

# **BDC Dressage: a value for money offering**

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If you want to make money, don't run dressage competitions. That's the conclusion your BDC Committee reached after the (very successful) BDC competition on September 25. After all the hard work, the day's profit amounted to the princely sum of \$3.78 per test.

So at the October Committee meeting, it was decided that our treasurer, Pam Dalby, should trawl through the expenses to find out why. These are the costs which will always be constant at every event we hold. They include:

1. Arena preparation
2. Hire of the Wyeera Pavilion
3. Ribbons and trophies
4. Ground levy
5. Rural Fire Service
6. Event Secretary retainer
7. Bong Bong Picnic Races Affiliates' licence
8. Phones and printing
9. BDC Equestrian Australia membership
10. Insurance.

Over the last four competitions BDC has held, 538 tests were ridden. The above costs have averaged out at \$2,317.92 per event. Then in addition, we have to absorb the variable costs as well. They include:

1. Fees for using Nominate
2. Payments to judges, scorers and pencillers
3. Judges' accommodation (if required) and fuel costs
4. Catering for judges and volunteers
5. Gifts for judges/pencillers.

Compared to the cost per test charged by other clubs, BDC is pretty economical. However, we've done this analysis so that you, the members, are informed about the decision-making processes of your Committee.

I should also remind everyone you are always welcome at Committee meetings, which are held the first Tuesday of the month at the Bowral Bowling Club, starting at 7pm, although we usually arrive at 6.30 and have some dinner before we start.