



BDC BULLETIN

DECEMBER 2007

There's more to life than EI!



We're all dealing with the isolation and frustration caused by EI and yes, we could all have a real whinge about lots of things. But that wouldn't get any of us, or our horses, anywhere, so.....

As far as the Committee is concerned, we have been ploughing on with the business of running Bowral Dressage Club and advancing its future on paper, rather than on grass or sand. As reported in the update on Ground Development, irrigation arrangements have been finalised. We made a strong submission to the NSW Department of Sport and Recreation for funding, based on our needs and highlighting the independent efforts we have already made to raise money for our Club and its future but unfortunately, we were not successful. We've also sent a submission to the Department of Primary Industries on how EI has affected our Club. We've detailed how the loss of revenue from cancelled competition days hits our bottom line, especially given we must still pay our rent to Bong Bong Picnic Race Club, our EFA insurance, our Dressage NSW fees, insurance for our equipment and so on.

Now, before we all forget how to ride, the Committee is looking at different ways to serve members in the New Year. We're thinking about: Protocol days via video; film nights; a judges' clinic, at which judges would detail exactly what they are looking for at the different levels. And we would love to hear from you, the members, if you have ideas on what you'd like to do.

In the meantime, we have secured October 4-5 next year for our Franz Mairinger Championships. Given the jostling for dates next year, with two Eastern states and any number of clubs and disciplines wanting to secure places in the EFA calendar, we have to be pleased with that.

To all members and their horses, have a safe and merry Christmas and a great New Year. I hope to see you all at the Christmas Party on December 14, which will include our annual prize giving for winners of the Leaderboard.

Mim Poolman, President

"The Right Track 11.....moving forward"

"The Right Track", BDC member, Sarah Venamore's first book, has sold over 3,000 copies in Australia, the UK and the US and it is currently being translated into Spanish.

Now you can buy "The Right Track 11.....moving forward". At the BDC Christmas Party on December 14, Sarah is officially launching her new book. You'll be able to get her to sign a copy for you, and you'll have the opportunity to buy both books at the special price of \$66.

"The Right Track" has already redefined the teaching of group lessons, as well as articulating a host of terrific, imaginative dressage exercises for you and your horse. "The Right Track 11.....moving forward" takes her very well-thought-out concepts that bit further. Devotees of Sarah's teaching and her innovative exercises will love this second edition.

So...come along to the BDC Christmas Party to purchase your personally signed copy for a launch price of only \$40, or to be in with a chance to win a copy as the BDC Lucky Door Prize.

If you can't make it, you can order your copy online at www.equist.com.au. \$49.95 including postage.

BDC XMAS PARTY AND PRIZE GIVING

In the absence of our Christmas competition, BDC is throwing a Christmas Party. It will be held in the club house at Bong Bong Racecourse from 6.30pm on Friday, December 14.

It's BYO drinks, but BDC will be putting on a barbecue, salads etc for \$5 per head. Children are most welcome and obviously, it's a Christmas theme.

Our annual Leaderboard prize giving will take place after dinner. Members and friends attending will be given a numbered ticket on arrival. At the close of the evening the Lucky Door Prize will be drawn – a signed copy of Sarah Venamore's brand new book "The Right Track 11.....moving on".

If you plan to attend, contact Jan Chesterfield-Evans on 4887 7227 or hollyhallfarm@bigpond.com for catering purposes.

Ground development news ...

EI might have stopped everything else, but work on the grounds has been ongoing. Mark has been seeding, fertilising and mowing around the arenas to improve the grass area. The BDC Committee has approved Aquamann Irrigation to install the watering system and a water holding tank, which will have its own generator. The funds from the Wingecarribbee Shire Council grant of \$10,000 will be used, plus funds from our ground development account.

The bore at Bong Bong we were going to work off is not capable of supplying our tank until further work is done to improve the function for further use. Therefore we will be bringing water in to fill the tank when it is required.

We have just received advice from the NSW Department of Sport and Recreation that our expression of interest to put in our final submission for Stage 2 of the Regional Sports Facility Grant was not successful. There were 234 applications received, requesting more than \$32 million. Only \$1.5 million is being released across the state for grants. (Given the mess the state government is in with hospitals, schools etc in crisis due to lack of funding, it would really have been amazing to have received any funds).

So we push on and now we will be approaching the people running the Federal Regional Sports Grant Program. We have already had a meeting with them to see what this process requires. We will not give up until we achieve our goals and dreams.

In the New Year, if any members would like to put together a fund raising event or have any other ideas of how to raise funds, please contact your Committee. We are able to use the Wyeera Pavilion or the Shed to hold an event.

Mark Dowling and Yvonne Springett

Elvis night - great fun and great fundraiser

The Elvis night held on October 12 was a huge success.

130 BDC members and guests enjoyed great entertainment and dancing. Thanks to the organisational skills of Yvonne, \$12,000 was raised for the Club through ticket sales, an auction and the Silent Auction.

We also played host to Michael Benson (vice chairman of the EFA) and his wife Gail, who is on the Dressage NSW committee. They were very impressed with the proactivity and enthusiasm of BDC and have pledged whatever support they can offer.

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BOWRAL DRESSAGE CLUB INC

MEMBERSHIP/RENEWAL

January 1, 2008 – December 31, 2008

Name:

Address:

Phone AH:

Phone BH:

Mobile:

Fax:

Email:

I hereby apply for membership /renewal with the Bowral Dressage Club. I agree to be bound by the rules of the above Incorporated Association.

Signature:

Date:

BDC is an incorporated body run by a volunteer Committee. It is expected that all members are able to help out on at least one competition per year. Please contact the Committee at any time if you can assist with penciling, collecting tests, scoring, gear check, catering etc.

Type of membership (please circle):

NEW

RENEW

Life member
\$300

Family
\$60

Senior (Over 18)
\$40

Under 18
\$25

Friend of BDC (NC)
\$15

Would you like a receipt? Yes/No

Please send my newsletter via regular post (an additional \$6 per year)

Please send my newsletter/draw by email

The financial year of BDC commences January 1, 2008. Membership renewal is then due. **Membership commenced on or after August 2006 carried through until December 31, 2007.** Family membership includes children under 18 years. Please list names of all family members and date of birth of all children under 18.

Second adult

Under 18

D.O.B.

Under 18

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BDC PO BOX 628 BOWRAL NSW 2576

MEMBER RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY

Full Name of participant (and guardian if under 18)

Address.....

State.....Post Code.....Date of Birth.....

Name of Club/Organisation.....**BOWRAL DRESSAGE CLUB INC**.....

Membership No (BDC or EFA).....

Address of Event / Activity.....**BONG BONG RACECOURSE, KANGALOOON RD
BOWRAL**

In consideration for being permitted to participate in any way in horse activities, I, the under-
signed,

understand, acknowledge and accept that:

Horse sports are a dangerous recreational activity and horses can act in a sudden and unpredictable
(changeable) way, especially if frightened or hurt.

There is a significant risk that serious **injury** or **death** may result from horse sport activities.

I knowingly and freely assume all such risks, both known and unknown, and **I voluntarily partici-
pate at my own risk** and assume sole responsibility for any injury, death or property damage I
may suffer that arises from my participation in horse sport activities.

I understand and acknowledge the dangers associated with the consumption of alcohol or any mind
altering drugs before and during the activities and take full responsibility for any injury loss or
damage associated with their consumption. I agree not to drink alcohol or take drugs prohibited by
law before or during any horse sport activities.

I agree to follow the directions of any event organiser or official and that any misconduct or refusal
by me to follow any direction of any organiser or official can result in the **cancellation** of my par-
ticipation in the activities and my immediate removal from my horse **no matter** where that may
occur. I understand that any such non-compliance may result in injury, death and/or permanent dis-
ability as a result of my failure to comply.

I agree to wear a helmet at all times while riding where this is required under the relevant EFA and
FEI rules and regulations and agree that I am solely responsible for ensuring that while riding I
wear a suitable helmet at all times where required under the relevant EFA and FEI rules and regu-
lations and take sole responsibility for my actions.

I have had sufficient opportunity to read this assumption and risk agreement, fully understand its
terms and sign it freely and voluntarily.

Date..... Signature of rider/**legal** guardian.....

For Participants of Minority Age (Under Age 18)

This is to certify that I, as a parent/guardian with legal responsibility for this participant, acknowl-
edge, understand, and accept **all of the above** and consent and agree to my minor child's involve-
ment or participation in horse sport activities.

Date..... Signature of rider/**legal** guardian.....