

Presidents Report Annual Meeting 2019

Central Western Dressage Group

Once again I have pleasure in presenting my annual report which is now my 4th consecutively.

This year has been extremely busy with many events, championships, training and protocol days.

Our main Championships were held in September 2018 and Club Championships in November. The many sponsors for these events have been greatly appreciated and Jane Hyslop has done a great job in promoting them in each News Letter.

Leaderboard awards were presented and once again we thank Mullion Produce for their sponsorship of the rugs.

2019 brought in the new EA dressage tests which seem to be popular and most riders have been able to remember them.!

Our 2 sand arenas have now settled in really well and certainly appreciated by riders with the surrounding grounds being so hard due to our everlasting drought. Blayney Council have informed us that soccer in the main ring will be relocated soon so we will have use of that area as well with the added benefit that it can be irrigated.

In 2019 we held a training day in February, an official event in March, Dressage at Bathurst and Orange Shows in April and May. Another official event in May and a very successful protocol day with Megan Joerg and Sue Walker in June. Entries have been very encouraging and continue to be well supported.

We always have an issue in securing judges however this seems to be state wide with so many events and many judges reluctant to travel outside the metropolitan area.

Our next competition is a training day on 18th August and preparations are well under way. We do hope the weather holds up especially as we are running our events without power and under some duress due to the construction of the indoor.

As many of you will have seen the indoor is now well underway with many issues still to be resolved with Council, such as suitable surface, seating, charges, eligible users and activities, watering, maintenance to name a few. There have had to be compromises made as this is a community facility and not a fully purpose built dressage arena. However we do feel this will eventually be a huge benefit to our club. Blayney Council, led by Rebecca Ryan have put an enormous amount of work into the planning, securing of tendors etc and without them we would not have been able to proceed.

Our sincere appreciation to the Healey family for the donation of a beautiful pipe arena and 5 judges boxes plus 26 rubber feeders which we have sold to members of the Club.

With other grants becoming available we are working with Carcoar Pony Club and Orange Equestrian Club with the aim to build stables and a club house in the future.

I would like to thank CWDG Committee- Christine, Megan, Jane, Jenny, Martyn, Peter, Pam, Jo and Cheryl for their extremely valuable input and hard work for the Club this year. Also to the other volunteers who tirelessly assist us. Events would not happen without your dedication.

Christine and Megan have decided to move off the committee for the coming year and I do thank you so much for all you have done for the Club especially Christine who has been Vice President for 4 years and helped set up our scoring system among many other jobs.

Thank you for coming and I move that this report be accepted.

Beth Maclean

President.