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Special Edition Newsletter

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Presidents Report January 2023

Hi all Members

We are off to a big start for 2023 with the Club Championships on 19th February, Open Championships on 25th and 26th March and more training days, clinics, and Official Events throughout the year as per the list in this Newsletter.

All our dates for the year have been booked at the Blayney Showground equestrian centre and with Dressage NSW. Now comes the big job of getting judges, writers and sponsors. We hope everyone will give a hand with these events before, during and after as it is important we all help if members want these competitions.

McDowell's Herbal have generously sponsored the club by supplying a beautiful scoreboard which will make it possible to display ongoing scores during events. Our sincere thanks to Cath McDowell.

We have also been successful in securing a grant from Blayney Council plus other donations towards improving the pony club yards at the Showground. The sides will be raised and mesh dividing each yard so this will give us 10 extra safe overnight yards which will be a huge benefit. Work on these will commence in the next week or so by Jordan Little who tendered the successful quote.

The Leaderboard awards for 2022 will be presented at the Club Championships and although some events had to be cancelled we congratulate the winners.

Looking forward to seeing everyone again. Beth Maclean



CWDG competition

dates for 2023

Save the dates

**19th Feb Club Championships and Leaderboard
Presentation**

25th & 26th March Open Championships

23rd April Training Day

3rd May Bathurst Show Dressage

21st May Official Event

18th June Training Day

20th August Training Day

17th September Official Event

21st and 22nd October Open Championships Official

**19th November Club Championships and Leaderboard
Presentation**

10th December Christmas event

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS & OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS EVENTS ARE NOW OPEN ON NOMINATE!

Last year's postponed Club Championships will be held on Sunday 19 February, so get your entries in quickly! Leaderboard winners will be awarded their rugs on the day. A huge thank you to Mullion Produce for sponsoring them.



BUT! One Championship isn't enough!

Also open for entries is **TWO DAYS (!)** of competition on **25-26 March** for our **Mc Dowell Herbal Open Championships.**

After so many cancelled events last year, make sure you jump on Nominate ASAP to get your

UPDATED EA DRESSAGE TESTS & RULES – 1 JANUARY 2023

Equestrian Australia (EA) has released updated dressage tests and rules which commenced on 1 January 2023.

Please make sure you are familiar with these before attending any dressage competition! CWDG will be using the new tests at all our competitions – with the first on Sunday 19 February with our Club Championships!

For information about the new rules and for copies of the updated dressage tests, visit www.equestrian.org.au/dressage-rules

CWDG DRESSAGE CLINICS 2023 - WATCH THIS SPACE!

CWDG is very excited to announce that we are currently in discussion with not one, but TWO highly regarded dressage riders and instructors to provide clinics for our members and guests during 2023!

We are anticipating that each instructor will conduct a series of clinics throughout the year in the indoor arena at Blayney Showground.

More information will be provided ASAP so stay tuned!!

REMINDER! HELMET TAGGING FOR DRESSAGE

MANDATORY SINCE 1ST JULY 2022

Helmet tagging became mandatory for all EA Affiliated Dressage events on 1 July 2022. Helmet tagging indicates that the helmet complies with current EA standards. Riders competing in an EA competition must wear an approved helmet with the chin strap fastened at all times. For more information visit EA Australia – www.equestrian.org.au

Protective headgear must conform with one of the current approved safety standards:

- Current Australian standard **AS/NZS 3838** (2006 onwards) *provided they are SAI Global marked*
 - New Australian standard **ARB HS 2012** *provided they are SAI Global marked*
- Current American standard **ASTM F1162** (2004a or 04a onwards) *provided they are SEI marked*
 - Current British standard **PAS 015** (1998 or 2011) *provided they are BSI Kitemarked*
 - Interim **European Standard VGI** (01.040:2014-12) *with or without BSI Kitemark*

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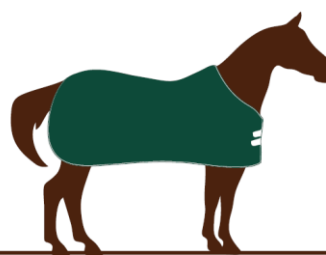
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