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The ACT Showjumping club is an active sporting community that has been established in Canberra for over 30 years. We are a not-for-profit organization dedicated to promoting the sport of show jumping within the Canberra region of Australia.

The Club has always been run, mentored, and driven by its riders, families, friends, and supporters – these people are still the foundation on which the club is operated and influenced by today. The family orientation of affordability, approachability, and volunteer-run basis is paramount for the club to operate and be at the communities disposal.

The ACT Showjumping Club encourages riders of all levels of experience, everyone is welcome to participate in our club days.



The Year That Was... Wet, Wet, Wet

2022 certainly provided plenty of precipitation and some wild windy weather. It's been a challenge for all of us to ride and try to keep our equine friends fit, schooled and ready to go.

As we all know, many events of all kinds had to be cancelled for grounds and safety concerns. The good news is that we seem to be back on track; we've been super excited to be able to start running our local events again.

We're looking forward to our last hurrah for 2022 on Sunday 18 December, with fancy dress, a BBQ and of course, our favourite thing – showjumping!

As we finally start to get some warmer weather, remember to...



Slip



Slop



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Rider Mic! My First Time at Jump Club

Courtesy of Katie Johanson

"We really loved the 19 November comp day! It was our first day at Jump Club – I and my two daughters (9 and 12 years old) went. We all did the cross rails and I did the 55cm too. The cross rails class meant that my girls could come along and be involved too. We all loved the excitement of the day but also the beautiful people who were there supporting each other. The encouragement and warmth offered to us was wonderful. We really felt like we are part of a community. The judges were second to none too and put a smile on our faces. Can't wait for the next Jump Club day!"



AIR TIME! Local Rider Spotlight

We asked Sammy Harrison 7 questions... Here's what she had to say!

1. How did you start with horses?

I went to a school holiday riding camp at Forest Park and rode the faithful old Poncho. After years of lessons I was lucky enough to find Dawn Delaney. Dawn leased me Candy, who lit my passion for jumping and the rest is history!

2. Do you have a horsey role model?

I try to watch and learn from as many riders as I can! I've been watching a lot of Bezie Madden lately.

3. What was your most proud horsey moment so far?

I've had many! Backing my homebred youngster was very rewarding. My thoroughbred jumping his heart out at the 6-bar at Stonewall was amazing, as was competing in my first Ammies.

4. What was your most challenging horsey moment so far?

Getting back on to jump in the final at DJWTS after a stack on the second day; we'd qualified for the final on the first day. Our sport is a real mental challenge and I'm grateful to my coach, Stephen Dingwall, for helping me through those challenges. After a headspace reset, we ended up going double clear and finished top 10! Just because you make a mistake, doesn't mean that you aren't good enough.



5. What was your scariest horsey moment so far?

The first time I had to deal with colic and fence injury, when I was new enough that I didn't have a support network built yet. It's always scary when you don't have the experience to know what to look for or expect.

6. Aspirations for next year?

I've been out with injury for the last half of 2022, so I'm really excited to just get back in the saddle and enjoy jumping again, to get back to where we were and then step up later in the year. I'm also keen to get my youngster out to his first comp.

7. What's your 2 cents piece of advice for the horsey folk?

Learn to love the training process and appreciate the little day to day wins.



Benefits From Volunteering

Courtesy of Natasha Sands

One of our proactive club members has volunteered as a jump judge penciler and pole picker and provided some feedback on the benefits she gained from doing both. Thanks Tash!

"I pencilled and pole picked recently and had a great day with really friendly people. I've never had a chance to sit and watch so many rounds before and it was extremely educational to hear real-time feedback on how each horse and rider was going. I could see what was working well and what wasn't. I've taken home many tips and tricks to remember for next time I'm in the ring, like using the time between when the bell goes and approaching the first jump and choosing control over speed!"



In The Know - Jumping Etiquette & Draw Order

Courtesy of Alyssa Hughes

With many riders in classes, it's important to follow the draw. This enables our hard-working volunteers to plan as efficiently as possible to ensure that everyone gets to ride before the day ends. We understand that unexpected things happen but when everyone is proactive in running to draw order, it makes a smoother day for everyone.

Tip #1: Check the draw at least the evening before the competition! This helps you to plan when you need to leave to arrive in time to walk your course, saddle up and warm up. If you're early in the draw, saddle early and bribe a friend to hold while you walk your course and then warm up.

Tip #2: Riding in both rings? Ring 1 takes priority over Ring 2. If you think you might have a clash of draw times, communicate with the Ring 2 Marshal early to let them know you may run late. Unfortunately, an entire class cannot be held if a rider is running late!

Tip #3: Present to the Ring Marshal well in advance of your number being called. This lets them know you're there and helps them to manage the order of riders.

Tip #4: Decided not to ride? Let the Ring Marshal know so they know not to expect you and can adjust the flow of the draw.

Tip #5: Listen to the Ring Marshal's calls. The Marshal lets everyone know how many horses are waiting and will call you to be 'on the gate' in advance of your turn. When you're 'on the gate', be ready to go!

Tip #6: Your turn! When you enter the ring, present to the Judge as quickly as possible to state your name, horses name and draw number. Safety tip - the Ring Marshal may suggest how to get there without interfering with the current horse in the ring.

Tip #7: Ring a ding ding! When the bell goes, it is time to commence your round.

Remember you've got 45 seconds before you must have passed the start line, so take your time and use it wisely! Most importantly, have fun!!

Lastly, remember to schedule some time into the day to help volunteer. As a volunteer club, we need your help to make these days possible 😊



November 19 Competition Day Results!

Ring 1

Class 1 - 1.10m AM7

- 1st: Tori Doak - Blackall Park Campari
- 2nd: Tori Doak - Blackall Park rap
- 3rd: Reese Keenan - Navahome Bono
- 4th: Natalie Blundell - Tarburra Puss N Boots
- 5th: Cora Whitehead - HPH Manifesto

Class 2 - 1.20m AM7

- 1st: Lane Clarke - Rosthewaite Zante
- 2nd: Emily Riley - Rhapsody In Blue
- 3rd: Sarah Dreverman - Emmaville Van Gogh
- 4th: Madelayne Burgess - Glentana Taima
- 5th: Clare Anderson - Tulara Congrini

Class 3 - 1.30m AM7

- 1st: Grant Hughes - Emmaville Blue Diamond
- 2nd: Emily Riley - Rhapsody In Blue
- 3rd: Sarah Dreverman - Emmaville Van Gogh
- 4th: Lane Clarke - Rosthewaite Zante
- 5th: Emily Riley - Valmira

Class 4 - 90cm AM7

- 1st: Tori Doak - Fioretta I
- 2nd: Vicki Cowdroy - Anembo Know How
- 3rd: Piper Dennis - Darkie
- 4th: Charlotte Alexander - Lady Blue Scherezade
- 5th: Kerrie Tanner - Overdane

Class 5 - 100cm AM7

- 1st: Charlotte Alexander - Lady Blue Scherezade
- 2nd: Celina Gayer - Valerius Celeste
- 3rd: Emily Riley - Oaks Quinella
- 4th: Sarah Dreverman - Emmaville Morocco
- 5th: Will Matthieeson - Blackall Park Bourbon

Class 11 - 95cm Superphase

- 1st: AJ Jones - Anembo Blimey
- 2nd: Leon Ryan - Albery
- 3rd: Sarah Noonan - Charlotte
- 4th: Cassidy Byrne - Rocken Ollie
- 5th: Stephanie Saunders - Roseview Little Legend

Ring 2

Class 6 - X-Rails

- 1st: Brooke Turnbull - Serenity Park Khaleesi
- 2nd: Amy DeBurgh - Oakie Dokie
- 3rd: Jessica Mckee - Ziglaue
- 4th: Emily Riley - Spartan
- 5th: Luke Dickinson - Emcee Hocus Pocus

Class 7 - 55cm Superphase

- 1st: Zoe Louis - Yaramlea Poindexter
- 2nd: Nicola French - Cartney
- 3rd: Savannah Nowland - Summer
- 4th: Ella Skinner - Hazelnut
- 5th: Lisa McIntosh - Emerging Bullet

Class 8 - 65cm Superphase

- 1st: Alana Romaniuk-Fry - BHM Summernight
- 2nd: Phoebe Doohan - Lady Lux
- 3rd: Phoebe Doohan - Matilda
- 4th: Mila Milin - Rosebrook ABBA
- 5th: Clare Anderson - Audre

Class 9 - 75cm Superphase

- 1st: Charlotte Alexander - Riverdale Jinx
- 2nd: Alana Romaniuk-Fry - After Dark
- 3rd: Katy Robinson-Smith - Horse
- 4th: Heidi Gulan - Pallara Lodge One Summer Night
- 5th: Madison Musladin - Pamelet

Class 10 - 85cm Superphase

- 1st: AJ Jones - Ebenezer
- 2nd: Cassidy Byrne - Rocken Ollie
- 3rd: Zoe Collier - Rotherfield Klovoly MN
- 4th: Sarah Noonan - Charlotte
- 5th: AJ Jones - Anembo Blimey



It's Beginning to Feel a Lot Like Christmas!

Our Club Christmas party will be held at Equestrian Park on Saturday 17 December after setting up for a fun day of jumping on Sunday! Please bring drinks and a chair. Further details will be made available on Facebook closer to the time, with a request for notice of your interest in attendance, to allow us to cater to numbers.



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