

April/ May 2011 newsletter

Well , well done everyone, our club has won EA Club of the Year.

We won the Qld Club of the Year and we were chosen from all comers at the Awards night in Sydney last Wednesday. I was at Roma Show and luckily David Finch had flown from Roma to Sydney for his own involvement and so was able to collect the award on our behalf.

Huge congratulations to everyone who has ever swept, picked up rails, painted, nailed, dug, pencilled, fence stewarded and done gates. Every little action helps our club run better and better events. We won against ALL equestrian clubs, not just jumping clubs. Our citation congratulated us for our huge efforts in running 3 State titles in 13 months, all the height class days and the clinics.

April ODE

We had over 250 entries for this event. It went brilliantly, thanks to the co-ordinators

Canteen-Jo Williams

Stables-Liz Matson

Dressage-Annie Johnstone

Showjumping-Janet Wilkinson

Cross country-Kathy Humphrey

I was very stressed before the event as we had the unenviable task of getting the water jump built in the tiny window of 7 days between the RAS show and our event. The flood concert and the arrival of Prince William caused havoc to the grounds and the going.

HUGE thanks to Anthony Freeman and his wonderful team of men who built the water jump, worked on the going and built the new fences.

The water is still just the basics but is in a great position and the footing is great. We have fenced around it so it doesn't get too trashed as we have to alter the entry for 1 Star and introd. We also had the new 1 star fence in the farmyard built with donations from the Toowoomba Pony Club which has now been wound up. The fence will have a TPC plaque on it. Thanks to TPC for a lovely gesture.



Anthony also moved and rebuilt the Jondaryan and a new downhill for prelim.



The new jumps and course went very well. Our next task is to remove and rebuild all the jumps affected by the Criterion bike track, these include the Trakenher, hill jumps, picnic tables, oxers and barrels. Anthony and his team are involved in that now.



Congratulations to members who won or were placed,Jo Williams won the PN and Trudy Freeman was 2nd in the 2 star,MatteaDavidson,Indira and Annika Werny,JanetWilkinson,Georgina Lofting and Tom Coggins were also placed

Special thanks to Trudy,Jo pujolas, Sandra and Danae O’Keeffe, Kirsty from Highfieldsand Tessa lever all who came in and painted and oiled the cross country jumps a few days before the event. Those finishing touches made a huge difference to the overall “finished” look and I really appreciated their help.



Rhonda Kath Young Rider Award

This award is given each year to a junior rider who shows the most improvement in the previous year, eg starting in Intro and finishing in Pre novice. It was great being able to award this at the drinks/nibbles gathering at the ODE.

This year's winner was Indira Werny, from Dalby. Indira is now a very competitive rider at pre novice level and has represented Queensland at the Australian Interschool titles in Sydney. Well done Indira.

Previous winners include Dominic Schramm who is competing at 3 Star level in the USA (on my old horse, Aargo), and Soigne Jackson who last weekend got 8th at the Sydney CCI 3 Star event!! So she is in great company.



Stable co-ordinator. Liz matson is leaving us!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

She has the system all worked out and can train the new person. You get free entries for the ODE you are stabling and generally have all your "stuff" done on the Friday leaving you free to ride or whatever. Please contact Kathy 46309771, horsevet@tody.com.au if you would like to do this job

Clem Smith school Tuesday 17th May

Please contact Trudy Freeman for this clinic, Janet has sent all members the details

Grants. Our club has been fortunate to receive over \$36,000 in grants for flood relief. We are using this money to rebuild our water jump—the old one is STILL FLOODED, replace washed away portables, repair damage to the going, build new jumps, buy a new freezer etc.

Cassie o'brien is very busy doing grant applications to help our volunteers as well as new equipment. Thanks so much, we may be applying for shade shelters, chairs, tables etc

Height Class day Sunday 29th May

Please note this will be on the 5th Sunday of the month as the 4th weekend clashes with Chinchilla show and Warwick ODE

Club Shirts. Thanks to Trish Aldridge for organising these shirts. they are now available at any club functions, short and long sleeved are available and under \$30

Goombungee show went very well, but they would have liked more riders. They had a great surface and excellent equipment—ours, so make sure you go next year

Newsletter --can someone PLEASE offer to do this for 1 year, I can supply the photos

JULY JUMPING SPECTACULAR

31st July Club Grounds, 2 rings walk course 8.00 am

Ring 1 Junior,

Fox Hunter,

Ladies Jump-start Height 1 m concept and sponsorship thanks to Des Hyland

1.2 m

Ring 2 height classes starting at 60 cm

Full program on EQ site and our web site, entries on day, please let us know if you are coming so we can organise catering, just a phone call to Robyn Berman 46306646 or Darren Weston

Western Showjumping circuit. I recently had a big road trip with my 3 horses and did Goondiwindi, St George, Taroom and Roma shows in 8 days. I would recommend this run to anyone with unlimited energy, I was exhausted by the end!! The country looked fantastic, the showground surfaces were sensational—often sandy bases, the people friendly and so helpful and just reconnecting with flat country did my soul a lot of good. I lived in Dubbo before coming to Toowoomba and to see the sun setting each night against that flat horizon was very nostalgic. If you enjoy Showjumping, give it a try next year, I know I will, as will all the other Qld jumpers—each D grade had at least 60 horses in it!!

Use of our facilities...If members want to run a clinic using our facilities, they MUST contact the RAS, 46347400 first and book the facility with them. They will have to pay the RAS for the use of the area and pay TDSJC for the hire of the showjumps or cross country facility

EQ has made a new membership facility which replaces day membership and insurance. The person can become a member of our club for 3 days for \$25. Therefore they could perhaps use our cross country to try out a horse or receive a lesson in our arena. So if you have someone in that position, let our club know and they can download the membership form and just join for 3 days

Coming events

12, 13th May Ipswich show

20, 21st May-Chinchilla show—fantastic program and surface for greener horses

21,22 May Warwick ODE

29nd May height class day, begin 9.00 am

4,5th June Burpengary ODE and Maleny show

10,11,12 June Caboolture show—book stables NOW if you want to go

17,18,19 June Sunshine coast Show

26th June height class day

31st July TDSJC Fox hunter Qualifier, Young Showjump and height classes, program on EQ web site

9th,10th July KEG ODE