entry

For more information on young horse events, you can find them in the 2008 dressage rules book (can be located on www.efavic.com.au) in section 5.

New Dressage Rule:

- Members who bring horses from overseas and provide insufficient or no results need to do 2 official advanced tests with at least 63% and if requested will be upgraded to 80 points.

Rule Change:

- Spurs are now optional in Medium, Advanced, Prix St George and Grand Prix Levels