



C.E.I. Chatterbox

Members News letter

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ANWE CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS

Members of Camden Equitation Inc attended the Australian National Working Equitation NSW Championships on 23/24 May at the Sydney International Equestrian Centre.

CEI had 2 teams entered, also a number of individual riders competing over this weekend.

Individual riders were – Jacqueline Quon (Part Prelim), Jye Dunbier (Intro), Karen Worsnop (Intro), Kate Prestney (Retired), Lucy Robinson-Hooke (Part Prelim), Scott Tomlinson (Part Prelim), Arianna Tomlinson (Intro).

RESULTS OVERALL

INTRODUCTORY

Arianna Tomlinson – Reserve
Champion

Karen Worsnop - 4th

PARTICIPANT PRELIMINARY

Katie Ferguson – Champion (riding All
That Jazz)

Scott Tomlinson – 3rd

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Glynis Dickinson – 3rd

The two teams comprised of:

CEI Team 1 – Glynis Dickinson (Deb W), Melissa Rush (Deb W), Sandy Langsford (Prelim) & Mark Mason (Cons 1).

CEI Team 2 – Sandra Richards (Deb W), Katie Ferguson (Prelim), Gaye James (Deb W) & Dennis James (Scratched due to horse injury).

CEI Team 1 came 2nd

CEI Team 2 came 4th

We would also like to congratulate our Under 21 riders:

Katie Ferguson, Jye Dunbier & Lucy Robinson-hooke.

Presidents Report Glynis Dickinson



We have had some challenging times over the last 2 years, and I would like to sincerely thank the dedicated CEI Committee who have made every effort to offer Working Equitation and Dressage throughout the impact of Covid and bad weather. Lets all hope good times are ahead for our new membership year starting July 1st.

CEI offers open events in Dressage and Working Equitation, however special recognition and awards are given to our members within those competitions.

These awards include **Hi Achievers Horse/Pony of the Year Rising Stars**

Along with 2 members day only events and entry discounts

Great value for only \$ 50 Single Family \$ per financial year.

As we begin our new membership year, its time to hold an AGM, and vote in a new committee.

All positions will be vacated at the upcoming AGM, and I would like to encourage all of our members to think about being part of the new committee.

More information will be sent out to all members nearer the time, but please make a note of the date as your attendance will be appreciated as part of the social night as well as the announcing the new committee.

THURSDAY 25th of August 7pm

Hubertus Country Club Luddenham

Hope to see you all there

Glynis

Club President



Membership

Why become a member of Camden Equitation Inc (CEI)?

CEI membership year is July 1st 2022 till June 30th 2023

All Memberships, new and renewals, are paid through Nominate

WHAT DO WE OFFER YOU?

- 4 official EA dressage competitions including ANWEL Working Equitation tests
- 3 Working Equitation competitions held at SIEC
- Offering the most attractive entry fees around Sydney
- Cash rewards for High Achievers
- Age rewards
- Pony of the day award
- Rising Star recognition
- Members Discount on all entries
- Bi monthly newsletter to keep members updated
- Fabulous HOTY program with yearly rug awards
- 2 special members' only opportunities:
 - a closed restricted dressage competition;
 - a training day held at SIEC offering private lessons, protocol tests, obstacle, training and mini obstacle competition



TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Juanita Burt ·

Samantha Laney

Gaye & Dennis James

Candace Brigden

April Cussen

Lisa Mitchell

Melissa Swale

Eliza Van den Dolder

Claudia Zammit

Eleanor Cheeseman

Kylie Gallagher

Sarah Badger

Michelle Briscoe

Jo Danks

Beverley O'Meara

Kristina Van Den Dolder

Lee Wear

Kathy Zlotkowski

Tracy Ann Souris

Hardanne Abbott

Isabelle Badger

Kathryn Collins

Tanya Lakluse

Courtney Smith

Lara Van Den Dolder

Kelly Williamson

1st July 2022 / 30th JUNE 2023

HOTY/POTY/AGE AWARDS POINT SCORE CONDITIONS

Dressage Competitions (including WEQ dressage tests)/ Working Equitation Competition

Dressage Competition Days

(Held at Camden Grounds pending re opening) moved to SIEC for the remainder of 2022

- You must be a fully paid financial member of CEI at the time of the competition to be eligible for points at any of our competitions.
- Points are awarded to all competitions from 1st July 2022 to 30th June 2023
- Points are updated on the website after each competition .
- EA Preparatory to Advance / WEQ Intro to Con2 for HOTY/POTY
- A maximum of two tests per level count towards points. Your two highest scores will be used; i.e. If you enter three preliminary tests you will only get points for two.
- Horses must have been ridden at a minimum of three competitions which can include a Members Day over the period.

Working Equitation Competitions (held at SIEC)

- Introductory to Masters under 21yrs will earn points in the open classes
- Points are also awarded to the overall Aged Rider under 21 years
- Horses must have been ridden at a minimum of **two competitions**.

You cannot ever win the same level HOTY /POTY/AGE or a lower level on the same mount. On the Dressage days or the Working Equitation days prizes will be awarded to all HOTY/POTY winners and reserves also age achiever's.

Points will be awarded as follows

- 1st place 10 points
- 2nd place 8 points
- 3rd place 6 points
- 4th place 4 points
- 5th place 3 points
- 6th place 2 points
- 7th place 1 point

(Please review points after each comp and bring any concerns to our attention)





2022/2023 COMPETITION DATES

[PLEASE NOTE: all remaining 2022 dates will be at SIEC]

DRESSAGE

(Camden Bicentennial Park)

2022

24th July (*Member Championships*)

28th August

27th November (*Member's Day*)

2023

5th March

2nd April

7th May

16th July (*Member's Day*)

6th August

26th November (*Member's Day*)

WORKING EQUITATION

(Sydney International Equestrian Centre)

2022

18th June (*Saturday Only*)

8-9th October

2023

5th February (*Member Fun Day*)

18-19th February

17-18th June (*HOTY*)

7-8th October (*HOTY*)



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<http://camdenequitationinc.com/>
<https://www.facebook.com/camdenequitationinc/?ti=as>



Hope everyone is well? I was asked by a student of mine to shed some light on how a horse learns during this chapter. So here goes !!!

Memory

The horse has an excellent memory that may in some respects be better than human memories.

While our memory can be altered to recall situations and our reasoning abilities are strong, the memory of the horse is more stable, being unclouded by reflexion. Horses have excellent and precise memories where as humans constantly trawl through our memories, re-living in real life and through story telling. While their memory of its physical world and its associations are excellent they have limitations to their immediate ability to recall memories compared to humans. This gives humans short-term advantages, as we can look back in time easily and mentally repeat things to ourselves. Horses have difficulty with some aspects of retrospective and perspective memory, this informs trainers that correct timing of reinforcements (rewards) is essential.

The learning Processes

It is often believed that because all horses are different, They require different training. However all horses learn by the same process only differing in the amount of pressure applied to produce a response. People often deliver the training in different ways however in most cases are from a pressure and release system. These differences are not related to horse nor human intelligence but to learned and inherited sensitivity.

Horses also vary in the types of responses they offer. This is not related to their willingness but to their genetic makeup and their behavioural history. Every horse is different. All horses vary in their potential. Some may trial certain behaviours such as bucking or be over sensitive to pressure or less sensitive and be prone to what some call “ lazy”. These are learned responses, not personality disorders. Whatever the genetic potential, training can confirm or deny these behaviours and their potential to escalate.

Habituation

Habituation is the process where the horse becomes accustomed to a stimulus and ceases to react. It is a simple way of learning and is found throughout the animal kingdom in captivity and the wild. For example in captivity horses habituate to things such as cars, dogs, children, bikes and noises. In training we habituate horses to the like of the bit and the bridle, saddles, boots and a rider upon its back.

Flooding

When animals are exposed to an overwhelming aversive stimuli this is known as flooding. Exposing animals to aversive stimuli can often be counter-productive so each desensitisation program should be adjusted accordingly.

Sensitisation

This has the opposite effect of habituation, where the horse becomes increasingly sensitive to repetitions of unpleasant stimuli. In training we can use this in such circumstances as when a horse habituates to the “go” signals, training the horse to respond to a different aid such as light whip taps effectively re-sensitises the horse to the leg aid.

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Operant Conditioning

Also known as “trial and error” This learning aid explains many seemingly clever behaviours in animals. If a behaviour results in a positive outcome, the animal will perform the behaviour more often. For example if a dog sits- he gets a treat. If a horse whinnies- someone feeds him. This can also be negative such if a horse bucks and dislodges his rider and he experiences freedom, he soon learns that behaviour too.

Timing

Timing is very important in training principals. The horse does not know what we expect of him to learn nor does he likely care so it is critical to remember that the reward is delivered at the precise moment the desired behaviour is offered. Poor timing accounts for many negative behaviour responses in the ridden and led horse. You want to target good behaviours and reward them to replace the negative behaviours.

Negative Reinforcement

Is far more extensive than we realise in horse/human interactions. When you approach a horse and he takes a step back, If this is repeated he learns to go back earlier than before- he soon learns that stepping back removes you. His anti-predator instincts are based on this principle. HE will repeat whatever he does that makes something he finds unpleasant go away. SO we must remember what and when we are rewarding. Negative reinforcement is the most commonly used form of operant conditioning. We do this by making a behaviour more likely in the future by the removal of a stimulus after a specific behaviour is offered. For example the tapping of a whip is a negative reinforcement- the behaviour to go or move away from the whip is the behaviour offered so the tapping stops as the behaviour is executed.

Positive Reinforcement

Is to offer the addition of something pleasant that rewards a desired response, such as food, water, mutual grooming, sanctuary, company etc It is known that the horses heart rate can be lowered when caresses in front of the withers where they would perform mutual grooming.

Classical Conditioning

Is where an unrelated event becomes associated with another and is predictive of that even. For example a horse sees a person carrying a bucket and learns when he sees the bucket, that food is coming. Horses are outstanding at classical conditioning. Horses learn to follow your steps, stop when you stop, they can learn your mood can be associated with your actions.

In training the voice aids are often used such as woah- the word woah should occur just before and during the application of aids to stop. The longer the word occurs after the aid the less the horse learns the voice aid. The rider must remember the horse does not actually understand the word itself but learns it is a cue. It must be delivered at the same time and in the same tone and pitch.

“When a horse is trained correctly from the beginning there should be no reason to use punishment. Punishment is typically a feature of training programs that are confusing, and then trainers mistake expressions of confusion for bad or malicious behaviour that require or even deserve punishment.”

I hope this Helps with your understanding of how our horses learn. Thanks to my great teacher Dr Andrew Mc Lean I have been fortunate to have learnt this learning theory from a young age making my training a much more enjoyable process for my horses and myself.

See you in the arena

Kate

HIGH ACHIEVERS

Dressage/Working Equitation Competition Awards

Supported by our wonderful Sponsors and Camden Equitation

All awards are for the qualifying CEI members within each class

The winner of the largest class.

**At each level of EA and WEQ tests, will be recognized as a
CEI High Achiever and receive a Riders Award* of \$40.**

***(There must be a minimum of 2 riders in the class to qualify)**

Under 18yrs old.

**In the Working Equitation classes on Dressage days,
Under 18yrs old will also be rewarded with \$25 for the overall highest %
scores in the WEQ dressage tests.**

Pony of the day.

The highest % pony overall for the day will also be rewarded with \$40.

Working Equitation Competitions

**The winner of each 3 phase class,
will be recognized as a CEI High Achiever and
receive a Riders *Award of \$40**

***(There must be a minimum of 2 riders in the class to qualify)**

Age Awards

**Highest % scoring
Child, Junior and Youth
will receive \$25**



Rising Star Award

Sponsored by: **Horseland Narellan Barelda Performance**

**TO AWARD THE MOST PROMISING COMBINATION OF HORSE AND
RIDER OF CLASS**

NOT NECESSARILY THE RIBBON ACHIEVERS OF THE DAY.

To support and recognize our lower level riders at amateur level, giving them a chance to be recognized for their dedication and keep them on the right track.

This award is for Amateur riders of any age in PREP/INTRO/PART PRELIM/PRELIM .

The idea is, that you may not have the best or fanciest horse nor perform the best test, however you are demonstrating good training techniques for the basic levels and meeting the criteria of a prep and prelim horse. It also recognizes your riding techniques, turnout and arena etiquette.

The Rising Star Award is to encourage riders to seek and pursue correct training as they progress through the levels.

An award ribbon will be given on the day to the highest scorer in each level, and an end of year award to overall achievers.

Judges will give a mark out of 10 at the end of each ride in these lower classes. This is not necessarily the ribbon achiever of the class.



High Achievers

Thank you to our wonderful Sponsors for enabling us to reward the highest achievers on the day with a cash reward.

A \$50 reward is given to each winner in each class at our dressage and working equitation days (min 2 in a class to qualify).

Another great incentive from CEI



WEQ Competition date 18/06/2022		
Level	Sponsored by	Won by
Introductory	Gladiator Floats	Jo-anne Danks riding SUMMER SUNSHINE
Participant Preliminary	Equissentials	Jacqueline Quon riding JQS MY CHOICE
Preliminary	Got you Covered	Sandy Langsford riding SHEPHERDS HILL ORRICH
Debutante W	Greystone vacuums	Glynis Dickinson riding SWEET PERFECTION
Debutante F	CEI	Virginia Fairley riding CHERRIE SODA

18/06/2022	Working Equitation Rising Star
Introductory	Amanda Donnelly riding SAROWAN PARK PRUIZE
Participant Prelim	Jacqueline Quon riding JQS MY CHOICE
Preliminary	Sandy Langsford riding SHEPHERDS HILL ORRICH

Top 3 Teams in 3—Up Team Working Equitation Yearly Challenge 2022

As of 18/06/2022

1/2 Chance	2 ladies and a gent	LMGs
Jacqueline Quon Sandra Richards Katie Ferguson	Patricia McGrath Nadine Stutchbury Phillip Oliver	Glynis Dickinson Monique Atkins Lindy Villanueva
468	367	366

HATS OFF TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

TO OUR NON COMMITTEE NON RIDER VOLUNTEERS

WHO GAVE THEIR TIME AT OUR COMPETITIONS



Thank you as our Competitions cannot run smoothly without the fabulous support of our wonderful volunteers. Without the dedicated support of volunteers on the day, the competitions cannot be held.

Club Merchandise Available Via Nominate

Poloshirt

\$60



Also available in short sleeve \$50

Vest

\$60



Soft Shell Great all year around

Saddle Cloth

\$63



Diamond Cotton includes upto 4 digits
available black or white Pony/Full

Cap

\$20



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Thank you to our outgoing committee, who can be relied on at every event.

As a Committee member with CEI you are entitled to

- 1. Discount competition entries**
- 2. Priority entries on special training days**
- 3. 2 special socials a year**
- 4. Priority draw placements when requested if possible.**
- 5. Cost price club merchandise**

