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NEWSLETTER 4 – SEPTEMBER 2008

Welcome to all,

Fantastic news - we now have 40 teams entered for this year's competition. The Dressage Timetable, Cross Country, and Show Jumping Running Orders can be found on the Springston Trophy Website www.springston-trophy.org.nz. This newsletter includes the Official Timetable for the whole event.

Event Secretary: As from Monday 29th September Rhonda Gibson will be moving up to Rangiora and can be contacted on 027 2887030. If any team requires a Rider/Horse Replacement Form please let Rhonda know prior to Monday 29th September and she will email one to you. Alternatively, this can be found on the website. We wish all teams a safe and hassle free trip to the sunny North Canterbury District.

Horse Welfare Form: Attached is the Horse Welfare Form, which must be completed and signed by all concerned. Please either post this form to Rhonda Gibson, Eldarlight Cottage, 226 Windwhistle Road, RD2 Darfield 7572 or it may be handed in when the managers pack is collected.

Accommodation: All teams should be organised for horse and team accommodation by now. If anyone is not, or has any queries regarding their accommodation please contact Anna Hynds cjhynds@xtra.co.nz or phone 03 3126202 urgently. Please don't forget to thank your host with a gift of appreciation.

Parking: All trucks and horse floats will use the double gates off Ashley Street. The public is asked to use the main show ground gates, which is also off Ashley St. Everything will be well sign posted. All rubbish should be placed in bins provided, and manure can be placed on trailers at the end of the parking rows.

Secretary's Office: The Secretary's Office is located next to the main grandstand overlooking the Oval. Here you will be able to pick up your Managers Pack on Wednesday between 1pm and 3pm or on Thursday morning from 9.30am to 12.30pm.

Coaches and Managers Welcome: The Event Officials will welcome all coaches and managers on Thursday 2nd October at 10am. The Cross-Country Course Walk will start from the grandstand following the welcome. After the course walk all managers and coaches are invited for a cup of tea and will have a chance to ask any questions of the officials. (Only **Two** members per team are allowed).

Team Welcome: A Team Welcome and Roll Call will be taken at 1.30pm, followed by an Introduction of all Officials. The Team Course Walk will then take place. This is strictly limited to managers, coaches and riders (no spectators). Teams are expected to be in team colours, i.e. jacket or jersey but jodhpurs and riding boots not necessary.

Helmets and Medical Armband Check: Teams are asked to name, bundle and leave these outside the Secretary's Office between 1pm and 1.30pm. These can be collected after the Cross-Country Course Walk (remember that medical armband inserts must be on an orange form this year).

Gear Check: The Gear Check Convener has attached points of interest to this newsletter which all managers, coaches and riders should be familiar with before the event. The Gear Check Convener will be available on Thursday to address any issues, which may occur over the 3 days.

Dressage Test: A4 2007

Cross-Country Course will be open to the public from Friday morning. Details when course is open for walking are printed in program. Any person found wandering on the Cross-Country Course during Wednesday, and outside opening times will be asked to leave the competition immediately.

AGM Agenda: The Springston Trophy AGM will be held on Friday 3rd October at 7.45pm. The agenda has been posted on the website and forwarded to all South Island Branches. Please ensure your Voting Delegates understand the voting decisions of your particular branch.

Fence Judges: A list of Fence Judges will be included in the Managers Pack. Please ensure they all attend the briefing on Friday night at 6.30pm. All fence judges are required to have a stopwatch and whistle.

Merchandise: Order forms and sample photographs have been sent to all teams managers. You can also check these out on our website link www.springston-trophy.org.nz. Reminder that orders placed before the 12th September will be ready for collection at start of competition, in the Managers Pack. The JW Sports merchandise stand will also take orders during the event.

Social Event: Great news - for your entertainment "XLR8" will be playing. They are guaranteed to get your feet moving. This evening will be complete with a delicious meal, catered by "Kiwi Cuisine". So if you haven't booked tickets don't miss out, we do have a reserve limit.

Sponsorship: Please support the sponsors of ST08 by visiting the trade displays during the three days of competition. The organising committee acknowledges the importance our sponsors play in running an event of this size.

Message from North Canterbury President

The North Canterbury Pony Club Springston Trophy Organising Committee would like to welcome your teams and supporters to North Canterbury. The event will be held in one place at the Rangiora A&P Show Grounds.

Our Organising Committee has been busy with planning this year's event and all three phases have been well planned to challenge the abilities of your team members.

The Cross Country has been put together with the aid of our course designer Sally Wigley and a fantastic team of volunteers. The intention of this year's event is to show other branches and clubs that the event does not have to be expensive and better designed than previous years. The intention should always be in the interests of giving the riders and horses a challenge to perform as a team for their branches, to meet others of like mind and to compete with fair play and good sportsmanship in mind.

Notice from Gear Check Convener

- Managers and Coaches are asked to be familiar with the following rules found in the NZPCA Champs rule book 1997 updated October 2007 – Rules 35,36,37 and Annex B
- Please be familiar with acceptable bits for dressage as per NZPCA Rules Appendix B and or ESNZ Rules for Eventing.
- The current Medical Armband is orange please ensure all riders have a current up to date one of their own.
- The Stirrup System (SCS) – the Mountain Horse Boots and stirrups tread with the SCS are allowed. Please note it is the whole system, which must be used.
Details in Notice to Clubs Vol.13 No1 Feb 2008
- If riders are using gaiters please ensure that the strap under the foot does not obstruct the heel of the boot. Some straps are very thick.
- A random bit check will be done after each team has finished the dressage phase. Managers are asked to carry a headstall and lead so this can be done safely.

Use of Radio Equipment

Use of radio equipment on grounds at any time is only allowed with the permission of the Organising Committee. Permission should be obtained prior to the start of competition so channels can be allocated.

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

SPRINGSTON TROPHY HEADQUARTERS – SECRETARY’S OFFICE

Located in the building next to main oval grandstand.

**Managers Packs available from office: Wednesday 1st October from 1.00pm to 3.00pm
 Thursday 2nd October from 9.30am to 12.30pm**

Thursday 2nd October

Coaches and Managers:

10.00am Meet at the public grandstand over looking the main oval for Official Welcome and Opening Cross-Country Course Walk. To be followed by a cup of tea and the chance to ask any questions. Only **Two** members per team are allowed.

Helmet Inspection:

1.00pm–1.30pm Helmets and medical armbands to be tied in named team bundles and left outside Secretary’s office. These can be picked up at completion of team course walk.

Team Welcome:

1.30pm Team Roll Call, followed by Official Welcome and Team Course Walk – strictly limited to managers, coaches and riders (no spectators). Teams are expected to be in team colours, i.e. jacket or jersey but jodhpurs and riding boots not necessary.
Cross Country Course closed 6.00pm

Friday 3rd October

Cross Country Course is open to public walking from 7.30 am to 6.00pm

6.30am Gates open – Team entrance off Ashley Street
8.30am Gear Check commences
9.00am Dressage commences teams 1 - 13
10.32am Morning tea
11.02am Dressage commences teams 14 - 26
12.33pm Lunch
1.21pm Dressage commences teams 27 - 40
3.00pm Dressage concludes

10.30am Sponsors course walk with officials followed by lunch.

Meetings:

6.30pm **Cross Country fence judges briefing** –will be held at the Rangiora Rugby Rooms. All nominated fence judges from each team must attend this meeting.
7.45pm **Delegates Annual General Meeting-** will be held at the Rangiora Rugby Rooms. The agenda has been either emailed or posted to all teams and branch secretaries or can be found on www.springston-trophy.org.nz .

Saturday 4th October

Cross Country course is open to public walking from 7.30am

7.00am Gates Open – Team entrance off Ashley St.
8.30am Gear Check begins
9.00am **Cross Country Commences: Running order Intermediate / Junior / Senior**

6.30pm – 9.30pm **Social Function: Venue- Produce Pavilion.**

Entrance is via show grounds main gate on Ashley St.
This dinner and entertainment is to show appreciation to all sponsors and officials who have supported this event. Kiwi Cuisine caters this social Function.
Band is “XLR8.” Entry is by ticket only. Please BYO drink and vessel.

Sunday 5th October

7.00am Gates Open – entrance off Ashley Street
8.30am Courses Open for walking and Gear Check Begins
9.00am Show jumping begins
Senior B/N 1-40 then 51-80
Intermediate B/N 10-40, 51-80 then 1-9
Junior B/N 20-40, 51-80 then 1-9

Team Parade & Presentations

1.30pm (approx) All teams to be mounted, in full team uniform and assemble in Number 2 Oval, 15 minutes before start of parade please.