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NEWSLETTER

Hi,

P R E S S R E L E A S E

I have had numerous phonecalls in relation to riders competing in senior (EFA) events and junior (Pony Club) events. I repeat the rulings governing these below:

EFA Showjumping Handbook, Rule 1.2.6:

From the beginning of the calendar year in which they reach the age of 16, competitors may, if the organisers so stipulate/allow, compete in all categories for which they are eligible (i.e. Pony Club and EFA events) at the same fixture, provided that the same horse does not compete in more than one of the categories.

This ruling was included in Jump Club newsletters in February 1990, December 1990 and February 1991 AND the EFA newsletter April 1990.

At an EFA meeting held 6/6/90 the following was submitted and ratified and should be incorporated into your EFA Showjumping Handbook:

Competitors 16 years of age who elect to ride as a senior must enter in open events which read "17 years and over" i.e. remain as a senior for the duration of the show.

In the above we are referring to competitors 16 years of age or who reach 16 years of age in the calendar year. Secondly, we are referring to a horse and rider combination, so that a person may ride one horse or pony in all their junior events and a different horse or pony in all their senior events. This ruling was included in the June 1990 Jump Club newsletter.

All these rule changes are discussed at EFA Showjumping Committee levels and then ratified at EFA Branch meetings. They are based on rulings made nationally so that we are following the national trend in all areas. They also make it very clear for organisers as to which events a horse and rider combination may compete in and make the tally of points for championships a simple task.

They are encouraging juniors to enter the senior ranks and continuing to bolster our showjumping numbers.

These rules are printed in the current EFA Showjumping Handbook available from your EFA office (phone Felicity 322116 Tues or Thurs 9am-12noon or Wed 12-6pm).

PERPETUAL TROPHY

The following are the tally of points for horse and rider combinations gained from this year's shows (not including Fred's Pass):

Kelly Baylis, Khan Comet	15
Kristie Trouchet, Centre Auditor	11
Kelly, Mannassah	11

I would say Kelly would still be somewhere in the lead as she had a very successful Fred's Pass. Good to see a junior coming into senior ranks with such a vengeance.

FRED'S PASS SHOW

Congratulations to all placegetters in the showjumping arena. All events were well patronised, apart from perhaps the Table C events, which I think was due to competitors being ignorant of what was involved.

An interesting comment from John Patterson, the judge/course designer from South Australia. Apparently all speed events have been wiped from S.A. (and interstate) programs and virtually all events are Table A classes i.e. Pony Club D Table AM4. The only shows who do have speed classes are 'out the back of beyond'. John is not the first visiting interstate judge to make this comment and probably won't be the last. I must say the horrendous pace of some of the juniors in the Table C class made my hair stand on end. Had the jumps been 2 or 3 holes higher there could have been some disastrous prangs.

John's other comment was that a number of juniors could do some homework on their rules for various classes and I must confess guilt here. A few years ago I didn't know my rules all that well either until I had people coming up and asking me questions about this and that so had to do my own homework so as not to look totally ignorant. EFA and FEI Showjumping rules are available from our local EFA office or, as times are tough, you could try asking a senior rider the rules of an event rather than the interstate judge.

Scratchings

Please let show organisers know if you decide to scratch from an event. Preferably notify the penciller and gate marshall.

EFA GRADING CARDS

Please note seniors that your EFA Grading Card must be presented and signed by the judge when you receive your ribbons/prizes. A number of us (including yours truly) have been marking the event on our cards and leaving the signature blank or worse still a number of people have forgotten to mark their cards at all and are expecting the poor Secretary of the EFA to keep their cards up-to-date for them. Felicity is busy enough as it is without having to play 'nurse'. In all other States in Australia it is up to the competitor to keep their own cards up-to-date.

At our Indoor Showjumping Championships ribbons/prizes will not be able to be collected unless you have your grading card with you for signing.

MONO PUMPS INDOOR SHOWJUMPING CHAMPIONSHIPS 4.00PM SATURDAY 15 JUNE

I hope all our budding showjumpers will be entering this event and won't be put off by the glamour of the occasion. The Committee have been working hard to make this a great afternoon/evening. It is disappointing when there are so many potential combinations out there who are too embarrassed to give it a go when the heat's on!

John Patterson is once again flying up from Adelaide to course design/judge. We will have yummy food, a bar, trucks on which to set deck chairs etc etc. It is a great afternoon/evening. Ask along parents, friends and make a top night of it.

There is of course a warmup for this event, the 'Pipe Opener' on Saturday 1 June but by the time you receive this it will probably have been and gone. If not: nominations at 3.00pm (\$3 per event): Pony Club D, B&C, Maiden, Elementary, EFA D&C, Junior & Senior Take Your Own Line.

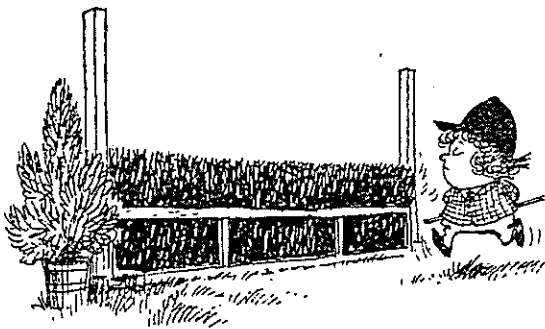
EQUIPMENT UPDATE

Lyn McClelland very kindly picked up the Foster's brick wall from Fred's Pass prior to the show and had a signwriter 'touch up the lettering'. NT Brewery agreed to sponsor the cost of the signwriting.

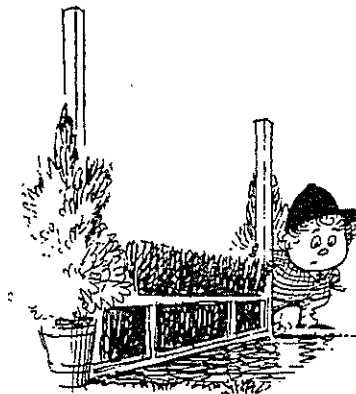
Well I can't believe we are so far into the show season already. Now I have a new horse to jump there doesn't seem to be nearly as much jumping around as I thought, particularly after the Indoor Championships and before the Darwin Show (for people who don't travel to Alice Springs, Tennant and Katherine Shows that is). However, no doubt by the time the NT Showjumping Championships comes around I will be wondering when it will ever end!!

See you at the INDOOR

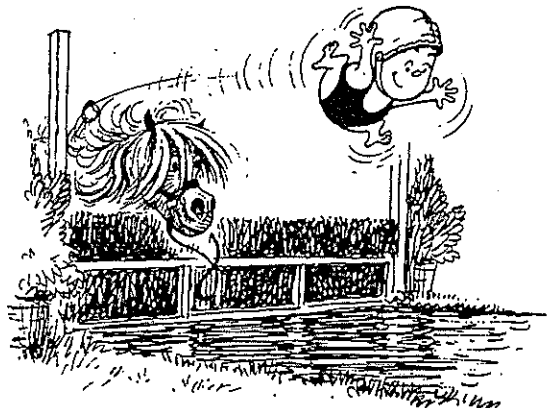
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BEFORE JUMPING



THIS WILL ENABLE YOU TO BE READY . . .



FOR ANY EMERGENCY