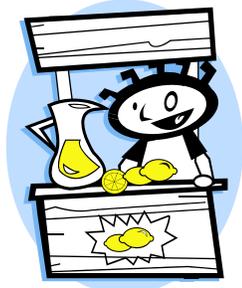


President's Report – March 2013

The postponed February comp was held on Saturday 27th April followed closely by the regular official/associate April competition on the Sunday.

There were three committee members in the week prior to the competition who organized the preparation for the two days and we had a minimal crew on board over the weekend. Have you heard of the saying, “when you get given lemons, make lemonade” ...!?! Well, we had some really good lemonade!! Even with a small amount of people, we were able to conduct a two day dressage competition without any major hitches! We did make a couple of small adjustments to ease the pressure over the two days which included hiring external scorers, which in turn allowed the organizing committee to be able to focus on other aspects of the competition with less stress.



Thank You

Special thanks to committee members - Shauna and Coralie (who were the glue), as well as Liz (who was able to secure all the judges), and Wendy G (who was in the process of moving house!). Thanks also to Anna A and Paula K who were quiet achievers over the weekend. We are also very grateful to all the competitors, friends or family members who are not on the committee but regularly help out either setting up or on the competition days – a HUGE thank you!



Changes to Committee

We have had some changes to the committee. Kara Connally (who has previously done the Competition Secretary's role) will be moving in June and I'd like to thank Kara for her enthusiasm for the club and her great attitude when competing. We will miss that smile! Suzanne Pore (Membership Coordinator) has resigned due to personal reasons. Thanks to Suzanne for her efforts especially for the February competition when the membership intake was at its peak. Peter Fisher (previous President and Public Officer) has also stepped down from the committee due to family commitments. I will personally miss Peter's steadfast approach to all committee matters and also his great help and support with the scoring processes, but we will all look forward to seeing him riding again at our future competitions.

Committee Support

With the two day competition in April and a seemingly quick turnaround for the June competition, we are at risk of having some committee members burning out! This is not an ideal situation and it puts pressure on the committee to continue at its current rate. We would like to be able to spread the workload to allow the passion and enthusiasm for the club to keep thriving.



Currently the Membership Coordinator position is vacant and various other positions are in need of support ie the Competition Secretary, Roster Coordinator, Pencilling Coordinator and

Judges Coordinator positions. If any of these people were struck by lightning (or worse, heaven forbid!), what would we do? We need backups!!!

We would like to invite any interested people to come along to the next meeting or contact myself or any of the current committee to discuss availability. Alternatively, we may personally give you a call to lend a helping hand!

Annual General Meeting

Last AGM we had a combined social function with a band, which was very enjoyable. The next AGM will be held on *Friday 26th July 2013* and we will confirm the format.

All positions will be declared vacant and nominations for committee will be requested. Further information will be sent to members closer to the date.



Facebook

There is a new FB page called "*Somersby Equestrian Club 2013*", and it seems to be working well!

Please follow the link to "Like".

<http://www.facebook.com/#!/SomersbyEquestrianClub2013>

SEC Website

www.somersbyequestrianclub.org.au

Did you know that members are able to advertise on the SEC website for free? Email information to:

enquiries@somersbyequestrianclub.org.au

Next competition

Entries are now open for the 23rd June 2013 associate dressage competition via Nominate. It will be a woolly jumper day – no jackets, no plaiting required which makes for a bit more of a relaxing, fun day with an opportunity for those who may want to try the next level up without feeling too pressured. Please note that numbers are restricted due to reduced daylight hours, so don't delay if you want to have a ride!

<http://www.nominate.com.au/equest/event.asp?event=2847&eventlist=2>

Entries will be closing on 7th June 2013.

In the meantime, enjoy your riding and we look forward to seeing you at our next dressage day!

Cheers,

Lita



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