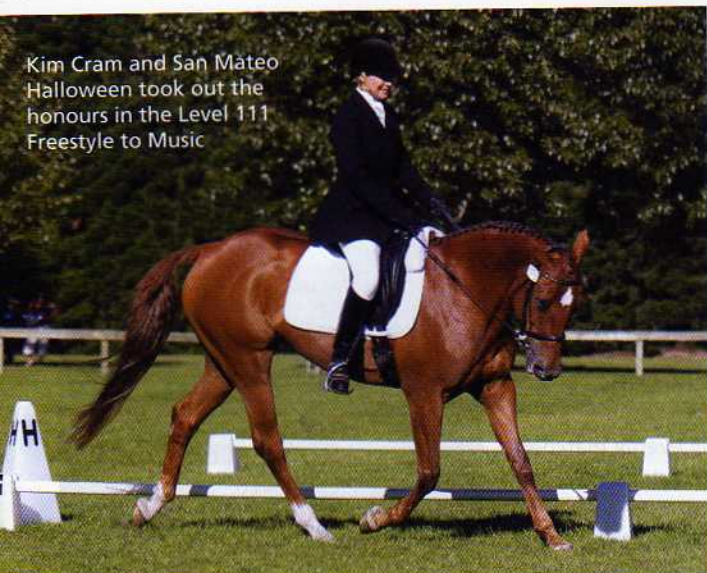
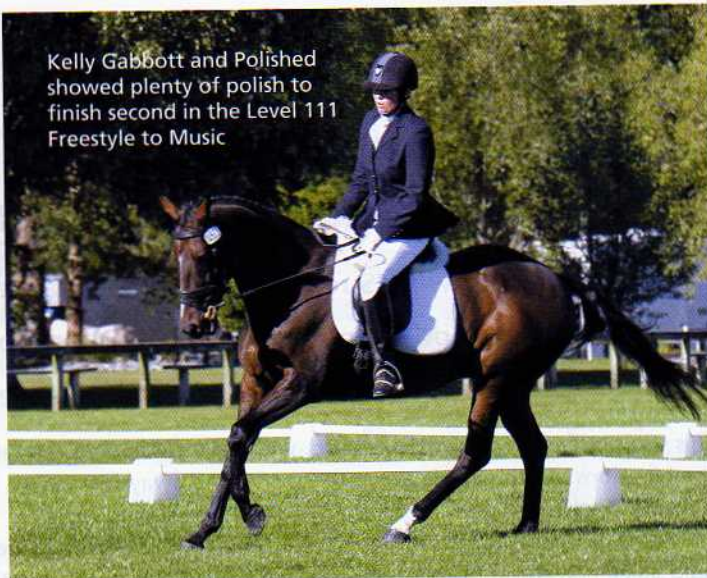


Kim Cram and San Mátteo Halloween took out the honours in the Level 111 Freestyle to Music



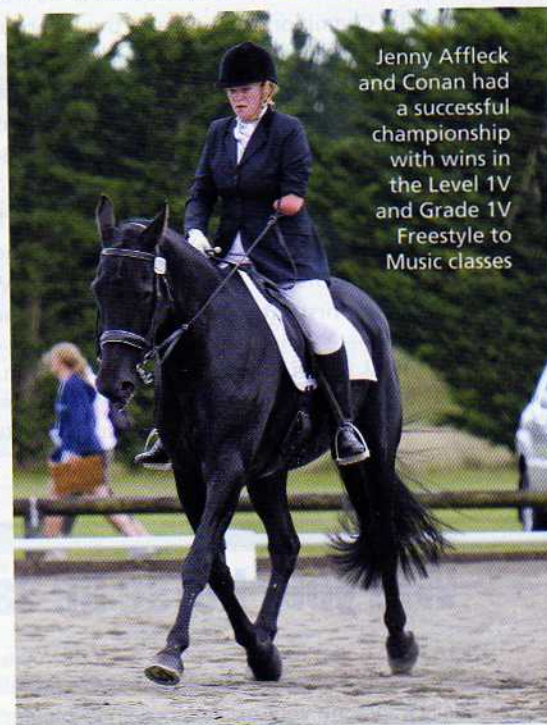
Kelly Gabbott and Polished showed plenty of polish to finish second in the Level 111 Freestyle to Music



Joanna Jackson and Vollarth Daddy Cool had two close seconds in the Level 1V and Grade 1V classes



Jenny Affleck and Conan had a successful championship with wins in the Level 1V and Grade 1V Freestyle to Music classes



Para dressage is a growing sport in New Zealand and Australia. From experienced competitors who have competed internationally to first time dressage competition riders, the ability level varied just as much as in able bodied classes.

At Level IV in the Freestyle to Music, Jenny Affleck with Conan finished on a creditable 66.48 percent in demonstrating flying changes and innovative choreography. Joanna Jackson was close behind on 64.09 percent, and scored 63.41 percent on her second horse Vollarth Daddy Cool.

Affleck again led the way in the Grade IV class n Friday, winning ahead of Jackson and Vollarth Daddy Cool.

At level III, Kim Cram and San Mateo Halloween won the Freestyle to Music on 69.44 percent, with Kelly Gabbott second on 60.97 percent and Paule Crawford third on 45.55 percent. These placings were the same in Friday's Grade III test.

Chontelle Honour and JD Flash won the Grade II Freestyle with 59.58 percent, while Anthea Gunner and Huntingdale Incognito retired after the indignity of a fall, when her horse spooked at the loud speakers. This was a disappointment after a strong showing in Friday's Grade II class, with a win on 61.81 percent.

Christine Lawn and Marc placed first with 62.08 percent in the Grade 1B Freestyle to Music.

Australian judge Jan Geary highlighted the importance of judges taking an uncomplicated approach to judging Para Classes.

"It's still about judging the horse and its way of going and I would love to see more judges involved in Para classes," she said. "There are certainly some riders here who should be thinking about Kentucky and the World Championships next year." ■

Judge Jan Geary talking to Paule Crawford

