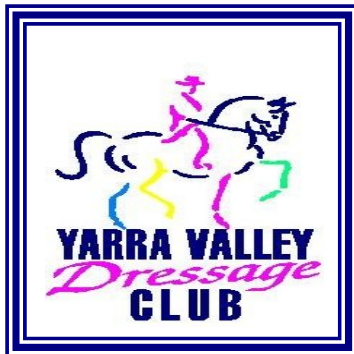


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## President's Report

Hi to all,

The weather and daylight is on the way UP UP and I for one are hanging out for some sunshine and more time to spend outside. Good entries have been had for most clubs holding events and that's great for our sport of Dressage and the race to the States has begun.

Well our September club day was another great competition. Good entries filled up most of the day and a big thank you to all the helpers. We again missed the culinary delights of Michelle Frey but look forward to tasting them again in November.

Our official competition at Werribee is coming up quickly and Janice has started the massive task of working out all the times for the day. This takes a lot of brain power and many hours so a HUGE thanks in advance to Jan. Entries have been really good as it is the last qualifier for the State champs in December. I am hoping that our members will all rally together and help run this event as without your help it can not be done. If you haven't yet been rung to help and you can please contact Maureen Howe and I am sure she will be glad to hear from you. Talk to you all again soon.

Happy Riding.

Michelle Oliver.

## Club Calendar 2009

**Sunday 18/10/09** - Official Open Comp @ WPEC **hosted by YVDC**

**Friday 30/10/09 – Clair Ballantyne clinic**

Sunday 15/11/09 -Club Freshmans Day

Friday 20/11/09 - Adam Reiss Dressage clinic at Yering Equestrian Park

Saturday 21/11/09 - Adam Reiss Dressage Clinic at Yering Equestrian Park

Sunday 22/11/09 - Adam Reiss Dressage Clinic at Yering Equestrian Park

December: - Christmas Celebrations

**Sunday January 10<sup>th</sup>**: Official & Young Horse Dressage Comp **hosted by YVDC**



### **Club News**

**New Members:** We extend a very warm welcome to **Ruth Feltoe & Annette Gubby**, who have recently joined the club. We hope to see you soon at our club days.

**FYI:** The club Leader board is an accumulation of points that are given to club members that take part in the club days, & *also* at any official competition that is run by the YVDC.

Points are allocated as they would be in official comps: i.e. 6 points for 1<sup>st</sup> thru to 1 point for 6<sup>th</sup> place.

This is a light hearted little comp that the club has run for many years now & is acknowledged at the AGM.

**Next Committee Meeting:** Monday Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> -7.45 pm at Jan Herzig's.

If there are any matters or concerns that members would like to raise, please contact one of the committee that would only be too happy to have it tabled at the meeting. 😊

### **HELP HELP HELP HELP PLEEEEEEEEEEEEEEESE!**

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October** as you will all be aware now is the date that the YVDC is hosting an official event at Werribee – Your help is required, so if you could please **contact Maureen Howe on 5968 8521**, it would be hugely appreciated.

Just think of that *warm fuzzy feeling* you will have when you are driving home after helping, .... Knowing that you have “done your bit!!!!!!”



Carol Ross will be back to give another clinic on Saturday 10th & 11th October! It will be at YEP The clinic has already filled, but, if you would like to come down to watch, or catch up with Carol for a quick hello she will be teaching from 0830 – 4.30pm. Lunch break from 12.15 for half an hour. Thanks to Carol for passing on the story below, .... Many of you may remember this story of Paddy following the fires.

### Hero horse in line for bushfire bravery award

The RSPCA says it will consider a posthumous Purple Cross award for a north-east Victorian horse that saved other animals during a Black Saturday bushfire.

Clydesdale horse 'Paddy' was nominated for an award after he rounded up sheep and goats during the fire in Mudgegonga.

He died this week but the Victorian RSPCA will nominate him this month for a Purple Cross.

The president of the RSPCA's Albury branch, Dr Arthur Fraunfelder, says it is a highly prestigious honour.

"The way that he kept his calm, and with his police background, that's what helped him immensely," he said.

"Even just to be nominated is fine - even if he gets the Valour Award for saving three other animals, that's fine."

### Old Billy: The World's Oldest Horse

**One day in 1760, in an English village called Woolston in Lancashire Country, a horse was born. There are no records to indicate that anyone expected this horse would be at all above average, but in the end the horse went down in history as the oldest horse in the world. The average lifespan of a horse is 20-25 years, but this horse lived to be a wizened 62 years old.**

There are few records that remain about the horse, who became known as "Old Billy". We don't know exactly what breed Billy was, but he was said to look like a cob/shire horse and that he was black with a white blaze. The only existing image of Billy is a lithograph taken in 1820. In the lithograph, Billy is standing with Squire Henry Harrison who had known the horse for 59 years. They are standing in a field in Warrington. The Warrington Parish Church is visible in the background. This lithograph may be viewable in the Grange Sports and Social Club and in the Warrington Museum.

So what does a horse do for 62 years? Old Billy was a barge horse owned by the Mersey and Irwell Navigation. In the 1700s, horse-drawn barges were used to transport cargo throughout England by way of canals. The horse would be rigged up to the barge and travel along an adjacent towpath to pull the barge along the canal. This was a very common job for horses in situations where using a sail boat was impractical. Barge horses became obsolete, however, with the onset of the Industrial Revolution and the invention of the boat engines. The railway also had a hand in retiring Old Billy, as its speed and efficiency made slow barge transport outdated.

While Old Billy's birth may not have been recorded, his death certainly was. As the oldest horse in the world, his passing on November 27, 1822 made the papers and was recorded in the Annals of Manchester. 2 years later, on August 30, 1824, Old Billy's head was presented to the Manchester Museum by the Mersey and Irwell Navigation Company.

Despite the interest generated over Old Billy by his death at such an old age, there is little recorded evidence generally available and many questions still to be asked, by any who are interested now. How many years did Billy work as a Barge horse for Mersey and Irwell? Why did they present his head to the Manchester Museum? And, of course, what did they do with the head in the 2 years between his death and his enshrinement in the museum?



## **EFA CORNER**



**The Dressage Sub Committee Meeting was held on July 21<sup>st</sup> in North Melbourne and proved to be quite a long one!!**

**A subject that has been on the agenda for a very long time, and which is close to many of our hearts, was first on the agenda. "Dressage Arenas at Werribee." Dressage Victoria has agreed to re-do Arena 1 (Kelly Arena) after the first debacle. This time it will be done properly. All the other arenas are the responsibility of WPNEC. The Victorian Dressage Club and Berwick Dressage Club have already committed funds to sponsor one of the other 4 outdoor arenas. For doing this, a club receives naming rights to that arena, and a bench seat engraved with their name or that of a chosen person, to be placed at the end of the arena. It is planned to have the Kelly Arena completed for the Dressage Festival in December.**

**The Australian Dressage Committee has approved our events calendar up until 2015.**

**Victorian Squad – Mary Hanna is the State Coach and her report states her satisfaction with the progress of all of the squad members. She really feels that at last, we are making significant progress and that Victorian Dressage is assured of having representation at the highest levels. There are a number of imported horses coming onto the scene and beginning to make a mark.**

**Judges – discussion was held again on the subject of the lack of judges and the heavy load on those who have reaccredited. We discussed once again ways in which we could attract and keep judges – was it money, was it ease of accreditation, was it lack of mentors and teaching, was it lack of time for those who were interested. This is an ongoing problem and one that will cause the cancellation of more events if we do not find a way to overcome the decline in numbers. It is a problem especially at the higher end, as the FEI classes are getting larger and the number of A and B level judges are reducing!**

At recent seminars, there has been a strong focus on the new tests. Marilyn Hamilton-Smith spent considerable time putting together a power point presentation using pictures from the U.S. on movements which have been re-introduced and may be unfamiliar to new, or less experienced judges.

**DRESSAGE FESTIVAL:** Volunteers are still needed for this event – particularly someone to look after the Gold and Club St. George area. If anyone is interested in helping, please call me or contact Caroline Coleby directly.

**DRESSAGE WITH THE STARS:** It was announced that our guest for Masterclasses next year will be INGRID KLIMKE. She will be a huge draw card and is a wonderful horseperson, representing Germany in both Dressage and Eventing. Put these dates in your diary now – MARCH 18 – 21<sup>ST</sup> 2010.

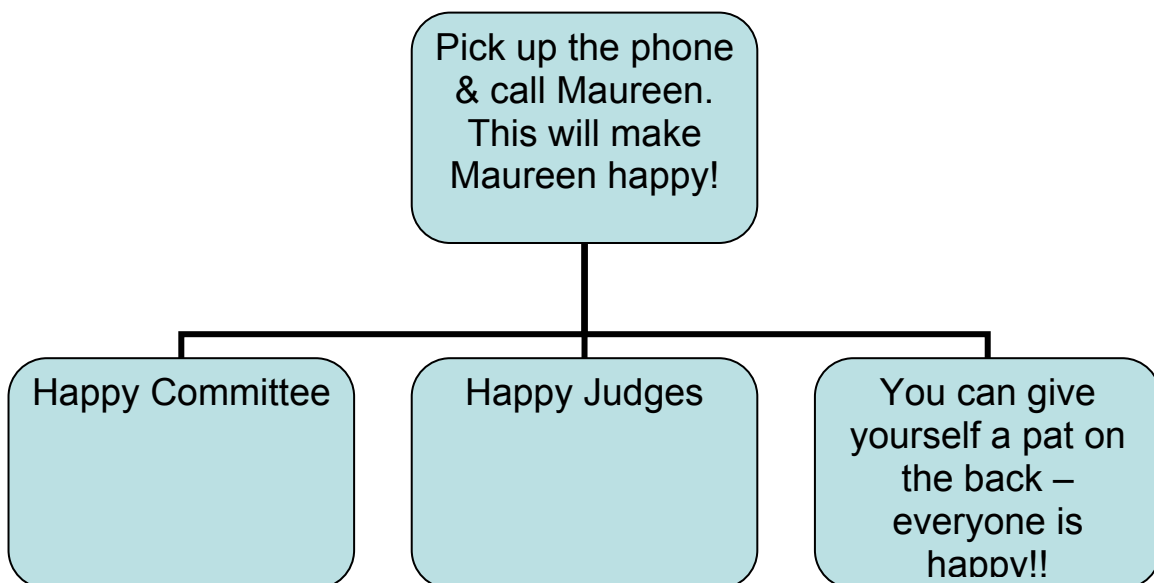
Macedon Ranges Club came up with an interesting idea for one of their clinics – they felt there were so many young horses that were intimidated by the indoor arena at Werribee – so they held a clinic or club day there and used the indoor. They felt it was most successful.

Financials were tabled and it was pleasing to note that both the Dressage Festival and Dressage with the Stars made good profits this last year. Some of that money, you will see going back into fixing the Kelly Arena, so for those of you who kindly assisted in any way – this is the result of your efforts!! Hopefully, a first class arena. Your efforts are VERY much appreciated by the Sub Committee.

That is all for this time. I will be away for the next meeting in September – choosing to ride camels in Morocco instead of traveling to North Melbourne!!! I am hopeful that perhaps someone may be able to attend in my absence.

**UNTIL NEXT TIME .....** *Rae Ansell*

**Remember!!!!!!!**



## What's Happening in the Dressage World?

### September 2009

Some of the participants at the 2009 European Dressage Championships in Windsor went on holiday right after the show to recover from the excitement, thrill and stress.

**Laura Bechtolsheimer** and her family cruised the Greek islands, Danish **Anne van Olst** traveled to Thailand for two weeks and **Imke Schellekens-Bartels** went to New York for some business (clinic at Ashley Holzer's stable) and pleasure (the Big Apple).

#### **No break for German rider Matthias Alexander Rath.**

He had planned on taking his upcoming Grand Prix horse **Triviant** (by Olivi) to the **CDI-W Wroclaw** in Poland but his trip was aborted prematurely. 80 kilometers from his home in Kronberg, Germany, the trip came to an abrupt stop when a car signaled the lorry driver that there was

**smoke coming out of the truck.** The driver stopped immediately and the horse was unloaded. Triviant had breathed in some smoke but there were no injuries. Matthias Rath drove with car and trailer to the spot to load Triviant onto the trailer and bring the horse back home for a full medical check up. The fire in the lorry probably started due to a **defect in the cable wench** which pulls the tack box into the lorry.

The saddle and bridles were damaged due to the fire.



More than a month ago the Dutch bred Welsh pony gelding **Den Ostriks Dailan sold to Sven Rothenberger.** The team silver medal winning FEI Dressage pony finished fourth at the 2009 European Pony Championships in Moorseele. Soon afterwards, owner Julia van Schaijk (who was actually too tall for her pony) sold the chestnut gelding to Rothenberger. Youngest daughter Semmieke will be riding him.

It was rumoured that **Rothenberger also bought Cyrill WE** (by Champion de Luxe x Power Man) but this has been denied by Gonnellen Rothenberger. The 3-year old palomino stallion won the Bundeschampionate scoring 10 for trot, 8.5 for canter, 9.5 for walk, 9.0 for training, 8.0 for conformation, and a 9.0 for overall impression. Cyrill WE

is bred by Anja Hoorn and is owned by Dr. Katja Bodenkamp.

**Rothenberger** did, however, **exchange** his recently acquired Prix St Georges horse **Fleuri** (by Florestan x Akzent II) for an FEI pony and a show jumper. Dutch pony rider (and niece) Antoinette te Riele will give her EC gold medal winning mare **Golden Girl** to Semmieke Rothenberger next year and Sven also got the Grand Prix show jumper **Kid Gentleman** from uncle Yves Houtackers. Sönke Rothenberger has taken a big interest in show jumping lately and will be competing Mauna Kea and Kid Gentleman soon.

Dutch dressage rider **Petra van Esch is three months pregnant**. The 29-year old former young rider is due to deliver in March 2010. At the moment she is still riding her own horses but in the future a few will go in training with Bianca Koenen en Puck Slaats. Last summer, Van Esch became Brabant regional champion at fourth level with her unregistered palomino Thito.

We had a **major inpouring of emails about Patrick Swayze**, following our new editorial commemorating the renowned actor as a horse man. Even our own German liaison **Barbara Schnell shared her wonderful meeting with Patrick Swayze** in real life! "I met Patrick Swayze a few years ago when he was in Cologne to promote a film," Schnell reminisced. "I am convinced that unlike many other Hollywood celebrities, he didn't have a false fiber in his body. A very generous and serene guy, and a very memorable encounter (and I hadn't even seen Dirty Dancing at the time). A very nice touch to post that eulogy on your site." Thanks Barbara!

We hardly ever see **fun, interesting or exhilarating new websites on equestrian sport or dressage** online, but we did have a good chuckle when we saw the futuristic, fantasy site "Super Prix: Your Guide to Dressage in the 21st Century" The author of "Super Prix" writes that "you will learn how **bold advances in the technologies of genetics, high-tensile metals and plastics have vastly enhanced the performance of both horse and rider.**" One of the tools used nowadays is "The Spine Crancker," which is "a highly popular device that serves as a training harness that combines elements of a head-setter, biting

rig, tail-setter and action enhancer." [Read more about it here](#)



However, we were **shocked** when we read "**Shame in the Horse Show Ring**" for the first time. Not by the obscene language of the author, but most definitely by the malpractice happening in the Western world. The most outrageous and torturous bits are invented and used for Western riding. Western "guru's" giving clinics all over America are praised by the laymen, but you can see a trainer absolutely not making any sense to the audience, nor the horse. And what about Western Pleasure: yes the light contact is a far outcry from the cruel barrel racing kicking and pulling, but talk about developing unnatural gaits. Western Pleasure competition is a "slowness" race. The slower you go, the more distorted the natural gait of a horse it and the more chance you get to win. It's upside down in Western world!

Forty-four year old **Nadine Capellmann had to withdraw** from competing her Danish warmblood Raffaldo at the **CDI Donaueschingen due to a bee sting**. Capellmann experienced

severe allergic reactions to the sting and had to be rushed to the emergency room for treatment. Though she recovered quickly, the medication in her system prevented her from starting in Donaueschingen.

American Grand Prix dressage rider **Heather Blitz is moving back to the United States**. After a three year stint in Esjberg, Denmark, Blitz has decided to build up a new business in Loxahatchee, Florida on December 1, 2009. "I have had a wonderful time in Europe and have made many friends as well as some great clients but the time has come for me to return home," said Heather, who has frequently returned to the U.S. for clinics. "I already have a number of clients who will be joining me which is very exciting and I'm looking forward to getting started with the new business," she added. Blitz will be



bringing her 6 year-old Danish Warmblood gelding, Paragon, back to the U.S. to continue his training and begin competing.

**The Dutch continue to blow their horn** following their medal streak at the 2009 European Championships. **In a column** in the Dutch newspaper Paardenkrant, former Dutch Olympic rider **Johan Swaab puts feathers in Sjef Janssen's cap**: "it is more than clear that the system of Sjef Janssen is supreme to all other methods. This fact forces us [the Dutch] to provide an education system for future instruction based on the Sjef Janssen-system if we want to keep that lead position." The 80-year old Swaab argues that

there should be training not only on a technical and gymnastic level, but riders also need to be taught discipline, eager and ambition which are necessary to succeed. "I'm not pointing at riders of today who already know Janssen's system and know how to train and compete their horses. They will do everything to complete their training within the system. No, I'm pointing at next generations." **Swaab's box-thinking culminates in the eye-brow raising expression**: "At the European Championships there were no better trained, gymnasticized, happy moving horses that those of the Dutch team." (*editor's note: horses like Mistral Hojris and Augustin immediately come to mind*). **Swaab finished his argument with**: "before I have written that we breed top horses in The Netherlands, but that's in the best case only half. The training/instruction and manner of riding is equally important and that is why Janssen's system is essential to continue this success."

**Anky van Grunsven's stable** in Erp, The Netherlands, is **being totally rebuilt and revamped** into a huge **educational and training centre** with **offices** for the Anky Technical Casuals clothing line and apartments and **living quarters** for grooms and clients training there. The stable is turning into an absolutely gorgeous brick building with all the facilities you can dream of. **Mrs Maij-Weggen**, the Noord-Brabant commissioner of the Queen of The Netherlands, inserted a special plaque in the outer wall. This was done in appreciation of the support the province of Noord Brabant has given to Anky. Check out [photos of this official event here](#)

On his fantastic website Dovers World, American Olympic dressage rider Robert Dover showed his support for this year's edition of the **2009 Global Dressage Forum**. Dover wrote, "The 2009 GDF should be particularly interesting with the participation top riders Steffen Peters and Heike Kemmer. Ton de Ridder [...] will also present a Master Class. Results and conclusions from the ground breaking Aachen Judging Trials will also be discussed. Plus much more! This year the International Dressage Trainers' club will **increase their support of the GDF by offering a 40% discount on the price to clients and students of IDTC members**. All that is required to obtain the discount is to mention the name of the IDTC member when making your reservation. As the current economic situation has sadly caused the cancellation of several other dressage forums it is important to attend the Global Dressage Forum to keep abreast of latest developments and to have your opinions heard."

We're often very concerned with the shocking news **Greenpeace** brings of multinational industries destroying our earth. **The latest disgrace of humanity are the Tar Sands**, one of the largest remaining deposits of oil in the world. "Developing the tar sands has created the biggest industrial development project, the biggest capital investment project, and the biggest energy project in the world. It has also created a literal hell on earth," Greenpeace writes. "Areas of wilderness the size of small countries are chewed up and replaced by a landscape of toxic lakes, open pit mines, refineries, and pipe lines. The tar sands are what unrestrained fossil fuel use and unchecked greenhouse gas emissions look like." [Stop TAR SANDS NOW!](#)

**CLUB COMPETITION - SUNDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER 2009****RESULTS****PRELIMINARY 1D**

1st	Michelle Oliver	Oliver Riley	156	70.91%
2nd	Leanne Atwell	Champagne Piper	149	67.73%
3rd	Anita Hummer	Sugarloaf Cruz	144	65.45%
4th	Deborah Hodgson	Lanataca	142	64.55%
5th	Anne Dunlop	Quiggley	141	64.09%
6th=	Kathryn Niemec	Mia	138	62.73%
6th=	Jenny Wall	Home Coming	138	62.73%

**NOVICE 1D**

1st	Meg Stafford	Apollo Prince	266	76.00%
2nd	Kris Ford	Conspiracy Theory	249	71.14%
3rd	Deborah Hodgson	Lanataca	234	66.86%
4th	Anne Dunlop	Quiggley	233	66.57%
5th	Susan Vickering	Walvick Star	222	63.43%

**ELEMENTARY 3D**

1st=	April Kerford	S.P. Lancombe	252	64.62%
1st=	Andrea Ramsay	Harry Who	252	64.62%
3rd	Kerrie Aumann	Kerron Park Benson	250	64.10%
4th	Meg Stafford	Apollo Prince	238	61.03%
5th	Judy Thompson	The Poet	220	56.41%
6th	Kris Ford	Conspiracy Theory	212	54.36%

**MEDIUM 4A**

1st	Kathy Caldwell	Cresendo	226	62.78%
2nd	Janice Herzig	Sienna Eyre	223	61.94%

**ADVANCED 5A**

1st	Michelle Oliver	BP Feuerisle	274	68.50%
2nd	Liz Wright-Smith	Mount Batten	258	64.50%
3rd	Karalyn McDonald	Ruby Red	248	62.00%
4th	Lauren Bailey-Smith	Avoca on the Move	244	61.00%

**PRIX ST GEORGE**

1ST	Lauren Bailey-Smith	Avoca on the Move	214	56.21%
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## LEADERBOARD 2009-2010

### PRELIMINARY

Michelle Oliver	Oliver Gray	12
Anne Dunlop	Quiggley	11
Barb Geoffrey	Coldstream Shahlemar	9
Chris Sudul	Effie	6
Sharon Gorten	Yarra Vale Peru	5
Leanne Atwell	Champagne Piper	5
Karen Webb	Ernie	4
Anita Hummer	Sugarloaf Cruz	4
Deborah Hodgson	Lanataca	3
Jenny Wall	Home Coming	3
Stephanie Bartley	Rockabilly Rebel	2
Kathryn Niemec	Mia	1

### NOVICE

Anne Dunlop	Quiggley	12
Kris Ford	Conspiracy Theory	10
Meg Stafford	Apollo Prince	6
Kylie Pedder	Coldstream Sherman	6
Pam Miskin	Daintree Domanie	5
Kathy Minchin	Albert	4
Deborah Hodgson	Lanataca	4
Kathy Minchin	Flaunting	2
Susan Vickering		2

### ELEMENTARY

Judy Thompson	The Poet	10
Mary Newham	The Shu	8
Meg Stafford	Apollo Prince	7
April Kerford	S.P. Lancombe	6
Andrea Ramsay	Harry Who	6
Elaine Castellini	Rudolph	6
Kerrie Aumann	Kerron Park Benson	6
Sandra Winzer	Monaco	5
Kathy Minchin	Nobodys Fool	5
Pam Miskin	Daintree Domanie	5
Kris Ford	Conspiracy Theory	2

### MEDIUM

Kathy Cardwell	Cresendo	12
Maureen Howe	Shadow Song	10
Janice Herzig	Sienna Eyre	10

### ADVANCED

Karalyn McDonald	Ruby Red	16
Liz Wright Smith	Monty	10
Michelle Oliver	BP Fererisle	6
Kathryn Caldwell	Cresendo	4
Lauren Bailey Smith	Avoca on the Move	3

### SMALL TOUR

Rae Ansell	Mr Casey	12
Lauren Baily- Smith	Avoca on the Move	6

## German Dressage News

### Gigolo Passed Away

September 24, 2009

Isabell Werth's individual Olympic gold medal winning horse Gigolo FRH has passed away. The liver chestnut Hanoverian gelding was humanely put down yesterday September 23, 2009. Gigolo's general health condition deteriorated rapidly following an injury and the veterinarian decided it was in Gigolo's best interest that he was euthanized.

"I'm so sad," Werth said. "Gigolo became 26 years old and he accompanied me for over 20 years. He was my friend, schoolmaster and comrade. His reliability and willingness to work were two of his extraordinary traits. 26 years old is a respectable age for a horse and I'm happy that I was able to give him a very nice retirement after his sport career."



Gigolo was bred by Horst Klussmann in 1983 and was by Graditz out of Bunett (by Busoni xx). He was acquired by Werth's initial sponsor and trainer Uwe Schulten-Baumer in 1989.

Gigolo is currently the most successful dressage horse of all times. Under Isabell Werth he also won Olympic gold at the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta and he claimed individual Olympic silver twice. He was double World Champion and four times European and German Champion.

His string of success started in 1991 when he won team and individual gold at the European Championships in Donaueschingen. He achieved more gold at the Europeans in 1993, 1995 and 1997. He won team and

individual gold at the 1994 and 1998 World Equestrian Games and team gold. He won Olympic team gold in 1992, 1996 and 2000, individual gold in 1996 and individual silver in 1992 and 2000.

Gigolo was retired from competition at the Stuttgart German Masters on 24th October 2000 and he enjoyed his retirement at Isabell Werth's stable in Rheinberg.

"Gigolo spent his days in the field with his friend Fabienne," said Werth. "He was so decisive in my life and I can look back with great gratitude on our years together. I'm sure Gigolo won't be forgotten."



# ADAM REISS CLINIC

**Date:** Friday 20<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> and Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2009  
**Venue:** Yering Equestrian Park, 172 Victoria Road, Yering  
([www.yeringequestrian.com.au](http://www.yeringequestrian.com.au))

**Cost: \$100 a lesson** (including arena hire, lights and tea/coffee)

A deposit of \$50 per lesson is required to secure your booking. Full payment is required by

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November. Cheques to be made payable to Yarra Valley Dressage Club Inc.

Please complete the form below and post together with your payment to:

Pam Miskin, P.O. Box 91 Woori Yallock 3139 Victoria (Phone: 5967 1879 Mobile: 0419 671 879)

[pmiskin@wintechnologies.com.au](mailto:pmiskin@wintechnologies.com.au)

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**1<sup>st</sup> Horse's name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Level:** \_\_\_\_\_

**2<sup>nd</sup> Horse's name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **(Payment not needed until accepted)**

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November**  **no morning clinic**  **afternoon**  (12pm – 6.30pm)

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> November**  **morning**  (8am – 12pm) **afternoon**  (12pm – 6.30pm)

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> November**  **morning**  (8am – 12pm) **afternoon**  (12pm – 6.30pm)

Please tick the boxes above to indicated your preferences

**Payment included: \$** \_\_\_\_\_ **Balance to pay: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Send completed form & payment to: Pam Miskin, P.O. Box 91, Woori Yallock 3139.**

**Due to the popularity of this clinic one horse per rider will initially be accepted, until 2<sup>nd</sup> November when the 2<sup>nd</sup> horse nominated may be placed in an available place. So first in best dressed!**

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# CLAIRE BALLANTYNE CLINIC

Claire will be teaching in the Yarra Valley on **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October**

Cost \$150.00 per lesson for 40 minutes.

Venue to be confirmed.

Please phone **Judy Gronn** for more details  
**9751 2140**  
**0409 351 149**

## **Claire Ballantyne BHSI German FN International Dressage Trainer**



Claire Ballantyne spent nine years training in Germany, riding and learning with top trainers such as Reinhard Baumgart, director of the Hannoverian Verband and Holga Finken, gaining experience with lots of breeds. She also trained at Warendorf where she sat her exams to become a qualified rider and trainer in Germany.

In Germany she worked with young horses from the breaking-in to Grand Prix competition horses with clients from America, UK and Europe while competing her own horse at advanced level.

She is a qualified Bereiter as well as having the BHSI, the highest qualification in England.

Claire now runs her own yard in England, teaching and competing from novice to FEI levels, she is a medium level judge and is devoted to helping riders understand the basics of “throughness”.

Claire is sometimes able to take working pupils and a number of riders from Australia have already benefited from this opportunity with Claire.

Claire has been visiting Melbourne about three times a year for some time now and is committed to helping us improve dressage over here.



- **Do you want to be apart of some exciting dressage action?**
- **Do you want to contribute back to the sport you love?**

Become a volunteer for the Prestigious Saddleworld Dressage Festival, all you need to do is download the volunteer information kit. ( Just go to the EFA website & click on dressage festival logo, & follow the prompts), & then send onto:  
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Stunning bay filly by Rotspan ;Born Dec 2006. Three super paces and very good nature.  
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### **Bridle For Sale : Hanoverian bridle, brand new.**

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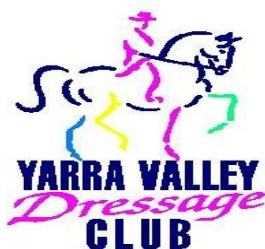
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**Price: \$80 Contact: Kim after hours on (03) 5964 4883.**



# Freshman's Competition - Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2009

Tests are ridden twice. The Judge will discuss your performance with you, before you ride the second 'competition test'. Ribbons are awarded to 6<sup>th</sup> place.



## Entry Form

RIDER \_\_\_\_\_

HORSE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

1<sup>st</sup> TEST ENTERED \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> TEST \_\_\_\_\_

ENTRY FEE  
ENCLOSED \_\_\_\_\_

### I will assist with:

RING SET UP  RING PULL DOWN   
PENCIL  SCORE  SHEET COLLECTION   
OTHER

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## Sunday 15th November 2009 GLENBRAE EQUESTRIAN CENTRE, VICTORIA ROAD WANDIN

Tests – 1A, 2A, 3A, 4B, 5B, Prix St George,  
Inter1, Inter 11, Grand Prix

Entries Close – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2009

Fees – Club Members - \$15 per test

Event Secretary – Jan Herzig  
P.O Box 297 Wandin North Vic 3139

Scratchings on the day 0412 170 566

- ◆ **All competitors are required to assist before, during or after competition.**
- ◆ Points awarded to club trophies
- ◆ Ribbons to 6<sup>th</sup> place
- ◆ Competitors to report to gear check 20 minutes prior to riding
- ◆ Each test may be ridden twice (time permitting)
- ◆ 2nd test may be entered if sufficient time
- ◆ Open to current YVDC members only
- ◆ NO DOGS ALLOWED
- ◆ **Yummy free lunch!**

