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August 2019

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AGM PRESIDENT REPORT

We have had another successful year with the club with many new members joining to enjoy the relaxed and friendly atmosphere we strive to achieve.

Our monthly events have been well attended and PCAV Park continues to provide us with a user friendly venue. We ran two open events in March and October and had very positive feedback from the riders that attended. Our October competition was proudly sponsored by Bendigo Bank and we had Hygain horse feeds on board to sponsor our March competition. Thanks to Catrina Corten for her efforts in securing those sponsors for us and a huge thanks to the sponsors for their support of the club. We ran a raffle at both events and the money raised was donated to the Need for Feed disaster relief organisation.

We ran a special 2 day workshop concentrating on ringcraft and test riding with Catrina Corten and the members that attended were very grateful for Catrina's expertise and to get an insight into what the judges are really looking for to give you that elusive 10. We plan to run this event again in September this year.

We had organised to have our Xmas function at the Yarra Valley Polo event but unfortunately the weather gods decided to flood the venue so only water polo was on the menu. We instead enjoyed a delicious lunch at our December club day.

A few of our members attended a meeting at Healesville in April to hear about the possibility of having a new equestrian facility built at the grounds of the Yarra Glen and Lilydale Hunt club. The venture is in the stages of trying to get funding to make it a viable project. It would be an amazing asset to the Yarra Valley Equestrian community. The project has a Facebook page and web page where you can view the exciting plans. We have also put these details in our newsletters to inform members of this project. It would be a fantastic home for our club.

Our next open competition in October will be a fundraiser for Bridget Murphy to help her continue towards her efforts of riding in the Para Olympics in 2020.

To finish up I would like to personally congratulate all the winners of the club trophy awards. I really enjoy watching the regular riders improve each month and the partnerships they have with their horses.

Would like to thank my committee members of which a few take on most of the workload. I would be lost without Jenny Wall and Janice but you all do a fabulous job and give up your own time for the benefit of others.

In order for the club to continue to provide monthly events we really need some new people to come on the committee to push forward to the future. I really would like to step back in a year or so and hopefully get to ride my own horse and enjoy the days. So if not this year then maybe next some of you may like to get involved and give back to the sport that gives so much enjoyment to you all.

Thanks also to all the members that volunteer and help at our monthly events and our open competitions. As they say no volunteers no events so we couldn't do it without you.

DATES TO REMEMBER

September 8th Sunday	Freshman's Day PCAV Park C Tests, All FEI, Prep Test D
October 6th Sunday	Club Day PCAV Park A Tests, All FEI, Prep Test A
October 27th Sunday	Open Competition PCAV Park A and B Tests

Entries are to be made via the YVDC website and payments via EFT.
[Click here to enter!](#)

Don't Forget to check out further news and updates at our
[Website](#) or Facebook page!

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.



New Members

Please welcome the following new or rejoining members to the club, we look forward to seeing you at club days and competitions:

- ❖ Abigail Van Bergeijk
- ❖ Jess Jackson
- ❖ Courtney Barnes
- ❖ Dianne McConnell
- ❖ Alana Gebert
- ❖ Sarah Fullerton
- ❖ Kathy Lewis



[Bridget's Story](#)

Hello Yarra Valley Dressage Clubbers,

I'd like to start by thanking everyone who was at the AMG for their kind words and encouragement after my talk. As a naturally shy person, public speaking isn't an easy thing to do, but you made me feel very welcome, so thank you! It was suggested on the night, that I should write up a little something for the newsletter, so those that couldn't make it could learn about who I am, and what I'm trying to do, so here it is!

I was born with a physical disability that has resulted in short stature, severe spinal scoliosis and restricted movement in my joints, and it was eventually labelled as 'Multiple Pterygium Syndrome'. I was also born with the deep passion and obsession for horses. I would beg and plead for my own horse, and to ride any horse I saw from day one. However, for the first 10 years of my life I was in and out of hospital having different operations, trying to increase my range of movement, and to stabilise my spine. Eventually, after years of my nagging, the Doctors said ok to me riding, and from then on there was no stopping me. I was lucky enough to have some wonderful ponies leased to me, until I 'finally' got my very own pony.

I soon joined up to my local pony club and spent many years there being an active member of the club. In my senior years at pony club I began instructing, going on to become certified, and have since returned to the pony club scene as a coach and judge.

After pony club I joined HRCV, by then I had a Welsh pony (Ted), and my focus had switched primarily to dressage. Unfortunately, early 2017, Ted had to be spayed due to soundness issues, which at the time was heart breaking, but actually turned out to be the catalyst to how I ended up where I am today!

At the same time Ted was spayed, Paralympian Sharon Jarvis, had moved to Victoria and had heard about me via mutual friends, so she contacted me and insisted I go meet her. Being horseless must have weakened my senses, as I said yes, and before I knew it she had me signed up to get classified in October 2017 at the Para Dressage National Championships.

Para Dressage is separated into 5 grades, with grade 1 being for the most impaired, and grade 5 for the least impaired. I was classified as a grade 2 rider, which means I walk and trot with lateral work in my tests. The 'Para' in Para Dressage, or Paralympics actually stands for Parallel, which means we are to be judged as if we are riding alongside able bodied riders doing the same movements.

After being classified, the hunt for a para dressage horse began, and in March 2018 I was introduced to Allysee Smith's super pony, Kooralyn Sunrise. It sounds cliché, but everything just clicked. With just 7 rides together we headed to our first competition, (here at YVDC!!), and from then it just took off! In June we went to Boneo Winter CDI, and were identified as High Performance candidates and encouraged to join the campaign for the 2020 Tokyo Paralympics! And that was the start of an amazing whirlwind of a year.

October 2018, one year since I was classified, we headed to the Para Nationals at Boneo, my first time riding with, and meeting other para riders and it was amazing. Coming home as Australian Champion was just the icing on the cake. November saw us at Equitana as part of the Equestrian Australia Para Equestrian Squad, and part of the Schockemohle Masterclass with Brett Parbery, Chris Burton and Shane Davidson. December was the

Victorian Dressage Championships where we came reserve champions. January 2019 was the first Tokyo Qualifier event at the Boneo Classic.

In April we attended the second qualifier in Sydney (my first interstate comp), coming home reserve champs. And in July I was a finalist for Para Equestrian of the Year for the EV Awards. I've also made the Victorian Dressage Squad and the National High Performance Squad.

This crazy dream we had has taken off with a life of its own. We are working hard and giving it everything we've got! There are 5 selection events left to go, 3 here in Victoria, and 2 in NSW. With the huge cost involved with attending these competitions, I wanted to thank YVDC for being so welcoming and accommodating to me. Being able to run through tests, get feedback, and try out new approaches in such a supportive environment is an absolutely wonderful thing to be able to access. I sincerely appreciate it!

I would also like to thank the wonderful team of sponsors who are helping to keep this dream going; The amazing team at Ashwood Performances Horses – Allysse, Annette and of course, Sunrise Horseland Lilydale, The Equine Practice, Alpine Trade Group, Bit Bank Australia, Paul Buckland Saddler, Happy Hacks Equine Massage, AVB Equine Videography, Pure Motion Therapies, Farrier Dean Thomas.

July Freshman's Competition Results

FRESHMANS COMPETITION - SUNDAY 7th July 2019				
PRELIM 1A		OUTDOOR	JUDGE : CATRINA CORTEN	
		Score	%	Place
Jen Green	Major McCann	164.0	65.60	1st
Robyn Seidler	Cass	153.0	61.20	2nd =
Jess Jackson	Bamborough Catcher	153.0	61.20	2nd =
NOVICE 2A		OUTDOOR	JUDGE : CATRINA CORTEN	
		Score	%	Place
Ella Robinson	Carool Furst Denali	197.0	70.35	1st
Birgitte Horn	Dougal	187.5	66.96	2nd
Jen Green	Major McCann	178.0	63.57	3rd
Rachelle Regan	Heisenberg	174.0	62.14	4th
Robyn Seidler	Cass	170.0	60.71	5th
Abigal Van Bergeijk	Kilgarvin Kerryman	161.5	57.67	6th
ELEMENTARY 3A		INDOOR	JUDGE : JILL SINCLAIR	
		Score	%	Place
Ella Robinson	Carool Furst Denali	239.0	66.38	1st
Mary Mullin	Theese HV Bellingeweer	223.0	62.22	2nd
Meg Klaaysen	Viscounts Encore	219.5	60.97	3rd
Lynette Ward	Sancinatti	217.5	60.41	4th
Carolyn Ashby	Pendarren Park Annie	216.5	60.13	5th
Jodie Barton	Rockfields Cioccolata	218.0	60.00	6th
Birgitte Horn	Dougal	208.5	57.91	
Maureen Howe	Highness McOhl	199.5	55.42	
INTER 1		OUTDOOR	JUDGE : CATRINA CORTEN	
		Score	%	Place
Meg Klaaysen	Chemistry	207.5	62.36	1st
ADVANCED 5A		INDOOR	JUDGE : JILL SINCLAIR	
		Score	%	Place
Faye Hinchliffe	Wyronga Park Premier	252.5	66.45	1st
PARA GRADE 2 INDIVIDUAL		INDOOR	JUDGE: JILL SINCLAIR	
		Score	%	Place
Bridget Murphy	Kooralyn Sunrise	208.5	61.32	1st
PRIX ST GEORGE		INDOOR	JUDGE :JILL SINCLAIR	
		Score	%	Place
Faye Hinchliffe	Wyronga Park Premier	221.5	61.15%	1st

August Club Day Competition Results

CLUB DAY COMPETITION - SUNDAY 18TH AUGUST 2019				
ELEMENTARY 3B INDOOR JUDGE: JILL SINCLAIR				
		Score	%	Place
Andrea Ramsay	Stormy	249.50	62.37	1st
Lynette Ward	Sancinatti	248.50	62.12	2nd
PREP TEST C INDOOR JUDGE: JILL SINCLAIR				
		Score	%	Place
Sharyn Symonds	Tiny	126.00	63.00	1st
Teresa Child	Mia	121.00	60.50	2nd
Jenny Wall	Gigi	116.50	58.25	3rd
NOVICE 2B INDOOR JUDGE: JILL SINCLAIR				
		Score	%	Place
Fiona McKenzie	Dallas	223.50	65.73	1st
PRELIM 1B INDOOR JUDGE: JILL SINCLAIR				
		Score	%	Place
Teresa Child	Mia	172.00	61.42	1st
Sandy Cornell	Bloomfield Faith	171.50	61.25	2nd
Jenny Wall	Gigi	165.00	58.92	3rd
MEDIUM 4B INDOOR JUDGE: JILL SINCLAIR				
		Score	%	Place
Melanie Clark	Imperial Debonair	222.00	60.00	1st
ADVANCED 5B INDOOR JUDGE: JILL SINCLAIR				
		Score	%	Place
Louise Just	Everton Weltstar	204.50	66.49	H/C
INTER I INDOOR JUDGE: JILL SINCLAIR				
		Score	%	Place
Meg Klaaysen	HP Chemistry	231.00	67.94	1st

YVDC Leader board 2019 – 2020

Prelim		
Teresa Child	Mia	6
Jen Green	Major McCann	6
Jess Jackson	Bamborough Catcher	5
Robyn Seidler	Cass	5
Sandy Cornell	Bloomfield Faith	5
Jenny Wall	Gigi	4
Novice		
Ella Robinson	Carool Furst Denali	6
Fiona McKenzie	Dallas	6
Birgitte Horn	Dougal	5
Jen Green	Major McCann	4
Rachelle Regan	Heisenberg	3
Robyn Seidler	Cass	2
Abigail Van Bergeijk	Kilgarvin Kerryman	1
Elem		
Lynette Ward	Sancinatti	11
Ella Robinson	Carool Furst Denali	6
Andrea Ramsay	Stormy	6
Mary Mullin	Thesse H.v Bellingweeer	5
Meg Klaaysen	Viscounts Encore	4
Carolyn Ashby	Annie	2
Jodie Barton	Rockfields Cioccolata	1
Med		
Melanie Clark	Imperial Debonair	6
Adv		
Faye Hinchliffe	Wyronga Premier	6
Small Tour (PSG/Inter I)		
Meg Klaaysen	Chemistry	6
Faye Hinchliffe	Wyronga Park Premier	6

[Memberships](#)

Don't forget, 2019/2020 Memberships are now due. Please submit your membership and waiver via the website [CLICK HERE](#)

An emergency contacts form only needs to be completed if details need updating from last year or for new memberships. Payment details are on the website.

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Jacket Rear

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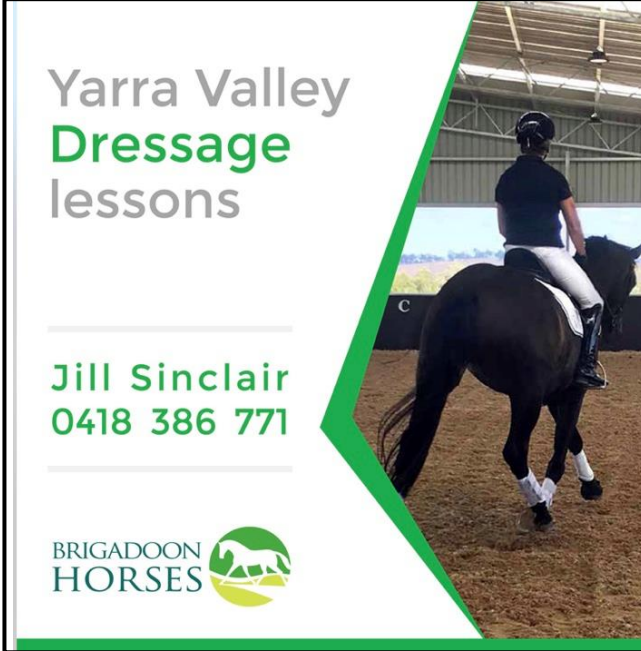
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