



ROCKHAMPTON EQUESTRIAN GROUP INC

MARCH 2021 NEWSLETTER

Hi everyone and welcome to the first edition of the Rockhampton Equestrian Group News. We will be sending newsletters out regularly during the year to keep you informed of club news and upcoming events. This newsletter is for our members, if you would like to contribute an article or have any suggestions for improvements please let us know.

Dressage Judges' Seminar

Our first event of the year is now behind us. The combined EA/PCQ Dressage Judges' Seminar we hosted on March 6 & 7 was well supported. Our region is in desperate need of accredited judges, hopefully weekends like this one will encourage people to become judges, or at least get people thinking about it. A big thank you to everyone who helped make the weekend possible, including our guinea pig riders, Leah McBride, Greg Lennon, Louise Bulman and Trish Whitlock.



A big thank you to our demonstration riders at the judges' seminar, Leah McBride, Louise Bulman, Greg Lennon and Trisha Whitlock.





2021 events

- Saturday 27 Mar Hack Day – Gracemere Pony Club grounds
- Saturday 17 April Participant and Club Dressage Competition including EQ Leaderboard classes – Crompton Park Pony Club grounds
- Sunday 18 April Dressage Protocol Day with Alice Hurley – Crompton Park
- Sunday 16 May Club Show jumping Crompton Park Pony Club
- Sunday 13 June Participant and Club Dressage Competition including EQ Leaderboard classes – (venue to be confirmed)
- Sunday 1 August Hack Day – Yeppoon Pony Club grounds
- Sunday 22 August Participant and Club Dressage Competition including EQ Leaderboard classes – (venue to be confirmed)
- Sunday 5 Sept Participant and Club Show jumping – EQ Leaderboard classes

Ribbon raffle

This year we will be running a ribbon raffle at our competitions - if competitors would like to donate their ribbons back to the club (and ONLY if they'd like to, no pressure 😊) they will receive one raffle ticket for every ribbon returned. Saddleworld Rockhampton are providing a \$20 voucher as the ribbon raffle prize at the Hack Day on Saturday 27 March.

Lucky Number Money Boards

We've kicked off our first fund raiser for the year - lucky number money boards. We have four money boards - a \$5, 2 x \$2 and a \$1. We hope to raise \$500 from the sale of the numbers which will help pay our insurance bill due on the 1st July. If you would like numbers please email rockhamptonequestrian@yahoo.com, contact us via Facebook or text Christine on 0418 188 925. Payments can be made in cash at the Hack day or via direct deposit to our Commonwealth Bank account BSB 064-709 account number 10858862.

Who are we?

Our 2021 committee is:

President	Heather Dow
Vice President	Louise Bulman
Secretary/Treasurer	Christine Tasker
Committee	Greg Lennon, Debra Doblo, Deborah Saunders, Wendy Sheppard & Salena McBride



Are you confused about the different levels of competition?

In **dressage** there are three different classes at competitions - no wonder we are confused! 😊

Club classes - we will run Club classes at all of our competition days, riders only need to be a member of the REGI to compete.

EA Participant classes - Prep, prelim and novice classes. These require the rider to be a Participant EA member but the horse doesn't need a licence to compete. Our 3 dressage competitions have all been included in the EQ Leaderboard challenge this year. Riders won't need to do anything extra, just by competing in these classes they will receive points based on their performance. Equestrian Qld will keep a tally of the points throughout the year. Our club will also receive points and be in the running for an award at the end of the year.

EA Competitive classes - from Prelim all the way to the top, Grand Prix. These classes require the rider to be a Competitive EA member and the horse must have an EA licence to compete.

Showjumping also has three levels.

Club classes - we will run Club classes at all our jumping competition days, again no need for an EA membership but riders must be a member of REGI to compete.

EA Participant classes, also know as below the line - the line is 1.05mtrs high. Riders must be Participant EA members but the horse doesn't need a licence to compete, heights in these classes will not exceed 1.04mtrs high.

EA Competitive classes - above the line - heights of 1.05mtrs and above. Riders must be EA Competitive members and horses must have an EA licence to compete.

Hacking This year both our Hack Days will be Club level competitions, riders will only need to be members of the REGI.

BIOSECURITY HORSE HEALTH DECLARATION

Please remember, you will be required to submit a signed horse health declaration form every time you compete. For further information go to www.qld.equestrian.org.au/member-resources/biosecurity.



We hope to see you at our Hack Day at the Gracemere Pony Club, Saturday 27th March, even if you aren't competing pop out and say Hi.