

~ Grafton Riding Club ~
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August-September 2016 Newsletter

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Grafton Riding Club hosted dressage competitions in May and the Championships in July, both were great events for the club. The 2 day May competition was a new addition to the club calendar and drew fairly good entries, however the annual July champs saw a very large number of entries with over 200 tests being ridden and scored over the two days. Results for both events are available on nominate or the clubs website www.graftonridingclub.org or on the clubs Facebook page.

The Sat afternoon happy hour with free wine cheese and bickies sponsored by Chapplehurst Horses was a great success. This was hosted alongside the Saturday events presentation, a fashion parade by sponsor Equestrian Wear and an overview of feeds and products available by sponsor representative Kim Dunda from Mitavite.

The Members dressage pointscore championships were won by:
Senior Champion sponsored by Mitavite – Rachael Clark
Senior Reserve Champion sponsored by Grafton Vet Clinic – Sonia George
Junior Champion sponsored by Newcombes Saddlery – Lauren Grocott
Junior Reserve Champion sponsored by Grafton Vet Clinic – Olivia Hall

All volunteers at the GRC Dressage Comps go into a draw and the winner of the July Comp prize draw was
Melissa Rose who won an Olssons Mineral Block – Congratulations Mel

The next big event coming up is the All Breeds Show on 20th and 21st August. The committee needs more helpers for both days for ring stewards, ticket sellers in the office and helping hands in the canteen. If you can offer to assist with any of these jobs our club president Jill McKeown (Mob.No.0418677238) would love to hear from you!

The next Club general meeting is Tues 16th Aug 6.30pm at Sth Services Club. A few people meet prior to the meeting to have tea from 6pm. All are welcome to come to meetings and the committee would welcome having more involvement from members.

We were successful in gaining a small grant from Equestrian Australia towards Club Development and activities that will help grow and strengthen our club. So if you have any ideas please contact one of the committee and have a chat. We particularly want to hear ideas for increasing junior or youth members activity and participation in the club especially in the area of being more active in competition and helping out at club events.

Our club Secretary and Rally Day coordinator Janine Woods has recently resigned as shortly she is expecting the arrival of a new baby girl. Congrats and best wishes to Janine and family ☺

The committee send out a huge thank you to Janine as she has been very active in the club and was largely involved in bringing the All Breeds Show to life in 2015 and this has now become a feature in the club's annual event calendar. In the interim until the AGM in December, Sonia George will take on the role of club Secretary.

As always communication to your committee should go through the clubs email address; grafftonridingclub@gmail.com

August Rally Day Cancelled

The next Club rally outing day scheduled for 13th Aug has been cancelled with the Breed show being the following weekend and helpers are in short supply.

Therefore the next club rally training day will be Sun 4th Sept 2016.
Instructors and further details to be advised to members by email.

Are you interested in becoming the new Rally Day Coordinator?? Your committee would really like to hear from member(s) who would like to take on organising the monthly club training days ☺

Happy members who were winners of Mitavite products at May Dressage Comp Leanne Grocott and Sonia George and competitor in PSG Virginia Holmes



****** HELP NEEDED – ALL BREEDS SHOW – 20TH AND 21ST AUGUST 2016**

We need more helpers for the All Breeds Show in the ticket office, as ring stewards or in the canteen. If you can spare some time either or both days could you please contact the coordinator Jill McKeown asap **0418677238**



Some of the Dressage committee 'happy' hard workers



The club wishes to thank our major sponsor Mitavite for their generous support throughout 2016 and their ongoing support for all events. If members would like to discuss nutritional requirements for their horses then please contact Mitavite for more information on products that would be best for your horse. Contact **Mitavite** on 1800-025-487.

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Would you like to become involved in the committee or be more active as a volunteer helping
If yes, please get in touch with one of the committee members as we'd love to hear from you.



2 Saddles for Sale

Don Stewart Dressage Brown 16" needs small repair \$300
Lewa Jumping Saddle Brown/Black 16" good condition \$300
Contact Kim Meredith 0412246809



INFORMATION NIGHT

Our long term sponsor **Valley Country** are holding an information night on **Wed 10th August 6pm** at Sth Grafton Ex Services Club, see flier attached.



COFFS HARBOUR

162 Pacific Highway, Coffs Harbour
P: (02) 6652 2250

Next Dressage event is Sun Nov 6th Nov - a TShirt Comp - and this year it will be themed to coincide with Jacaranda Festival. Program will go up on nominate around mid Sept and will also be sent out by email to all members.



Next General Club Meeting:

Tuesday 16th August March 6.30pm

Sth Grafton Ex Servicemans Club, all members invited and welcome!

Remaining Club Dates for 2016

August 20th All Breeds Hack Show
August 21st All Breeds Hack Show
September 4th Training Day
October 9th Training Day
November 6th Jacaranda T-Shirt Dressage Day
November 20th Training Day Christmas Break Up

Pics from the July Dressage Champs provided by



Sonia George



Jill McKeown



Rachael Clark



Lauren Grocott



Sue Burke



Wendy Bruszewski



Stand out from the rest!!!




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Most communication within the club about events and meetings occurs through members attending monthly meetings or by the Newsletter, Facebook, Website and email. If you do not have access to the internet then please let us know and we'll send newsletters to you by mail.



Grafton Riding Club Website:
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