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PRESIDENTS REPORT

Our first competition for 2011, the March Associate Day, was cancelled due to the inclement weather but the April One Star is not far away.

Entries for the March Social day were large enough to need three arenas. As we cannot get much larger for these days I suggest you enter early at the next Associate day to ensure a ride.

As always we will need many hands on deck for the April One Star so if you can help out let us know early so we can spread out the workload.

Pencilling for the Judges is a great way to learn about what is required and does not require any experience so make sure you volunteer early and ask to write for your current level or the one you are aiming for next.

We will also need some people to collect test sheets from the judge's cars, assist with scoring

and help set up the arenas, let us know what you can do to make this all happen.

Madeline



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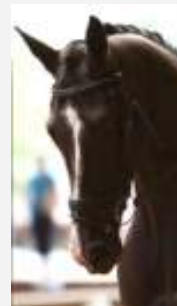
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OFFICIAL DRESSAGE REPORT

Our first official day is 17th April and it is Preliminary to Grand Prix and Pony Dressage. Entries close Thursday 24th March (later on Nominate). We will need our usual army of volunteers especially writers and **RUNNERS**. It is necessary for runners to keep the scoring ticking over. Madeline will let you know when she requires your help for setting-up.

If you are able to help with writing and running please contact Lisa Hayes or Madeline (0408 711736) or my-self.

Futurities: Entries close on 31st March with conditions.



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Associate training day report

Good entries were received for the March 6th Social day but unfortunately the good weather abandoned us - we were forced to cancel the first competition of this year as we were forced to cancel the last competition of last year.

There were a few problems with the Nominate payment schedule initially but this now seems to be ironed out. Please, where possible, use the Nominate site for entries rather than EFT payment as this makes administration much easier.

Our next Associate Training day is on the **24th April**, which is Easter Sunday. Please come along and enter and have a great day as it is probably better to do "horsey" things on this long weekend rather than struggle with the masses of holiday makers on the roads.

Happy riding in some hopefully cooler weather.

Regards Dorry Hofman



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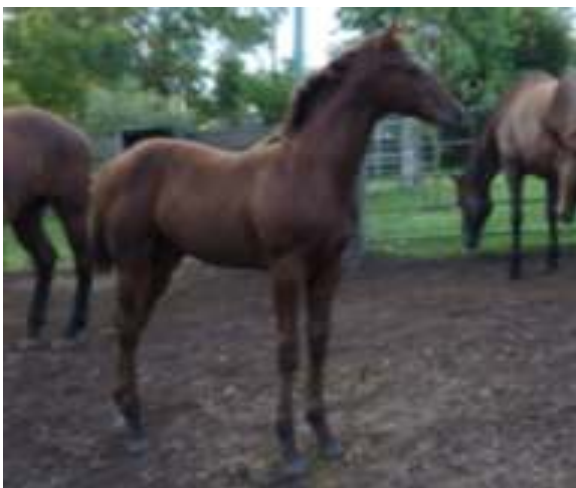
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The subject of rollkur was brought up at our last meeting. As we all know, this debate has been going on for umpteen years - it's even on Facebook. There does not appear to be a rule regarding the length of time that is considered excessive for a horse to be ridden in hyperflexion, either in the EA rules or FEI rules, despite the FEI representative saying they have a strict stewarding program.

In 2006, the FEI investigated hyperflexion. Their most recent statement on the subject in 2008 reads: "The FEI held a successful seminar on Hyperflexion in 2006. There has been no change in the scientific evidence since that review. There are no known clinical side effects specifically arising from the use of hyperflexion. However, there are concerns for the horses' well-being if the technique is not practised correctly. The FEI does not permit excessive or prolonged hyperflexion in any equestrian sport, and has a strict stewarding program to protect the performance horse in all disciplines." (Horse Magazine UK March 2011)

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Members Forum

In February I (along with other judges from the Club) attended a two day Judges Forum in Caboolture. This Forum is held every year and we usually have an International Presenter.

This year we had Jenny Loriston Clark, an experienced Trainer and Competitor, from the U.K.(a bonus to have an English Speaking Presenter) Jenny has trained and ridden several horses to Grand Prix level and now she trains UK riders for International competition.

On Saturday it was held indoors for Judges only. We were shown videos of several horses doing the same movement - we discussed same and arrived at a mark for each horse. We were divided into groups (by tables) and each group got to explain the movement and how they arrived at the mark.

We also had a session by Ben Harris, the National Education Manager from the EA National Office telling us how Equestrian Australia were endeavouring to bring International Presenters to Sydney to hold a Clinic on how to arrange your music for a Freestyle Test and to follow up on Freestyle Judging. This will be held in Sydney following the CDI.

SUNDAY This was held in the indoor arena for Riders, Coaches, and Judges. We had demonstrations by talented horses which were great to observe. However I personally would like to see horses who were not as talented and then we could observe how Jenny would have corrected them allowing them to achieve higher marks. This would also greatly assist riders and coaches.

We look forward to the next Forum in February 2012, and hope to see more of our Club there, especially on Sunday.

Clem Kelly.



Emma Flavelle and Diamond Z Delight at the Toowoomba Young Horse Championships 31 January

2011 EVENTS CALENDAR

6th March - Associate/Training Competition - Closing date 22nd Feb - nominations via www.nominate.com.au or postal entries - see competition page for program.

31st March - 2011 Futurity Nominations close. These futurity classes are held at our Sunshine Coast Championships in September 2011. You can nominate for these classes on www.nominate.com.au and see competition page for program.

6th April - Nags Meeting Wednesday night start at 7.30pm Scout Hall beside sand arenas - all welcome!

17th April - One Star Official Dressage Competition - Prelim to GP & Pony Dressage - Closing date Thursday 24th March - Madeline 0408711736. You can nominate for these classes on www.nominate.com.au and see competition page for program.

24th April - Associate/Training Competition - Closing date 12th April - Dorry Hofman 0423417495

4th May - Nags Meeting Wednesday night start at 7.30pm Scout Hall beside sand arenas - all welcome!

15th May - Associate Championships Prelim to Adv - incorporating Jean Sterling Memorial - Closing date Thursday 21st April - Madeline 0408711736

1st June - Nags Meeting Wednesday night start at 7.30pm Scout Hall beside sand arenas - all welcome!

5th June - Associate/Training Competition - Closing date 24th May - Dorry Hofman 0423417495

6th July - Nags Meeting Wednesday night start at 7.30pm Scout Hall beside sand arenas - all welcome!

17th July - Official/Associate Competition Prelim to Adv - incorporating Flavelle Memorial Shield - Closing date Thursday 23rd June - Madeline 0408711736

3rd August - Nags Meeting Wednesday night start at 7.30pm Scout Hall beside sand arenas - all welcome!

21st August - Associate/Training Competition - Closing date 9th August - Dorry Hofman 0423417495

7th September - Nags Meeting Wednesday night start at 7.30pm Scout Hall beside sand arenas - all welcome!

23rd, 24th & 25th September - Sunshine Coast Regional Dressage Championships & Futurities - Prelim to GP, Freestyle & Pony dressage - Closing date Thursday 25th August - Madeline 0408711736

5th October - Nags Meeting Wednesday night start at 7.30pm Scout Hall beside sand arenas - all welcome!

15th October - (SATURDAY) Associate/Training Competition - Closing date 3rd October - Dorry Hofman 0423417495

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