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# Rider

November 2009

Hello Everyone!

What a beautifully warm and sunny day the 25<sup>th</sup> October was with both Dressage and Showjumping competing in our last competition of the year. Unfortunately the mid afternoon storm did dampen some competitors however a terrific day was had by all.

Thanks to everyone who helped out at our events this year; without you, we would not have a club or any local competitions. Special thanks must go to those wonderful members we see at every competition. These people work so hard to ensure that we all have a great time. It would be great to see some other members pitch in and help out too! All help is greatly appreciated and will ensure the future of the club.

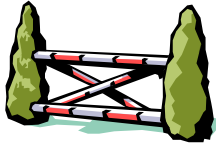
We will be having a great break up party on November 22<sup>nd</sup> so it would be great to see members and their families come along. This will be a fully catered event so make sure to check out the info in this issue. Please RSVP to Lysanne Dolphin by November 12<sup>th</sup>.

I'm looking forward to seeing you at our break up party on the 22<sup>nd</sup>! We would really appreciate any interested members who could possibly take on a role next year with NADEC. If you think you could help out, please come along or e-mail any of the committee members.

Cheers  
Simonne

DON'T FORGET: To check the website regularly for any updates...mark it as a favourite on your internet page <http://www.nadec.net>

**Please note: NADEC's next General Meeting will be held at Mudgeeraba Pony & Hack Club rooms on 17<sup>th</sup> November from 7:30pm**



## Presidents and Showjumping Report



November 2009

A huge thankyou to the 2009 committee and the many members who helped out and made this year so successful. It is that time of year again when the members get a chance to show just how much they enjoy their club by putting up their hands to help out in 2010.

I am very concerned for the future of show jumping at NADEC. We really need an influx of committed and dedicated show jumpers to give this side of the club a kick start, or we may need to look at being a Dressage Club. Please prove me wrong.

We have 62 jump rails to paint and plan to do this on Sunday, November 15 at 2pm. If you would like to help give me a call on 5522 8545 to RSVP so I can reserve a paint brush for you.

Happy Riding

Kara

**"HAVE YOU SEEN THE..."**

**2010 Events & Venue Calendar – check out the club's website**

**It MAY be subject to change, so please check the website regularly to ensure you have the latest competition information**





## Dressage Report



Dear NADEC Members,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support of the Nerang & Districts Equestrian Club over the 2009 competition season.

As a club we have grown significantly in membership over the past few years, something that we are very proud of. During this time we have been fortunate enough to have a number of Senior Members filling the Club Committee roles.

It is with regret that I wish to inform you that there have been a number of retirements and resignations from these Senior Members presented to the Committee for the 2010 season. As such, for the club to continue running local Dressage events into the future, we require members to consider taking a role on the Committee,

We would like to take this opportunity to invite new people with fresh ideas to in making the 2010 Committee and competition season one of our most successful yet.

All juniors and seniors are invited to nominate themselves for a role, or create roles so that we can reduce the workload for the current Committee positions. This is your chance to shape the club and the sport of Dressage on the Gold Coast!!!

We welcome all questions regarding any of the Committee positions, and invite you to attend the dressage meetings.

Monique Davidson



### **Some information of interest from Dressage Queensland**

A training aid is available for the new dressage tests we are all now dealing with. The link below takes you to a site where you can order it online. It is supposed to be very helpful.

Here is the web site where you can purchase the video 'On All Levels' which cover our current tests from Novice to Advanced and shows judging the tests from both the short side and long side. Cost is US\$39.95 + US\$10 = US\$49.95 = approx with a discount until the end of the year.

[http://premierequestrian.3dcartstores.com/2007-On-The-Levels--2-Volume-Set\\_p\\_0-84.html#](http://premierequestrian.3dcartstores.com/2007-On-The-Levels--2-Volume-Set_p_0-84.html#)



*NADEC*  
*Christmas Breakup Party*  
*And*  
*AGM*

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**When:** Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> November

**Where:** Mudgeeraba Pony & Hack Club Grounds

**When:** 12 Noon

This will be a fully catered event with lunch and drinks included. We would love to see as many NADEC members and their families there. We will also be presenting the trophies to the Dressage & Showjumping High Point Trophy winners of 2009 Along with many other prizes.

NADEC will also be holding their AGM and will be looking for any interested persons who can help with NADEC next year.

Nominations for the following positions are requested:

President  
Vice President  
Secretary  
Dressage coordinator  
Showjumping coordinator  
Gayle Blums will continue in the role of Treasurer

Come one come all, let us all celebrate a great year of equestrian competitions.

Please RSVP our secretary Lysanne Dolphin on 5502 2415 or 0413 687 106 with your acceptance and the number in your family attending by 15<sup>th</sup> November.

**For catering purposes could you please advise how many children under 5, and how many children aged between 5 and 11 will be attending. Thank you for your cooperation.**



**Natalie Ciappara**



**is from Germany**



**Cactus Corner**

Hi to all,

As you already know (unless you have forgotten me completely!) I am still training in Germany with American International Rider/Trainer Catherine Haddad, <http://internationaldressage.com/>. There are a couple of things I wanted to update you on & although this comes out of the blue, I have been meaning to get this email out for months!

First thing is that I am planning a short trip back to Australia (possibly end Nov 09) and would be happy to make myself available for lessons, or better still, arrange a clinic (I teach with a Mic system, no more excuses that I can't be heard, so my students have to do what I say!). If anyone is interested please get in touch with me to begin arrangements.

Second thing is that I have begun working with a Audio Engineer and we are producing Freestyles, here is an example of one we have produced:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oVE0cq1zqWI>

The special service we offer is that we are able to reproduce any song you like and fit it to your and your horse perfectly (as oppose to the many cheap Karaoke versions out there), all the music is recorded live and re-mixed by professional musicians and is absolute top professional quality (as seen in the video above). If anyone is interested in a new Freestyle for any level, please get in touch with me!

Third and finally we always have a number of top quality horses for sale at our stable, if anyone is interested in buying from Germany/Europe, you should definitely let me know. Right now there is a very interesting schoolmaster available: 14yo Brown Gelding by Cesar, over 17hh. Does all Grand Prix movements, shown FEI with big success in Eastern Europe, especially Young Rider categories. His drawback is that he does have a breathing tone, hence his price of 45 000€. Otherwise we have many top class young horses and also FEI horses on offer, just get in touch with me and I can send you more infos, pictures & videos.

Cheers,  
Nat

**NOTE: Natalie has advised 'RIDER' that her coaching fees will be roughly around \$80.00 per lesson. She is looking forward to hearing from you 😊**



Everyone at NADEC would like to extend a very warm welcome to..

- Annabel, Brittany, Eloise and Felicity Watkinson
- Sam Drewe
- Welcome back Tracy Ramskill
- Yuki Asano
- Merrick & Shelly Ubank
- Catherine Winter

We look forward to meeting you all very soon.

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### Daunting task???

As with most of you we have floated rider, horse and all the gear from Beaudesert to Warwick to Toowoomba to Caboolture to Maryborough to Bangalow. What a shock it was to find out that Gemma had qualified for the QISEA National Championships in Werribee, Victoria, **2000 km** away.

With several options available for the horse transportation, 10 horse truck out of Brisbane, 10 horse truck out of Darling Downs, 6 horse goose neck out of Beaudesert or our 2 horse float. What was the best? After speaking to many who have floated horses on long trips and listened to all the things that can happen (horses falling over in the truck, getting kicked because the horse next to them was a shit and arriving lame, only to turn around and have to go home again) we decided to float ourselves. The next question which road to take, the coast road, the New England or the Newell Hwy. We settled on the Newell Hwy slightly longer than the New England but straighter .

It's easy when you drive yourself, just stop when and where you want to, but what do you do with the horse? Again ask those who have gone before! Showgrounds have stables some good some not so good. After studying the map the route was set. The car was packed the float was packed and we were ready, last minute thought, throw in the gumboots and horse's rain coat.

Left Guanaba at 6am on Wed, next stop - Goondiwindi showgrounds for fuel and lunch. All went well but driving into Toowoomba the sky looked strange "RED". Just out of Toowoomba we struck the dust storm, you could not see 100 meters in front of you, this was going to be a slow trip. Had to stop at Goondiwindi to exercise the horse and feed ourselves, the showground was great, but the red dust was still blowing and you could not get out of it. Packed up and headed for Coonabarabran for an overnight stop. Eventually the dust storm subsided an hour out of Coonabarabran. Showgrounds again were great and the old bushy open up the show jumping arena for Blaze to have a run, \$5 cheap overnight for the horse.

Early start 6am and on our way to West Wylong for our lunch stop. Found the racetrack/showgrounds easily and at least there was no dust storm today. Next stop Shepparton, horse stables arranged at Tatura Park as the showgrounds did not have stables, this was pre organised thru the council, stable block 9, see the caretaker, arrived 6pm, no caretaker in sight, stable block 9 full locked, aahhhh, absolutely no one around, cold, wet and windy. After checking all the other stable blocks we found block 12 was open and stabled the horse, what a relief.

We left Shepparton mid morning, still no one around, run by the council that figures. Made it into Werribee Park at 2pm on Friday, wet, windy, and cold. Lucky we have gumboots for the mud, rain and wind. Saturday & Sunday we all recovered from the trip, vet check for all horses on Monday.

Over 300 horses and school riders from all over Australia attended, 9 riders from NT, 12 riders from Tas, and 10 riders from WA, 60 riders and horses

travelled down from QLD and the rest were from VIC, SA and NSW. The weather cleared on Tuesday for the 4 day competition. Dressage, Showman, Show Jumping , Eventing and Combined Training. What a great 4 days with mounted presentation on the last day. 300 mounted horses around the edge of the indoor stadium, spectacular.

The trip back to Qld was easy we travelled in convoy to Dubbo for the first night, then home, only had one puncture in West Wylong and even that was not a problem, dropped the float, horse and Gemma at the showgrounds and went and got it fixed. Late night into Guanaba. I was really amazed at how well Blaze travelled , just as well Gemma hopes to make Nationals next year, but at least it's in Sydney at the Olympic facilities.

Happy Floating!  
Gayle Blums



Here is the travelling duo – Gayle and Gemma Blums

## Getting to know your NADEC Members

- **Meet:** Danica Vansleve
- **Born in the town of:** Brisbane
- **On the date of:** 18/5/86
- **Occupation:** Sales, Marketing and Design for Norfolk Pools
- **First started riding at the age of:** 8
- **On a horse called:** Sugar
- **And was coached by:** Mum
- **How I got started into horse riding:** Horses run in the family, distant relatives are stockhorse breeders and racehorse trainers. Both sets of grandparents were heavily involved in Mt Gravatt and Runcorn pony clubs, my Grandad started Calamvale Produce and Mum was an eventer.
- **Fell in love with the discipline of:** Dressage
- **My present coach:** Geraldine Van Montfrans-Eady and Ricky Macmillan
- **Current horses name.** Rockerfeller (Rocky) and Brindabah Park Venezia (Squiggles)
- **Any special achievements you have achieved with your horse:** 6<sup>th</sup> Elementary Freestyle at National YR 06, Member of the Qld YR Squad 2006 and 2007, 5<sup>th</sup> at First PSG start at the Sunshine Coast Futurity July 08. Squigg – Reserve Champion ladies hack at her one and only hack show.
- **Horse goals for 2009 are:** We started very late this season with Rocky's first comp in June. He's so much stronger now, I would like to start him officially at PSG before the end of the year but we are very happy playing at home! He is getting older so we have to be selective of what ground he is ridden on. Squigg should be back under saddle in the next few weeks after 2 surgeries and 10 months off. I'm really just hoping for a sound horse! But she will also be bred and all going well, will stay in work for some of the pregnancy.  
*I also hope to go to Germany before the end of the year to catch up with a few friends and see some competitions, hopefully take up an invitation to stay with a judge/instructor and do some riding but it may not happen till next year depending on work and timing.*
- **Non-Horse goals are:** To be successful with work and to spend as much time with friends as possible.

- ***Any other pets that keep your bank account nice and empty:*** We have 8 horses, a Tenterfield Terrier and two old (16 & 19yo) Siamese cats. We've also been adopted by the neighbour's Himalayan/Rag Doll cat who's made herself very comfortable in our house! Their dog is also trying!
- ***Favourites:***
- ***Drink:*** *Coke and water... all I live on at competitions*
- ***Food:*** *Thai, maybe Green Curry and coconut rice*
- ***Day of the week:*** *Friday*
- ***Why:*** *day before the weekend and also lesson day!*
- ***Movie:*** *Pirates of the Caribbean was great, also saw The Ugly Truth last week and that was fantastic!*
- ***TV show:*** *Grey's Anatomy*
- ***Book:*** *Rider and Polo, by Jilly Cooper*
- ***Sport:*** *Dressage. Do watch the occasional AFL game, and Badminton is fun to play!*
- ***Restaurant:*** *Chiang Mai Thai in Broadbeach*
- ***Ice Cream flavour:*** *Mint*
- ***Childhood memory:*** *We had an awesome teacher in Grade 9 who was both scary/stern and a lot of fun; with a few of the trouble makers/clowns in our class it was always entertaining! In the first week, they decided to turn the classroom back to front while the teacher stepped out, we knew we'd either get detention for the whole year or he'd find it hilarious! Thankfully it was the latter, and for the rest of the year, there was always something funny going on.*
- ***Magazine:*** *The Horse Magazine*
- ***Pair of Jodhpurs:*** *Bella Equus and Isabell Werth*
- ***Item in the tack room:*** *Rocky's saddle... Luc Childeric*
- ***Time of the day:*** *Evening*
- ***Breakfast meal:*** *Mango Smoothie or Eggs Benedict*
- ***Colour:*** *Blue*
- ***Music:*** *Top 40, Rock*
- ***Season:*** *Autumn*
- ***Your ideal holiday destination would be:*** *Rome is amazing, would love to go back, would love to see Germany in the warmer months and attend some of the big competitions*
- ***Any bad habits:*** *I'm sure yes...*

- **Describe your typical day:** *Every day is different depending on what work appointments I have. I go to Brisbane anywhere between 2-5 days a week; I either start early morning to mid day or early afternoon in to evening depending on what suits our clients. I fit in riding around that and also have to fit in office time to compile quotes, work on designs etc. The horses are fed around 8am and 5:30pm, so I try to be home for at least one of the feedings every day. In a way it's great because I have so much flexibility rather than being stuck in an office, but it's hard to establish a routine, especially in the warmer months as it gets so hectic!*
- **Anything else you love to do when you're not around the horses:** *There's really no getting away from the horses, which is fine with me! But, love catching up with friends whether it's movies, coffee or just hanging out at someone's house.*



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