

2017 SI Dressage Judge's Scholarship

Mission statement: To assist South Island dressage judges in their personal development and to enhance judging skills in their journey for the betterment of our sport.

Two scholarships of \$500 each will be awarded in 2015, ideally one for a List 5 4 or 3 judge, the other for a list 2, 2A or 1 judge.

Conditions for the scholarships

Recipients would have two years to spend their scholarship and submit a written report about how their scholarship enhanced their development as a judge

Judges may apply for funds for any activities to develop their judging; it is not intended that scholarships would be limited to judge education at North Island dressage competitions.

However if this is the preference of recipients, the administrators will endeavour to ensure recipients receive the best possible education opportunities, including preferential (but not guaranteed) treatment for sit in, writing, and shadow judging assignments at major shows.

This is an annual award for a total of five years; 2017 being the third of the five.

Parameters: Preference will be given to candidates who;

- As judges aim is to enhance the sport of dressage by encouraging riders with educated, accurate and positive marking and comments.
- Are dedicated and available when asked unless there are extenuating circumstances.
- Preference *may* be given to those who are disadvantaged by geographical distance and in areas without optimal numbers of competitors to be routinely assessed, not just committed to upgrading.
- Preference will also be given to people that are absolutely committed to dressage and dressage judging
- Show initiative in their own development
- Previous winners are welcome to apply again, but preference will be given to those who have not been successful previously.

Applicants need to show that they have already been proactive in furthering their education and advancing their skills. A desire to upgrade is commendable but not paramount.

Directions: Please fill out the application form found on the ESNZ Dressage website at and return it in electronic form to Tedi Busch, busch@ts.co.nz or Stuart Bishell, sm-bishell@xtra.co.nz (Note: Brief, succinct answers are encouraged. Good luck with your application. We are looking forward to hearing from you! If you have questions, please feel free to contact either Tedi Busch busch@ts.co.nz , Linda Warren-Davey ponytail007@gmail.com, or Stuart Bishell sm-bishell@xtra.co.nz

APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 5 PM Wednesday 7 June 2017

Winners to be announced 1 July 2017; unsuccessful candidates will also be informed and encouraged to apply again the following year.

2016 scholarship recipients were:

Melanie van der Pol (Canterbury) "Being a recipient of the 2016 South Island Judges Scholarship increased my focus over the past season to attend events and gain experience outside my area of Canterbury to continue my upgrading to become List 3 judge"

Barbara Chalmers (Otago) "The scholarship is a fantastic idea, so thank you very much to the kind, anonymous benefactor. My plan this year was to take every opportunity I could to increase my knowledge, judging, attending and watching clinics, and getting more experience both judging, training and riding both in NZ and overseas. This is both to help develop my knowledge and progress the upgrade to 2A that I have been coaxed into"