Wagga horse trials: 31 Oct – 1 Nov 2009

Entries are now open on Nominate (www.nominate.com.au). Please note that if you are not a member of Equestrian Australia you will be charged day membership ($20) if you want to enter preliminary or introductory classes (see ruling from Eventing NSW below).

Riders and owners of all horses competing at Pre Novice or above must be full members of Equestrian Australia (EA) and must be entered with their EA membership name and EA number. Riders competing in Preliminary & Introductory classes must be associate or full members of EA, and include their EA number on entries or pay National Day Membership. Note: National Membership includes third party property insurance but not comprehensive insurance.

Day membership: The minimum fee for day membership is $20 for the event, this minimum fee is set by EA National and must be forwarded to EA National after the event. EA National require that riders are either EA members or pay day membership, being a member of the host club now only applies to training days, when training with a NCAS instructor.

Note though that for newcomers and encourager classes, entrants can join the club or can be existing club members. Any club members in newcomers who get charged day membership can be refunded but we’ll need your invoice numbers.

Baking and pencilling – we need cakes and cookies baked for the event please, if you can start baking now and putting stuff in the freezer it will be one less job to worry about nearer the time. Also pencillers, if you can pencil or know people who will please get in touch with Elaine.

Working bees – we had a small but industrious group of workers on Sunday, clearing timber and dressing from fences and doing other jobs. Most took the opportunity to ride on the course after the work was done. The next working bee is this Sunday 6 September 1.30pm to 5pm (Work then Ride) and then there’s another on Sunday 20 September, from 1.30 pm to 5pm. Please bring gloves, rakes, chainsaw, barrows, and anything else to help clean up the course so it is ready for our course builder to work on in early October.

Cross country training

Same dates as the working bees (6 and 20 Sept) at the cross country course so please bring your horse. But note NO Work No Ride, so work first and then out on the course. It would be helpful to know who is coming so please send an email to Rachel (gwhistle@bigpond.com) or phone Elaine (0427214897)

Eventing

Glenys and Bree were both at Camden last weekend, an event that will be remembered for all the wrong reasons. For the prelim and intro riders it turned out to be a combined training event with their cross country cancelled after long delays, due in part to not enough jump judges being organised and not helped by a couple of nasty accidents and then too few hours to accommodate the huge field of prelim and intro entrants. Our Wagga contingent was in the placings with Bree and Aquifer 4th in their prelim division and Glenys and Hector 7th in theirs.

One of the unfortunate riders was Olivia Bunn, who ended up with a broken arm. Her 3* horse left a leg on a big square hay rack, spat her out the front, somersaulted and landed on her! All in all, she was very lucky.

It’s worth taking a moment to read the Eventing NSW forum – Camden Debacle – it is an example of what can happen when you have too few people trying to organise an event and will sound alarm bells for many small and struggling event committees around the state.

Dressage

Congratulations to Bree, who’s young horse Aquifer took out the Champion Novice horse at Bowral dressage recently.

And to everyone who competed in the cold and wet at the recent Wagga dressage comp. Among the winners were Jane Lindholm and Mojo who won the associate prelim 1A pony and Glenys and Hector who won the associate novice 2A and Carla Giles who won the 3.3 junior. There are some nice pics from the dressage comp in the Horse Deals gallery.

Website

The club now has a website
http://athene.riv.csu.edu.au/~rcrease/

You probably won’t remember the link so please bookmark it and/or save it on your computer, in your phone, or wherever you access the web. Everyone on the emailing list will receive notice when the website is updated. If you want photos, links or news items included please email Rachel at gwhistle@bigpond.com

I’ll include a news page like this one each month, and will put stuff you need to know on the front page as well.

Membership

Several new members have joined us in the last couple of months. Welcome to all. Please come to meetings if you can: they are held on the third Tuesday each month, 7.30pm at 225 Mitchell Rd, Lake Albert.

Next meeting is 15th September.

There is a downloadable copy of the membership form on the website under club info, if anyone is looking for it.