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Chairmans Report

HI MEMBERS AND FRIENDS,

THE CLUB ACTIVITIES HAVE SLOWED AS THE END OF THE YEAR DRAWS CLOSER. I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING AS MANY MEMBERS AS POSSIBLE AT THE AGM NEXT SUNDAY. REMEMBER THE PEOPLE YOU VOTE INTO A POSITION ARE ON COMMITTEE TO REPRESENT YOU AND TO PRESENT YOUR CONCERNS OR PROGRESSIVE IDEAS TO COMMITTEE FOR CONSIDERATION AND TO ADVANCE THE CLUB IN A SENSIBLE MANNER. IT IS EXCITING THAT THE CLUB HAS NOW, AFTER MANY YEARS OF CONSULTATION WITH THE APPROPRIATE BODIES, GAINED A LEASE OVER OUR PORTION OF WOORREE PARK AND THEREFORE WE ARE NOW ABLE TO APPLY FOR GRANTS TO CARRY OUT MAJOR IMPROVEMENTS TO OUR AREA. THIS HAS NOT BEEN POSSIBLE IN THE PAST AS WE NEVER HAD TENURE OVER THE GROUND WE USE, SO EXCITING TIMES AHEAD. THANK YOU TO CHRISTY AND SUE FOR TAKING THE TIME TO LEARN HOW TO OPERATE THE IRRIGATOR.

SEE YOU ALL NEXT SUNDAY,

KIND REGARDS,
ROSS.



GCEC Members survey outcomes - Overview

Thanks again everyone for your very valued feedback in the recent Members Survey. All results will be incorporated in the GCEC 5 year Strategic plan. Once the draft of the Strategic plan has been finalised it will be sent out to all members for comment. This way we ensure, everyone has a say on the Clubs development. The GCEC Strategic plan identifies the Clubs common values, goals and objectives. It is an essential guideline for years to come and supports future Grants and funding. We hope to have you all on board for this exciting steps moving forward.

Please find below **most common keywords** reflecting your feedback.

- Improve irrigation
- More Transparent and inclusive
- Expand facilities
- Competitions from grassroots to high level
- Junior development squads
- More eventing
- Junior series and Junior fun days
- United Club
- Under cover arena
- More clinics/courses
- Strategic Plan
- Training days members for members
- Judges be made available
- Confirmed official Dressage shows
- Clubs Website
- Support official competitors

- Training days/hire before official events
- Qualifying criteria and more inclusion showhorse
- Embrace volunteers
- Survey great initiative
- Love GCEC
- More seating around grounds
- All disciplines are approachable and friendly
- Improve numbers of competitors
- Keep events on the calendar
- All disciplines are equal
- Improve on Rosettes and prices
- Improve communication from committee to members
- Recompense members who have coaching/judging qualifications
- Subsidising members who wish to gain official qualifications
- Thank you for a great club
- Superb Club with great have a go vibe attitude



Words which best describe equestrian sport GCEC members



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SHOWHORSE HOTY 2023 Results I

JUNIOR FASHIONS ON THE FIELD - SPONSORED BY ROGUE PONY & BRIMVALE FARM

WINNER - LEILANI WITT & ROHAN MR BOND

1ST RUNNER UP - LILLY CHANT & DARIUS OF KINGS

2ND RUNNER UP - CASSANDRA MOODY & MISSY

ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD - STELLA BUNKER & WENDAMAR NOBLE

SENIOR FASHIONS ON THE FIELD - SPONSORED BY ROGUE PONY & BRIMVALE FARM

WINNER - GEMMA SIMKIN & ONE DEMERIT

1ST RUNNER UP - SKYLAR DALTON & TAMBLYN PARK BEE BOP

2ND RUNNER UP - ELIZA HEBITON & WENDAMAR BUMBLEBEE

ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD - JESS BAIN & TRADE TALK

LEAD REIN/FIRST RIDDEN RIDER - SPONSORED BY MT TWIRLICUP EQUINE CENTRE & POSEIDON EQUINE

WINNER - ESME JOHNSON & EMPERORS HILL TEMPATION

RESERVE - MADDISON SMITH & KIRA HOLLY HOCK

SMARTEST ON PARADE LEAD LINE & FIRST RIDDEN - SPONSORED BY KFL HORSEMANSHIP & EQUINE SERVICES & KONKE'S OWN

WINNER - MADDISON SMITH & KIRA HOLLY HOCK

RUNNER UP - ESME JOHNSON & EMPERORS HILL TEMPTATION

MINI PONY OF THE YEAR - SPONSORED BY COMPLETE EQUINE BIT FITTING SOLUTIONS & CONWAY WA

WINNER - ESME JOHNSON & EMPERORS HILL TEMPTATION

RUNNER UP - MADDISON SMITH & KIRA HOLLY HOCK

JUNIOR RIDER OF THE YEAR - SPONSORED BY MT TWIRLICUP EQUINE CENTRE & POSEIDON EQUINE

WINNER - STELLA BUNKER & WENDAMAR NOBLE

RESERVE - CHARLEE O'MALLEY & WARONORA GEMINI

SENIOR RIDER OF THE YEAR - SPONSORED BY MT TWIRLICUP EQUINE CENTRE & POSEIDON ANIMAL HEALTH

WINNER - SUSAN SEAWARD & BENBROOK LEGACY

RESERVE - GEMMA SIMKIN & ONE DEMERIT



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SHOWHORSE HOTY 2023 Results 2

SMARTEST ON PARADE PONY - SPONSORED BY KLF HORSEMANSHIP & EQUINE SERVICES & KOHNKE'S OWN

WINNER - CHARLEE O'MALLEY & WARONORA GEMINI

RUNNER UP - STELLA BUNKER & WENDAMAR NOBLE

3RD - KAITLYN HOGBEN & BEVANLEE CLAIRVOYANT

OPEN PONY OF THE YEAR - SPONSORED BY GEMMA SIMKIN PHOTOGRAPHY

WINNER - STELLA BUNKER & WENDAMAR NOBLE

RESERVE - CHARLEE O'MALLEY & WARONORA GEMINI

HUNTER PONY OF THE YEAR - SPONSORED BY MIDWEST VET CENTRE

WINNER - CHARLEE O'MALLEY & KINGFISHER PARK MARVIN

RESERVE - STELLA BUNKER & WENDAMAR NOBLE

SMARTEST ON PARADE - GALLOWAY - SPONSORED BY KOHNKE'S OWN

WINNER - SKYLA DALTON & TAMBLYN PARK BEEBOP

RUNNER UP - SUSAN SEAWARD & BENBROOK LEGACY

OPEN GALLOWAY OF THE YEAR - SPONSORED BY COASTAL EQUINE VETS

WINNER - SUSAN SEAWARD & BENBROOK LEGACY

RESERVE - SKYLA DALTON & TAMBLYN PARK BEEBOP

HUNTER GALLOWAY OF THE YEAR - SPONSORED BY GEORGINA FARMS

WINNER - SUSAN SEAWARD & BENBROOK LEGACY

RESERVE - SKYLA DALTON & TAMBLYN PARK BEEBOP

HORSE SMARTEST ON PARADE - SPONSORED BY KLF HORSEMANSHIP & EQUINE SERVICES & KOHNKE'S OWN

WINNER - LILLY CHANT & DARIUS OF KINGS

RUNNER UP - GEMMA SIMKIN & ONE DEMERIT

3RD - JESS BAIN & TRADE TALK

OPEN HACK OF THE YEAR - SPONSORED BY HUTCHY'S POOL INSTALLATIONS & CONCRETING

WINNER - LILLY CHANT & DARIUS OF KINGS

RESERVE - GEMMA SIMKIN & ONE DEMERIT

SHOW HUNTER OF THE YEAR - SPONSORED BY C4 CLEANING

WINNER - LILLY CHANT & DARIUS OF KINGS

RESERVE - GEMMA SIMKIN & ONE DEMERIT



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GERALDTON COMBINED EQUESTRIAN CLUB



SHOWHORSE HOTY 2023 Photos



Photos kindly provided by Jodie Bradley Photography



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CASEY GILL 2023 PERTH ROYAL SHOW RECAP

LAKESIDES CADENCE AND I COMPETED IN THE AMATEUR SERIES AT THE PERTH ROYAL SHOW. WE COMPETED IN JUST THE TWO CLASSES. ON THE SUNDAY WE JUMPED IN THE 110-115CM AM5 AMATEUR. I WALKED MY COURSE AND WAS SURPRISED AT THE TECHNICALITY WITH A TREBLE STRAIGHT UP IN CLASS 1. CADENCE AND I WERE ONE OF 3 CLEAR ROUNDS. WE WERE FIRST OUT TO JUMP OFF, AIMING FOR A NICE DOUBLE CLEAR WHICH SHE PRODUCED PLACING 2ND, THE JOYS OF BEING FIRST AND NOT KNOWING HOW MUCH PACE IS REQUIRED, WE WERE RATHER SLOW!!

MONDAY - DAY 2 AT THE ROYAL WAS THE MAIN CLASS, OUR WA AMATEUR SERIES CLASS SET AT 120CM WHICH COUNTS FOR LEADER BOARD POINTS ACROSS THE STATE. I THOUGHT CANDY HAD PEAKED EARLY JUMPING SO WELL THE DAY BEFORE WHICH LEFT ME A LITTLE NERVOUS AS THIS WAS THE CLASS WE HAD COME FOR! TOUGHER TRACK BUILT BY ED MURPHY AND A MUCH BUSIER ATMOSPHERE BEING A 3PM CLASS. I WAS RIDER 6 AND SHE JUMPED YET ANOTHER SUPER CLEAN ROUND WITHIN TIME, THE FIRST CLEAN ROUND OF THE HEAT AND HELD HER POSITION AS THE ONLY CLEAN TO TAKE THE WIN.

DAD AND I WERE VERY HAPPY WITH CADENCE AND HER EFFORTS ACROSS THE SHOW, IT'S A CHALLENGING ATMOSPHERE AND ALL HORSES COPE DIFFERENTLY. ED MURPHY BUILT BRILLIANT TRACKS AND THE SHOW WAS VERY EXCITING TO BE A PART OF, FOR ANYONE WANTING TO GIVE THE ROYAL A GO IT'S WELL AND TRULY WORTH THE EFFORT & THE COMMITTEE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR NEW WAYS TO IMPROVE AND MAKE IT EASIER FOR COMPETITORS TO BE A PART OF.



ERIC LLOYD PHOTOGRAPH



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JODI TYNDALE POWELL

6-8th October

WASJA Patrons Cup

Placed 4th in the 1.05m Off The Track
did compete in other classes up to
1.10m but no placings.

20-22nd October,

I only competed on the Sat & Sun

WA State Jumping Titles

Placed 4th 1.10m Off The Track.



HANNAH REAY

WA State Jumping Titles

20-22nd October

competed the 3 days

Princess Fantasia placed 4th in the 1.05m
Off The Track & 5th in the 1.10m Off The
Track.



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What a way to finish off our year with a three day clinic with the Master of Dressage - Nadine Merewether.

Nadine has been coaching at GCEC since 2010, and we would like to thank Louise and John Fletcher for hosting Nid in all of this time. Without your generosity we wouldn't be able to run these clinics due to the price of airfares and accommodation. Nid has been coming up to Geraldton for over 50 years. Clinics were held on private properties, pony club camps at Moony and Walkaway pony clubs.

Friday's lessons started at 5.30 am. By 7.30 am gale force winds kicked in. The arena blew down, dressage letters and chairs went flying. Needless to say, Liz's lesson migrated to the yellow arena. Then it was off to the Dome for a well-deserved lunch. Lessons recommenced at 4.30. Thank goodness the wind had eased up for the afternoon lessons. Saturday and Sunday saw ideal riding conditions, and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the clinic. Nadine has given everyone a lot of "homework" to work on until she comes up again in 2024.



Dressage Arena Carnage



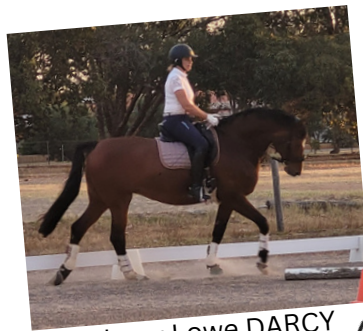
Marieke Jansen FAUSTO



Luise Fletcher SCOOBY



Lora Halton LEO



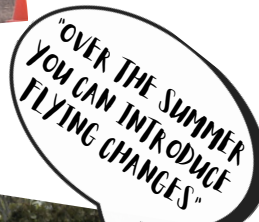
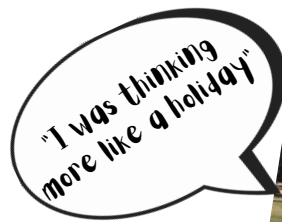
Lucy Lowe DARCY



Sue Mitchell LEVI



Liz Thomas COSTA



Paula MC Andrew CHOCOLATE

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NADINE MEREWETHER.

As a coach, Nadine enjoys seeing people improve their knowledge and riding skills and is known for her observation skills and a keen eye for detail. She enjoys seeing how far she can motivate riders to be the best they can be; "as riders, judges or coaches we must all be committed to improving our knowledge and skills for the welfare of the horse and progression of our sport; to be responsible for our own development in or out of the competitive field."

Nadine is the author of Ground Plan Lessons for Coaches and Riders workbook, which was developed with the Pony Club Association of WA Coaching Panel to assist their Coaches in planning and making lessons more interesting for riders, preparing their lessons ahead of time and setting-up an arena in which riders can be challenged to improve their riding skills whilst enjoying their riding. Nadine or 'Niddy' – as she is known, is probably one of Western Australia's most credentialed equestrian coaches, a former examiner and dressage judge. Although no longer competing, Nadine coaches all level competitors in a variety of disciplines. Nadine is an EA Level 3 General Coach and was previously a Level 3 Coach Educator. Although now retired from these roles, she has been an EA National 'A' Level Dressage Judge and Judge Mentor. Nadine holds certificates with the British Horse Society (BHS) for the BHSI Stable Management and Equitation and has the British National Pony Society Diploma.

Nadine, who comes from a farming family in Bridgetown showed an interest in riding at 5 years old and was rapidly given an old stock horse to start riding. However, the little girl didn't receive a saddle until she was 7 so that gave her very good riding skills at a young age thanks to the bareback riding around the farm! She became involved with the Mayanup Pony Club and was a member of the team representing Australia that competed at the Inter-Pacific Exchange in New Zealand and was the third Western Australia to be chosen to take part in this prestigious bi-annual International event, and two years later, was the second person in WA to achieve their Pony Club 'A' Certificate and it was within Pony Club that the interest in coaching began. Nadine competed successfully in Show Horse, Dressage and Eventing before specializing in Dressage and produced a number of successful horses. She has also ridden successfully in competition at state and national level.

She trained and rode the Lipizzana stallion 'Pluto Nimo XII' owned by Georgina Beard, through to Prix St Georges and gave many memorable long reining dressage displays with him. Robert van Helvoort, owner of Barrabadeen, first Warmblood Stud in WA, contacted Nadine to ask her to train and compete the Holsteiners that had been bred at the stud from imported stock by his late father Andre Van Helvoort. Nadine produced and rode a number of successful Barrabadeen dressage horses including 'Barrabadeen Kadett', who was successful up to Advanced and 'Barrabadeen Andre'. However, the horse Nadine will always be remembered for was 'Barrabadeen Troubadour'. He was the first Warmblood Holsteiner to win at Grand Prix level in Australia. Winning major competitions they competed in the 2002 Australian Dressage Championship in Sydney and were on the National Dressage squad list.

NADINE MEREWETHER
AND BARRABADEEN
TROUBADOUR WINNING
THE GRAND PRIX AT THE
SYDNEY CDI IN 2001



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QUIRKS OF THE MONTH

Send us your funniest horse
pic to secretary@gcec.org.au



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See you all on Sunday for AGM at 11am
and GCEC Award presentation at
12.30pm



celebrate