AGM Report

The Annual General Meeting for the Wagga Wagga Horse Trials, was held on the 20th October 2010 at 7pm at the RSL club.

Our president for 2010 Gary Cooper has chosen not to re-nominate due to work commitments, also Frank Skinner who has been club treasurer for over 15 years has retired at the age of 85, a very valuable committee member who will be missed at meetings and whom has dedicated copious amounts of time to assisting the club. On behalf of the

Wagga Wagga Horse Trials I would like to thank both Frank and Gary for all their hard work and dedication to the club.

The newly elected committee members for 2011 are as follows;

President: Raegan Petzel
Vice President 1: Elaine Furze
Vice President 2: Kristy O’Brien
Secretary: Sandra Vicary
Treasurer: Shannon Smith
EvNSW delegate: Hunter Doughty

Publicity & Promotions: Elaine Furze
Sponsorship: Gary Cooper, Alex Aldana & Rachel Crease
Newsletter: Georgina Richardson
REA Delegate: Gary Cooper
Congratulations and welcome to all new 2011 committee members

Fees for 2011 will remain the same as 2010:

♦ Family $50
♦ Individual $25
♦ University Student $15

Fee’s are not due un-til 1st Jan 2011

Goulburn State ODE results

The weekend of the Baxter Boots “Lynton” State ODE started off to an interesting start with many entered from the Riverina region only a handful were able to get to Goulburn due to the torrential rains on the Thursday and Friday prior to the event, which caused flash flooding in some areas. The extreme weather then turned to snow in Goulburn, so it was sure to be an interesting weekend.

With most classes covered we had the following members and their mounts:


In the 2* class Andrew and “Reuben” placed 18th on a final score of 70.7, double clear cross country, 2 rails in showjumping and 61.7 penalties in the dressage test. Katie and “Foolproof” completed on their final score of 103.4, clear cross country with 19.2 time penalties, 20 showjumping penalties and 64.2 dressage penalties.

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Goulburn State ODE results continued...

The 1* class had committee member Hunter Doughty and established 1* mare “Jet Set Diva” owned by the O’Brien Family finish on a total of 77.6 penalties, 60.6 in the dressage, clear cross country with 2 time penalties and 8 jump and 7 time penalties showjumping.

Our junior members represented the club well in the Jnr Pre-Novice class with Tegan Bonet and Bulletproof on form racking up a total of 66.2 penalties, with 62.2 in the dressage, double clear cross country and 4 penalties in the showjumping to place a well deserved 4th.

Jye Thurgate and George of the jungle were equal first after dressage with 43.3 penalties, after an unfortunate stop cross country the duo collected 20 penalties and 13.2 time penalties and 8 jump penalties in show jumping to complete the weekend in 8th place.

Tanisha Shields and Cobra chase had a similar weekend to Jye and George, Tanisha and Cobra Chase completed the dressage phase for a score of 47.2 penalties and 4th place, with 2 unlucky stops cross country and 13.2 time penalties the pair then added 16 jump and 2 time show jumping penalties to their score to finish on 118.4.

The Club had one representative in the Prelim class with Katie Henderson and Roger that, This team finished the weekend on their dressage score of 45.7 with double clears in cross country and show jumping. Hopefully we will keep seeing this pair rise through the eventing ranks.

Congratulations to competitors who participated in this event!

Mark Your Diary!

- 6-7th November Holbrook show—(no jumping)
- 6-7th Nov Hidden Valley CNC. N,IP,PN
- The Rock Ag show 13th November Show Jumping Height classes—see back page of newsletter
- Adelaide CCI **,CIC **, CCI ****
- 17-18th November Paul Tapner Clinic Canberra
- 18-21st Equitana Melbourne show grounds
- 27-28th November Berrima ODE entries close 11/Nov/10
- 4-5th Dec Lakes and Craters (VIC) CCI *,**,***
- Horse Trials Christmas party 12th December @ Indoor arena CSU small cost TBA.

General Business

- It is now compulsory as per EA rules for all club members and day membership riders to wear a body protector when riding cross country.
- Equestrian Australia has sent out a jumping warm-up area rule sheet (attached to newsletter) please read and memorize this document as it may make your event more enjoyable and also more enjoyable for stewards.
- We now have a classifieds section in the rear of the newsletter, please contact me at geor-
gina_southernstars@hotmail.com if you would like to include any item for sale/lease or wanted in the classifieds section.
- If you have recently attended an event, clinic or any training day and would like it featured in the newsletter please feel free to contact me via the above email address.
After scrupulously saving for over a year it was finally time to depart Kingsford Smith Airport in Sydney Australia for Los Angeles, California USA.

After a 17 1/2 hr flight (this included a 2 1/2 hr flight to Vancouver, Canada for a driving holiday. We were then on our way to Lexington, Kentucky for the World Equestrian Games! The first day we arrived was spent sleeping and sight seeing in the City. The 1st of October kicked off with a morning of shopping and Eventing dressage—being able to watch Aussie Sam Griffiths and “Happy Times” was simply amazing! So was being able to watch such eventing veterans as Mary King and “Imperial Cavalier”.

Friday night was the Grand Prix freestyle, with the stadium packed to maximum capacity the atmosphere was set for an explosive night with Brett Parbery qualifying for the freestyle earlier in the week with Carolyn lieutenants “Victory Salute” a.k.a Sam performing their best test to date scoring 76.350% in the Freestyle. The highlight for many viewers night was the record breaking “Moortlands Totilas” and Edward Gal who won gold in the Team, GP special and GP Freestyle with his best score being the GP Freestyle with 91.800%!! They are a breathtaking combination of horse and rider (Moorlands Totilas has now been sold to Paul Schockemohle for US $13.36 Million).

Saturday morning was an early start of 6am for cross country day start at 9am with a 40 minute coach shuttle ride to pick up other WEG attendees from numerous hotels we finally arrived at 8:30am and made our way to the final Rolex water jump with some very technical brushes into water, duck on an angle and bank and drop in the water being the quickest route with other less technical options for those wanting the longer route. The Australian team began strong placing 2nd behind Germany after the first day of dressage (with Paul Tapner sitting in 5th individual position) this 2nd placing did not last very long unfortunately with Paul Tapner and “Innothing” retiring mid cross country after “not feeling right” it was to be determined later that “Innothing” had chipped his stifle (Innothing is now recovering after undergoing an op back in England to remove the chip) and fellow team mate Chris Burton and Jade Findlay’s “Holstein Park Leilani” had 2 run outs and time penalties. On a more positive note Stuart Tinney and “Vettori” flew around the Mike Etherington-Smith designed course to go clear with 0.4 time penalties as well as US based Aussie Peter Atkins and “HJ Hampton” (aka Henny) going clear also with 2.8 time penalties to come up to 23rd place. Another UK based rider Sam Griffiths and “Happy Times” started out brilliantly only to have a run out at fence 7 then come crashing down at the “Wishing well” and be eliminated.

The Last AUS based rider Sonja Johnson of WA with “Ringwood Jaguar” the ASH gelding another horse who made nothing of the course to come home clear with 7.6 time penalties to finish In 32nd position for the day.

Pic:
Paul Tapner &“Innothing”
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At the end of cross country day it was clear that Australia was definitely out of the team competition and clearly not our year for a WEG, this result did not hamper the spirits of the remaining three members of the Australian team Chris Burton & “HP Leilani”, Stuart Tinney & “Vettori” and Peter Atkins & “HJ Hampton”.

Stuart and “Vettori” jumped a fantastic clear round to finish 8th in the Individual competition, with Peter Atkins and “HJ Hampton” also jumped clear to finish in 24th place also individually with NSW local Chris Burton and “HP Leilani” finishing up with 1 rail and some time faults for 48th place.

Britain took out team eventing gold for WEG with 4* veterans Mary King, William Fox-Pitt, Pippa Funnell (Rolex grand slam winner), Tina Cook, Piggy French and Nicola Wilson, with Canada taking silver and our Pacific neighbours New Zealand in the bronze position.

Now the challenge will be to have an eventing team qualified for London 2012 Olympics, and with only a handful of qualifying events left it will be an interesting time for Australian Eventing.

The next World Equestrian Games are to be held in Normandy, France in 2014 so I recommend to start saving now as I imagine the shopping (both retail and equine) will be of high quality!

Until next time…

Georgina

Pic above right: Individual gold winners Michael Jung (GER) and La Biosthetique Sam FBW at the wishing well corner.

Pic below right: Australian Stuart Tinney and “Vettori” in the showjumping phase to place 8th in the world!
This Year the Rock show will be held on the 13th of November and will include hacking classes, Height Show jumping, ANSA, Warmblood, ACE Breed classes, and Quarter horse classes to rings 4 and 5. Overall this should be a great weekend to get out to The Rock and participate in the many classes on offer and have some fun.

**PAUL TAPNER CLINIC!!**

Paul Tapner - 2010 WEG Australian Team Representative and 2010 Badminton Winner.
2 day SJ & XC clinic at **Wallaby Hill Farm**, Robertson NSW - **Thursday 25th & Friday 26th** November 2010 - just before the Berrima ODE.
Sessions are 2 hours long max 5 in a group @ $88 per session.
If you would like to stay overnight stables can be booked @ $25/stable/night.
All entries to be taken via [www.nominate.com.au](http://www.nominate.com.au)

*This clinic is the week after the Canberra Paul Tapner Clinic.*