



2012

Dressage

Forum

## Isobel Wessels (UK) – FEI5\*

*Guest Presenter both days*

**When:** **SATURDAY 4<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2012 – 8.45am to 4.30pm**  
*(Must be Pre Paid)*

**Open to NOAS Dressage Judges only**

**Where:** Caboolture RSL – Banksia Room

**When:** **SUNDAY 5<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2012 – 8.15am to 4.30pm**  
*(Can pay on the day – see fee structure below)*  
*Practical with horses*

**Open to everyone Judges, Coaches, Riders, Owners etc**

**Where:** QSEC Indoor Arena, Tuckeroo Drive (off Beerburum Road), Caboolture  
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<b>How Much:</b>	<b>One Day - Saturday</b>	EA Members/Judges only	<b>\$80pp (Pre-paid only by 22/1)</b>
	<b>Two Days</b>	EA Members/Judges only	<b>\$120pp (Pre-paid only by 22/1)</b>
	<b>One Day – Sunday</b>	EA Members	<b>\$80pp (Pre-Paid by 22/1)</b>
		Non EA Members	<b>\$90pp (Pre-Paid by 22/1)</b>
		Pay on the day	<b>\$100pp (Pay on the day)</b>

**LUNCH:** **Saturday:** will be provided including M/Tea  
**Sunday:** will be available for purchase or bring your own

**Dressage Judges please note:**

This Forum is considered a **Workshop** whether you attend on 1 or both days

Please complete the form attached and return it with payment by **22 January 2012** to:

**Lesley Sullivan, PO Box 6221, Tweed Heads South, NSW, 2486 or [lsullivan11@optusnet.com.au](mailto:lsullivan11@optusnet.com.au)**  
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# Payment

# Form

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**Or**

**Both Days – (Judges only)** \$120 (EA Members only)

**Or**

**One Day only – Sunday 5/2/12**  
\$80 (EA Members)  
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as a **Cheque/Money Order/EFT** (Pse circle) made payable to **Dressage Queensland**

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I am/will be a current 2012 EA Member (this will be checked) Yes No  
My EA Membership Number is (must be provided if 'yes' above) \_\_\_\_\_

I am a **Judge** Yes No Level  
I am a **NCAS Coach** Yes No Level  
I am a **Competing Rider** Yes No Level

I live in the area and would be able to billet a judge on the Saturday night **Yes No**

If 'yes' how many judges could you accommodate? **1 2 3 4**

**Judges Only** – I would like billeted accommodation if available **Fri Sat Fri & Sat**

Please advise details if you have any **dietary requirements**.



**Sat 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Information**

**When:** **SATURDAY 4th FEBRUARY 2012**  
**(Dressage Judges only day)**

**Where:** **Caboolture RSL – Banksia Room**

**With special International Guest, Isobel Wessels (UK)**

**Judges** - Attendance at this forum can be recognised as a workshop  
**Coaches** -This forum can be used for update points

### **Agenda**

- 08:15 to 9:00** **Registration and Coffee**
- 9:00** **Open and Welcome** Lesley Sullivan, Chair DQ Judges' Sub Committee
- 9:15 to 10:30** **Presentation by Isobel Wessels (UK) FEI5\* Judge & Trainer**
- 10.30** **Morning Tea**
- 11.00 to 11.30** **FEI Update** Mary Seefried FEI5\* Judge
- 11.30 to 12.00** **EA Rule Changes effective 1/1/12** Lesley Sullivan, Chair ADC & DQJSC
- 12.00 to 1.00** **Lunch**
- 1.00 to 1.10** **Presentation of Judges Certificates** Lesley Sullivan
- 1.10 to 2.10** **NOAS Generic Unit – Conflict Resolution** Sue Bright
- 2.10 to 2.40** **Judges Comments on Test Sheets** Jacqui Huppert
- 2.40 to 3.40** **Grey areas in judging** Panel discussion with DQJSC Members
- 3.40 to 4.30** **General Discussion with DQJSC Members**
- Use of Social Media
  - Difference between judges marks
  - Use of whip in the arena – what should judges do? When does it become abuse?
  - Rider continuing to train horse after test – Allowed? How long?
  - Freestyles – Isobel & Mary
- 4.30** **Wrap-up & Close**



**Sun 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Information**

**When:** **SUNDAY 5th FEBRUARY 2012**

**Where:** **QSEC Indoor Arena, Tuckeroo Drive (off Beerburum Road), Caboolture**

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**08:15 to 9.00** **Registration and Coffee**

**9.00** **Open and Welcome - Lesley Sullivan, Chair DQJSC**

**9.00 to 10-30** **Practical Session with Isobel Wessels (UK) FEI5\* Judge and Trainer**

Isobel's session will include:

- Training the Young Horse to Grand Prix
- Stretching Forwards and Downwards
- On the Aids
- Behind the Aids
- Developing Collection

**10.30 to 11.00** **Morning Tea**

**11.00 to 12.30** **Practical Session with Isobel Wessels continued**

**12.30 to 1.30** **Lunch**

**1.30 to 2.00** **Ring Etiquette in Warm-Up Area – Do's and Don'ts**

**2.00 to 2.30** **Vaulting Demonstration presented by the EQ Vaulting Committee**

**2.30 to 3.30** **Common Dressage Ailments – Riders & Horses – Nicky Suckle BSc.Hons  
Physiotherapy, MSc.Vet Physiotherapy**

**3.30 to 4.30** **General Discussion with Audience Questions**

**4.30** **Wrap-up**



Isobel

Wessels

## FEI5\* Judge and Trainer

Isobel has been involved with riding, training and judging dressage for more than 30 years. Her inspiration started as a teenager living in Vienna where she worked with Ernst Bachinger from the Spanish Riding School. This amazing start to her career, followed by long periods training in Germany, gave her the foundation of all her principles and philosophies. Returning to the UK in 1985 gave Isobel many opportunities to compete and develop as a trainer and judge. The result has been many National titles earned by her and also her pupils plus many International starts where, with relatively ordinary horses, she managed some success and her Team badge in 2002. The most successful horse for Isobel has been 'Leopardo' where, with him, she was on the British Olympic Potential Squad under Henk van Bergen. Over the years she has trained 7 other horses to Grand Prix for national classes.



Isobel and Chagall

Isobel still currently competes in National classes on her 8 year old horse Chagall and she is enjoying huge success with some 25 wins out of 28 starts in the last year alone. He has just started at Prix St Georges level and has already won 9 national and regional titles. Isobel trains with Carl Hester who has dubbed him her "Dream machine". Isobel's judging has been mostly guided and inspired by Stephen Clarke. She became an FEI3\* judge in 2000 and upgraded to FEI4\* at the end of 2003 and in July 2011 she was promoted FEI 5\* and she looks forward to all the challenges and responsibility of judging at this level.

Over the years Isobel has judged many Grand Prix competitions in top 4 and 5 star shows in Europe as well as the World Breeding Championships, the Pony European Championships and the FEI World Challenge. However, her passion is the training of dressage horses and she has always been deeply involved with this part of the sport and currently works full time with the training of riders up to Grand Prix level all over the UK.

Isobel is also on the British Dressage Judges Committee where she has have many responsibilities including the writing of new tests, young horse events, training and examining of judges plus giving Seminars all over the UK. Isobel's riding and training has helped her judging enormously – the three are inseparable but working with the horse is the most special part of all.



Isobel and Chagall



Isobel and Mary Seefried



Isobel and Chagall



# Additional

# Information

**Nicky Suckle** (Physiotherapist) graduated with BSc Hons Physiotherapy in 2003 from Glasgow Caledonian [University](#), UK and has specialised in musculoskeletal injuries, sports injuries and Pilates in her own clinic in the UK. In 2009 Nicky qualified from The London Veterinary College with masters in VETERINARY PHYSIOTHERAPY and has been working in the UK with riding club, one-day-event horses and international dressage ponies, horses and their riders. Nicky relocated to Australia in 2010 and provides a PHYSIOTHERAPY SERVICE for (and their riders/owners) and small animals (CATS AND DOGS) in the Sunshine Coast, Queensland. Nicky liaises closely with the vets, farriers, trainers, dentists and saddlers to provide a most holistic service. She also runs a small animal clinic from Nicklin Way Vets, Warana. Nicky is a competitive horse rider and regularly competes her own horses in one-day eventing, dressage and show jumping competitions, previously in the UK and now in Queensland. As a rider and an equine physiotherapist, she understands the necessity for injury prevention and quick remedial action in the event of injuries and minor niggles to maximise the potential of both horse and rider. Nicky also offers HORSE AND RIDER ASSESSMENT, where she looks at the harmony of horse and rider and helping to achieve symmetry and, therefore, improve the function of the horse-rider unit through hands-on treatment and exercises for both horse and rider. Nicky also works in Absolute Health which is a chiropractic and physiotherapy clinic in Mooloolaba where she works with her partner who is a chiropractor.



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