



## MEMBERS HANDBOOK

As at 01 January 2019

Welcome to  
CEDAR GROVE AND DISTRICT RIDING CLUB Inc.

## Cedar Grove and District Riding Club 2019

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### **Club Address**

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Grove, QLD 4285  
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### **Postal Address**

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### **Bank Details**

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## 2019 COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

### **2019 Management Committee**

**President:** Anita Foster – president1.cgdrcl@gmail.com

**Vice-President** (Club Operations): Hannah Guise – vp.cgdrcl@gmail.com

**Secretary:** Linda Massey – secretary.cgdrcl@gmail.com

**Treasurer:** Julie Cornell – treasurer.cgdrcl@gmail.com

**Media Relations Officer:** – media.cgdrcl@gmail.com

### **2019 Event Teams**

#### **Dressage**

- Sharon Ashwood
- Sharon
- Position Available
- Position Available

#### **Show Jumping & Cross Country**

- Sarah O'Connor
- Position Available
- Position Available

#### **Hack**

- Hannah Guise
- Natasha Holmes
- POSITION AVAILABLE

#### **Canteen**

- POSITION AVAILABLE
- POSITION AVAILABLE

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## **2019 Events Calendar**

Key: Clinics Dressage Jumping Hack

Canteen will be open for snacks, drinks and sausage sizzle etc

### **January:**

6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> - Members Summer Series 2nd Leg 13<sup>th</sup>

& 14<sup>th</sup> - Members Summer Series 3rd Leg

### **February:**

3<sup>rd</sup> - Sign on and Car Boot Sale – 7am-11am

24<sup>th</sup> - Members Clinic Introduction to Cowboy

Dressage with Wendy Palmer 25<sup>th</sup>

- Members Dressage Day

### **March:**

10<sup>th</sup> - Members Clinic Day

11<sup>th</sup> - Open Show Jump Day

17<sup>th</sup> – Members Show Prep Clinic with Hollie  
Shiels

17<sup>th</sup> - Camping 18<sup>th</sup> -

Open Hack Day

### **April:**

7, 8, 9 - TBC Grounds Hired (still open for other  
small events and members) 14<sup>th</sup> - Members

Clinic Day 15<sup>th</sup> - Open Show Jump Day

### **May:**

13<sup>th</sup> - Members Winter Series Dressage – 1<sup>st</sup> Leg

20<sup>th</sup> - Members Winter Series Dressage – 2<sup>nd</sup> Leg

26<sup>th</sup> - Members Clinic Day

27<sup>th</sup> - Members Show Jump Day

### **June:**

2<sup>nd</sup> – Members Dressage Clinic with Gary Lung

2<sup>nd</sup> – Members Jump Clinic with Clem Smith

10<sup>th</sup> - Members Winter Series Dressage – 3<sup>rd</sup> Leg

30<sup>th</sup> - Members Clinic Day

### **July:**

1<sup>st</sup> - Members Show Jumping Day

22<sup>nd</sup> - Members Clinic Day

### **August:**

25<sup>th</sup> - Members Clinic Day

### **September:**

1<sup>st</sup> - Show Prep Clinic with Hollie Shiels

1<sup>st</sup> - Members Dressage Day

2<sup>nd</sup> - Open Hack Day

29<sup>th</sup> - Members Clinic Day

30<sup>th</sup> – Open Show Jump Day

### **October:**

20<sup>th</sup> - Members Clinic Day

21<sup>st</sup> - Members Show Jumping

28<sup>th</sup> – Participation / Club Dressage Day

### **November:**

24, 25, 26 - TBC Grounds Hired (still open for  
other small events and members) 18<sup>th</sup> –

Members Summer Series Dressage - 1<sup>st</sup> Leg

24<sup>th</sup> - AGM, Christmas Party & Annual Awards  
Night

### **December:**

2<sup>nd</sup> – Members Summer Series Dressage – 2<sup>nd</sup> Leg

### **January 2019:**

6<sup>th</sup> – Members Summer Series Dressage - 3<sup>rd</sup> Leg

Members Clinic Days: (see Nominate for details)  
These days are held each month. We will be  
running more than one clinic per day with  
instructors from some of the disciplines below.

Dressage

Cowboy Dressage

Jumping

Cross Training: Obstacles, Trot Poles,  
Horsemanship

## **INTRODUCTION:**

Cedar Grove and District Riding Club, located at 30 Irwin Road, Cedar Grove, was founded in 1994. The club won the Equestrian Queensland Club of the Year Award in 2011 and again in 2016. The club caters for the disciplines of dressage, show jumping and hacking and hosts internal member and participation competition events and training clinics, providing a safe, relaxed and fun competition and learning environment for riders of all skill levels from beginner to advanced.

The club constantly strives to improve facilities and services to club members. Suggestions and feedback from members are welcome.

Members are very welcome to contact the committee by email with your suggestions for improving the club.

## **Management:**

Cedar Grove and District Riding Club functions under the umbrella of Equestrian Australia (EA) National and Equestrian Queensland (EQ) State Constitutions. The club is managed by an enthusiastic and pro-active committee.

## **Facilities:**

Cedar Grove and District Riding Club enjoys some of the best club facilities in the area. We have two competition grade sand dressage arenas, a fully fenced, floodlit training area, (soon to be indoor arena), and a fenced round yard. Additionally, we have a large, fenced grass area for hacking and show jumping and are in the process of completing a small cross-country course. Horse facilities include 20 steel day yards, two separate biosecurity/stallion yards and a wash bay. Club house facilities include a full kitchen, meeting room, storage and first aid areas and toilets including disabled facilities. The clubhouse was completely renovated in 2010 with funding from Logan City Council.

## **Membership:**

Membership of Cedar Grove and District Riding Club entitles you access to the club grounds and all facilities every day of the year except on competition days or if the grounds are closed due to weather conditions/maintenance and on specific public holidays.

On event days, you must nominate to compete to be allowed access to the competition areas (arenas and show jumping area). We provide a fun, relaxed and collaborative learning environment and a great place to improve your skills and compete in all disciplines.

We send out regular emails to keep members informed and post notifications on our Club Facebook page.

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Members are invited to attend an open general meeting twice per year and to provide suggestions to the committee by email at any time. The Management Team meet the second Thursday of the month at the clubhouse and all members are welcome to join in from 7.30pm

Members and sponsors can post free advertising on the club's Facebook page and via email.

### **Risk Management:**

All events are conducted in accordance with Equestrian Australia rules and regulations, and the club's current Member's Handbook.

Riders, members and visitors must always adhere to the requirements specified in the club's current Member's Handbook while on the club grounds and interacting on social media.



## GENERAL INFORMATION FOR USE OF MEMBERSHIP

### Categories of Membership:

Single adult  
Single junior  
Family (up to 5 people)  
Social Member  
Life Membership  
Restricted Membership

### Social Media:

Use of social media by members should be used to promote and benefit the club to the equestrian world and the general public.

Members who wish to raise issues of concern should contact the committee by email:  
[secretary.cgdrcl@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.cgdrcl@gmail.com)

### Keys:

A key can be purchased at the time of joining for an extra \$10.

Those who purchase a key are responsible for:

- ensuring the gate is always closed and locked when you leave the club grounds.
- only allowing access to riders who are CGDRC members.
- Private lessons are only held by a coach that holds a current certificate of currency. This should be emailed to [vp.cgdrcl@gmail.com](mailto:vp.cgdrcl@gmail.com) each year.
- Always adhering to the requirements specified in the club's Risk Management Policy and the current Member's Handbook while on the club grounds.

### Dress Standards:

Club/Participation/Competitive: As per Equestrian Australia rules unless stated otherwise.

Club internal dressage competitions: Equestrian Australia dress or club polo shirt may be worn in lieu of other light coloured collared shirt.

Club clinic and training days: Members must be presentable with appropriate footwear and current safety helmet.

Safety helmets must conform with one of the current approved safety standards as specified by Equestrian Australia. Refer to Equestrian Australia website. Members are responsible for ensuring their helmet meets current standards.

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Cross Country: A back protector must be worn. Refer to Equestrian Australia website for current approved safety standards.

### **Club Shirts and Caps:**

Club polo shirts are available for \$35.00.  
Club caps are available for \$15.00. Sun  
Sleeves \$5

### **Acceptable tack:**

Dressage – Per EA Rules  
Jumping – Per EA Rules  
Hacking – Per EA Rules  
Cross Country – Per EA Rules

Please see the Equestrian Australia website for the discipline rule book and rules on acceptable tack.

### **Use of grounds:**

The club takes seriously its responsibility for risk management however the individual is equally responsible for safety of riders and horses and security of the grounds. All riders must be aware that horses are unpredictable and horse riding is deemed a dangerous sport. The onus is on all riders to be aware of your own safety regarding you, your horse and others at any time you are on the grounds.

Safety of horses, riders and spectators is paramount. Where a horse's behaviour is deemed to be dangerous to others the person responsible for the horse may be requested to leave the clinic or event and move to an area which does not create a danger to others.

### Horse Health Declaration (HHD)

A completed HHD must be handed in at each of our calendar events and when camping.

### Camping

Camping is permitted with approval from council. The process for requesting to camp overnight on the club grounds may take up to 6 weeks. Your first point is to contact the management committee and submit a camping request form found on the club website. If the management team agree to the request they will then submit a request to council for permission. You will be notified prior to the date as to the outcome from council. Council approval forms must be kept at the club for the dates granted for presenting if requested. An HHD must be completed on the day of camping.

### Events

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The club grounds may have restricted use prior to and on the day of the event. Details of restricted use will be on the club's Facebook page.

On the day of the event all questions should be directed to the gear check steward.

### Smoking Laws

Smoking is banned within 10 metres of all club facilities and activities.

The coverage of the ban includes all club facilities including the sporting ground, riding area, the viewing area, public seating at the grounds and any other area reserved for use by the competitors and the officials. This includes the use of all smoking products, including electronic cigarettes.

### Volunteers

All volunteers MUST sign in and out of the volunteer sign on book. It is a volunteer's responsibility to ensure they complete this task. The volunteer sign on book will be at the gear steward tent, canteen or with the club committee member responsible for overseeing the event volunteers for that day.

Competitors are expected to help out for an hour at each event they compete in. Volunteers who are not competing will be paid in club vouchers at \$5 an hour. All volunteers must sign the sign on book.

### Finishing Your Event

At the completion of your test or jumping round, leave the arena/ring as promptly as possible to make way for the next rider and help the day run smoothly. Once you have finished for the day and tended to your horse's needs, please return to the clubhouse and offer to help in the running of the day. Yards are available free of charge, so you can leave your horse in a safe environment. The event organizers are likely to be riding and will need your assistance to allow them to prepare their horse for the day. The club encourages members to help and support one another, this may include holding horses, helping with forms, or covering someone else's job. Please be an active member for everyone's fun, safety and enjoyment of the day. Please also feel free to arrive early to the event/clinic to help before you ride. This is another great way to show your support to fellow riders and members. The club cannot run successfully without member involvement.

### Lighting of fenced arena

Use of lighting is available at a cost of \$10 per hour or part thereof payable by bank transfer. Details on club's website. Access to the switch is in the white power box on power pole in club house yard. This is locked you will need to prearrange pick up of a key to access it.

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## Water

Please be conservative as the club must pay for water usage.

## Lunging

Lunging is to be in the round yard or in the grassed areas. Lunging must not occur in the competition arenas or the fenced arena. This may cause damage to our facilities and possibly endanger other members using that facility.

## Other matters

Club members must be aware of the following:

1. All instructors must be insured if giving lessons or clinics at the club grounds.
2. Gates must be locked when leaving the club grounds. If you find the gate unlocked, please lock it. Members that need access have keys.
3. All riders using the grounds must be financial club members.
4. All members have equal rights to use the arenas. Lessons do not have priority unless at a club sanctioned event, but arena riding protocols need to be observed.
5. Wet weather – please be considerate when using grounds/arenas after rain. Please refer to the club's Facebook page as to the use of the grounds and arenas following wet weather.
6. The Hunter Trial/Cross Country Course may only be used, when you have a suitable experienced adult or instructor supervising and a back protector to be worn by the rider. Riders must not exceed their experience level.
7. ANY PERSON FOUND DAMAGING OR DESTROYING CLUB PROPERTY OR FACILITIES WILL HAVE TO SHOW CAUSE AS TO WHY THEY SHOULD RETAIN MEMBERSHIP RIGHTS
8. There are two days a year (Christmas Day and part of Anzac Day) where the council have stipulated there is to be no use of the club grounds. Although we apply for permits to reduce the amount of time that the grounds are unavailable please be aware that your membership will be revoked should you ignore the direction of Logan City Council.

## **Point of Contact:**

The committee and/or subcommittee members are your first point of contact for all queries. Any queries that they can't answer will be answered by the President.

## **First Aid:**

A qualified First Aid officer will be available at all club competitions. The club's first aid kit and supplies are stored in the white cupboard in the scoring/meeting room in the club house.

## **Ribbons/placings:**

Dressage: Participation/Competitive competitions ribbons go to 6th place. Ties are allowed if equal placings cannot be resolved.

Internal Club competitions, ribbons go to 10th place, ties allowed if equal placings cannot be resolved.

Hack: Ribbons to 4<sup>th</sup> for open and internal hack shows.

Show Jumping: Ribbons to 6<sup>th</sup> for Participation/Competitive show jumping events. Ties do not occur e.g. back to time/clear round.

Hunter Trial/Crossing Country: Coming Soon

## **Refunds for Scratching/Cancelling from an Event**

To receive a refund (less 20% admin fee) for scratching/cancelling from an event you must supply the club with a doctor or vet certificate within 7 days of the event. A copy of your certificate must be emailed to treasurer or to another committee member to forward onto treasurer. If this is not supplied within 24 hours post event date you must also supply your bank details to deposit the refund to.

In the case of an event being cancelled by the Club, (e.g. due to poor weather conditions). Riders will be refunded the full amount. If the event is postponed and a new date is set that a rider cannot attend. The rider will be issued a full refund.

## **Hiring of grounds:**

The grounds are available for hire to outside organisations that meet the criteria established by the committee especially regarding risk management/insurance. Any enquiries should be directed to the Secretary and a current Grounds Hire Form must be completed, this can be found on the Club's website. Members are asked not to use grounds when hired out, unless otherwise stated. Dates are always listed on club's Facebook page and website.

## **Helper requirements:**

As part of nomination requirements riders are allocated a job. Please be considerate to event organisers and your fellow club members and be on time and do the job you are assigned. If you are unable to do your job, it is your responsibility to find someone to take your place. Failure to do your job or find a replacement will result in your future nominations being brought into question.

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Members riding in the event are expected to help as part of your club membership. Non-competing members who volunteer their time will be paid in club vouchers at \$5 an hour. All volunteers must sign the sign on book.

### **Dogs on grounds:**

**DOGS ARE NOT PERMITTED AT ANY CLUB ORGANISED ACTIVITY.** Anybody bringing a dog onto the grounds on an event day will be asked to remove the dog from the grounds.

If you bring a dog onto the grounds at any other time, the dog **MUST** be on a leash and tied to your float/truck/car.

Dogs are not permitted within the fenced area of the club house or in riding areas.

Please be aware of the biosecurity risk of bringing your dog to the grounds.

### **Club By-laws:**

1. All riders must wear a current and approved helmet as per Equestrian Australia regulations and appropriate footwear.
2. All riders must be financial to participate in club activities and to ride at the club grounds.
3. Members under eighteen (18) years are not eligible to vote.
4. Alcohol is not permitted at club events which are attended by members with their horses. Alcohol may be available at social functions provided the members who attend such functions do not bring their horses.
5. Children (under 18) must always have a supervising parent and/or guardian on the grounds.
6. It is preferable that no dog be brought on club grounds. If a dog is taken onto the grounds it must be kept away from riding areas and club house fenced area. It must always be kept under control on a leash. No dogs permitted on trail rides. Absolutely **NO DOGS** on competition or training days.
7. Stallions are allowed on the grounds and at club events unless specifically stated otherwise in the event program. Stallions **MUST** always be handled by a rider 18 years or older and under control. Handlers are asked to manage their stallion according to Equestrian Australia stallion handling guidelines (see EA web site for guidelines). Stallions must be either yarded in the separate stallion yards (only two available) or tied to a truck/float and must always be supervised while tied up. They cannot be yarded in the general yards among other horses. If stallions become out of control or a threat to any other horse or person, the handler will be asked to remove them from the grounds.
8. Horses cannot be exchanged between members in any dressage competition where the one horse/one rider rule (EA) applies.

9. Members will have discounted nominations to compete at participation or competitive or open competitions (participation dressage or participation show jumping events) and clinics.
10. All entry gates MUST be closed while horses are on the grounds.
11. All members are encouraged to abide by the country code:
  - (a) enjoy the countryside and respect its life and work
  - (b) guard against the risk of fire
  - (c) fasten all gates
  - (d) keep to defined paths across farmland
  - (e) leave livestock, crops and machinery alone
  - (f) take your litter home or use bins provided. DO NOT drop rubbish on the ground
  - (g) help to keep all water clean
  - (h) protect wildlife, plants and trees
  - (i) adopt care and abide by rules when riding on roads

## TROPHY PRIZE POOL

### **Dressage:**

**Internal Dressage:** Points trophies from the current year's internal club dressage days. Members must compete at 50% of internal club dressage events to be eligible\* for a trophy.

- Junior Preparatory Champion and Reserve Champion
- Senior Preparatory Champion and Reserve Champion
- Junior Preliminary Champion and Reserve Champion
- Senior Preliminary Champion and Reserve Champion
- Junior Novice Champion and Reserve Champion
- Senior Novice Champion and Reserve Champion
- Junior Elementary Champion and Reserve Champion
- Senior Elementary Champion and Reserve Champion
- Senior Medium/ Advanced Champion and Reserve Champion

\* if competitions are cancelled due to weather etc, then it will be at the discretion of the committee to decide on the eligibility for awarding trophies.

**Open Dressage:** Points trophies from the current year's Participation/Competitive Competitions at Cedar Grove and all Equestrian Australia affiliated competitions (except for those competitions which restrict age, breed and membership) and agricultural show events.

- Champion Open Dressage Senior Rider
- Reserve Champion Open Dressage Senior Rider

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- Champion Open Dressage Junior Rider
- Reserve Champion Open Dressage Junior Rider
- Most Improved Junior and Senior
- Encouragement Junior and Senior

**Jumping:** Points trophies for all Cedar Grove and all Equestrian Australia affiliated competitions (except for those competitions which restrict age, breed and membership) and agricultural show events.

- Junior Club Champion and Reserve Champion
- Senior Champion and Reserve Champion
- Open Champion and Reserve Champion
- Most Improved Junior and Senior

**Hunter Trial:** Coming Soon

**General:**

- Competitors Trophy: Champion and Reserve Champion. This trophy is for all equestrian competitions including Cedar Grove Participation and Open competitions and all Equestrian Australia affiliated competitions (except for those competitions which restrict age, breed and membership), agricultural shows, club hack shows, other clubs' open competitions.
- President's Trophy: Best all-round club member as decided by the Club President
- Club Champion: Highest points for all Cedar Grove club's cumulative participation, open and internal events.
- Junior appreciation of membership: Medallion to all junior members.



## HELPFUL INFORMATION FOR COMPETING AT CGDRC

### **DRESSAGE**

#### **What is Dressage?**

In Dressage competitions, horse and rider are expected to perform from memory a series of predetermined movements, known as 'figures'. The arena has 12 lettered markers placed symmetrically indicating where movements are to start and finish and where changes of pace or lead are to occur. In all competitions, the horse has to show the paces: walk, trot and canter as well as smooth transitions within and between these paces.

The Dressage tests vary in levels of difficulty between seniors, young riders, pony riders and children. The standard formula for FEI World and continental championships and the Olympic Games consists of Grand Prix, Grand Prix Special and Grand Prix Freestyle (Kur) tests. In a Freestyle test, the athlete is free to choose his own form and manner of presentation, in all other tests the athletes follow a set test.

#### **How is dressage judged?**

Grand Prix dressage at Championships utilise five judges; lower level tests use two or three judges. As soon as the horse enters the arena it is being judged. While accuracy is important it is by no means the only criterion by which dressage is judged. The judge actually judges the horse, not the rider, although the rider is given a mark out of 10 for position, seat, hands and effectiveness, at the end of the test. Each movement is given a mark out of ten. Once totalled, these scores produce a percentage and the rider or team with the highest total score is declared the winner. A score of 60% is considered to be good - winning tests often score upwards of 75%.

Equestrian Australia is pleased to be able to provide our affiliated clubs with a Dressage Scoring System. Developed by Keith Smith of Queensland for the complimentary use by all our affiliated dressage clubs, this new scoring system makes the competition day for event organisers a lot simpler. The system is very easy to use and all that is required is a computer or two that have Microsoft Excel installed and some willing operators! As a separate file is kept for Horse and Rider information, the data can be re-used for different classes and competitions, reducing data entry time. All EA and FEI tests are supplied, and the program is able to accommodate other tests without updates to the scoring program. Results are shown with individual judges' rankings for all participants and over-all placings. Results are in a format suitable for posting directly to the scoreboard and for import into the EA database.

### **Dressage Movements**

#### **The Passage**

This is a measured, very collected trot, elevated and cadenced. It is characterised by a pronounced engagement of the quarters, a more accentuated flexion of the knees and hocks and the graceful elasticity of the movement. Each diagonal pair of feet is raised and returned to the ground alternatively, with cadence and a prolonged suspension.

#### **The Piaffe**

A highly collected trot, cadenced, elevated and giving the impression of being in place. The horse's back is supple and elastic. The quarters are slightly lowered, the haunches with active

hocks are well engaged, giving great freedom, lightness and mobility to the shoulders and forehand. Each diagonal pair of feet is raised and returned to the ground alternatively, with even cadence.

### **The Pirouette**

A highly developed form of lateral movement executed on a very small circle with a radius approximately equal to the length of the horse. It can be performed in walk, piaffe or canter. The most important aspect of a good pirouette is that the rhythm and tempo of the gait in which it is performed should be exactly maintained before, during and in the departure from the movement. This can only be satisfactorily achieved if a high degree of collection and impulsion is held. In the canter pirouette, the hindquarters will be noticeably lowered, though there should be no apparent lifting of the horse's head or forehand which would imply a loss of collection and a consequent flattening of the back. The horse should remain slightly flexed in the direction of the turn throughout, the quarters remaining well controlled to form the true pivot of the movement. He must never show the smallest tendency to drift backwards. Between 6 and 8 strides are desirable in a well-controlled canter pirouette, the quality of the movement being judged according to the suppleness, lightness, cadence and regularity.

### **Flying Change of Leg**

To make a flying change from canter-left to canter-right, or vice versa, the horse has to reorganise the sequence in which his legs operate in the asymmetrical beat of the gait. This primarily involves the quick adjustment of the hind legs in the same way a child changes its legs while skipping along the pavement. This adjustment can only be made in the very moment following the third beat when all four legs are off the ground. A good flying change should flow smoothly through into the first stride of the new lead without any sign of hesitation or of a shortening of a stride, and with no loss of balance. The horse should appear to make the change with pride and elegance. It is only a matter of acquiring sufficient balance and gymnastic freedom of action to master the flying changes every four, three, two and one stride.

### **Lateral Movements**

Lateral movements, comprising all movements in a direction other than that on which the horse is aligned, are of four main varieties and all can be used in various forms in all three basic gaits of walk, trot and canter. The standard variations are leg yielding, shoulder-in, traverse (or quarters-in) and half-pass. Leg yielding is not in advanced dressage. All lateral movements share the same purpose of making the horse attentive and obedient to the aids of improving his balance, suppleness and powers of collection. In all of them it is expected that the rhythm of the stride will not be hurried or short.

### **The Half-pass**

The half-pass is widely used in all advanced dressage, and when well performed, is a very elegant and impressive movement. When performed from one side of the arena to the other it is often referred to as 'traversal'. The half-pass is also shown in the form of a zig-zag or counter change of hand, requiring flying changes of leg when done in canter. The horse should be slightly bent in the direction in which he is moving.

## **SHOW HORSE**

### **What is Show Horse?**

Show horses are exhibited in three divisions; Pony, Galloway and Hack.

- A Pony Show horse, Hunter must not exceed 14hh
- A Galloway Show horse Hunter must be over 14hh and not exceed 15hh
- A Hack Show horse, Hunter is over 15 hh.

The overriding principle is that a show horse after being beautifully conformed, of high quality, a magnificent mover and having lovely manners and paces. Showing is subjective so is subject to a Judge's decision. The Judge will place the horses in the correct order. Movement is very important because a show horse must move with balance, elegance, lightness, correctness and with the right rhythm for the gait. If a horse is not conformed correctly it will have difficulty in moving with perfect rhythm. This shows as carrying head too high or too low, short choppy gait, too much knee action and not pushing through from behind and many more imperfections.

The horse should work with a nicely rounded back, naturally elevated in front and head flexed at the poll. The contact should be light and even. Holding a horse in a shape with the use of brute strength or artificial gadgets is not truly getting a horse to accept and to come happily on to the bit. A show horse must give the impression of covering the ground easily and fluently. The horse must be well balanced and work without any obvious effort by the rider or any untoward resistance from the horse. The whole picture should be pleasing to the eye.

A Show Hunter should possess more substance than the modern ridden Show Horse, but it must be emphasised they should be quality animals. A quality Show Hunter must create the impression that it is capable of hunting over a variety of terrain – this militates against any weakness in conformation which would prevent this, and he must do it comfortably and safely for his rider.

## **SHOW JUMPING**

### **What is Jumping?**

Jumping is probably the best known of the equestrian disciplines recognised by the FEI where men and women compete as equals in both individual and team events. In modern Jumping competitions, horse and rider are required to complete a course of 10 to 13 jumps, the objective of which is to test the combination's skill, accuracy and training.

The aim is always to jump the course in the designed sequence with no mistakes – a clear round. If any part of an obstacle is knocked down or if the horse refuses a jump, penalties are accumulated. The winner of the competition is the horse and rider combination that incurs the least number of penalties, completes the course in the fastest time or gains the highest number of points depending on the type of competition.

### **FEI World Cup Jumping**

The FEI World Cup Jumping Series comprises of 13 leagues across all continents. The top placed rider from each series is invited to attend the World Cup Jumping final.

## **Scoring**

For most competitions two types of scoring table are used: Table A and Table C. The most frequently used scoring table is Table A. Each fault is penalised with a certain number of penalties. Each bar knocked down draws a sanction of 4 penalties, as does the first refusal (this is when the horse stops short in front of the jump or goes around it). The second baulking or refusal, as well as any fall, will eliminate the horse and rider. The classification is established according to the penalties obtained. Often, several riders succeed in jumping a clear round. In this case, there are two possibilities: if the competition does not include a Jump-off, the competitor with the fastest time wins. If the competition does include a Jump-off, those tied for first place jump a new shorter round against the clock. The winner is the one with the fewest penalties accumulated over the reduced course, and in the event of a tied score, the time will be the deciding factor.

Competitions judged according to Table C are called speed competitions as the classification is established only according to time. Faults incurred are converted into seconds and added the time taken to complete the round. In Table A competitions, there is a time allowed; riders who do not complete their round in the time allowed are penalised by 1 fault per four seconds of excess time. Whatever the type of Table, there is a time limit during which the round must be completed; exceeding the time limit incurs elimination.

## **HUNTER TRIAL/CROSS COUNTRY**

**Coming Soon**

## **CONCLUSION**

The Cedar Grove & District Riding Club Members Handbook has been developed to assist members in gaining the greatest benefit from their membership and to be a good club member. Your input is welcome as the handbook will be updated periodically throughout the year as required. Please take your feedback or suggestions to the committee either at an Annual General Meeting, an open general meeting or to a committee member by email.

Most importantly, we hope you enjoy your membership at Cedar Grove and District Riding Club and look forward to a fun, safe and active year.

Sincerely,

The Management Committee