



# Swan River Dressage Inc.

## WELCOME TO 2023

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*Spring Gala Championship  
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We ended the 2022 year with the social presentation of our Annual Club awards at Windy Creek Winery in December and we also kicked off this year at the same venue with our AGM on January 23<sup>rd</sup> where 35 members enjoyed fine hospitality and a great social atmosphere. On Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> Carly, Cynthia and I attended the EWA awards night and were once again so very proud for our club to be voted the EWA Club of the Year! Thankyou to all who voted for us and we will continue to strive to maintain this level of service to our club members and the dressage community at large.

As we all dislike riding in the heat this then led onto our now annual Virtual Summer Challenge where members had the opportunity to enter a range of virtual classes or training tests and ride their tests at home at a time that suited both horse and rider. There were a good number of tests submitted and we hope those that took part gained from the experience with the very wise words from our judge Elaine Greene and also those that placed got a Horseland voucher to give them a real excuse to go for a shop at Horseland.

Into March now and we are about to start our training days for the year. Listed further below are all the details of 21 training days planned for the year and NEW for this year is that we are trying to split our days North & South of the river to give members equal opportunity with instructors and travelling. Sharron Coppin is looking after North and Frances Woods is the South and we welcome and thank them for taking on these rolls. Our first weekend kicks off March 18 & 19 with your choice of a north or south venue. Fees for our training days are subsidized by the club so please have a look through and take up an opportunity with a few of the instructors on offer. We have also been mindfull of the new arena surfacing at the SEC and have tried to book key dates there so that members can have a ride on the surface before our events and the State Champs.

Competitions are once again being held at the SEC this year and as the indoor has a new surface we will utilize it where we can and I'm pleased to say that for our first event in April we will be using the Indoor for our Competitive classes. This of course puts our hire fee up so please enter and encourage all your friends to support us as well to help us cover costs.

Taking on board comments from our end of year survey please note that this year we will be running our **Member and Participant tests on the Saturday and the Competitive and FEI on the Sunday**. Also as there were no competition dates available in May we will be running a Members and Participant day only on May 13. (see dates listed on left).

Once again we will be running our Member Leaderboards this year with catagories for all levels of Member, Participant and Competitive classes and a reminder that this year Leaderboards will be presented at our August Competition.

So, a busy timetable ahead with 21 training days planned, four competition weekends and the possibility of some surprises later in the year! Our team looks forward to continuing to support your riding goals in 2023 and we hope you will continue to support us.

*Jacqui*



### SRD Committee 2023

**President** – Jacqui Moon (Event Organiser)

**Secretary** – Amy Morris

**Treasurer & Membership** – Geoff Davis

**Committee: Training day Organisers:** Sharron Coppin (north of the river training days), Frances Woods (SOR training days).

**Compliance officer:** Angie Sorensen **Catering officer:** Cynthia Bailey **Leaderboard organiser:** Amy Morris

**Social media officer:** Samantha Outram **Webmaster:** (vacant) **Sponsorship sub-committee chair:** Frances Woods

## 2022 End of Year Wind Up & Annual SRD Awards Presentation

What a lovely social wind up we had at Windy Creek Winery in December. 35 members enjoyed Prawns, Bubbly and lots of yummy nibbles while we presented our annual awards and said a heartfelt thanks to those that support us during the year. We also took the opportunity to have a fun quiz ha ha (Survey) and the results from which we are implementing this year

### Award Recipients:

Attendance Award - Marg Stanger  
Most Imp Junior - Chenin Hislop  
Most Imp Memb - Kristy Padberg  
Best Perf Partic Memb - Maddy Georgiades  
Best Perf Comp Memb - Kristy Padberg  
Best a Perf FEI Memb - Rosa-Lee Princepee  
Best Perf Memb Classes - Renee Kestel  
Junior Club Member 22 - Alivia Coppin  
Club Member 22 - Carly Dagnall & Geoff Davis



*Congratulations to all award winners*

## 2022 EWA Awards night at Optus Stadium

What a lovely night at Optus and a great chance to catch up with everyone from all disciplines. Congratulations to all award winners and in particular to our great friend Bev Leonard who received the Dressage Patrons Award.

To our great surprise SRD was again named EWA Club of the Year from approx 25 clubs nominated. Quite a humbling experience and also gratifying that our hard work is truly appreciated by the dressage community in general. Thank you to all our members who voted for us, we will do our best to live up to the expectations! On a serious note it is lovely to receive some recognition and acknowledgment of all the hard work that goes into running a club and putting on the events and training days that we do.



## 2023 SRD AGM

Feb 5<sup>th</sup> saw us again at Windy Creek for our 2023 social kick of the year get together and our annual AGM. It was great to see so many members joining us and I promised they would not be pressured into taking on a position in 2023. So after a chin wag, a drink and some nibbles we went ahead with our AGM. Firstly may I say a huge thanks to retiring members Carly, Gina, Kathy and Renee for all their energies and efforts over the last few years and for the friendships that have been formed over this time.



For 2023 we welcome Sharron Coppin, Frances Woods and Sam Outram onto the committee joining exiting members Geoff Davis, Amy Morris, Angie Sorensen, Cynthia Bailey and Jacqui Moon.

## HELP NEEDED!!

We are short of help with our sponsorship sub-committee this year so if anyone can spare us some time to help liaise and source sponsors please flick us an email or text. OR if you can support our club through your business by sponsoring classes or a leaderboard rug we would love to hear from you! Please email [swanriverdressageevents@gmail.com](mailto:swanriverdressageevents@gmail.com) and we will contact you to have a chat about what we can do for your business.



The 2022 team

## 2023 Virtual Challenge

Feb 18 & 19 was our Virtual weekend and even though the weather for the entire weekend was not kind, well done to those who found time to ride their tests. Monday I emailed 27 test links off to our Judge Elaine Greene and test sheets were back and out to members on Friday and Horseland vouchers to placegetters on Wednesday. Huge thanks to Elaine for her time and I did notice that the tests were full of comments and suggestions so I hope the riders found these helpful.

It was also great to see the range

of tests ridden – from Prep to Advanced and these tests will be counted for our members leaderboards.



## 2023 Memberships Fees Due!

### Have you paid your 2023 Membership fee yet?

A quick reminder that if you are a 2022 member and you have not yet completed your 2023 renewal you only have until the end of March before your membership lapses! Treasurer Geoff sent a reminder invoices out this weekend, please check your junk mail if it's not in your inbox otherwise please jump on the website and complete your renewal ASAP.



# Swan River Dressage Training Clinics

## INTRODUCING OUR SWAN RIVER DRESSAGE TRAINING DAYS FOR 2023

Date	Day	Instructor	Arena
Mar-18	Saturday	Liz-Wakley Dawes	International SEC
Mar-19	Sunday	Wendy Barker	Ellis Brook TC, Orange Grove
Mar-30	Thursday	Nadine Merewether	SEC, Indoors
Apr-07	Good Friday	Elaine Greene	SEC, Indoors or International
Apr-10	Easter Monday	Daniella Dierks	Kleinreiterhof, Forrestdale
May-04	Thursday	Nadine Merewether	Bella View, Belhus
May-20	Saturday	Daniella Dierks	Kleinreiterhof, Forrestdale
Jun-01	Thursday	Nadine Merewether	Kleinreiterhof, Forrestdale
Jun-10	Saturday	Steph Spencer	Bella View, Belhus
Jun-18	Sunday	Liz Owens	SEC, Indoors
Jun-30	Friday	Nadine Merewether	Bella View, Belhus
Jul-01	Saturday	Hannie Byrne	SEC, Indoors
Jul-15	Saturday	Steph Spencer	Bella-View, Belhus
Aug-03	Thursday	Nadine Merewether	SEC, Indoors
Aug-05	Sat or Sun	Dwight Pedlow	SEC, International
Aug-20	Sunday	Lizzie Wakley-Dawes	SEC, International
Sep-09	Saturday	Hannie Byrne	Kleinreiterhof, Forestdale
Sep-14	Thursday	Nadine Merewether	SEC, Indoors
Oct-05	Thursday	Nadine Merewether	Kleinreiterhof, Forrestdale
Nov-04	Saturday	Elaine Greene	Kleinreiterhof, Forrestdale
Nov-09	Thursday	Nadine Merewether	SEC, Indoors

To book you space please email [swanriverdressagetraining@gmail.com](mailto:swanriverdressagetraining@gmail.com)

Any queries: Sharron Coppin for North events on 0400 007 995 or

Frances Woods for South events on 0433 483 072





## March Training Days



We kick off our training days on the **18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> of March** with one clinic NOR on Saturday with Lizzy Wakley-Dawes and one clinic on Sunday SOR at Orange Grove with Wendy Barker at Ellis Brook Training Centre.

Lessons are 45 min in length and are subsidized by SRD. As these are our first clinics for the year you will have the choice with each instructor as to the makeup of your lesson you may ask gymnastic exercises including poles, you may ride through movements or all of a test and practice movements (protocol) or you may have a straight 45 min lesson.

### March 18<sup>th</sup> – Liz Wakley-Dawes at the SEC on International Arena.

Cost per lesson is **\$60** inclusive of SEC fees. If the weather is looking warm we will start early and finish early.

A great opportunity to test your summer training with Lizzie who is a down to earth friendly communicator and very understanding of all trials and tribulations in bringing a horse from Prep to FEI and also loves supporting riders of all levels to reach their individual riding goals.



Please email Sharron at [swanriverdressagetraining@gmail.com](mailto:swanriverdressagetraining@gmail.com) to book your spot.

### March 19<sup>th</sup> – Wendy Barker at Ellis Brook Training Centre

82 Hayward Rd, Martin, Cost per one on one lesson is **\$55**.

Wendy is an EA Level 2 Dressage Coach, Coach & Judge Educator FEI 4\* PE Dressage Judge and has trained and ridden a range of horses to FEI She is also experienced with beginners to professional riders and with horses from all walks of life.

Please email Frances [swanriverdressagetraining@gmail.com](mailto:swanriverdressagetraining@gmail.com) to book your spot.



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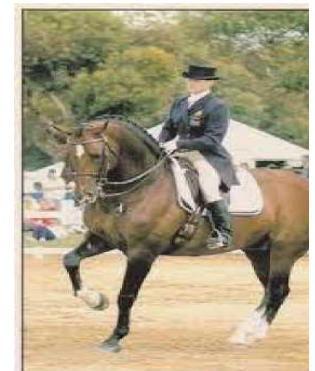
### Thursday March 30<sup>th</sup> – Nadine Merewether – Indoors SEC

FEI Rider and Trainer, Level 3 Coach and convener of the Masters Series for Dressage WA in 2022.

Nadine is passionate about helping combinations of all ages and levels.

This is the first of the series of clinics we have booked with Nadine for the year. Subsidised cost to our members will be \$110 per 1 hour lesson.

Contact Sharron at [swanriverdressagetraining@gmail.com](mailto:swanriverdressagetraining@gmail.com) to reserve your place.





## Members Leaderboards Swan River Dressage 2023



Swan River Dressage Inc (SRDI) will be running Leaderboards across our competitions for our members in 2023. We will be holding a series of four dressage events in 2023 to compete for the Leaderboard, offering Competitor (official) tests from Preliminary to Grand Prix as well as Participant and Club (Unofficial) tests.

A High Point Leaderboard will run across each of these events for our members. Leaderboard prizes will be awarded to the winners of each category at our August event, which will be the Leaderboard Final event.

For further details re eligibility and rules please see the Leaderboard page on our website



### BREED LEADERBOARDS:

Also through our series of events at the SEC we hope to run **OPEN** leaderboards for horses registered with Australian Warmblood Horse Assn, Off The Track thoroughbreds, Australian Friesian Warmblood Horse Society and horses registered with Andalusian Horse Assn of Australia. For our juniors we have the Bella View Junior leaderboard for all juniors 17years and under and we hope to confirm in the next few weeks for those with ponies the Welsh Pony & Cob Society leader board. We have fabulous prizes and rugs on offer for each section and these will be presented at our August Event. You can check out the rules and the current standings on our web.



Feedback, ideas and input.  
We welcome all three of these.  
If you can help the club through the year,  
have any ideas or suggestions or  
can support the club through sponsorship,  
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