

Northern Districts Show Jumping Club

February '11 Show

NDSJC held its first show for 2011 at the Mt Pleasant Oval, a beautiful new venue for our Club. Most unusually, the weather for the mid- February show day was a cool & sunny with even the odd shower, and the jumping surface was probably one of the best SA riders have had the opportunity to jump on for some time.

Only one day of jumping was held, but the programme attracted in excess of 144 horses to compete in two rings of jumping. The main ring provided open height classes from 1.0m to 1.3m plus a C and D class to finish the day with Junior classes from 1.0m to 1.2m, which were also rounds of the Megan Jones Eventing Team (MJET) series 2011. The second jumping Ring provided riders with the opportunity to school their horses over lower heights starting at 50cm and gradually increasing during the day to around 1.0m, this presented the fantastic opportunity to school young horses in a show environment.

Courses were built in the main ring by course designer Gareth Herron. Horses jumped the tracks well all day & just seemed to jump fantastically off the excellent surface.

Early classes attracted plenty of entries and the first two classes ran into the early afternoon. Reece Boylan had a successful show, winning the Junior 1m class, also a round of the MJET Show Jumping Series. Less than 10 minutes after he had left the ring after winning the class and came back for the presentation, Reece was pleased to be presented with a lovely MJET sash bearing his name! Many thanks to Jill Mosey of "Just Ribbons" for fast personalised on the day ribbon printing!

The main class of the day, the Open 1.3m, was run in the early evening, but in perfect conditions. Five horses jumped clear in the first round and jumped off against the clock. The class was finally won by Jeff Bloomfield on the lovely stallion Anton. Jeff rode a very tight line to the second last fence which put him just quicker than Jeff Evans on Fieldbrook Corunia 2nd, but with 4 faults and Clive Reed on Silvo 3rd also on 4 faults. The top 3 placings were filled by lovely quality horses, all of whom will be horses to keep an eye out for this season.

The day finished late in the evening with a C & D grade class which, despite being held late in the day, still attracted good entries and was won by Matthew Afford on his lovely grey- Kaluna Salute.

Overall the day was another successful show for NDSJC to start off 2011. The Mt Pleasant venue was absolutely superb, not only was the surface fantastic to jump on, but there was also plenty of shade & room for parking and excellent facilities for riders, grooms and spectators.

NDSJC will be holding their next show on 20th March at Mt Pleasant, this show will follow Mt Pleasant Ag Show on March 19th. For programmes please visit www.ndsjc.com.au