

## **TDSJC FEB News.**

From all members and the committee, commiserations and sympathy to everyone who suffered with the rain and flood. Ellie Burnett, from Withcott lost 2 horses, the Matsons lost their road and connection to the outside world and as of last week still can't get to their local doctor etc. Des Hyland from Pittsworth had to move his horses into the showground for 10 days as they were up to their hocks in mud. Mark Schmacker was caught in Cairns and his friends and relatives had to do a mercy dash to Charlton and drag out his horses who were up to their bellies in mud. Trudy and Anthony Freeman saw the Flagstone creek rush past and devour their front paddock and fence, no horse losses, thankfully. Shane and Mattea Davidson were stranded by blocked roads, but no losses. Lots of us have lost fences and roads, but a small loss compared with what Grantham, Murphys Creek and Helidon suffered. Our cross country course is smashed around, the water jump is full of rubbish, the jetty is partly wrecked, the ditch jumps were converted to water jumps, the 2 star house at the water is washed away, disappeared!! Fence 2 has been dragged out of shape, all the water course jumps are decorated with rubbish.

I will be in at the course most of the week before the Chicken Run if anyone wants to come in and do their working bee duty, bring whippersnippers and shovels.

Pony club members did a great job and washed out the club house which had been flooded with mud. We lost the contents of the freezer, however our fridges are all ok. At the working bee we gurneyed out the storage shed and all around the club house is now whippersnipped. The RASQ has repaired the road in front, it is now drivable.

Our arena was flooded from the north and at the first club day we had to pick up lots of grassy rubbish, however the surface is very jumpable.

Our first Heights class day was a huge success, with lots of people signing up for membership, doing their working bee duty and riding lots of classes. When I left at 3.00, we were still doing 1 m classes!!! The fundraiser on the 13<sup>th</sup> was also a huge success.

We have put in for a flood damage grant to try to prevent the dam flooding in front of the 3<sup>rd</sup> and last jumps and to do something with the water jump, it is more difficult to flood proof.

### **Clem Smith School – Thursday, 24 February 2011**

**\$40 for 1 hour for 2 people / \$50 for non TDSJC members**

**Riders must be TDSJC or EQ members**

**Enquiries Kathy (07) 4630 9771 - [horsevet@tody.com.au](mailto:horsevet@tody.com.au)**

**26-27 February 2011**

**Chicken Run**

**Hunter Trial / Dressage day**

**Entries via Nominate - no work - no ride**

You may notice that the classes are now on Showjump heights, not age groups, John found the scoring too difficult with the age groups all jumping different classes. Please remember, if you are doing an extra sj round, the first one counts, make sure the judge knows that you don't want the 2nd round scored

People who are going to be xc stewards, please ring or email Kathy Humphrey ASAP (07) 4630 9771 - horsevet@tody.com.au

People who cant help on Sunday can put up arenas on Friday or pull them down on Saturday contact Mary Bates or build the showjumping course on Sat, contact Janet

Back protectors are essential, watches are NOT allowed.

### **Australian EA news**

Wayne Roycroft has resigned as head eventing coach. **Prue Barrett** has now been made coaching director

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EA has just got \$250,000 in extra funding. This will go towards the implementation of a new membership structure for EA that will increase the recreational membership base. It will also go towards a joint initiative between Pony Club and EA, no details at this stage.

**Dressage The new rulebook** is on the EA web and free to download

**FEI registration** It is essential that all horses and riders competing in International events, eg Warwick CCI have FEI registration, it is renewed yearly, go to the EA web site for information, under EA services

### **Doonan back??????????**

While here at Sunshine beach on holidays, I ran into Sally Penwell from Doonan. She has been working hard over the last year getting legal advice and poring over the leases on their grounds which they share with House Without Steps, who have been preventing them using the xc course they built there. This is despite the land being left in perpetuity for equestrian sports. Anyway, she feels that they are progressing towards a result in which they will have 35 acres dedicated to the cross country course. Great work!!! Wonderful to have a course on the Sunshine coast, the going there is very sandy and great after any amount of rain.

### **Coming Events**

26-27 Feb - Milmerran Show

3-4 Mar - Eventing clinic at FTP / Pittsworth show

12-13 Mar - Scone ODE / Oakey show

19-20 Mar - Eventing School Warwick / Jandowie & Murgon Shows

26-27 Mar - Warwick Show / Kooralbyn ODE

31 Mar-2 Apr - RASQ with feature Young Showjumper Classes on Sat 2nd

2-3 Apr - FTP ODE

9-10 Apr -TDSJC ODE

**16 Apr - Goombungee show—our club has volunteered to run the sj here,so please support it**

21-24 Apr - Easter CC1 3 STAR Warwick

29-30 Apr - Goondiwindi Show, State sj Champs at Sunshine Coast club

2-3 May - Taroom Show

7 May - Yeppoon ODE / ROMA SHOW

9 May - Mitchell Show

13-14 May - Ipswich Show

20-21 May - Chinchilla & Gympie shows

21-22 May - Warwick ODE