



# Darwin Show Jumping Club

*Edition 9*

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## FIRST EVENT OF THE YEAR

The first event of the new season will be held on Saturday 24th February. After the huge success of the first ever protocol evening held last year, the committee has decided to run it again this year.

Topics to be covered during the evening will include types of fences, types of competitions, how to ride a course, when to use studs and what sort of saddlery to ride in, what to wear while competing, also jumping etiquette and rules and there will be an explanation about DSJC grading rules.

It will be a useful evening for the newcomer or even the old hand who wants to have a refresher course. There will be a BBQ dinner and club t-shirts will also be on sale. Just bring along a chair, and of course pen and paper. The committee will be on hand to answer any questions.

So make a note in your diary—this is an evening not to be missed.

### *From your President*

As the incoming President for the Darwin Showjumping Club Inc. I'd like to welcome all the new and renewing members to what is set to be another great year of showjumping in Darwin. We've got a full calendar yet again and some great shows planned kicking off the season with the first of many Freshman's Days on Saturday March 10th.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank our outgoing President Karen Ruzsicska for all the time and effort she's put in to this club over the years. It has been very much appreciated by all of our members. I'd also like to thank the committee for not only the support they've given me but also the time and effort they've put in to make this club what it is today. You've been a great bunch to work with and your ongoing commitment to the club is fantastic.

Hope to see old and new faces revitalised and ponies ready for what is set to be another great season.

Thank you  
 Sarah Gordon

## CALENDER OF EVENTS 2007

Saturday 24th February	Protocol Evening
Saturday 3rd March	Course building clinic
Saturday 10th March	Freshman's Day
Saturday 17th March	Freshman's Day
Saturday 24th March	Freshman's Day
Saturday 31st March	Freshman's Day
Saturday 14th April	Freshman's Day
Saturday 5th May Monday May 7th	Annual Jump Clinic
Friday 18th May	DSJC competition at Fred's Pass Show
Sunday 19th May	DSJC competition at Fred's Pass Show
Wednesday 30th May - Sunday 3rd June	DSJC Jump Clinic
Monday 11th June	Early June Official Show
Saturday 16th June	Freshman's Day
Sunday 24th June	Late June Official Show
Sunday 1st July	DSJC Official Show
Sunday 21st July	Freshman's day
Friday July 28th - Saturday 29th	Royal Darwin Show
Saturday August 11th	DSJC competition
Sunday August 12th	DSJC competition
Sunday 26th August	DSJC competition
Sunday 9th Sept	DSJC Finale

For a full list of the events for the three EFA disciplines and the local pony clubs log onto....

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**2007  
COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

**PRESIDENT** – SARAH GORDON  
**VICE PRESIDENT** – KAREN RUZSICKA  
**SECRETARY** – KYLIE WESTON  
**TREASURER** – CAROL FEIN  
**NEWSLETTER** – JANE PALMER

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS** – KAREN BIRD, CORINA NICHOLSON, JENNY GLENCROSS LINDSEY MELVILLE LACHLAN MELVILLE LISA MURTIMER AND TRACY SYRIMI

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## COURSE BUILDING SEMINAR

This will be held on March 3rd. This will be useful course FOR not only would be course designers but anyone who has an interest in showjumping itself, or even those poor parents out there who spend so much time moving jumps/picking up poles for their keen show jumping kids. . The course will cover how to build a safe, flowing course that both horses and riders will enjoy jumping. So once again make sure you put this in your diary.

### ***What your committee is up to.....***

*A big thank you must go to Lachlan, Lindsey and Kylie who spent a long time going through the contents of the club shed. They took everything off the two trailers ( even changing tyres in the process), counted all the rails, wings, fillers, checked everything for damage etc then came to the committee with a fantastic presentation ( they even had a laptop with photographs) about the state of the jumping equipment. It was decided to sell certain pieces of equipment and try and spruce up a lot of the other poles, fillers etc The club still hopes to purchase some new equipment once we find a reasonable supplier for jump wings. We also need to thank Lachlan, Kylie and Lindsey for painting one of our jumps—I was hoping to include a photograph but that will have to wait to a later issue.*

*There has been a lot of discussion about the year's events—some are still in the planning stage but the web site, newsletters and emails will keep all our members up to date.*

*If anyone wants to come along to a committee meeting, everyone is welcome—it is informal and a good opportunity to have your say in how the club is run.*

*Meetings are held every third Tuesday in Ted Warren's office in Coolalinga. They start at 8pm*

### ***From the Editor***

Welcome to a new season of show jumping. The DSJC newsletters will probably come out once a month -they will be put up on to the club's website. Due to the number of photographs usually included each month they can be quite large and take quite a long time to download. If you don't have access to a computer we can arrange for a paper copy to be sent out but the club would have to charge costs ( to cover printing and postage) - please let me know if you would like to take advantage of this.

The newsletter will also include a classifieds section so if you have anything to sell or are looking for some particular bit of tack etc just send a copy of the advert and it will be included in the next issue. There are a lot of new horse/rider combinations out there this year so if any one who has a new horse would like to send a photo in and a brief description I will include it in the newsletter. There are a couple in this issue to encourage you to get organised. I would also like to include a section about our new members—so if you are new just drop me a line by email, introducing yourself and your horse—just tell us a bit about your experience etc.

If you have anything at all that you would like to include ( jokes, cartoons, stories, information etc) again just email me. However I will retain the right not to include anything I feel unsuitable or inappropriate, or to hold it over to the next issue.

Jane Palmer  
Editor

## **DSJC GRADING RULES**

**EFFECTIVE 01.01.06**

### **PREPARATORY**

Max 1<sup>st</sup> round height 45cm.

Horses will be upgraded from Preparatory if they have 3 eligible wins. An eligible win is a win with a clear round and a minimum of 3 other horses complete the course. A win in Novice will be counted as one of your Preparatory wins. Horses are no longer able to compete in Preparatory if they have an eligible win in Elementary or above. Horses graded Pony Club C grade and above are ineligible to compete in this grade.

### **NOVICE**

Max 1<sup>st</sup> round height 60cm.

Horses will be upgraded from Novice if they have 3 eligible wins. An eligible win is a win with a clear round and a minimum of 3 other horses complete the course. Horses are no longer able to compete in Novice if they have an eligible win in Prelim D or above. Horses graded Pony Club C grade and above are ineligible to compete in this grade.

### **ELEMENTARY**

Max 1<sup>st</sup> round height 75cm

Horse must have NO prior open D Grade points. A win is counted as official - only - when there are five or more competitors in the class who actually complete the course, and the horse has a clear first round. Once the horse has won five (5) Elementary classes, he is up graded to Preliminary D Grade. Elementary horses are permitted to compete at Preliminary D Grade level as well at the same fixture. A win in Preliminary D Grade will count as one of your Elementary wins.

### **PRELIMINARY D**

Max 1<sup>st</sup> round height 85cm

Current graded Pony Club B Graders will automatically be put into this grade. Horses are eligible for this grade if they have less than 4 D Grade points. A win is counted as official - only - when there are five or more competitors in the class who actually complete the course, and the horse has a clear first round. Once the horse has won five (5) Prelim D classes, he is upgraded to D grade. Preliminary D grade horses are permitted to compete at D Grade level at the same fixture. However, if your horse wins the open D Grade class (satisfying the criteria set out below) then he will instantly earn 4 D Grade points and will be out of Prelim D Grade. Same if he already started in Prelim D grade with a couple of D Grade points, then if he places in the open D Grade (again satisfying the criteria set out below) he could easily go over 4 points in D Grade and be out of Prelim D Grade.

### **1M D GRADE**

Max 1<sup>st</sup> round height 1m

This is not an official "grade". Horses will now be able to obtain up to 5 wins in the 1m D grade classes, after that the horse is no longer able to compete in them even if the horse has not yet gained it's 4 D grade points. A win in the 1m D grade class will be separate from the wins in a Prelim D class ie: a horse with 4 Prelim D wins can still have up to 5 wins in the 1m D grade classes before it is considered to be upgraded (provided no further Prelim D wins are accrued). Horses with 4 or more D grade points are still unable to compete in the 1 m D grade classes

### **Open D GRADE**

Max 1<sup>st</sup> round height 1.15m

Current graded Pony Club A Graders will automatically be put into this grade. Horses are awarded points for places only when there are five (5) or more competitors in the class who actually complete the course, and at least two horses have a clear first round, resulting in a jump off. Once the horse has accumulated 16 points he is upgraded to OPEN. **HOWEVER**, if you have reached 16 points within 2 years of being graded Open D grade, you will have the option of remaining in D Grade for the full duration of two years. If you have reached 16 points in D Grade, 2 years or more after being graded D Grade, your horse will be upgraded to OPEN.

### **OPEN**

Max 1<sup>st</sup> round height 1.20m

Horses who were previously in Open C Grade, will now be classed as "OPEN". Horses that are graded Open will not gain any further points for wins or placings. Horses competing in Open who are currently graded below open, will still earn points for placings the same as in Open D Grade provided that they satisfy the criteria set out above.

*NOTE: Points/wins are awarded from places in Mini Prix's and Grand Prix's and all Table A's*

*You may upgrade your horse at ANY TIME. All down grading must be done through a written request to DSJC for committee approval.*

HORSE	WINS: PREP	NOVICE	ELEM	PRELIM	1M	POINTS: D GRADE / OPEN	CURRENT GRADE	P/C GRADE
	Max 3 prep 1 Elem. No p/c C or above	Max 3 Nov 1 Prelim. No p/c C or above	Max 5 Elem or above. No p/c B or above	Max 5 Pre- lim wins. Max 4 D pts. P/c B & above in here	Max 5 x 1m wins. 4 D pts & over ineli- gible	Max 16 pts for D Grade. 1st = 4 pts. 2nd = 2 pts. 3rd = 1 pt		
AZAYID							PREPARATORY	D
BARRAKUDA				2	1		ELEMENTARY	no
BELLA		1					PREPARATORY	E
BOB							4 OPEN D	no
BOZ							PREPARATORY	no
COUNT LA MOOLA				1	1	1	ELEMENTARY	C
DARLINGTON							ELEMENTARY	C
DENARIUS				1	2		ELEMENTARY	C
E FARM MISSING LYNX							PREPARATORY	D
EL GEM'S DANTE					3		PRELIM D	
EL GEM'S INFINITY TWIST							16 OPEN D	no
EL GEM'S MIMOSSA							PREPARATORY	no
ELMWOOD NEW LINE								
EMERALDS ODYSSEY							PREPARATORY	D
FOXWOOD IMPERIAL CROWN			2	2	1		ELEMENTARY	C
FREESTYLE							ELEMENTARY	C
GC MADONNA								
GUMFLAT CASSANOVA					4		1 PRELIM D	
HARDY HA HA							PREPARATORY	D
HOLLYBROOK MILTON							ELEMENTARY	C
IMOGEN								
IRON DUKE							PREPARATORY	no
IVANOFF STAR							PREPARATORY	E

JIMINY CRICKET						11	OPEN D	no
JOKARA SCANDAL								
JOKARA SERENADE							PREPARATORY	E
KIANA PHOENIX							PREPARATORY	D
KUMBIDGEE INVERWAY							PREPARATORY	E
MAJOR IMPACT							PREPARATORY	D
MANALAY			1	1			ELEMENTARY	C
MANTON EL PACIS			1	1			NOVICE	D
MAVERICK							PREPARATORY	no
MAXED OUT							PREPARATORY	E
MILLY BUG			1				NOVICE	
MISS FIDGET							PREPARATORY	no
MOONLIGHT MISTY	1						PREPARATORY	E
MOSES							ELEMENTARY	C
NARINDA LACE							ELEMENTARY	C
OLYMPIC COCKTAIL			1	1			ELEMENTARY	C
ORANA PARK ROYALTY							PREPARATORY	E
OUTBACK JACK							PREPARATORY	E
PACMAN						5	OPEN D	B
PLAYBOY							PREPARATORY	D
POLLY		1					PREPARATORY	D
PPP FUN & GAMES						5	OPEN D	no
REMI							PREPARATORY	E
RHAAMI						4	OPEN D	
RIVOLI MISS SCARLET							PREPARATORY	D
RUBY TUESDAY							PREPARATORY	no
RUSH						7	OPEN D	
RUSH HOUR							PREPARATORY	D
SANDPALM ALICE	1						PREPARATORY	E
SERENA							PREPARATORY	D
SHANCEY			1				ELEMENTARY	

SOLO CONTROL						4	OPEN D	B
STATFORD GENIE							PREPARATORY	E
STONEAGE TALES							PREPARATORY	no
TC SPECKS KOOTENAI						15	OPEN D	no
TOSCA			2				NOVICE	D
TRIXIE			1				ELEMENTARY	
TS SONGMAKER							PREPARATORY	no
WARREGO JESSIE				2			PRELIM D	no
WOMBEENA BEVERLY HILLS							PREPARATORY	E

If you have any queries regarding either the rules or your own grading please talk to Karen. Karen puts a lot of time and effort in keeping the gradings up to date. If there are any horses on the list that you know have either gone down south or died could you please let Karen know.

## NEW HORSE AND RIDER COMBINATIONS

### Sarah Gordon and....TS Giacomo (aka Songy)

8 going on 9 yr old brown (with no markings) 16'1hh thoroughbred (I haven't looked at bloodlines)

Off the track 18mths. Raced as Songmaker. Bought off Tracy Syrimi who had him sitting in the paddock not doing a lot. Attended one of Clive's clinics last year with Tracy on board. Competed at DSJC Champs 06 and won maiden class and completed elementary round.

Attended DDC Australia Day 07 comp 2 nice tests. Attending NHPC this year for exposure and to work on my riding. Will be out this year and campaigned at Elementary and Prelim D, hopefully finishing the season with 1m D grade. He is a careful jumper but doesn't like fill and scary jumps. He is still very green but with a lovely nature, quick learner and good education retention.



( Photograph courtesy of Sideline Images)

### Elizabeth Jacobs and Flash Harry

Flash Henry is 7 years old and was a racehorse until June 2006. He ran in over 70 races so I am told it will be a miracle if he is still sound, however he seems fine so far. I came across him after I had tried another racehorse, who did not pass the vet check. The vet happened to mention that he knew of another racehorse, who he believed to be sound, was for sale at the track. I had only half an hour to look Henry over as his owner/trainer was not prepared to let me trial him. It was scary buying a horse I had no knowledge of (knowing that I would not be able to bring myself to sell him) but so far I am very happy with my decision. So far we have only done flat-work as we are still working on calmness. I have no idea whether he will make a successful jumper, but 2007 is the year to find out!



( photograph courtesy of Sideline Images)

### Emily Palmer and Casper

Casper (aka Byalee Justice) is a 6 year old Anglo Arab gelding. We bought him just over 6 months ago. At that time he had just been broken in for 8 months and had done very little ( no outings at all) He had a pretty bad accident when he was three—he got tangled up in a barbed wire fence. Due to his injuries he stayed unbroken in the paddock for three years until he went to Byalee Stables. His father has sired lots of three day eventers so we are hoping that he has some natural talent. He is a lovely horse but with quite a quirky nature. He is easily bored so our paddock is now full of "his toys", and he is also easily distracted. He has just started his first season of pony club, and found it all too exciting. We will be taking his training slowly, small step by small step, under the expert guidance of Lisa Murtimer. Fingers crossed.



### Stephanie Glencross and Peter (aka Manton El Pacis )

Height: 14.2hh

Breed: pure Arab

Age: 22 years old

Colour: bay

We have had Peter for 2 years—Susan rode him last year and now he is teaching Stephanie the ropes.

Jumping ability: up to 105cm



( this a photo of Susan jumping Pete)

### Susan Glencross and Archie

Height: 16.2hh

Breed: Thouroughbred

Age: 10 years old

Colour: chestnut

We have had him for about three months—before that he belonged to the Berry Family of Bees Creek.

Jumping Ability: Little experience but shows interest and potential.

Past life: began as a race horse, has done pony club, some shos, some jumping, some dressage and some Western.



(photograph courtesy Sideline Images)



*Love blossoming in the paddocks?*



**IMPORTANT**

DSJC has a new email address:

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