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End of Year Dinner and Awards Night

Darwin Show Jumping Club held their End of Year Dinner and Awards Night at the Santa Fe restaurant on Saturday 11th November—we had an excellent turn out (over 40 came in the end) which meant we could book the whole restaurant for ourselves. The buffet was perhaps rather disappointing, es-



pecially the desserts (my favourite part of any meal I have to confess) but the company was good. I personally find it odd to see everyone looking so smart—after months of seeing people in jodhpurs, people were almost unrecognisable in posh frocks and make-up. It was nice to see so many partners coming along. Sarah Gordon, President of the Darwin Show Jump club handed out the awards once we had all finished eating. We had a good range of awards and prizes this year, along with some more obscure, humorous certificates.



2007 Darwin Show Jumping Club AGM

The DSJC AGM was held on Tuesday 20th November at Ted Warren's office in Coolalinga. We had an excellent turn out, with all positions on the committee being declared vacant. The AGM over very quickly with all positions being filled voluntarily! We have several new committee members to welcome on board—Debbie May, Elizabeth Jacobs and Alexis Gebert. We have to say farewell to Kylie Western. Thank you for taking on the role of Treasurer when Carol resigned earlier in year and for taking the Jump Club in to the technological era by putting the books onto computer.

We then moved on rapidly to hold a normal committee meeting, with jobs being assigned to various willing committee members. The next meeting will hopefully be held on the Tuesday 11th December to discuss the 2008 program for the Royal Darwin Show—details of times and venue will be confirmed closer to the date.

The big issues that were discussed were

1. the plans for the undercover arena. Three of the committee attend the meeting at Fred's Pass and report back with developments.



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FAREWELL

DSJC has to say goodbye to an active member. Kylie Western joined DSJC in 2006, bringing her young horse Moses on to the jump scene. As a team they started off at 45cm at the beginning of 2006 and ended the season in 2007 jumping 1.20m. Kylie has brought a lot to the club in the last two years, including her enthusiasm, her strong work ethic, and her tractor driving skills. She was the Treasurer of the Club for most of 2007, and along with Kylie and Lachlan, organised an inventory of the Club's assets, repainted the NT Stile Jump, and organised a highly successful working bee. She was also a very active member of Pony Club. Another member, Lachlan Melville, left the Territory earlier in the year to go overseas, and it was nice to see him back for the AGM, as he has also been a very active member of DSJC and Pony Club.

Kylie and Lachlan leave the Territory in two weeks, heading down South. We wish them all the best for the future.



If any of our members are riding a new horse, please email me with a potted history and photograph and I will include a piece in the first newsletter of next year!

Equally if you are a new member I would love to have an introductory piece about you and your horse.

If you have any funny jokes, interesting facts, silly photographs please email them to me for inclusion in the newsletter.

Another farewell

We have lost another member of the DSJC—not human this time. Bobbie Mclean has sold Solly (Solid Reason). He headed off to Victoria this week. We hope his new owners have as much fun on him as Bobbie has over the years.



Presidents Report 2007

Well another year has come and gone. The season is over yet again but what a great year it has been. There's been a few new faces join the committee with fresh ideas, combined with the knowledge of the ongoing committee members it has really been a successful year for showjumping in the NT.

Yet again we have run the 3 clinics with Clive Reed, and again we have gotten the same positive feedback from our riders. The results from the consistency in training is really showing with our riders and I hope the club continues to offer these 3 clinics for many years to come.

There have been a few new faces out competing this year and I feel that the introduction of the new preparatory and novice grades has really encouraged newer riders to not just attend clinics and freshman days but to also join in at the shows. All great news for the club and the sport and the results of these changes have been shown this year.

The official competitions this year had a bit of a mix up which meant we got a bit more out of this season than previous years.

We had change of venue for the Early June Show this year to coincide with the NT Pony Club Championships. And the feedback from riders indicated they enjoyed the Darwin Showgrounds as a refreshing change of scene. The pony club riders from Katherine and Alice Springs added those extra numbers we get every year at this event and once again Sue Ryan built fantastic courses. We are really so lucky to get a course designer of her calibre build at our events and great thanks needs to be given for her time.

The Finale was changed to a double weekend event and the introduction of the 6-bar championship was something I believe will be well supported in our future show programs. Sponsorship proposals are in the works for this already which is fantastic!

The National Youth Week competition was well attended and the application for next years grant has already been submitted. So fingers crossed there should be another one on next years program to offer the junior riders a great show nice and early in the season. It was also a great opportunity for our senior riders to bring out there horses and get a few rounds under their belts before we get right in to the year.

The Royal Show once again was a bit disappointing with the time limitations for our program but the RASNT are looking to have extra time allocated for the jumping which is promising. The show is not run by DSJC but feedback to RASNT from riders has meant recognition of the problem and steps are being taken to hopefully make next years program work much better.

On a brighter note it was absolutely fantastic to see such a great turn out at the working bee after the last competition for the year. To the riders and parents who gave up their Sunday to help with the painting of logs I wish to send my thanks. Without these people volunteering their time we honestly just could not make it all happen. For those who are not able to help on the given days there is always smaller jobs which can be done from time to time to help out and all help is appreciated. Many hands make light work!

Last but not least I'd like to thank this years committee for the time these ladies put in to the club. All the work behind the scenes to make our club as great as it is could not happen without them. We've had a few of the long time committee ladies leave through the year and our thanks goes to them for all the years they've put in. A warm welcome to next years committee and I hope the club continues to grow and the show seasons get bigger and brighter than the last.