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DUNOG DRESSAGE CLUB

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Our Championship competition on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October was a day of surprises. The weather was the obvious one, but another pleasant surprise was watching some spectacular teamwork between riders & their horses. The competition showcased a number of up & coming horse & rider combinations that received high scores from our judges. Well done to all our competitors!

The thunder storm that disrupted us in the middle of the competition was one of those 'challenges' that a committee has to deal with. Our President Mick Gibbs walked the grounds & made the decision to continue the competition once the worst of the storm was over, allowing rider discretion to scratch if they so chose. By this stage we only had a small number of tests remaining & as expected the storm blew over fairly quickly.

A big thank you must go to our judges Hamish, Gordon, Jillian, Leslie & of course Muriel who filled in at short notice. Your knowledge & professionalism is something we admire & Dungog Dressage is very grateful for your assistance. Along with our judges a special mention goes to our helpers on the day – pencilling, gear checking, runners & arena dismantlers, there are no words to express how much we value you all! Thank you to Sue from Paterson River Pony Club for running the canteen & helping clean up at the end of the day. Lastly but by no means least to our committee Liz, Anni, Tracie and Mick for all your assistance in the office, along with Karen who soldiered on until her hayfever got the better of her - we pulled together in that tiny office without loss of life, no mean feat I can tell you ☺

The Championship competition would be nothing without our sponsors, who generously donated the winner's rugs which were a stunning navy & white embroidered by Priestly Produce at Wallsend. The winner's rugs were presented by Liz and Anni to –

<b>Jnr Prep Champ</b> Reserve Champ	<b>HORSELAND MAITLAND</b>	<b>Baleigh Lane</b> Sarah Smith
<b>Yth Prep Champ</b> Reserve Champ	<b>EQUINE AFFINITY</b>	<b>Brooke Neilson</b> Isabella Martin-Plisi
<b>Open Prep Champ</b> Reserve Champ	<b>D&amp;K WATER HAULAGE</b>	<b>Melody Webber</b> Ann-Maree Cambridge
<b>Jnr Prelim Champ</b> Reserve Champ	<b>RURAL TRADERS</b>	<b>Jessica McDonald</b> Makayla Carroll
<b>Yth Prelim Champ</b> Reserve Champ	<b>SADDLEWORLD</b>	<b>Samantha King</b> Heidi-Rose DeKoeयर
<b>Open Prelim Champ</b> Reserve Champ	<b>HORSELAND RAY TRC</b>	<b>Melinda Morris</b> Laura Summerhayes
<b>Jnr Novice Champ</b> Yth Novice Champ	<b>MICK GIBBS FARRIER</b> <b>KIRKWOODS</b>	<b>Jessica McDonald</b> <b>Emily Smith</b>
<b>Open Novice Champ</b> Reserve Champ	<b>INCOMESURE</b>	<b>Ann-Maree Cambridge</b> Mick Gibbs
<b>Elementary Champ</b> Reserve Champ	<b>Zenith Fitness &amp; Massage</b>	<b>Brittany Hoey</b> Leanne Mozsi
<b>Medium Champ</b> Reserve Champ	<b>HICKS HAY &amp; GRAIN</b>	<b>Georgia Glasson</b> Carolyn Murphy
<b>Advance Champ</b> <b>Pony Champ</b> Reserve Champ	<b>K FAR RURAL SERVICES</b> <b>MICK GIBBS FARRIER</b>	<b>Amanda Neilson</b> <b>Annita Giner</b> Tracie Irvine

We will be holding our yearly presentation night to coincide with our AGM on Tue 6<sup>th</sup> December 2011 at the *Erringhi Hotel in the Wild Duck Bistro* who has kindly offered to cater for us. There are 2 reasons we will be holding it in December rather than in April as we have in the past. Firstly we would like all our members to come along & enjoy a Christmas get together and secondly but most definitely the most important is to try to keep the club alive! Quite frankly, as a committee of only 5 people it has become too big of a strain on all committee members who have earned themselves a well deserved break. A number of key position holders have indicated that they will be resigning; these include our President Mick Gibbs & Vice President Liz Elliott.

**The future of Dungog Dressage Club is in your hands. We need fresh faces to keep the club alive. In the event that a new committee CAN NOT be found the club will FOLD, something that no one wants to see happen.**

**CAN YOU HELP?**

**If you have any queries please don't hesitate to contact me on 0412 996 647**

**We look forward to seeing you all at our  
Annual Pointscore Presentation/Christmas Party/AGM  
TUE 6<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2011, commencing at 6.30pm.**

Warm regards,  
**Yvette Phillips**  
Secretary  
Dungog Dressage Club