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### ***Club Members***

**Small display advertisements for Member's selling saddles, horses etc. are free of charge.**

## **AUGUST 2016**

Hi Riders,

What a beautiful day we had for our Freshman's day at PCAV park. We have been blessed every month with great weather and lets hope it continues for the rest of the year.

Viv Axton was our judge for the day and gave some valuable feedback to the riders. Huge thanks to Viv for giving up her day for us, at no charge to the club which is very generous and a great contribution. Thanks also to the other volunteers on the day.

Coming up very quick is our Double crown event being run at Boneo Park 8th and 9th of October with Westernport Dressage club. Our event day is the Sunday the 9th so the club will need to call on our wonderful members to help on this day and the Saturday if you would like to make it a double!! Please start saving the date and contacting me via email to offer up your support ([mms76@bigpond.com](mailto:mms76@bigpond.com)). Remember we need your assistance to make these events run as the committee can't do it alone. Email me before i start stalking you all!!!!

Look forward to our next club day in September.

Happy Riding.

Michelle Oliver.

September 11<sup>th</sup> – Sunday – Club Day – PCAV Park

October – 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> Official Comp – Boneo Park \*\* Double Crown\*\*

November 6<sup>th</sup> – Sunday – PCAV Park

December 11<sup>th</sup> – Sunday – PCAV Park

## **IMPORTANT YVDC NEWS**

**\*\*\*\* YVDC HAS A BRAND NEW WEB SITE !!!!\*\*\*\***

After much hard work from our committee (Jan Herzig) we are proud to announce that we now have a fantastic new website. All information, newsletters, competition news, competition entry is all on line.

***You can now enter events, complete membership renewals, check the leaderboard all in the one site.***

**Club Day Entries** - Please note that **NO LATE ENTRIES** will be accepted after the closing date in the future for our club comps. If you have special requests for times or duties, please put them with the entries at the time so as our event secretary can try to accommodate them if possible and organize the day and draw without having to reschedule everyone several times.

*Another forward thinking idea we are going to implement at all of our club days (excluding official comps) is allowing the use of a snaffle bit at ALL LEVELS including the FEI Tests. Riders will now have the choice to use either a double bridle or a snaffle in Advanced and above tests. This change takes place immediately.*

***Entries are now to be done via the new YVDC website, and payment via EFT.***

## Arena Familiarization Rides at Club Days

We are now offering arena time on a club day for riders not wanting to ride a formal test. You will be given the same amount of time in the indoor as any other rider riding a test. The cost of this will be \$15 as no judge will be required. Please book your ride at the time of entry as per normal entries, times will be allocated for your arena time according to the entries received. This applies to horses NOT competing on the day. EG young horses etc.

### Results from AUGUST Club Day

#### Prelim 1.2 INDOOR ARENA. Viv Axton.

1 <sup>st</sup>	Kate Van Elmpt	Gleneagles Lucas	64.80 %
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Hannah Sharp	Fairy Floss Parade	64.42 %

#### Novice 2.2- Viv Axton.

1 <sup>st</sup>	Zoe Verones	Medallion Park Aspetto	68.71 %
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Hannah Sharp	Fairy Floss Parade	64.43 %
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Kate Van Elmpt	Gleneagles Lucas	64.43 %
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Zoe Kendall	Flowergum Ferrero	63.28 %
4 <sup>th</sup>	Kirstie Taylor	Hayley	56.57 %

#### Elementary 3.2- Viv Axton.

1 <sup>st</sup>	Zoe Verones	Medallion Park Aspetto	66.34%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Devon Rankin	Chiquita Black	65.14 %

#### Medium 4.2- Viv Axton.

1 <sup>st</sup>	Michelle Oliver	Orlando	69.10%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Tracey Gaspari	Coco	63.59%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Cara Burns	Piccolo	58.07%

#### Advanced 5.2-Viv Axton.

1 <sup>st</sup>	Cara Burns	Piccolo	61.43%
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# CLUB LEADER BOARD 2016.

## Prelim

Michelle Oliver	Darcy	6
Kate Van Elmpt	Gleneagles Lucas	6
Skye Wright	Kamber Merfyn	5
Hannah Sharp	Fairy Floss Parade	5
Fern Wright	Bella	4
Chris McDonald	Buddy	3

## Novice

Michelle Oliver	Darcy	6
Zoe Verones	Medallion Park Aspetto	6
Kelly Walsh	Conspiracy Theory	5
Kate Van Elmpt	Gleneagles Lucas	5
Hannah Sharp	Fairy Floss Parade	5
Chris McDonald	Buddy	4
Zoe Kendall	Flowergum Ferrero	3
Kirsty Taylor	Hayley	2

## Elementary

Devon Rankin	Chiquita Black	11
Zoe Verones	Medallion Park Aspetto	6
Maureen Howe	Highness McOhl	5

## Medium

Jenny Wall	Homecoming	6
Michelle Oliver	Orlando	6
Tracey Gaspari	Coco	5
Cara Burns	Piccolo	4

## Advanced

Madeline Leeden	Mr Shirvington	6
Cara Burns	Piccolo	6
Meg Klaaysen	Chemistry	5
Jenny Wall	Homecoming	4

## PSG

Madeline Leeden	Mr Shirvington	6
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## Inter 1

## Grand Prix

Fern Wright	Kamber Pryderi	6
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Annual General Meeting is to be held on the 1<sup>st</sup> of September at La Porchetta, Main Street, Lilydale. Dinner at 6.30 and AGM to follow at 7.30.

Have you ever thought that you would like to join our YVDC Committee? It is time for the AGM and now is the perfect opportunity !! To have some input into the Club, bring new ideas and help out our ever hard working committee members. There are a few places in the general committee coming up and from my experience over the past three years it has been great fun. Meetings are once a month, very informal and a lot of fun. Nibbles, wine, cheese and horse chat and laughing are always on the agenda.

We are also looking for a new **EV Delegate** to represent YVDC. Rae Ansell has done an amazing job for several years and is hoping to pass the position to a new face. It involves attending a meeting at the Leveson Hotel ever second month and then reporting the details back to our club. Speak with Rae for further details if you are interested.

It is again time for **Membership Renewal**. Member Renewal is all to be done **ONLINE** at our new YVDC website. You will find the renewal form, waiver and an extra page for Emergency Contact numbers for our records. This is a one off form and only needs to be

resubmitted or updated if your details change.

[www.yvdc.com.au](http://www.yvdc.com.au)

Our club is adapting a best practice procedure and a database of all contact details in case of an emergency to horse or rider will enable us to contact relevant help if required

## Welcome to new Club Members.

A warm welcome to the following new club members.

Hope to see you at our club and open competitions.

. Mary-Jane and Charlotte Pierce.

.Amanda Kobelt.

.Elisha Laukart.

.Sydney Broxam.

.Emily Gerdes.

.Paul Cox.

.Maddison Jackson.

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YVDC Member Sharon Gorton raises funds for an amazing program. If you can donate items for auction or donations please contact Michelle Oliver or Jenny Wall at [yarravalleydc@gmail.com](mailto:yarravalleydc@gmail.com).

**Sharon Gorton past is currently participating in the Australian Volunteer for International Development program and is training staff to enhance their skills at the Vientiane Autism Centre in Laos.**

**The Association for Autism (AfA) is currently seeking funds to develop a toy and resource library**

Buying good quality toys that encourage learning and development is difficult and expensive for many families with autistic children. In Laos this is compounded by poverty and also access to quality toys.

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Please help us by donating money so we can buy the toys to start this much needed Toy Library. By buying toys in Laos we are also helping the local economy and community. All donations will be fully receipted and duly documented.

Please contact AfA if you would like to donate and like our Facebook page - [www.facebook.com/laoautism.laa/](http://www.facebook.com/laoautism.laa/) .

You can also follow Sharon's adventures in Laos on Facebook letters from Laos page

Thank you for your support

## **COMPETITIONS IN SOME OF THE MORE REMOTE AREAS OF AUSTRALIA.**

While we are coping with the cold and mud, for many horse owners, such as those living in Alice Springs, this is the time of year they look forward to, with sunny days and temperatures around the mid to high twenties making it a pleasant time for riding pursuits.

Darwin, Katherine and Alice Springs all have very good equestrian facilities for comps and are set up to cater for a range of riding disciplines. These clubs do not tend to have a large membership and many riders tend to do more than one discipline. The grounds at Alice are set on a large area which caters for everything from dressage to western

riding. As the area is semi-arid, the natural sandy soil base provides a good surface for equestrian pursuits. The dressage club draws riders from local properties and from a number of cattle stations around the area, including a few who travel a vast distance, particularly when you consider that some of the stations are around 1500 square kilometers in size.

When it comes to travelling to other comps some of these riders, will for instance, take three days to travel from Alice Springs to compete at the Katherine Show ( a distance of 1182 km) staying at cattle stations along the way. Some of these competitors then head on to Darwin ( a further 318 Km) and stay for at least an extra week or two.

Other competitors I have spoken to have spent five days travelling from Alice Springs to Werribee in Victoria ( 2236 km) where they may stay and compete at comps over a five week period before travelling back home.

The five day Katherine Show draws competitors from as far as Kununurra in the Kimberley. Whole families travel down with their horses and kids ponies to compete in the dressage, jumping, western and show hack events and in some cases all of these classes. It is a social event with many families camping year after year with other families they meet up with at the show and is regarded as a holiday for many. The show has a real country feel to it and attracts a large number of competitors and spectators from around the area. They have everything from chook classes to quitting competitions, barrel racing and the V8 supercars put on a very loud performance as they zoom around the main arena.

Although the days are often sunny with mild temperatures at this time of year in Alice Springs it is not uncommon to have severe frosts with temps dropping down to minus nine at night. This not only affects the vegetation in the area but any pasture or lucern which property owners may have grown. Any pasture is usually due to irrigation from bore water and without it there is very little pasture at all.

The area has had higher than average rainfall over the last few months which has resulted in the Alice looking greener than it has been for some years with more natural grasses and a

magnificent display of wildflowers. In Summer the high temperatures, wind and red dust can pose challenges when it comes to keeping horses and riding. Many of the competitors I spoke to said that although they often had to cope with various horse management issues at certain times of the year they would not live anywhere else. Having travelled a little around I tend to agree that the outback with such wide open spaces, magnificent scenery and vegetation tends to almost have a magnetic draw and is a place that would be hard to leave. Further north in Katherine and Darwin, this being the dry season, has temperatures often in the mid thirties and is such a contrast to the wet season later in the year which can make riding difficult as horse owners can become isolated due to being surrounded by water on their properties and stations. Vast distances are covered in delivering feed and hay which usually comes up from Adelaide ( some 1535 km) and this is reflected in the cost and in times of drought these areas can be the last in line to obtain what they need.

Many of the riders that I have met take their riding and competitions seriously and although they face challenges due to the remoteness of where they live they enjoy their riding and competitions just as much as anywhere I have judged.

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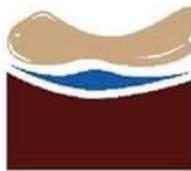
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**Next Club Day is Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September at PCAV  
Park.**

**Entries close Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September.**