



NATIONAL CAPITAL EQUESTRIAN CLUB NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2018

From the President

First of all, 'Welcome' to any new NCEC members and 'Thank you' to those riders that keep renewing their NCEC membership. Well, this is my first time at President of anything - I took on the role because the 2018/19 NCEC committee is a group of 'can do' people who make me feel confident that NCEC will deliver well run competitions that riders of all levels and ages feel welcome to attend. I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank NCEC members and competitors (and sometimes their family members) who take on the rider participant roster duties with a positive attitude – it makes life much more pleasant for everyone when people are willing to help out, so thank you.

If I look back on how far NCEC has come in the past 5 years, it is impressive to think that we now have 118 members and are running comps with close to 200 entries per event. This, I believe, is all down to the initiative of a previous NCEC committee to move NCEC to Equestrian Park, plus the personal dedication and initiatives of current and previous committee members.

The Committee is passionate that NCEC is a Club that all levels of rider can enjoy – from the youngest to the more mature riders and from beginner to professionals. To this end, we have been striving to create a welcoming environment at competitions. We welcome member feedback, positive and constructive criticism, to better meet the membership's needs, so if you have any ideas please utilise the NCEC contact email address on our website. I'd also like to say that the committee really appreciates the positive post comp comments on Facebook - my favourite so far was the comment by one young rider who said "I'm so excited" at the prospect of attending the Champs...it makes all the hard work worth it.

The 2018 'Annual Awards', AGM and 'Championships' are done and dusted and we are now working on the NCEC Christmas comp in December ...but more on this in the Events section of this newsletter.

I'd like to finish by congratulating all NCEC members out there competing at whatever level and receiving whatever results, because dressage is not an easy or forgiving sport. Please know that you are all very welcome at NCEC.

Regards

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AGM / New NCEC Committee for 18/19 – Please contact the person ‘relevant’ to your enquiry.

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2019 Calendar

Sunday 28 April - Official & Unofficial
Sunday 25 August - Official & Unofficial
Sunday 6 October – Official & Unofficial Championships
Sunday 1 December – Unofficial Xmas comp (NCEC Members Only)

Past Events

7 October Championships: Super spring weather, super horses and riders with many very good scores, and everyone having a good time. It must be noted that several ponies won their test outright against some very good horses - who said ‘big is beautiful’? Again, thanks to our generous sponsors: Clonakilla Wines in Murrumbateman, Horseland in Fyshwick and The Feed Shed in Bungendore.

26 August comp: The ‘Weather Gods’ were looking out for us at our August comp – there was a real Spring feeling in the air with people happy to be out and about in the sunshine after all the cold weather. The higher scores were well deserved with some riders scoring close to 80%.

It was super for the committee to see young and adult riders getting more confident and tackling a higher level test as well as new riders getting to know the ropes for dressage – well done! NCEC is all about a supportive and fun environment for those who are working their way up the levels and for those who are happy to just come and have a good day out and meet likeminded people.

Upcoming Event

2 December 'Christmas' Comp – This event will be unofficial and open to NCEC members only. We will have classes for our youngest members (Lead Rein class) through to our more experienced members (PSG) as well as fancy dress prizes so we can all get in the festive spirit. Prizes will be given for each class plus one for best horse/rider fancy dress on the day. Dress code will be casual i.e. polo shirt, jods, helmet and suitable footwear. No plaiting required ...unless you want to plait and add some tinsel. Come along and have a fun day out – entries open soon on Global Entries Online.

Riders Participation in the Volunteer Roster.

Whilst the vast majority of people are courteous and helpful when it comes to the rider volunteer roster, the NCEC committee have noticed that a few riders repeatedly either do not turn up to do their rostered duty or sign off their name on the volunteer roster but then do not actually do the duty - both without advising a committee member that they are unable to fulfil the duty so alternative arrangements can be made to keep the show running smoothly.

We usually have a couple of people rostered on at the same time for gear check and runners, which may seem excessive, but we need this for redundancy purposes and to plug immediate gaps for other duties as/when required. Also, for arena set up/pull down we need multiple people to get the job done in a short amount of time.

The NCEC committee recognise that sometimes 'life happens' and some things are inevitable despite peoples best intentions and so, to date, we are giving the benefit of the doubt to those riders identified. However going forward, NCEC reserves the right to decline entries from repeat offenders. Please take this as a polite reminder that NCEC requires riders to participate in the volunteer roster as a condition of entry.

NCEC Annual Award Point Score

Please see 'Members/NCEC Awards' Page of NCEC Website. You'll be pleasantly surprised what Annual Awards our members can compete for and potentially win.

Current Progressive 18/19 point scores are below:

ROTY – Progressive (note you must compete in 50% of NCEC events to be the EOY winner)

U17 – Isobel Pluis followed by Emily Marchant and Matilda Moxon (tied for second)

17-20 – Aulikki Laver followed by Larrissa Fehre

21-29 – Holly Barnes followed by Elizabeth Milne

30-30 – Gabrielle Heyroth followed by Liz Layard

40-40 – Tammy Norwood followed by Claudia Dukats

50-59 - Hayley Smith followed by Angela Clare

Snr – Wendy Lorincz followed by Anne Riley

Male – Trevor Plant

HOTY - Progressive (note you must compete in 50% of NCEC events to be the EOY winner and you are not able to win the same HOTY category over consecutive years)

Restricted – Berlin W followed by Bliss

Prelim – Berlin W followed by Lavuka Carousel

Novice – Bradgate Park Rosenkranz followed by Kaloona Eclipse

Elementary – Springfield Frosty followed by SLH Don Philipp, Ludas and Seawynd Colorado (all tied)

Medium – LL Tyranny followed by Back to Black

Advanced – Hilkens Denali followed by Maybelle Matilda

Pony – Seawynd Colorado followed by Hilkens Denali

Veteran – Poppy followed by Chappelhouse Cinderella

Congratulations to all NCEC 2018 Annual Point Score Winners!

We had a fun night at the NCEC AGM & Annual Awards. A big thank you to Horseland Canberra for the sponsorship of the Annual Points Rugs - plenty of beautiful kersey rugs were given out on the night. Angela Bennet from Horseland Sponsorship was there to present all the rugs, many of which were on show at the October Championships. Please support Horseland Canberra for all your horsey habit needs and wants – they do a fine job supporting the Canberra horse community. Congratulations to all winners! Some photos below:





General Info for NCEC Members

Dressage Test categories:

Official – Riders must be an Equestrian Australia (EA) member with an EA assigned bridle number.

Closed Unrestricted - Riders must be either an EA member or a member of NCEC.

Closed Restricted - Riders must be a member of NCEC.

'Our Dream Café' – San will be on the grounds for future comps from 8.30AM -2.30PM. Please ensure you catch him for a coffee/snack between these times. San makes great coffee ...his coffee is guaranteed to get you 5% more in your tests! ☺

Veteran Horse of the Year Award - Please contact the NCEC Secretary on ncecontact@gmail.com if you have a Veteran horse or pony (18 years and over) so we can add your horse to the Annual Veteran Horse/Pony award point score.

NCEC Amateur Owner Rider (AOR) - NCEC are committed, where practicable, to continuing the Open/AOR split in classes to allow riders to compete on a fair and level playing field. If you are unsure re your eligibility, please see AOR rules on NCEC Website 'Event Information' page. Please note that the NCEC eligibility differs slightly from the National Guidelines.

NCEC is moving to 'Nominate' in 2019 - NCEC will use Nominate (instead of Global Entries Online) for all events and membership renewals starting in 2019.

NCEC 2018 Championship Sponsors - Please support our Championship Sponsors!





Be Inspired !

A 96-year-old Ontario woman is still horseback riding and has no plans to stop

Dinnie Greenway loves riding horses, and she's not letting a little thing like age stop her. The 96-year-old says horseback riding is an addiction that has kept her going her whole life.

'I don't drink or smoke but I do have horses. This is always going to be my addiction'



Greenway figures she was on a horse before she could walk and even before that, as her mother rode sidesaddle while pregnant with her in 1920. "I have no idea how many horses I've ridden. I just keep riding them - I just love it."

Greenway says she feels most comfortable in the saddle and that is what motivates her to ride through the fields around the farm her family has owned since the early 1800s, which is located on the northernmost edge of London. "As soon as my muscles get unstiffened, I shall do a lot more," says Greenway who recently pulled a hip muscle, though not as a result of riding, but a slip in the house.

Greenway has survived three husbands but doubts she will remarry, as she says she continues to be attracted to older men who are increasingly hard to find. Instead, as she nears centenarian status, she plans to make horses the constant factor in her life. When asked how long she plans to keep riding, her tone suggests she has answered the same question many times before. "If discretion were a part of valor, I probably wouldn't be riding at all," she says with certainty. "But I like riding, they're my horses and I am going to keep doing it until I can't any longer".
