



## Southern Districts Dressage Club Committee for 2010

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### FREQUENTLY USED LINKS

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[www.sddc.org.au](http://www.sddc.org.au)

[www.albanyquestrian.net](http://www.albanyquestrian.net)

<http://au.calendar.yahoo.com/albanyquestrian>

### **HAPPY NEW YEAR to all our members!**

Hopefully you have set a few realistic goals and 2010 brings you new skills, success and most importantly – lots of fun!

To help you on your way, check out all the clinics available over the next few months. How lucky is SDDC to be offered such a great selection of coaches!

### AGM 2010

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Thank you to those who attended our AGM on January Saturday 16<sup>th</sup>.

All committee positions are now filled and we welcome our new team whom are listed below.

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Please remember the committee represents you and holds your best interests at heart. Keep in touch and let us know how we are going.

## 2010 MEMBERSHIP

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Please see our website (link above) for the new 2010 membership form.  
The new form also gives you the opportunity to become a DVD library member.

Just like in 2009, your 2010 membership fees include membership to the Albany Equestrian Centre – This means you can ride at the grounds as a member of the AEC 12 months of the year - saving you the need to join both clubs separately!

The AEC believes that the \$10 levy will encourage riders to use the grounds and relieve the burden of joining "yet another club". It is understood by the AEC that family membership includes all family members. It does not require \$10 to be levied per person in the family, The \$10 is inclusive in the \$60 family membership price.

Hiring of the indoor arena will be at members rates. The rest of the grounds, unless booked for club events are available for you to ride on, legally!!

SDDC membership fees for 2010: Single \$40.00, Family \$60.00 and remember this includes your AEC membership.

## SOUTHERN SUMMER SOLSTICE - JANUARY 23-24

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The 2010 Southern Solstice Dressage Competition was a blast!!  
6 arenas, 11 judges **AND** over 400 tests - how proud is SDDC!  
Strong coffee and great food was on tap all weekend and the weather was very mild - a lovely change for our visiting riders. This competition promises to be even bigger and better next year.

Most of you would have noticed there were some great improvements on previous years such as providing a help desk, a locality map, freestyle music projected from the indoor arena and drinks and nibbles provided during the presentation just to name a few!  
We have already made a list of further improvements but if you have an idea, please contact a committee member.

Let's start by thanking our wonderful judges who dedicated a whole weekend to us –  
**Benita Wilson, Gill White, Lisa Baker, Wanda Bird, Penny Lee, Phoebe Johnson, Polly Ann Huntington, Virginia Longley, Zoe Harrison, Didy Massey and Ninnie Odenrick.**  
Our judges came from far and wide and Ninnie comes all the way from Ireland!

Our generous sponsors certainly made it a weekend to remember.

Major sponsors include -

**Albany and Great Southern Weekender**

**Albany Veterinary Hospital**

**Europa Saddlery Albany**

**Albany Stockfeeds**

**Milne Feeds**

**Department of Sport and Recreation**

**City of Albany**

**Skywest**

Additional Sponsors include -

Ace Motel  
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Benita Wilson  
Louise Hillman  
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Last, but not least a **BIG** thanks to all our riders and helpers for their support and participation. Every rider was issued a helper duty and it really did prove that many hands make light work.

## REVIEW OF FREESTYLE TESTS – BY BENITA WILSON

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The following article was written by Benita after our 2007 'Celebration of Music and Horses' competition and although Benita thoroughly enjoyed the freestyles that weekend, she thought it would be a great idea to let us know what the judges look for.

Please read carefully so you know how to prepare your freestyle for the April 2010 Celebration of Music and Horses competition.

*First of all, congratulations to everyone who competed in the Albany Freestyle event and put so much effort into their performances – it was a wonderful day and a delight to judge. I have been asked to make a few suggestions that could help make things even better.*

*I do realise that the majority of you will be youngish riders but you will never be judged by a young judge, so try not to choose very modern music – it may appeal to you but it will not appeal to your judges or the audience. You choose toe tapping music with a definite beat and rhythm that suits the three different paces of your horse. One suggestion is to listen to some of the music from musicals, for example Oklahoma.*

*Horses are musical creatures and love to be able to move in time to music. So choose a four-time march type for the walk; for the trot a swinging two-time beat that the horse can really dance to; and for the canter, a polka type tune – one, two, three – hop (the hop being the moment of suspension). Try to listen to music and recognise the timing and beat and whether it will suit your horse/pony.*

*Vocals are not a good idea, as voices make the rhythm and instruments play the tune. Choose music that will improve the paces of your mount – if you get it right, it will be a delight for you to ride, the judges to judge and the audience to listen to and watch.*

*When riding a freestyle, change the pace (e.g. trot to canter) with your music, don't wait to get to the marker you organised. All surfaces will ride faster or slower so markers will be a guideline only.*

*For Pas de Deux do as much as you can together; walk and trot should not be a problem. The canter can cause difficulties so that can be performed apart to a certain extent. Remember there is a mark for work as a pair. DON'T carry long whips for obvious reasons!*

*Benita*

## REVIEW OF SOUTHERN SUMMER SOLSTICE FREESTYLE TESTS

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Some common faults were noticed on the day.

- Ensure your music is of the 'toe tapping' variety so your horse has something to move to.
- Try to avoid having lyrics in your music.
- Avoid playing a whole piece of music – walk, trot and canter music need to be distinctly different.
- Your ground plan should ensure that the judge can see each movement clearly; a good example perhaps, is don't do a long rein walk down the centre line away from the judge as she can only see your back.
- Lastly, be creative, don't always use markers or the sides of the arena as it becomes too test-like. Use quarter lines and the centre line and change pace to the music rather than waiting till you reach a marker.

## LIZ TOLLARZO CLINIC

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Liz Tollarzo will be in Albany on the 13 & 14th February and run lessons from 12:00pm on the Saturday and all day Sunday.

The cost will be approx \$60 - \$70 depending on numbers.

If anyone is interested please email or ring Kim Bunney on 9841 6735 or 0427 416 735.

The clinic will be held in the indoor arena.

## PROPOSED PETER SHAW CLINIC

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Peter Shaw will be back in WA at the end of March and is available for a clinic in Albany from 31st March 2010 onwards.

You may remember he was a judge at our 2009 Southern Solstice competition.

SDDC could run one mid week clinic: 31 March to 1, 2 April or over the weekend 2-4 April, depending on numbers.

Lesson costs are not confirmed at this stage - he will do groups and can do pole work too.

Please send expressions of interest to Louise Hillman ASAP ... 9846 4232

## ANNE BATTLE CLINIC

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Anne Battley will begin regular clinics, starting in February 2010, depending on the level of interest. The lessons will be about \$70 each.

Dates are - 20/21 Feb, 24/25 April, 26/27 June, 28/29 August, 23/24 October.

Please email Janine Bush on [njbush@iprimus.com.au](mailto:njbush@iprimus.com.au) for a booking.

## COACHES

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We have some great local coaches. These Club members are NCAS Level 1 Accredited coaches.

Lynn Boon - 9846 4365  
Louise Hillman - 9846 4232

Kathy Hardy - 9844 3554  
Lisa Riley - 9844 3650

## 2010 CLINICS

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During 2010 the club will offer schools with visiting instructors: Zoë Harrison and Nadine Merewether and possibly other visiting instructors.

To reserve your place at any of these schools and/or to obtain further information, please contact the relevant school organiser:

Zoë Harrison contact – Jennie El Hassani 9840 9520  
Nadine Merewether contact – Kathy Hardy – 9844 3554  
Ninnie Odenrick – Sharon Masters – 9844 3718

### School dates confirmed are as follows (more dates to come):

	Zoë	Nadine	Other Instructors	Local competitions/Training days
<b>February</b>	27-28	27-28	Liz Tollarzo 13-14 Anne Battley 20-21	
<b>March</b>				
<b>April</b>		10-11	Anne Battley 24-25	Celebration of Music and Horses
<b>May</b>				
<b>June</b>	5-6	19-20	Anne Battley 26-27	
<b>July</b>	3-4, 31			
<b>August</b>	1		Anne Battley 28-29	Dressage Competition

<b>September</b>	11-12			
<b>October</b>	16-17		Anne Battley 23-24	
<b>November</b>	27-28		Ninnie Odenrick xx-xx	Albany Agricultural Show
<b>December</b>				

### SCHOOL POLICY - PLEASE NOTE:

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- Payment must be made prior to schools with Zoe and Nadine.
- We will work on a 'first paid, first in' basis, so get in early if you want to secure your spot.
- If you cannot attend it is your responsibility to work with the school organiser to sell your spot. Most schools have a wait list so please be kind to the organiser and don't just on sell your lesson, check with the organiser.
- All schools with visiting instructors require riders to take on a small job, which may include collecting them from the airport, providing lunch, putting up the arena and so on.
- Riders must be financial members of the SDDC and/or members of EFAWA (proof of the latter will be required).
- All riders must sign a disclaimer prior to riding with any one instructor for the first time. Disclaimers are current from 1 October each year to 30 September the following year.
- When SDDC receives payment for instructors in the form of a cheque, it will be banked at our earliest convenience so no post dated cheques please or your spot will be forfeited.
- Take pride in your facilities. Please ensure you pick up any manure in the yards or on the grounds before you leave the premises. Failure to do so will mean a substantial fine!

### FOR SALE

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BAYLAUREL BEWITCHED (CB REG 552CBS)

D.O.B 13.12.05

Dam – Chatahn Destiny (Anglo Arab) 15.2hh

Sire – Sandgate Reznor B236 (Clev Bay 50%/TB 25%/Holsteiner 25%) 17.2hh

Warmblood mare rising 4yrs. Current height approx 16hh expected to mature at least 16.1hh. Her education began in May 2008 and she has now been restarted again and is currently in professional training. Would excel in any field particularly dressage or eventing. Shows 3 quality paces with an exceptional, powerful "big" trot. Good substance and bone with a smaller head (full size bridle is on the large size for her).

Her sire, Sandgate Reznor (Max) is a tall placid stallion who passes on his superb temperament to his progeny. Wendy Scheaffer rode his four year old filly "Pine Country Shania" during the opening ceremony of the Out Back Games at Whyalla in Oct 2001 with fireworks, crowds and drums and at her first ever dressage event aged 6 she won the class scoring 9's for her trot work.

Well handled from a youngster and has received the best of nutrition to promote healthy bone growth and development. Also floated, rugged, stabled, ties up really well and has twice had her teeth professionally done by a qualified horse dentist (most recently 13<sup>th</sup> Aug 09). Shows a calm easy going temperament.

Priced to sell at \$10,000. Price will increase with further training and competition experience.

Would consider a lease (with some competition expenses covered) to the right home only with a very experienced capable rider who has the ability to further her education and enjoy the advantages of competing on a quality young horse.

Photos are available. Contact Amanda Pritchard 98428312

Email [ajpritchard@tsn.cc](mailto:ajpritchard@tsn.cc)

#### WESTERN SADDLE

Highly embossed, good condition.

minor cosmetic damage to tassel and stirrup flap

Manufacturers no '494' embossed behind seat

\$600 please see picture attached.

Phone Karl 0409 990 570