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ACT Showjumping Club Inc



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PRESIDENT'S NOTE

Dear ACT Showjumping Club Members,

Things certainly do change a lot in a short time, don't they? At our AGM this year, we farewelled our president of the past seventeen years, Peter Dingwall, who led the Club amazingly and brought so much knowledge, wisdom, and dedication to the position. We're sorry to see him go, but wish him all the best in his new endeavours as president of Equestrian NSW.

Stepping into the big shoes Peter left behind is, admittedly, a bit intimidating – but I'm here to give it a go! Given that this is my first leadership position within the Club, I thought I'd introduce myself for those who don't know me. I'm originally from sunny California, where I grew up riding hunter-jumpers. I married an Aussie boy in 2008. Originally we had plans to move to California together, however after the financial crisis in the U.S. we ended up moving to Canberra instead. I wasn't sure what I'd gotten myself into, but I quickly resolved to find a place to ride (one has to have priorities!). Not owning a car, I settled on Forest Park Riding School because it was the closest to where we lived, so I could ride my bike. And, well, I landed there with Grant Hughes, started working for Forest Park, eventually got a car, then a horse, then Australian citizenship, a ute and a float... Now I compete regularly with my horse – a chestnut Thoroughbred mare, naturally! – and thoroughly enjoy progressing and learning more all the time in this wonderful sport of ours. Among my non-horse interests, I'm currently nearly finished with a Bachelor of Science, majoring in chemistry, at the ANU, and I have an enduring love for sci-fi (if anyone recognises the origin of my horse's name, we can definitely be friends! ☺).



I've been here in the ACT for ten years now, and haven't regretted it for a moment. I love the community we have in the Club, and I think we do a fabulous job of being open and inviting to everyone, and encouraging one another and building each other up. The Canberra Cup and the Canberra Classic are both high-quality shows that attract competitors from all over the region, and for the past three years the Club has also organised and run the NSW Showjumping Titles, a prestigious achievement by any standard. This year's Titles came off well despite battling extremes of weather, which is a huge tribute to those who worked so hard to organise and run the show.

All this isn't to say we don't have challenges, though. One that we face at the moment is probably the best possible challenge a club can have: Club membership is at an all-time high, with over 450 members! We're so excited to see all the new faces, and welcome all new and returning members. Bigger numbers do pose some logistical challenges, though, and we're doing our best to



meet the increased needs of the Club. We always welcome input from members, whether casually in conversation at a training day, or via email, or by attendance at our Annual General Meeting in August. Your membership gives you a say, so if you've got ideas, please let us know! I'm looking forward to meeting and talking with more members in the coming months, and will be doing my best to help improve and progress the Club for our members.

That's enough talk, though – time to get out and ride! Happy holidays, and I hope we're all enjoying the beautiful warm weather and long sunny days, perfect for riding. ☺

Emily Hansen

2019 CANBERRA CLASSIC SUMMARY

Truthfully it feels a bit silly writing a summary for an event that took place months ago. It is my fault having let the months slip away! I seem to recall decent weather, good numbers and great people :)

The 2019 Canberra Classic held a different tone with the Bob Leech memorial Six Bar event being run for the first time. This event was run as a tribute to a dear friend of the club, Bob Leech, who passed away weeks before the competition. The Bob Leech memorial Six Bar was won by Grant Hughes and Blackall Park Atlantis (pictured to the right). Bob would be very proud of his great mate and founding member of ACT Jump Club. It was wonderful to have Bob's family there to watch the event and present the awards.



On the Sunday, the 1.35m Championship Grand Prix was won convincingly by Cavalier Performance Horse's owner Stephen Dingwall riding his impressive gelding Cavalier Du Rouet (pictured to the left). Full results are on our website.



As always, these events do not run themselves. A big thank you needs to go out to all our wonderful organisers, Judges, Course Builders, sponsors and volunteers. We truly could not run competitions like this without your efforts.

Fiona De La Mezzo.



2019 NSW STATE SHOWJUMPING TITLES SUMMARY

As we welcomed back the NSW State Showjumping Championships for 2019, the ACTSJC were thrilled to be hosting the high class event at Exhibition Park in Canberra once again. For the third consecutive year the event attracted competitors from across Australia in the hopes to claim the title of the NSW State Champion in their respective categories.

The atmosphere and quality of jumping at the NSW State Showjumping Championships is always electric with the best horse and rider combinations rise up for the occasion, and this year was no different. It was great to see such large numbers at the event with over 500 horses in attendance and 1721 rounds throughout the competition.

We saw young rider, Jamie Priestley, take out the overall Senior Champion title for 2019. The Breeders' Plate also saw some very competitive combinations battle out to be in the top 7 placings to be able to pick a free service from a pool of some of the best stallions in Australia.

It was a long few months preparing for an event of this calibre, and on reflection, it was all worth it. We had countless compliments over the weekend on how much competitors enjoyed the show. This is a credit to the extremely hardworking State Championships committee who left no stone unturned and put in 110% to get the ground in tip top condition, and it sure showed in the high quality jumping.

An extended and much deserved thank you goes to every single one of you who helped organise, run, pack up or anything else in between. The weather was testing but it was incredible to see it did not deter any of our club members. The NSW State Championships brings great opportunity for Canberra and the ACTSJC to grow, promote and expand the sport in our local area. Over these past years the event has brought in the countries best names in showjumping, leading the sport and our club in a positive direction for the future.

ACTSJC members had some incredible success throughout the event but an extended congratulations goes to some very talented riders for their successful victories. Your success does not go unnoticed!

- 1st place in the Senior Grand Prix - Izabella Stone riding her beautiful stallion Lincoln MVNZ
- Children's Title Champion - Charly Robinson on board Wyann Shadow
- Children's Title Reserve Champion - Charly Robinson on board GB Ruby
- 1st Group 2 TSHA class - Charly Robinson on board Pure Obsession
- Equal 1st Amateur final - Michael Cross riding Little Bear
- 1st place open 1.20m - Grant Hughes and Emmaville Twist
- 1st place in all 3 90cm classes - Maddison Brighton riding Contour Pony
- 1st in the TSHA Group 1 first round - Michael cross on board Little Bear

Congratulations to all the other placegetters and competitors of the event. We hope each and every one of you had just as much fun as the organising committee did and that for some it was a new experience of a national quality show in our home town. Thank you all for coming!

Sam Sant



(photo credit Australian Jumping)



SUCCESS AT AUSTRALIAN SHOWJUMPING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Congratulations to club members who travelled to Victoria and competed in the Australian Showjumping Championships last month. In particular, a massive congratulations needs to go to Charly Robinson-Smith and Wyann Shadow who won the overall Pearl Series point score.

REFUND OF ENTRY FEES AT CLUB DAYS

At the January Committee meeting, the topic of providing refunds for ACTSJC clear round days and club level competitions was discussed. After considering the matter it was decided that the club will offer a 75% refund for cancellation of entries at any time for club days and club level competition days.

It was also decided that entries will not close till 3pm on the day prior to competition/club day and that no entries will be knocked back (so there is no need to enter early to secure a place).

DOGS

A reminder to all members that at any event whether it is a training day, clinic or competition day all dogs must be on leads and tied up at all times. Dogs are not to be freely roaming the grounds, even if it is only in the proximity of your truck, float etc. Dogs are not to be in the arena areas due to the issues that may be caused if they were to become loose. If people fail to adhere to these requirements we will be forced to ban any dogs at future events.

CALENDAR

15th December 2019- Competition Day
19 January - Clear Round Day
29 Feb - 1 March – ACT Cup
28-March - Clinic (details TBA)
29 March - Clear Round Day
18 Clinic (details TBA)
19 April - Competition Day
17 May - Clear Round Day
7 June - Competition Day
19 July - Clear Round Day
15-16 August - Canberra Classic
6 September - Clear Round Day
18 October - Clear Round Day
21-22 November -Competition (details TBA)
19 December -Clinic (details TBA)
20 December - Clear Round Day



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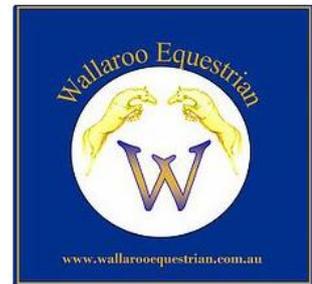
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