

# Around the Arena

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Welcome to the FSCDA newsletter, we hope to bring more than results to our members. It's shaping up to be a great year of Dressage starting off with the Easter Dressage Festival at Bemboka Showground.

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March, Peter Shaw Judges seminar. Peter is a National A level Dressage Judge, FEI Event judge and a very accomplished rider in his own right. This seminar is free; I encourage all members to consider this opportunity to improve your knowledge of what goes into judging a dressage test and possibly even becoming a judge yourself.

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March, FSCDA Dressage competition Prep to Advanced, our first comp of the year.

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> and Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March, Lessons with Peter Shaw, lessons are in 45-minute blocks \$145. Peter is a very talented instructor with the ability to get the most out of you and your horse.



## Joke of the Month

Q: What kind of bread does a horse eat?

A: Thoroughbred



# Focus on the Rules of Dressage

Each month we will focus on a different rule of Dressage Competition i.e. legal bits, whip length ...

## 4.5 Gear Steward

- a) it remains the full responsibility of the rider to comply with the equipment rules as outlined
- b) it is the responsibility of the OC to provide a gear steward. It is the ultimate responsibility of the competitor to comply with the rules relating to gear
- c) if a rider does not have their gear checked by the appointed gear check steward, they may incur elimination

at the discretion of the Ground Jury, Appeal Committee or TD.

d) every consideration must be given to not disturbing the harmony of the horse and rider prior to them entering the competition area

e) the gear steward must NOT alter any gear. If gear is too loose or incorrectly fitted, the rider or their agent must make the necessary adjustments

## Rider of the Month: Kim Gardner

Our first rider profile is the one and only Kim Gardner, Kim has been an active member of FSCDA for 8 years, always ready to lend a hand at whatever task is required, she is often hard at work in the background, covering such things as the Facebook page, the website, expanding publicity and helping with the entry forms. Kim stepped out from behind the computer screen to do an amazing job doing the commentary at our 2015 Championships, our biggest weekend of the year. We look forward to seeing Kim (and William) step up to Novice this year, good luck Kimbo.



**Name:** Kimberley Anne Gardner

**Age:** 47 although thought I was 48 last birthday.

**Horse:** OTTB Sir William of Candelo (Chillie Willie) 10 years

**How Long at FSCDA** since 2008 I think.

**Current Competition level:** prelim stepping up to novice.

**Coach:** Belinda mackintosh (Cooma)

**Other interests:** are there other interests? HA HA A huge fan of Freestyle and I dabble in WEQ

**This years goals:** Make it through the year without William injuring himself, lose weight, and get fitter.

**Future goals:** Keep riding for a few more years.

# Horse of The Month

Smit'n G'Kar was born in the early hours of the 23 of December 2006 at Chris and Tori's Farm in Tantawangalo. He is a Part Welsh Appaloosa Gelding by Fleur De Lys Alladdin out of WJ Check the Docket.



G'Kar was a very cute foal, as you can see from the photo's! He grew up on The Farm until he was three when he went off to Mick Otton to be broken in. He came home from Mick's after three weeks and his saddle career began. He was lightly ridden by Chris for 18 months when we decided to have him gelded (sorry mate). After recovery Tori took on the ride but a young horse proved too much for her at the time and he returned to Chris for a few more months to further his education. In January of 2012 Tori once again took over the ride and they have been a team ever since.

G'Kar and Tori have attended two clinics with Steve halfpenny of Light Hands Equitation and also had the opportunity to have regular lessons with Pip Collins. He spent a year competing Prep dressage where he was lucky enough to win Most Improved (sponsored by Les Hayes Automotive) – Thanks Les!

Last year G'Kar and Tori were part of the Support team for Lorien and Chris and this year the plan is to make his debut at Preliminary and may try his hand at Freestyle later in the year.



# Request for Information!

We want to hear your stories, please submit a rider profile (we will be asking EVERYONE!) Profiles will be picked randomly through out the year.

Name:

Future Goals

Age:

Other interests:

About my Horse (Name, age, breed etc.):

Please email your Rider profiles to: Email to:  
FSCDressage@gmail.com

How long have you been a member of  
FSCDA:

Current competition level:

Coach/ Instructor:

Other Horse interests