

D.S.J.C. - 1986 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President's Encouragement Trophy

This year I have awarded this trophy to a young rider who probably doesn't really need any further encouragement for his riding as he has done so well this year, but I feel he deserves recognition for the effort he has made as part of the DSJC Committee. This member has had an excellent record of turning up to meetings and functions and is always willing to lend a hand. I feel he is a good example for our younger riders and truly hope that he continues with his equestrian pursuits as he has a great deal of potential - we could do with lots more like him, who not only enjoy competing but also pitch in and lend a hand as well.

May I also take this opportunity to congratulate all our other trophy winners on their performances.

Jump School

Although this year's annual jump school was poorly attended (seems most people know it all!!) those who did participate thoroughly enjoyed the instruction they received from Rod Brown. Just goes to show it's not always the BIG NAME riders that make the best instructors.

From what I saw from the sidelines, in between canteen duties, and from comments I received, most riders seemed to have got their monies worth, after all you can really only get out as much as you put in and you can even learn a lot by just sitting and watching and listening once in a while.

At this stage I would like to recommend to whoever the committee is for 1987 (hopefully we'll see some new faces coming forward) that they take a much stricter line with regard to nominations for next year's school as we found that several people renegged at the last minute, at no loss to themselves but considerable loss to the club. On the other hand I would also like to appeal

to riders to support our annual school in future as I really don't believe anyone knows it all (it's quite obvious in the ring) and the kind of instructing expertise we offer is always of the highest standard. You'll find that none of the other clubs offer the same class of instruction that specialises in show-jumping.

If support is not forthcoming the committee may have no alternative than to withdraw the opportunity to take advantage of high quality instructors at bargain prices (i.e. cancel the school).

N.T. Showjumping Championships

This year won, once again, by that mighty little horse - Copper King with his old jock Stephen Connelly on board. This event continues to be the most prestigious jumping event of the year and demands a high standard of jumping from all horses and riders that compete.

There was some opposition from certain quarters earlier in the year to the event being called the N.T. Showjumping Championships and run in conjunction with the Royal Show, although it has been for several years. I believe we should try to ensure that it continues this way for several reasons that I have tried (on numerous occasions) to explain to those who opposed me:

1. It gives the competitors from down the track a go.
2. In it's current time slot it seems to be producing the best jumping from horses.
3. Riders usually work towards having their mounts at their peak for the Royal.

4. Holding the event a week after the Show has previously been attempted and there was definitely a lack of atmosphere and most horses were tired from the rigorous demands of jumping a week prior.
5. The excellent sponsorship we now have would probably be lost if the event was not held at the Show.

E.F.A. Showjumping

It now seems inevitable that showjumping will become an officially recognised discipline administered by the E.F.A. (N.T. Branch) in 1987. As you may be aware there have been many different opinions as to whether we are ready or not for this course of action but it now seems that the powers that be have decided we are. Therefore, the task now ahead of the Showjumping Sub-committee is to decide and formulate the rules & regulations etc. which will be adopted for the N.T. This is currently being undertaken and a draft form will be circulated to all clubs for comment. All negative aspects aside, such as additional costs to riders, the one good thing from the D.S.J.C. point of view is that we will no longer have to concern ourselves with the administering of rules and grading systems and will be able to get on with the job of promoting and holding more showjumping events. Hopefully there will be a lot more "benefits" for riders because after all we'll be paying for it.

General

Whilst I'm on the subject of events/functions run by the D.S.J.C. of which there have been several this year (showjumping school, training nights, film night), could I please make a plea for more support, particularly from our members, when we do run events, or else stop ^hwinging that the D.S.J.C. never does anything, because believe me it gets very boring.

A.G.M.

If you are interested in seeing showjumping progress further in 1987 and have some ideas or time to contribute please attend our A.G.M. on 8/11/86 at Fred's Pass Reserve it should be lots of fun.

Starting at approximately 1.00pm we'll be running some novelty events for the kids - Billy Can Race (byo Billycan), Lolly in the Bucket (you get to keep the lolly!!), Sack Race etc. Hard hats with secure chin straps and neckstraps on horses to be worn please.

Then we'll be having our New Recruits Grand Prix for horse and rider (senior) combinations that do not normally compete in showjumping - i.e. green horse/green rider; green horse/experienced rider; experienced horse/green rider; experienced horse/experienced rider that don't normally compete as a combination. If you don't normally jump your own horse you may compete as a combination otherwise the idea is to swap or borrow horses. This is strictly a fun event and the jumps will be miniscule (i.e. maximum height for 1st round 6" !!!).

Hopefully all that tom-foolery will put us in the right frame of mind for the A.G.M., hope to see lots of people staying on for that. Following the A.G.M. we will be providing a B.B.Q. with steak sandwiches and snags etc (BYOG) and trophies for Hi-Point Horses of the year will be presented.

In closing I would like to give a great big thank you to those members who did support the club this year and hope they continue to do so. Special thanks to our very hard working secretary, Chris Edgoose and committee members Jacqui Walker, Amanda Davies, Scott & Kim Slatter.

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