



# Northcoast Active-riders Group

January 2012

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# PRESIDENTS REPORT

I am very honoured to take up the position of the President for the upcoming year and can only hope to do equally as well in this job as some of our fantastic past Presidents. I would like to also thank our past committee members that are taking a well earned break. Thank you Elena, Louise, Lea, Lisa and Anja for your efforts in the past few years.

This year we have a few new faces on the committee as well as some very experienced returning members and we as a committee wish to provide all members with opportunities to have an enjoyable riding year. To do this we are making sure that members get real value out of joining the club by offering considerably reduced entry fees at all levels of competition throughout the year.

It will only take a rider 2-3 competitions to fully cover their years membership fees (particularly if you volunteer) and since we have 11 competition dates during the year this is incredibly easy to do. At the end of the year members only are eligible for some fantastic club awards - nice things to recognise a year's hard work.

If you are interested in clinics the same applies - attend a few clinics and again you have your membership fee back in your pocket and we have many clinics planned for the year with a variety of different instructors to suit all tastes.

For an annual fee paid to the showground NAGS members have access to the ground and the fabulous indoor school for training purposes

(when not booked by other groups). This is invaluable particularly in wet weather and means your horse can still be exercised when it is too wet at your usual riding area. This also gives you a good opportunity to get used to the grounds in preparation for competition days. Non members pay much more to use these facilities.

NAGS also has an extensive video/CD library which members can borrow educational material to improve their riding/judging/horse handling etc. and these can only be borrowed by NAGS Members. To buy many of these resources one would need a great deal of money - so think of the savings there!!

In NAGS, we have a variety of interesting and experienced members from many walks of life who will very happily talk to people for hours about their passion of dressage - and contact with these people is invaluable in the ever expanding circle of dressage enthusiasts.

Finally, NAGS is just a great place to ride and have fun with your horse and other very horsey people so don't delay, join the club ASAP as there are really no reasons not to join.

We hope to see you all in 2012,  
**Dorry Hofman - President**

# NAGS MEMBERSHIP and its benefits

As we all know, owning horses is an expensive and time-consuming hobby. Often we are disappointed by set backs in our training or expenses at competitions that are over priced and unfair.

In 2012, NAGS is aiming to give its members who volunteer their time to the club further compensation for their effort.

For members who volunteer on competition days, stable prices are reduced and class prices are the cheapest in the state.



**Join NAGS where you can  
compete and save money!**

## Next NAGS Meeting

is scheduled for the 1 February, 2012.

When: Wednesday 1st February, 7.30pm  
Where: Scout Hall, Nambour Showgrounds  
Come along and make your dressage club better!

Agendas will be available closer to the date of the meeting.

If you would like to have something added to the agenda or would like to see a copy of it, please contact our secretary Lois Wattis on [ljbwattis@bigpond.com](mailto:ljbwattis@bigpond.com)

# Dressage Queensland 2012 New Scheme



## Division 1 & Division 2

### THE OFFICIAL RIDER INCENTIVE SCHEME:

In 2011, Dressage QLD has become increasingly aware of the extreme need to support our ranks of official dressage riders regardless of horse or rider experience, particularly those competing at Preliminary to Prix St George. To assist with this support Dressage QLD will be trialing a scheme in 2012.

This sponsored scheme will be rolled out at two star competitions in SE QLD, and also be in effect at our State Championships. It will in essence be a competition within a competition, with Division 1 and Division 2 riders being split at the presentation stage of the class.

Riders will nominate their division on the entry form of each event. Division 1 riders will be made up primarily of our professional riders, trainers and coaches. Those riders who do not wish to be considered for squad selection, or are not earning their main income from coaching or training can elect to ride division 2.

In introducing split divisions, Dressage Queensland hopes to strengthen the participation of our existing official riders at our major events. The full details of this exciting new scheme will be available early in the New Year on the Dressage Queensland website!

NAGS is extremely excited about taking these new rules on board as an innovative club. See you at the NAGS events, Division 1 and Division 2 riders!



# NORTHCOAST ACTIVE-RIDERS GROUP INC

Competition Venue: Nambour Showgrounds, Nambour.

Postal Address: PO BOX 656 NAMBOUR QLD 4560

Website: <http://nags.asn.au>

## 2012 MEMBERSHIP/RENEWAL APPLICATION FORM

### MEMBER DETAILS (please print clearly)

Nags Membership No. \_\_\_\_\_

Adult Name (over 18): \_\_\_\_\_ Surname: \_\_\_\_\_

Year of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Please note: it is a condition of membership that all members under the age of 18 years are under the direct supervision of their parent/guardian at all Nags events and carry a Family Membership.

For Family Membership (1 adult & up to 2 children under 18), please include the following information about each child:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

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For extra children there is a charge of \$15.00 per child and please attach details as above. \_\_\_ @ \$15.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (W) \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact No: \_\_\_\_\_

### EFA DETAILS

Are you an EFA Member: Yes/No

If yes Membership No: \_\_\_\_\_

### MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS (please tick)

	<u>FULL YEAR</u>	<u>FROM AUGUST</u>
_____ New Single Riding membership (Adult 18 & Over)	\$70.00	\$40.00
_____ New Family Membership (1 adult & 2 children or single under 18)	\$75.00	\$45.00
_____ New Non-Riding Membership (Adult 18 & Over)	\$55.00	\$30.00
_____ Renewal Single Riding Membership (Adult 18 & Over)	\$60.00	N/A
_____ Renewal Family Membership (1 adult & 2 children or single under 18)	\$65.00	N/A
_____ Renewal Non-Riding Membership (Adult 18 & Over)	\$45.00	N/A
_____ Newsletter Postage (newsletters are emailed monthly free)	\$20.00	\$15.00

Total Payment: \_\_\_\_\_

### VOLUNTEER ASSISTANCE (All members must assist with at least 2 activities—this is a condition of membership)

I will assist with:      Committee      Scoring      Judging      Dressage      Writing      Arena Set up      Arena Take Down

### PAYMENT OPTIONS

\_\_\_\_\_ Cheque or Money Order payable to NAGS Inc.

\_\_\_\_\_ Direct Deposit into NAGS Bank Account BSB: 064014 Account Number: 28002506

Please use your surname and 2012 in the reference field, and include your printed receipt with this form to assist prompt processing. Note: Completed waiver form must accompany this membership form.

### MEMBER AGREEMENT

I hereby apply for membership/renewal with Northcoast Active-riders Group (NAG) Inc. Nags is an EA Affiliated club and I hereby agree to abide by the NAG Inc constitution and by-laws and all Equestrian Australia and Equestrian Queensland rules. Please contact the club secretary for copies of the legal documents. I agree that I am responsible for ensuring my associates also abide by these rules and regulations, and if any of my associates acts inappropriately then I acknowledge that I as the member may be disciplined and/or my associates excluded from NAGs events. Associates are, but not limited to family members, partners, coaches, grooms, helpers, friends, horse owner or anybody accompanying me or visiting a member of any NAGs event.

**Note: If membership includes persons under 18yrs of age parent/guardian must sign this section. Waiver must be signed by each riding member. Failure to sign waiver will negate membership to the club.**

Member Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents Signature (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please post completed membership and waiver with payment details to Membership Sec, PO BOX 656, Nambour QLD 4560



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RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY  
ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT**



CLUB NAME **Northcoast Active-riders Group Inc**  
 CLUB POSTAL ADDRESS **P.O. Box 656 NAMBOUR QLD 4560**  
 CLUB EVENT ADDRESS **Maroochy Showgrounds Equestrian Centre at Nambour**  
 EVENT **As per the attached calendar of events (thereafter referred to as “EVENT(S)”)**

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6. Hereby agrees that this Release and Waiver of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Indemnity Agreement extends to all acts of negligence by the Releasees. INCLUDING NEGLIGENCE RESCUE OPERATIONS and is intended to be as broad and inclusive as is permitted by the laws of the State/Territory in which the EVENT(S) is/are conducted and that if any portion thereof is held invalid, it is agreed that the balance shall, notwithstanding, continue in full legal force and effect.

I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT, FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS , UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT, AND HAVE SIGNED IT FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT ASSURANCE OR GUARANTEE BEING MADE TO ME AND INTEND MY SIGNATURE TO BE A COMPLETE AND UNCONDITIONAL RELEASE OF ALL LIABILITY TO THE GREATEST EXTENT ALLOWED BY LAW.

**BY SIGNING HEREUNDER I CONFIRM HAVING READ AND UNDERSTOOD THE CONTENTS OF THIS DISCLAIMER.**

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 PRINT NAME HERE SIGN HERE DATE

**PARENT/GUARDIAN CONSENT FOR UNDER 18 YEAR OLD PARTICIPANTS**

I ..... being the parent/guardian of the abovementioned .....  
 Confirm that I have read the whole of this document and have taken all necessary actions to ensure I am aware of the activity which the abovementioned, will be asked to participate in and consent to him/her participating. In doing so, I acknowledge that equestrian activities are dangerous and that accidents causing death, bodily injury, disability and property damage can and do happen. I agree the neither the Branch, club/coach, participants, EFA and its state bodies, or any subdivision thereof, officials, volunteers, medical personnel, any persons promoters, sponsors, advertisers, owners and lessees of premises used to conduct the EVENT(S) shall be under any liability whatsoever for the death or any bodily injury, loss or damage which may be suffered or incurred by the abovementioned or I may have arising under the Trade Practices Act 1974 (Cth) (or similar legislation)

**By signing hereunder I confirm having read and understood the contents of this disclaimer.**

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 NAME (BLOCK LETTERS) SIGNED

# CALENDAR 2012

1 February	NAGS Meeting, 7.30pm, Scout Hall
7 March	NAGS Meeting, 7.30pm, Scout Hall
18 March	Member Protocol Dressage Day
4 April	NAGS Meeting, 7.30pm, Scout Hall
8 April	Associate Training Competition
22 April	Official One Star Dressage
2 May	NAGS Meeting, 7.30pm, Scout Hall
20 May	Associate Dressage Championships
3 June	Member Protocol Dressage Day
6 June	NAGS Meeting, 7.30pm, Scout Hall
4 July	NAGS Meeting, 7.30pm, Scout Hall
22 July	Associate Training Dressage
1 August	NAGS Meeting, 7.30 pm, Scout Hall
19 August	Official & Associate Dressage
5 September	NAGS Meeting, 7.30pm, Scout Hall
16 September	Associate Training Dressage
28-30 September	Sunshine Coast Dressage Championships, Two Star Prelim to Grand Prix, Freestyle, Futuries & Pony Classes
3 October	NAGS Meeting, 7.30pm, Scout Hall
21 October	Associate Training Dressage
7 November	NAGS Meeting, 7.30pm, Scout Hall
18 November	Member Protocol Dressage
5 December	Annual General Meeting & Awards Night

# COMING UP IN 2012

NAGS 2012 is very excited about introducing some new concepts to its events such as the Division 1 & Division 2 scheme and making our NAGS members get 'more bang for their buck', so to speak! As well as this, we have seen new faces join the team which gives the Club fresh enthusiasm and innovative ideas.

One way we wish to give back to our Members is the introduction of an Official Photographer and Videographer. If you have ever wanted a photo of your horse at a NAGS Social Day or have had to compete without help and wish to see footage of how you went - here is your chance!

So what do you have to do to receive these services?

When you attend a NAGS Member Protocol Day or NAGS Social Training Day, at the gear check you must notify the volunteers working that you require photos and/or video. If you don't let them know, our Photographer won't know if she is supposed to take pictures or videos!

What makes this even better is all money made will go straight back into your club, making more clinics, organized events, fantastic prize money and well-maintained gear easily accessible to you.

Prices will be made available to the public in the February Newsletter for 2012.

Here's a sneak preview of some of the photos you can look forward to:



## COOROY SADDLERY Exclusive offer to NAGS Members

The owners of Cooroy Saddlery would like to offer all the financial members of NAGS a 10% discount store wide. Simply head into the store and you will be issued with a discount card.

# NAGS CLINICS 2012

Anjanette Harten, Paula Price and Nicole Tough will be back this year. Glennis Barrey will be coming up for a clinic and we are waiting for dates to come through - check website for Details.

Brett Parbery to notify if he has time during his busy schedule.



Manuela McLean - Monday 19th & Tuesday 20th March

Elsa Willans-Davis - July dates to be confirmed

Manuela McLean - Thursday 20th & Friday 21st September

Elsa Willans-Davis - Thursday 6th & Friday 7th December

## NCAS Level 2 (Dressage Specialist, BSc (biology), Dip Ed

Manuela McLean is a well-known dressage competitor who has produced and ridden horses to FEI level Dressage and Advanced Three Day Eventing. Based at the AEBC in Victoria, she teaches regularly at the AEBC, as well as in Geelong, and Tonimbuk, and has assisted her husband, Andrew in clinics in the UK, Belgium and Denmark. Manuela also conducts clinics in Hobart, Perth, Margaret River, Adelaide, Canberra and Albury. Manuela is also in great demand in New Zealand, visiting 5-6 times per year.

Manuela co-developed the AEBC training system and in 2002, co-authored "Horse Training the McLean Way". Most recently Andrew and Manuela released 'Academic Horse Training', a true masterpiece in equine literature, along with a series of three complimenting DVDs. A national coach of Dressage, her focus is on teaching riders how to train and maintain the basics in their horses, creating a true foundation for higher level dressage. Manuela herself has recently competed successfully on her ten-year-old imported Hanoverian stallion, Da Vinity.

With pupils of all ages, levels and experience, Manuela is known for her patience, encouragement and persistence in her pursuit of excellence at all stages of training. Her teaching style is hallmarked by her passion and excitement at even the smallest of successes. In great demand as a teacher, Manuela has great talents, both for educating effectively and having an acute eye for identifying what is right and wrong with both horse and rider.

Her students have been successful at all FEI, EFA, HRCVA and Pony Club levels and she has helped many riders to realise their, and their horses full potential. Among her pupils, past and present, are well-known Grand Prix Rider Kate Boyes, Grand Prix Rider and Training Warwick McLean and current New Zealand Grand Prix champion and Horse of the Year winner, Jodie Hartstone.

Elsa has been a full time trainer at AEBC since 2004 when she was offered a position after completing her 2 year traineeship. Elsa has grown into a remarkable trainer and teach of the AEBC system with extensive experience in foundation training, re-training of problem behaviours and more advanced dressage and jumping schooling.

Elsa's experience is very diverse, her training toolbox includes not only effective in hand and under saddle techniques that employ negative reinforcement (pressure release), but also positive reinforcement (reward) and secondary reinforcement (clicker training) techniques. Elsa has worked on the nuisance training of mounted police horses, reforming horses that don't load, racehorses with barrier problems, advanced level dressage horses with contact issues, all manner of ridden behaviour problems, performance horses, started countless young horses under saddle, trained high level FEI dressage movements, schooled horses for show jumping and cross country and all in between.

Elsa is in high demand as a trainer due to her ability to consistently produce relaxed and obedient horses. She is also a sought after instructor who teaches here at AEBC and also visits Tonimbuk, Gisbourne, Geelong, Albury, Tamworth, South Australia, Queensland and Tasmania

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## The Ireland's Fund Raiser

Most of you will know Bob and Denise Ireland from the Leather Shop in Nambour, which tragically burnt down just before Christmas. Any attendance and donations are hugely appreciated.

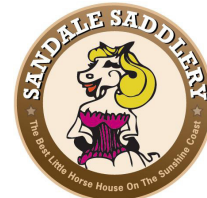
When: Monday 23rd January, 7pm

Where: Red Bridge Motel, Nambour Connection Road  
Tickets are \$30 each

The Ireland Family has been involved with horses on the Sunshine Coast through Pony Club, NAGS and Light Horse for many years. The majority of horse people have had saddles and boots mended by Bob, which he does extremely well.

For further details, please contact Neil at Footworks Nambour on 5441 1922. Donations to the family can also be left with Neil.

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## VALE GRAHAM TAYLOR

It is with great sadness that we are advised that Graham Taylor passed away after a very short battle with cancer. Graham was an active member of the Gualda & Western Performance Club. The funeral was held at Drysdales at Tewantin at 10.30am on Wednesday, 11 January 2012.

NAGS offers its condolences from all of its Members.