

## Northern Districts Showjumping Club

### Show Report

22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2009

#### Barastoc Memorial Grand Prix Show

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Late August, still early in the SA show jumping season, yet Northern Districts Showjumping Club held what was arguably one of their best attended & most successful Shows ever. All roads seemed to lead to Mallala Equestrian Centre on Saturday morning as floats could be seen arriving from all directions. Northern Districts Committee were exceedingly grateful to John & Rae Brice for making their venue available to the Club. It was very pleasing to see both John & Rae enjoying watching the jumping throughout the weekend.

A programme of two Rings on both days catered for riders of all levels from 60cm to 1.35m. The feature event of the Show was Northern District's most prestigious Class of the year - The Guley Cup, the Class traditionally sponsored by Club Patron Heather Ames. Two other feature Classes supported the main Class - the Barastoc 'Groom' Junior Grand Prix (a round of the Megan Jones Eventing Team (MJET) series) & the Barastoc 'Sovereign' NDSJC Young Horse Spectacular.

With more than 200 horses entered over the two days - both Rings were extremely popular. Each Ring had so many entries that the large volumes of competitors necessitated the indoor arena to utilise lights to complete competition on both days, while competitors in the outside arena arguably required night vision to finish their last Class on Saturday evening.

Northern Districts extend their tremendous thanks to course designer for the weekend, Mr Richard Bruggemann, & Judge in the main Ring, Mrs Janine Graham, for offering their time to perform these vital roles. Courses for the weekend were both challenging for some riders, but also produced excellent jumping, & some of the most competitive Classes we have seen for some time. Our sport is indebted to officials who help to make the running of our showjumping Shows possible.

Saturday saw fine weather & most horses & riders out competing at maybe their 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> Show for the season. Junior rider, Nicole Bruggemann, had a successful day in the Outdoor Ring on her mare Diamonds Are Few, with a 4<sup>th</sup> place in the Open 1.2m before going on to win the Barastoc 'Stablemate' Junior 1.1m & also picking up a 4<sup>th</sup> place on her chestnut gelding, Didyareallyll.

Having the patience to wait for the last Class of the day in the Indoor Ring paid off for Amie Dent & Believe In Me who won the Salisbury North Football Club D Grade 6 points & under. Aimee jumped the only double clear to win the class from Adam Beckel & Wallace McGee.

Sunday saw the main day of competition & slightly windy conditions but thankfully not gale force as was experienced the following day! The 1.1m & 1.2m One Round Stake Classes in the main Ring were largely an 'Afford Affair' with the first 3 places in the 1.1m & the first 2 places in the 1.2m filled by either Kym or Matt Afford. The Junior Grand Prix saw a competitive field whittled down to a handful of combinations that jumped off against the clock in the third round. The Class was won in style by Paige Jardine on the fabulous grey veteran Terrific, from Steven Devine on Kirkley Hill Dejavu. Steven also filled 3<sup>rd</sup> place on Lolita & had numerous other placings throughout the Show.

The Guley Cup saw a good sized field of horses compete. Experienced course building saw a very competitive Class, which was finally won in a 3<sup>rd</sup> round jump off against the clock by an ever determined Wendy Schaeffer on Koyuna Sunset. Wendy is certainly proving to the showjumpers how it should be done, and will undoubtedly be a force to be reckoned with again this season on the Australian circuit with a team of rideable & talented horses.

Following the Guley Cup, a Young Horse Classic was run for C & D Grade horses. Another very competitive Class, which saw a big field of horses go through to a 3<sup>rd</sup> round jump off, which made for some fast times. Kym Afford had the unenviable job of first to go, but set down a quick time on the talented Kaluna Charlie. Kym's time was beaten late in the Class when Jono Farrington rode a smooth very fast round saving heaps of ground by riding effective lines to win the Class from Anthony Thomas on Incrediboy. Jono had a successful weekend on his bay gelding Tenacious D, with a 2<sup>nd</sup> in the C & D class on Saturday to add to their win in the Young Horse Classic.

Winners of the main Classes received beautifully made rugs donated by Bloomfield Equestrian, many thanks must go to Sue Bloomfield for providing such stylish rugs for our winners.

After a hugely successful Show, Northern Districts Showjumping Club would like to thank all of their Show Sponsors - Barastoc, International Animal Health, Animalia Vet Clinic, MJET, Salisbury North Football Club, Paperlicious, Jim Johnson Chiropractic, Heather Ames, Gawler Stock Feeds, Central Horse Sales, WD & SJ Harbison, Jewelz Beauty, Bloomfield Equestrian & Web South.

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