



Darwin Show Jumping Club

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FROM THE EDITOR

Dear Members

First of all I would like to apologise for the late arrival of the newsletter—it was actually ready a month ago but then various computer problems either prevented access to the document itself or prevented me sending it out by email. As a result of this delay I have had to edit the newsletter several times already. Hopefully this will make it out to you with out further delay.

With the start of the new year I would like to introduce the new committee that was elected at the November 2005 AGM. I have a feeling it is going to be an exciting year as we have a large committee this year full of enthusiastic members (or so they tell me). Later in the newsletter are introductions to some of the committee members (hopefully I will get the rest in time for the next newsletter), so you can get to know us individually before the season starts (I might even take my camera along to the next meeting and capture everyone on film so there will be no doubt about who to complain too when something isn't quite to your liking).

We had two committee meeting already this year and lots of interesting things have come up for discussion. We have the annual jumping clinic planned, along with a grass roots clinic for all our new members. We also revisited the grading system for the club and have introduced two new levels – preparatory and novice for our less experienced members (There will be classes included in all the shows for these lower grades as well) but more on this when the details have been finalised and drawn up.

By the time this newsletter goes out (if my computer ever gets fixed – fourth time lucky) we will have started on a general clean up of the jump equipment starting with doing an inventory of equipment, to be closely followed by paint jobs, repair jobs etc.

Please feel welcome to lend the committee a hand at any events – if you don't know what to do, just ask and we will be more than willing to tell you what needs doing. You will also be welcomed with open arms (and maybe even be offered a coffee) if you come along and have your say at any committee meetings.

We had our first event last weekend, which was a huge success especially as the rain held off just long enough. The next freshman's day is this coming Saturday. The committee looks forward to meeting all the members, past and present.



CALENDER OF EVENTS 2006

Saturday March 11th	Freshman's day
Saturday March 18th	Freshman's day
Saturday March 25th	Freshman's day
Saturday April 1st	Freshman's day
Saturday April 8	Freshman's day
Saturday April 29th – Monday May 1st	Annual Jump Clinic
Sunday May 14th	DSJC competition
Friday May 19th	DSJC competition at Fred's Pass Show
Sunday May 21st	DSJC competition at Fred's Pass Show
Sunday June 10th	Early June Official Show
Sunday June 25th	Late June Official Show
Sunday July 2nd	DSJC Official Show
Sunday July 23rd	Freshman's day
Friday July 28th – Saturday 29th	Royal Darwin Show
Saturday August 12th	DSJC Junior/Green Horse Show
Sunday August 13th	NT Show Jumping Championships
Sunday August 13th	DSJC fun day
Sunday Sept 10th	DSJC Finale

For a full list of the events for the three EFA disciplines and the local pony clubs log onto....
www4.tpgi.com.au/efant

2006 COMMITTEE MEMBERS

PRESIDENT – KAREN RUZSICKA
VICE PRESIDENT – LISA MURTIMER
SECRETARY – PAM PALMER
TREASURER – CAROL FEIN
NEWSLETTER – JANE PALMER
EFA DELEGATE – TRACY SYRIMI
COMMITTEE MEMBERS – KAREN BIRD, KELLY CLARKE, BERNADETTE SYRIMI

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2006 MEMBERSHIP

The committee is pleased to announce once again that there is no increase in cost for membership of the Darwin Show Jump Club – how do we do it?!!

At the end of the newsletter you will find a membership form. If you intend to jump this year please send your membership and money in as soon as possible. If we have a complete picture when it comes to membership it makes it easier for the committee to plan events. Once again there will be no day membership available unless you live out further than Adelaide River.

It makes life a lot easier for the harassed committee members if they don't have to deal with membership forms at actual events so please

IMPORTANT RULE CHANGES

The committee has introduced two new levels of gradings this year, Preparatory and Novice. Classes at these grades will be included in future shows.

GRADES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

PREPARATORY	MAXIMUM
HEIGHT 45CM	
NOVICE	MAXIMUM
HEIGHT 60CM	
ELEMENTARY	MAXIMUM
HEIGHT 75 CM	
PRELIMINARY D	MAXIMUM
HEIGHT 85 CM	
1M D GRADE	MAXIMUM
HEIGHT 1M	

Horse and rider combinations are upgraded from Preparatory and Novice grades if they have 3 wins, with a clear round and a minimum of 3 riders completing the course. If a horse and rider combination wins in Elementary, they are no longer eligible to compete in preparatory, and if they win in Prelim D they are no longer eligible to compete in Novice

For Elementary, Prelim D and D grades, horse and rider combinations are up graded if they have 4 wins, with a clear round, and a minimum of 3 other riders complete the course.

CLUB T-SHIRTS

DSJC T-shirts are available from Tracy Syrimi.
Sizes are as follows: Youth 10 to 16 yrs, Adult 10 – 16. Cost is \$30

If you would like a t-shirt, please email one of the committee.

URGENTLY REQUIRED

THE CLUB IS IN DESPARATE NEED FOR SOMEONE TO VOLUNTEER TO DRIVE THE TRACTOR THAT PULLS THE JUMP TRAILER. AT PRESENT WE HAVE NO DRIVER SO THIS MAKES HOLDING EVENTS VERY DIFFICULT.

PLEASE CONTACT THE COMMITTEE IF YOU FEEL YOU CAN VOLUNTEER FOR THIS JOB. WE CAN GIVE YOU LESSONS ON HOW TO DRIVE THE TRACTOR.

SADDLEWORLD IS PROUD TO SPONSOR **A**

SHANE DAVIDSON CLINIC INCORPORATING DRESSAGE AND SHOW JUMPING LESSONS TO BE HELD AT ROBBIE ROBBINS RESERVE ON THE 5TH – 8TH MAY. FOR FURTRE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT LANCIE OR LISA AT SADDLEWORLD
PHONE: 8983 2811

AN IMPORTANT DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

During the long weekend of the 29th April – 1st May
DSJC will be holding a clinic with Clive Reed from South
Australia
so make sure you keep that weekend free.

WATCH THIS SPACE FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

FRESHMAN'S DAY SATURDAY MARCH 11TH

There was an excellent turn out for the first event of the year, inspite of monsoonal weather lurking in the background the whole time (in fact the skies opened just at the event finished, so how is that for timing!)We had quite a few new riders, and quite a few riders on new horses, and lots of familiar faces.



Karen our president did an excellent job of taking the money, organising the draw and generally running the whole show. Pam supplied snacks and cold drinks , and Heins Lenders once again did the club a huge favour by driving the tractor. Thank you to everyone who helped set up the jumps on the Friday, and to our course builder (who I think was Tracy) for building such a



nice course. Thank you to everyone who helped put up the jumps in between rounds and helped take them down at the end of the day. Stewie Clarke also needs a thank you for fixing the flat tyres on the jump trailer. A specially big thank you must go to Alex and Jenny who picked up the majority of fallen rails during the day.



Everybody jumped really well and both horses and riders seemed to have fun, and I am sure they are all looking forward to next weekend.



NEXT EVENT IS:FRESHMAN DAY ON SATURDAY MARCH 18TH

Setting up : 6pm Friday. Remember you can nominate either on Friday, by email or on the day. Nomination forms can be down loaded from the website. Please remember you must help either to set up or take down the jumps. Please remember to take your turn at picking up knocked down rails—people do it for you, so you need to do it for them!



Introducing the committee.....

PRESIDENT

Karen Ruzsicska

I have been riding since I was a kid, and became interested in show jumping in about 1990, but I unfortunately had a horse that preferred to go backwards and sideways rather than forward, which isn't the preferred angle to tackle a jump! It wasn't until I had a decent horse by the name of "Kastanea" (aka "Legs") back in 1992 that I had a chance to really give jumping a go, and well..... the rest is history as they say!

Later in my jumping career I was lucky enough to purchase a lovely little Palomino mare "Polly" and had her around for a few seasons. Well, she has now earned the privilege to her retirement and is spending her days in beautiful Qld! (wish it was me!!).

I have been president of the Jump Club for about 5 or 6 years (not all consecutively) and I have a 4 year old son, Jay, who most of you would probably have seen around the place, so this all keeps me very busy.

I am really looking forward to seeing lots of members out jumping this year, giving it a go and having fun.

SECRETARY

Pam Palmer

I don't know that there's much to tell about me always loved horses and dreamed of show jumping but never had the opportunity ... two daughters who rode at Wongabilla and, as a result, we bought a horse, and eventually moved rural. The horse didn't work out and we imported a showjumper from SA, who was then injured on the trip up here and, after nursing her back to health, the opportunity for me to have my own (broken down) horse had finally arrived. After initial riding lessons, joined NHPC where I discovered the thrill of jumping one day with Dinka, then joined DSJC, and thereafter provided entertainment as I tried to remain on my mare while negotiating a course - occasionally with some slight measure of success. My mare has now retired to a life as a mum, and I've bought a Territory-bred stock horse, who hopefully a little less likely to have me meeting the ground quite so often. I've joined the DSJC Committee after a few years membership as a non-riding Mum, and now in my own right, as I thought I should contribute to a such a rewarding sport and a club which provides a lot for not much in return.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Jane Palmer

I have been riding since I was little but never owned a horse until 5 years ago when we made the enormous life changing decision to buy my daughter a pony. Now we have 6 horses in the paddock. I personally am far too terrified to show jump (the idea of launching myself over a fence on the off chance the horse might decide to come as well is far too horrific) but my daughter Emily loves jumping in spite of two years on a quarter horse who hated the whole idea. I joined the committee because I feel it is important for members to put back into a club what they get out of it. How much help I will be during the actual events remains to be seen as I play polocrosse with the rest of my family but if I can do just a small bit to help run the club the club I will be happy.

COMMITTEE MEMBER

Sarah Gordon

Always had a horse at home but only started riding at about 10 and it was then I became a member of NHPC. Joined DSJC soon after and attended jumping clinics but didn't start competitively jumping until I was about 15 on Boss (my first horse). Have had lots of different horses over the years (I'm now 21). Have competed in Hacking, Dressage and Jumping but have a definite preference for Jumping.

I'm in the real estate industry. Have been working as a receptionist at K.G. Young & Associates since finishing school in 2002. Have just got my licence so will be going back to work (from maternity leave) in February as a Commercial Property Manager.



