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Newsletter

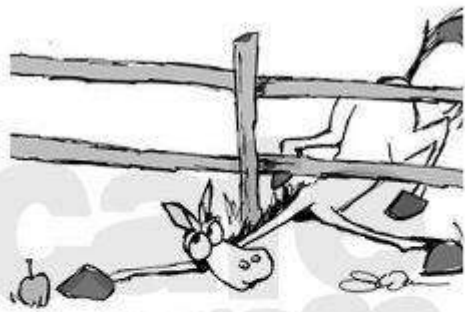
March 2024

Monthly meetings usually held the 2nd Tuesday of each month, at the Carrier's Arms Hotel, in the Coach House Function Room, upstairs.

NEXT MEETING - Tuesday April 9th, 6:30pm for a 7pm start

2024 Committee Members

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 LEFT, ALL THE SUPPLING
 EXERCISES WERE PROVING TO
 HAVE OTHER BENEFITS.

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2024 MARC - Proposed Event Calendar

Please note this is a preliminary calendar and the club has the right to change at any time

** notes changes or additions to the calendar

Date	Event	Location
February Sunday 25 th	Dressage Training Competition	Covered Arena
March Sunday 10 th	Dressage Practice Rally	Eastern Arena
March Sunday 24 th	Official Dressage Competition	Covered and Eastern Arenas
April Monday 1 st	Obstacle Rally (Working Eq theme)	Covered Arena
April Sat-Sun 13-14 th	Working Equitation Clinic With Linda Shore	Eastern Arena (TBC)
April Saturday 20 th	Dressage Practice Rally**	Covered Arena
April Sunday 21 st	Dressage Training Competition**	Covered Arena
May Saturday 11 th	Body Dynamics for Riding with Mel Macaulay	Eastern Arena
June Sun 2 nd	Official Dressage Competition	Covered and Eastern Arenas
June Monday 3 rd	Dressage Protocol Day	Covered Arena
June Sunday 16 th	Practice WE Tests in 20x40 Arena	Eastern Arena
June Sunday 23 rd	Poles Clinic with Dezi Roos	Eastern Arena
June Sunday 30 th	Clinic/Show/Other (TBC)	Eastern Arena
July Sat-Sun 13 th -14 th	Working Equitation Competition (TBC)	Covered Arena
July Saturday 27 th	Poles Clinic with Dezi Roos	Eastern Arena (TBC)
July Sunday 28 th	Dressage Training Competition	Eastern Arena
August Fri-Sun 9 th -11 th	Star Dressage Championships	All Arenas
September Sunday 15 th	Dressage Training Competition	Eastern Arena
September Sat-Sun 21 st -22 nd	Clinic/Show/Other (TBC)	Covered Arena
October Sat-Sun 12 th -13 th	Clinic/Show/Other (TBC)	Southern Arena
October Sat-Sun 26 th -27 th	MARC Club Dressage Championships	Covered Arena and Centre Ring
November Sunday 24 th	Fun Rally – Break up	Covered Arena

Letter from the Editor



Hi all

Rain, rain and more rain which has certainly interrupted our riding and events planned. Unfortunately, our Dressage Practice Day and our Official Dressage Competition Day had to be cancelled, which is always a really difficult decision faced by the organisers, however, the safety of riders and horses is always paramount. A big thank you to the Committee for the incredible amount of work done behind the scenes to run these events.

Not to be fazed, we are really looking forward to a Working Equitation Obstacle Day on the 1st April. This clinic is fully booked at this stage, but fence sitters are more than welcome to attend. A Working Equitation Clinic with Linda Shore is planned for the weekend 13th and 14th of April. Sounds amazing, jam packed with great instruction, and a 'Come and Try' Competition on Sunday.

There is also a Dressage Practice Rally and a Dressage Training Competition to be held on the weekend of 20th and 21st April. The Practice Day on Saturday will enable riders be to ride tests or test movements under the guidance of an accredited judge or an experienced MARC member. Riders can then put this valuable feedback into action at Sunday's Dressage Training Day. Nomination for these events will be via Nominate. Flyers are attached for your information.

As mentioned in the February Newsletter, I welcome any contributions from our members to the newsletter each month. This can be photos, hints which may help others, or announcements.

We are also going to include a Buy, Swap or Sell page where members can list equestrian items each month. Items need to be emailed to me with contact details, no later than the 14th of each month to be included in the newsletter.

So much planned for April, so fingers crossed for some sunshine.

Cathy Evans
2024 Newsletter Editor

Happy Easter



Dressage News!

Note: Please see the Sponsorship Invite Letter attached to this newsletter. Each year our club organises the very successful **Fraser Coast Dressage Championships**, and this year it will be held over the weekend of **9th-11th August 2024**. This is a very important event for Dressage and the Fraser Coast Community. We value and welcome any sponsorship (financial or prizes) that can be given to support this wonderful local event

New Dressage Rule Changes

There are some changes to the Dressage Rules effective from 1st January 2024. Most are minor “tweaking” of existing Rules, **however there is one significant change which affects all competitors i.e.**

A **Gear Check** by an EA-Accredited Steward is **compulsory immediately after every** test and failure to have a gear check will entail **elimination**. (Previously, the gear check needed to be done before competing.)

To assist riders, a visual gear check may be done by the Steward *before* the test to prevent a rider going into the test with any forbidden equipment. (It still remains the rider’s responsibility not to compete with any forbidden equipment, so it is a good idea to know the rules and/or seek advice from a Steward before competing.)

NOTE: Even if riders present to the Steward for a visual gear check *before* entering a test, it is **still compulsory** for them to **present again** to the Steward for gear check **immediately after every** test or they will be eliminated!

A few other Rule Reminders:

- *Don’t talk to or ‘tongue click’* your horse during the test – any judge who hears it will deduct 2 marks for every movement that they hear it!
- Riders must wear *gloves*
- *Pony riders* - check the size of your whip and/or spurs which are smaller than for horses.

****It is also a requirement that there must have an accredited person with a First Aid Certificate at each event. MARC will refund 50% of the cost of training for MARC members who complete a First Aid Certificate. Members who have current accreditation include:**

- Liz Condon
- Mel Macaulay
- Monique Bonus
- Dianne and Ron Clements
- Pam Thurlow



If anyone else has current accreditation and is able to assist, please advise the Risk Manager, Mel Macaulay 0401940862.

Photos taken at the Dressage Practice Day in February.

Photos have been donated by Cherish My Pix Photography. A special mention to Eric who always takes an array of photos on the day. Have a look on their website and purchase some if you can. It is always special to have a professional photo of you and your horse as a memento of the day.



Julie Lee



Bronwyn Bulmer



Clare Condos



Yvette Beveridge



Ella Stiefler



Dianne Clements



MARC Dressage Practice Day

Saturday 20th April



Covered Arena
Maryborough Showgrounds & Equestrian Park

MARC Dressage Weekend – Practice on Saturday & Training Competition on Sunday!

Details below are for Saturday only. (Details for Sunday's Training Competition are separate.)

Saturday - Make the most of this opportunity to practice in a test arena

Riders will get a **timed draw** with **20 minutes** to practice riding tests or test movements under the guidance of an EA Accredited Judge or experienced MARC riders.

Tell the judge or helper which test/s or movements you want to practice, or you can choose to practice in the arena without advice if you prefer.

Cost \$25 (includes facility fee)

MARC Members only - join/renew through www.nominate.com.au

Nominations through www.nominate.com.au

Nominations close at midnight Monday 15th April 2024 (or earlier if the 20 positions are filled)

For more information contact Pam Thurlow (0427122965 or cullow5451@telstra.com)

Please Book your stables through www.nominate.com.au

Please remember your **Horse Health Declarations** (www.maryboroughactiveriders.org.au)

NOTE This event is on during the Tiny Homes Expo so the environment is likely to be busier than usual!

Catering: There are likely to be a number of Catering Vans attending the Tiny Homes Expo, or BYO.



AN IDEAL CHANCE TO PRACTICE BEFORE YOUR NEXT COMPETITION.

POSITIONS ARE LIKELY TO FILL FAST SO GET IN QUICK!



MARYBOROUGH ACTIVE RIDERS CLUB INC

MEMBERS ONLY
DRESSAGE TRAINING DAY
Sunday, 21st April 2024

Maryborough Showgrounds and Equestrian Park

INDOOR ARENA

BYO Catering

Riders will be able to have a short discussion about their tests with our judge immediately after each ride.

CLASSES:

Leadline Prep 1

Prep 1 & 3

Prelim 1.1 & 1.3

Novice 2.1 & 2.3

Elem 3.1 & 3.3

Medium 4.1 & 4.2

Advanced 5.1 & 5.2

Riders may ride any **2 tests** of their choice at **2 consecutive levels**.

RIBBONS TO 6TH PLACE

ENTRIES CLOSE MONDAY 15th APRIL OR WHEN 40 ENTRIES ARE RECEIVED

Entries will be through Nominate www.nominate.com.au and there will be a limit of 40 tests. We will be using the Livescore program so there will be no paper test sheets.

Please do not complete an entry unless your horse has a bridle number. If you do not have a bridle number, please contact Roslyn Barker on email roslyn.barker@gmail.com and she will allocate one to your horse. Bridle numbers speed up the flow of tests and must be used at all of our dressage competitions.

*Horse health forms must be submitted before competing.
Helmets must be yellow tagged before riding.

Entry Fee: \$20.00 per test + \$10.00 facility fee per horse.

Stables are \$15.00 with a bond payment and must be made at least 48hrs before the commencement of the event through [nominate](http://nominate.com.au).

Enquiries or scratchings to

Lynne Larkin larkin26@bigpond.com or 0447249912

Roslyn Barker roslyn.barker@gmail.com 0422 427630

WORKING EQUITATION CLINIC & COME AND TRY COMPETITION WITH LINDA SHORE



April 13-14th 2024

**MARYBOROUGH SHOWGROUNDS & EQUESTRIAN PARK
Eastern Arena**

Saturday (Max 20 spots)

Small group sessions with Linda, going through the obstacles and explanation of the rules of the obstacle phases of Working Equitation (Ease of Handling and Speed).

\$100 per rider (Including facility fee)

\$20 per fence sitter/non-riding participant

Saturday Night

Display of some videos and theory discussions

Some drinks with friends and lots of chats

ALL WELCOME!!

Sunday

A "Come and Try" Competition

Dressage Phase (Riding ANWE test)

Ease of Handling Phase (obstacles) – Judged and feedback given by Linda Shore

Speed phase (optional), similar to Ease of Handling

Ribbons to 6th place per phase, and Overall to 3rd

\$50 for the three phases (Including facility fee)

Levels

1. Intro – Walk and trot only
2. Prep – Walk, trot and basic canter
3. Prelim and up – Walk, trot and confident cantering around obstacles, tight circles etc.

We encourage you to peruse the tests and rules on the ANWE Website

<https://anwe.org.au/learn/>

All attendees must be Maryborough Active Riders Club (MARC) members, limited membership available – via Nominate.com.au

Enquiries to Liz Condon – aptitudestockhorses@gmail.com

Nominations, and stable bookings via Nominate.com.au (Open March 28th – April 8th or until spaces filled).

Working Equitation Style Fun Day

With Maryborough Active Riders Club Inc.

Working Equitation – “The ultimate equestrian discipline in creating harmony between horse and rider, with a strong focus on training and versatility.” (Australian National Working Equitation - ANWE)

In anticipation to the clubs upcoming affiliation with ANWE, we are holding this fun day to give you all a taste.



Come and challenge you and your horse's manoeuvrability. Get your horse using its brain and trying something different.

Suitable for all levels – in a relaxing, supporting environment.



When - Easter Monday, 1st April, 2024

Where – Indoor Arena MSEP

Price - \$20 (including facility fee)

Must be a MARC member – limited membership available (\$30)

Horse Health Declarations will be collected before the day commences

Enquire and register with Liz Condon –

aptitudestockhorses@gmail.com

Must be pre-paid by Thursday 28th March to secure your spot

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President – Roslyn Barker
Secretary – Monique Bonus
Dressage Coordinator - Lynne Larkin

To Whom It May Concern,

We would like to introduce you to Maryborough Active Riders Club Inc.

We are a not-for-profit Equestrian Club which caters extensively for Dressage and Show enthusiasts. Our club is run solely by volunteers, and has approximately 150 members, including riders & non-riders ranging from toddlers through to seniors in their 60's and 70's! Our events are held at the Maryborough Showgrounds and Equestrian Park.

Each year our club organises the very successful **Fraser Coast Dressage Championships**, and this year it will be held over the weekend of **9th-11th August 2024**. This is a very important event for Dressage, and Competitors and Judges travel from across the State (and even interstate) to participate in this major competition. Each year our entry no's have been increasing due to the success of the event.

We would very much appreciate any support (financial or prizes) that you can give towards the success of this wonderful local event. **Your business's details and support would be widely acknowledged through social media, on the program and during the event, (as banners and announcing) and on our website. (We are always open to other ideas and suggestions on promoting your business)**

We offer any of the following sponsorship packages for your consideration:

1. Naming rights on a particular event with money donation of \$250.00 +
2. Donation of items for either raffles/ event prizes
3. Money donation of any particular amount/ we require a major sponsor.
4. Trade stand for the entire weekend for \$100.00

We appreciate your time and look forward to your support in showcasing this important Equestrian Event for our local community, which can also be **an opportunity to promote your business**.

If you have any queries, I can be contacted on 0447249912 or email larkin26@bigpond.com for further details.

Yours faithfully

Lynne Larkin

Dressage Co-Ordinator



Direct Deposits to MARC Bank Accounts.

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