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Jumping Chair Report 2024

Well, after three challenging seasons, we have finally had ourselves a season of Jumping and Show Hunter without any significant events impacting on us although we also acknowledge those that are still recovering from previous events and look forward to seeing them running again this coming season.

This season we started our first calendared show at Woodhill Sands on 19/20 August 2023 and had our Jumping Series Finals show at the Taupo NEC at the beginning of April giving us over seven months of uninterrupted calendared competition.

Over the past season we had members competing in Jumping and Show Hunter with 22,293 starts across 113 shows. The annual registration total of 2725 horses and 2293 casual starts is only down slightly on the previous year and almost the same as 2020.

During the season, we had five organising committees host World Cup qualifier rounds, Hawkes Bay A&P, Waikato, Taupo NEC, Southern & Central Hawkes Bay, and Waitemata.

Auckland SJ hosted the North Island Champs & Canterbury SJ hosted the South Island Champs. Gisborne Area hosted the Trans-Tasman Young Rider competition, Northern Hawkes Bay Area hosted the Young Horse Show, Taupo NEC hosted the Jumping Series Finals Show and the National Championships were once again held at the Christchurch NEC.

We would like to thank all of these groups for going the extra mile to host these significant events on our calendar.

Honouring our Members

At the ESNZ AGA in September 2023, Honorary Life Memberships were awarded to Tim Pearce, Ross Coles & Leicester Jardin.

The Hall of Fame 2023 Awardees were,

International horse of the Year – Cassina Dior

Jumping Youth of the Year – Ike Baker

Pilmer Plate – Roger Laplanche (Volunteer Lifetime Award)

The Hall of Fame 2023 Inductees were Pete Morris, Alan Hampton, Catriona Williams, Merran Hain & John Cottle.

2024 Paris Olympics

New Zealand will not have a jumping representative at the Paris Olympics this year. We were unable to achieve team qualification at the Group 8 Team Qualifier event held in August 2023 at Valkenswaard, Netherlands.

Following this, we were awarded an individual place based on Group 8 rider rankings as of December 2023 however our MER qualified riders were unable to prove they could meet the New Zealand Olympic Committee criteria of a top 16 finish.

While Paris is not our year, there are significant learnings to take forward as our target turns to World Championships in Aachen 2026 and Olympics US 2028.

Officials

At the end of June 2024 we held a FEI Course Designer Maintenance course. We were fortunate to receive some funding through a Prime Minister's Scholarship to assist bringing Australian John Vallance over to run the course. Seventeen course designers attended it including two from Australia and one from Malaysia. Our FEI Course Designers are now current for another 3 years, which is essential for the continuation of FEI classes in NZ.

At Horse of the Year we saw the retirement of one of our leading FEI Level 3 course designers, Roger Laplanche who has contributed enormously to our sport over the years, including building numerous international standard courses for our riders and horses to challenge themselves against. Roger has also been very instrumental in the development and education of our course designers throughout New Zealand. I would like to pay special thanks to Roger for the years of commitment and energy he has given to Show Jumping and congratulate him on the legacy he has left.

Over the season there has been a steady flow of new officials and upgrades, however we need to continue to encourage more people to step up and get involved as many of our officials are retiring after years of service to the sport.

I would like to sincerely thank all of our officials who are very dedicated to the sport. They continually commit significant time to ongoing training and development which is all over and above the hours they spend at shows ensuring everything runs safely, correctly and fairly to all.

Grass Roots

Our Star Spotters Scholarship, sponsored this year by Waikato Vets, is now in its fourth year and continues to provide up and coming riders the opportunity to experience our jumping shows. The riders received their membership and horse registration for one year, and a sponsored polo shirt.

Over the past year, ESNZ Jumping has also supported grass roots initiatives such as the Winter Olympics and the ESNZ Interschools Week held in both the North & South Islands.

National Performance Programme

With annual funding from the Plaw family since 2021, we now have a well-established high performance programme. NZ based squad riders receive support in the way of flat & jump coaching, sports psychology, team building, and many other multi-faceted skills to enhance their opportunities to reach the highest level in our sport. Our thanks go to the High Performance team of Jock Paget, Oliver Edgecombe, Warrick Allan, Eliza Johns and the selectors for running this programme.

We would like to thank the Plaw family for their generous contribution to our sport not only for funding the national performance programme but also for allowing us to run events at their Takapoto facility such as the Waikato World Cup and the Bench Marking days for Sophie Scott in June.

Trans Tasman Young Rider Competitions

These are valuable opportunities for our young riders to compete in team competitions with the added challenge of being on borrowed horses. For the first time in a number of years, both countries hosted an event.

Sydney – August 2023 with AU taking the win
Gisborne – January 2024 with NZ taking the win

We look to the continuation of these events in 2024-25.

Young Rider Camps

In October 2023, a very successful North Island Young Rider Development Camp was held with 39 riders attending. Our thanks go to the small group of very committed people who were determined to get this camp back on the calendar for the NI young riders.

The South Island Young Rider Development Camp has been running annually for a number of years and is a well supported event with 57 riders attending in 2023.

We hope that both camps will continue in the future as they provide important pathways, skills and development for our young riders as well as a great opportunity for our selectors to observe up and coming talent in a training environment.

ESNZ Jumping & Show Hunter contributed funding to both camps.

Nimon Trust

The Nimon Trust Scholarships are awarded to promising young riders who wish to pursue training overseas. In 2023 the Trustees of the Nimon Trust awarded a scholarship to Ben Weir who used this to travel to Sweden to train with Peder Fredricson and the UK to train with Carl Hester. These opportunities are invaluable for our young riders to gain experience of European training systems and environments.

Series Review

Following discussion at the 2023 AGM, the Jumping Board conducted a survey for both riders and area groups to gain feedback on their views of the National series.

The survey was conducted in two phases and the consistent message coming back to the Board was that the National series are very popular, and a key reason people compete at shows. There was also strong interest in the development of lower level regional series to meet the demand for those unable to travel large distances, and those wanted the fun of a series at lower levels.

Show Calendar

Following feedback regarding the layout of the show season, the Jumping Board have been working on improving the placement of our key shows in the calendar. With the FEI now requiring our World Cups to be built at 1.60 to meet the standard for our officials to remain accredited, it is increasingly important to have well placed lead up shows especially Premier Leagues.

Speciality Shows

This year the Jumping Board has budgeted for some financial support for our speciality shows. The Young Horse Show, Nationals, Series Finals, NI & SI champs will all be able to apply for up to \$2500 to help towards running these key events.

ESNZ Jumping and Show Hunter is fortunate to be in a strong financial position and in the next few months we will be developing strategies to further utilise some of our reserves to best benefit the members and further develop the sport for the future.

Show Hunter

Show Hunter has continued to be a choice for many riders across all ages and remains an important part of our Jumping pathway whether as an entry point or a destination. A very successful Show Hunter Series Finals was held at Horse of the Year this year with numbers well up on previous years. This year we have a number of new nominations for the Show Hunter Executive which will bring this committee back up to seven as well as introducing fresh perspectives and ideas.

Facilities Review

In conjunction with NZPC, a National Equestrian Facilities study was carried out during 2023 by specialist consultants with funding from Sport NZ. This was the most in depth study of equestrian spaces and places across New Zealand that has ever been conducted and the full report including a breakdown of each region can be found on the ESNZ website under Facilities.

<https://www.nzequestrian.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/National-Equestrian-Facilities-Strategy.pdf>

On behalf of all of you to all of you, I would like to sincerely thank each and every one of you for the big or small part you play to keep this wonderful sport going throughout the country. There are no doubt massive challenges out there for all of us but the love of the sport and the way it brings people together from all over the country is what is paramount.

Area Groups & Organising Committees, I would like to congratulate all of you involved in Area Groups and Organising Committees for your determination to continually run outstanding shows up and down the country despite economic pressures, lack of certainty regarding entries and sponsorship, grounds availability, volunteer availability and increased pressure for higher standards of facilities. Area Groups and Organising Committees go above & beyond to raise the bar of their shows as much as possible within the constraints put upon them and I would like to thank you all for your commitment and dedication.

Our sponsors, who we could simply not do what we do without them. The sponsorship support allows us to run the National Series and Star Spotters as well as contribute to many opportunities throughout the season.

On behalf of the Jumping Board and the members, I would like to thank both Marilyn Thompson and Kirsten Hence who really do go above and beyond to keep our sport ticking along as smoothly as possible. So much work going on behind the scenes that none of us would have any idea about, often seven days a week and at all hours of the day or night, they are always there to help.

We, like all sports in New Zealand are facing increased pressures that effect our membership and participation. Pressures such as economic, increased options for recreational time, access to facilities, facility compliance, loss of grazing land close to cities are all having an impact across the country.

In addition, there is increased attention on the use of the horse in sport therefore the 'Social Licence to Operate' and the public's perception of our sport will continue to play a significant role in its continuation as we know it.

This board is conscious of acknowledging those who have contributed to the sport's development over the years but are also conscious of their responsibility to ensure the sport continues to evolve so to meet the demands and challenges that is placed on the sport in the future.

The Jumping Board genuinely has the interests of the sport at heart and work hard as a group to ensure it remains in a strong position but continues to evolve to meet future needs. We have had seventeen meetings this year with four being in person. Many of the Board members attend additional meetings such as Technical, Show Hunter, NECs, and ESNZ Board meetings throughout the year. Summaries of meetings are available on the ESNZ website and we are always available to talk to you.

I would like to thank outgoing Board member Katja Kershaw for her valued contribution over the six years she has been on the Board, particularly her role as the Jumping representative on the Constitution Review committee.

This season I visited some of our shows for the first time including the North Island Champs at Pukekohe, the Young Horse Show at Hastings, Jumping Series Finals at Taupo, and Waitemata World Cup Final at Woodhill Sands. If you see me about, please don't hesitate to come and have a chat, I might not have the answer on the spot but I'm certainly happy to listen & try and help where I can and I'm always keen to hear your point of view.

We are not far away from the start of our next season so here's to a fantastic 2024-25 season for all, please look out for each other and remember "be respectful to be respected".

Penny Tapley

Chair – ESNZ Jumping



Technical Report 2024

I want to begin with thanking some of the most important people in our sport.

Thank you to all of the officials that turn up rain, hail or shine for endless weekends of our sport as without you all the sport of Jumping would not happen. We are privileged to have such amazing volunteers.

We continue to welcome new volunteers into our Official's space with a small but steady stream across, CD's, Judges and Stewards. We encourage each one of you to ensure their journey is enjoyable, as they contribute much of their own time to ensure we have a Jumping sport.

Jumping has now paid out 3 area bonuses for successful recruitment of new officials. So, if your area is bringing through new officials and they have met the requirement of officiating at 3 events, make sure you contact our Jumping team for your area bonus.

National Officials

The cycle of annual National Officials maintenance courses will begin again at the end of July. Last year Judges and Stewards had face to face seminars at 6 locations. (115 officials attended these) Zoom seminars were held for National CDs.

This year the dates, and registration details can be found here:

<https://www.nzequestrian.org.nz/2024/07/jumping-and-show-hunter-maintenance-courses-register-now/>

3 judges have now progressed through the National L3E pathway and up to FEI L1. Congratulations to Blue Clarke, Adaleen Griffith and Sue Dykes, who after completing our 3 day FEI equivalency course for Judges held over 3 days in Wellington, followed by many hours of study were then required to face an interview with the FEI on line.

Several very successful Jumping Course Designer Practical courses have been run around the country, an initiative led by Eryn Duffy FEI L2 CD, and we thank Eryn and her team for this work. The volunteers who travelled and put their hand up to run these days were rewarded with reasonable numbers attending and we encourage you to spread the work about these great learning opportunities.

We had made provision in our budget for an officials swap with Australia which we were hopeful of doing this year but at this point we have been unsuccessful in securing the support required from Equestrian Australia.

FEI Officials

The costs of the mandatory requirements to run any FEI competition continues to be challenging for both OC's and the sport, with a World Cup requiring 13 FEI Officials, and a CSI 1* requiring 12 FEI Officials.

At the end of June we held an FEI CD Maintenance course in Wellington in which we were rewarded with some funds from a Prime Ministers Scholarship. 13 CD's from NZ attended, and we welcomed 2 from Australia and 1 from Malaysia. Australian CD John Vallance ran the course. This means our FEI CD's are current for another 3 years.

Changes Coming this Season

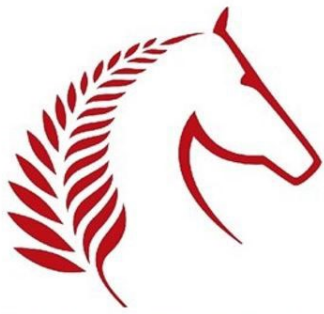
In May I attended the ESNZ Technical Committee annual meeting, where several things were discussed and are likely to come through as changes to the General Regs. While these are subject to ESNZ Board approval later in July, the things to look out for include:

- A mandatory minimum age for a Stallion handler, this is likely to be 18yrs.
- Introduction of recording of verbal warnings.
- Potential changes to adopt ACC concussion management recommendations.

The Technical Committee works hard for the sport, and this is largely unseen. The Tech Committee met 6 times in the past year, mostly on zoom in the evenings. These meetings deal with season planning, officials assignments/upgrades and training, dates card planning, rules, and issues throughout the season.

A big thank you to each and every one of the Technical Committee, who mentor our officials and also run official's seminars and courses throughout the country.

Jenny Booth - Chair



FEI Report 2024

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World Cups

The 2023 – 2024 season produced 5 World Cup rounds as part of the FEI Jumping World Cup NZ League

Shows that held these classes were Hawkes Bay A&P, Waikato Show Jumping, Taupo NEC, C&S Hawkes Bay with the final being run by SJ Waitemata at Woodhill Sands in mid-January. We had another season of only 17 athletes competing in this league with 15 gaining points. SJ Waitemata ran an exciting World Cup final show which saw Jake Lambert step up to take out the final round amidst 10 starters where 8 came back for the second round. Top Canadian Course Designer Peter Holmes designed a track fitting of a WC Final and Jake was a deserved winner.

The Final results of the League after 5 rounds saw Brooke Edgecombe just pip Sophie Scott for 1st place and Julie Davey taking out 3rd.

FEI 1*

The 2023-2024 season saw just 3 of these competitions run in the North Island at Waikato WC Show, National Young Horse Show, & Taupo Xmas Classic where they were reasonably well supported by riders.

None were held in the South Island.

These classes have been an important part of our FEI official's pathway, providing roles to meet criteria for maintenance and upgrades. They also give our members the opportunity to compete in a FEI class, completing a trot up, managing horse health reporting and obtaining FEI registration.

Officials

The FEI official requirements continues to be expensive for both the OC's and the sport costing around \$50K in expenditure which includes the FEI fees.

In June this year a much needed FEI Course Designer Maintenance course was held in NZ, 17 attended including 2 from Australia and 1 from Malaysia, with John Vallance from Australia running the course. A Prime Ministers scholarship has been received which will help with funding for this course. This course ensures that our FEI Course Designers remain current for another 3 years.

This season saw Gary Sinclair step down as a FEI Level 3 Course Designer after giving years of service to the sport. We will still see Gary around as he enjoys training new and mentoring existing Course Designers. He will also continue as a Technical Delegate.

Roger Laplanche has also stood down as a FEI Level 3 Course Designer with HOY being the last of his high level builds. Roger has been instrumental in the education and development of many of our Course designers. He has travelled the country in this role and we will still see him out and about as a Technical Delegate.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all our FEI officials for their dedication to the rules and the sport at our elite competitions. Some have done this for many years, and some are newer and continuing to further their career as FEI officials. They sacrifice their time away from their families and personal pursuits to give our riders opportunities at this level. We always require new volunteers to enter our National official's pathway to be able to progress up to FEI level.

Jenny Booth
Chair – Technical and FEI



Sponsorship Report 2023-24

Paul Croucher and Paxton Conder

We have been fortunate in the 2023-24 season to have \$121,541 in cash sponsorship across Showjumping, Show Hunter and some ESNZ umbrella sponsorship which represents about 20% of the sports income. While we lost some sponsors last year and had a few gaps, we have brought new sponsors into the fold. We are also negotiating with sponsors for longer term agreements so that we can build stability into the program and get more value for both parties.

Thank you to our Jumping Sponsors:

World Cup	ESNZ
Premier League	The Brave Pants Company
Grand Prix	Property Brokers
Pro-Am	Harrison Lane
Amateur	Dunstan Horsefeeds
Young Rider	FMG
Junior Rider	Mainland Coachwork
7 year old	NZPH & A1 Equine Reproduction
6 Year old	Equitak Excel (sponsored by Elanco Animal Health)
5 Year old	East Coast Performance Horses
Pony Grand Prix	AMS Saddlery
Tertiary Challenge	Main Events

Thank you to our Show Hunter Sponsors:

Open High Points	NRM
Junior High Points	EquiMatch
Amateur High Points	Carousel Equestrian
Junior Equitation	Auckland & Waitemata Show Hunter Groups
Open Equitation	Petticoat Lane Performance Horses
Category A	Vero Insurance
Category B	Fiber Fresh
Category C	The Brave Pants Company
Pony Equitation	Big On Writing
12 and Under Equitation	Bay of Plenty & Waikato Show Hunter Groups

As in previous years, this time of year is tricky with regard to renewing sponsors and/or engaging new ones. One particularly exciting thing to report is that with Paxton leaving Dunstan she is able to allocate some of her time to help us to better manage these very important relationships.

Paxton has recently been meeting face-to-face with our valued sponsors to check in on the past season. A lot of positive feedback has been received around the experience the sponsors are given at events, and the opportunity to interact with competitors across the

country. It is evident that our sponsors are time poor and don't always have the resource to attend as many events as they would like to. This highlights the importance of encouraging our series competitors to contact our sponsors throughout the season to offer their appreciation. We will also be introducing a weekly Sponsor Spotlight on our Facebook Page, live Interviews throughout the season, and a monthly direct email to our membership base highlighting sponsors offerings, to give them more 'reach' to our audience.

ESNZ Jumping is hugely grateful for the contribution from our stable of sponsors. We ask our members to continue giving our sponsors top consideration when making purchasing decisions. A simple "Thank you" goes a very long way!



Riders' Representative Report 2024

This first year has been a huge learning curve, which I have mostly enjoyed. I have sat not only on the Jumping Board but also the Show Hunter Executive and the Technical Committee, which has been a privilege.

The season was full of highs and lows but after a few years of cancellations, it was great to have a full season. A highlight for me has been meeting and working alongside a lot of amazing, hardworking people who dedicate so much of their time and energy to our sport.

We had some well attended riders' meetings this season, and some very heated ones. It is safe to say we are VERY passionate about our sport!

In riders' meetings we have talked about the high cost for riders and for show organisers, prizemoney, the calendar clash, remits, lack of riders at the 'top of our sport' and bridging the gap, World Cup Shows and the Young Horse series.

I also enjoyed running the North Island Young Rider Camp with Paxton Conder and Tracey Lammas in October. We were extremely lucky to have Merrian Hain looking after us in the kitchen, a talk with Harvey Nelson and the riders really enjoyed their coaching from Maurice Beatson, Alison Rowland and Toni & Colin McIntosh. We were grateful to have support and rider seminars from Dynavite and long standing sponsors Dunstan Horsefeeds.

A huge thankyou to Becky Harkerss our South Island Riders Rep and to all the riders and Area Reps who helped to transport and erect the series flags at most shows this season, they are a great tool for giving our series sponsors brand recognition at the events. It is a big job and I really appreciate when other riders step in to help.

I look forward to the challenge of next season, running more riders' meetings and encourage you get in touch or use these to raise issues.

Sarah Forman

Riders Rep



Fiber Fresh North Island NEC Report 2024

Overview

The North Island NEC has seen a great deal of change this year. At the time of this report ESNZ is working with the NEC on a restructure to set it up for the future. A substantial reduction in income has resulted from several circumstances:

- Had to stop POP camping until compliance was achieved.
- Numbers are down per event.
- One major event less in 2023-24 than the year previous.
- Compliance costs for the indoor arena. (Health and safety, fire etc.)
- Wage costs relative to the reduced income

The final structure is yet to be finalized, but in the meantime Karen and Logan have moved on. At the moment, a huge amount of work is falling on the shoulders of a very small volunteer team led by Toni and Colin McIntosh. Special mention to Cathy Vennell, Kate Honour, Ewan McIntosh and Mark King. Thanks to these folks for such important and often thankless work, that unfortunately at times has attracted considerable scrutiny and commentary.

A huge thanks to Fiber Fresh who continue to be the major sponsor for the North Island NEC.

Highlights of the year.

Toni has been brilliant at developing relationships with people who are providing huge value to the centre, including:

- Substantial improvements to the older yards. Ewan McIntosh has been repairing and improving these, including running water lines to previously isolated yards.
- Substantial improvements to the beautification of the centre. The property is continuously improving with any scrap gone, storage pads made for heavy gear and cross country jumps, contouring of the cross country and improving arena surfaces.
- The Plaw family have continued their extreme generosity towards equestrian sport and have provided a substantial amount of elegant extruded plastic fencing to surround arena areas.
- Lakeland excavators have been doing a huge amount of contouring.
- Norm May - MCP Concrete - has done a lot of work helping divert water away from yards and parking areas.
- Alan Moore - TW Moore - has provided and carted a lot of material to upgrade the “gravel pit” arena.
- Equine eye is providing security cameras for gate security gate 3, as well as an opportunity for live streaming in the indoor or the cross country.
- The Equifest team have invested in infrastructure such as drainage.
- Improvements to jumping gear. High Performance have invested in a new set of jumping poles.

- The campground is now fully compliant, creating the opportunity to reclaim that lost income stream.

Paul Croucher



Dunstan Horsefeeds NEC Christchurch Report 2024

The NEC Christchurch has had another productive year with heavy bookings and continued development across the facility.

The NEC Committee meets monthly with representatives of jumping, eventing, dressage and endurance from the local organising committees/clubs as well as representatives from the respective Boards, and meetings are attended by the NEC staff and the ESNZ CEO. The Convenor, Treasurer and the Discipline Reps are appointed annually at the ESNZ AGA; the secretary is appointed by the Committee.

2023/2024 Committee

Convenor: Don Robertson

Treasurer: Andrew Bruce

Secretary: Sue Billingheimer

Eventing Canterbury Rep: Tony Roberts (Sharon Raine)

Show Jumping Canterbury Rep: Sam Pascoe

Dressage Canterbury Rep: Cherie Pearson

Eventing Board Rep: Nick Pyke

Endurance Board Rep: Sue Billingheimer

Dressage Board Rep: Glenda Jones

Jumping Board Rep: Gus Taylor

Health and Safety Rep: Glenda Jones

NEC Staff

Centre Caretaker: Blue Clark

Administration: Gail Power.

Centre General

1. Health and Safety
 - a. All groups using the NEC are required to provide a Health and Safety Plan for their event/camp. Any incidents are reported back to their respective Discipline.
 - b. Any incidents occurring at other times are reported to the NEC. A Health and Safety review is considered at every meeting of the NEC Committee and actions taken accordingly.
 - c. Wifi is now at the road gate and it is planned to install a system to monitor access to the grounds and to relay “live” information to users about any hazards, restrictions etc.

2. Covered Yards

The 50 covered yards situated to the South of the cross country training ground have been completed on time and on budget and are a welcome addition to the facilities appreciated by all Disciplines. Funded in part by the June Cresswell endowment, some of the proceeds from the hire of the yards are returned South Island Jumping.



3. Security

There has continued to be some security issues on the grounds, with a number of break-ins and thefts. Access has been through the forest and not via the gates. Cameras have been installed and lock methods improved.

4. NEC bookings

The venue has been busy throughout the year.

- a. There were approximately 5000 horse starts from Dressage, Eventing, Jumping, Endurance, Casual Members and Pony Club.
- b. Additional horse starts come from clinics with Eventing running approximately 15 clinics delivered by outside providers, while Jumping held 5 and Dressage 2, as well as Interschool Events run by the local Organising Committees.
- c. The NEC was also used by ESNZ to run Squad Training, Development Camps and the South Island Interschools event.

In summary, there were approximately 35 events run in the past year, some of which ran over 2-4 days with 40 training/clinic and derby days - all organised as a result of the 45 odd committee meetings held in the Glyn East Hall.

Jumping

The extension to the Hampton Oval two years ago so that 3 Show jump rings can run simultaneously has been a great improvement and appreciated by the riders, course designers and spectators. All 3 rings now have re-furbished judge's boxes, and rings 1 and 2 have independent sound systems. During the year there were 5 competitions of 3-5 days each plus around 10 training days/clinics.

A Course designer shelter is being planned for the up-coming year.

Eventing

Work continues on the cross country grounds improving the surfaces in preparation for Eventing Canterbury hosting the National Three Day Event next year, as well as for all upcoming events on the grounds.

Over the year Eventing Canterbury ran 4 events, including FEI events and a 3 Day, along with 7 derby days and twilight events.

Dressage

Another busy year for Dressage with approximately 15 competitions, some clinics and monthly meetings. Maintenance of the surfaces of the arenas continues.

Jumping at the NEC – 40 years Anniversary

At Labour weekend 2023 the 40th anniversary of 40 years of show jumping at the NEC was celebrated. People who had been involved and supported the NEC and Jumping in past years, along with ESNZ staff and Board members, were invited to attend a get together and cake cutting celebration. The function was held during Jumping Canterbury's competition.



Acknowledgements

Mr Allan Hampton, who was instrumental in establishing the NEC, died in August last year, and his passing was acknowledged with regret by the Committee. His legacy lives on through the Hampton Oval.

The work of Blue Clark as Centre Caretaker is very much appreciated, especially as he also takes the time to be present at many of the events during the weekends. We are fortunate to have Blue, supported by Gail Power, as part of the NEC.

I have been pleased to be the ESNZ Jumping Board Rep on the NEC Committee this past year and fortunate to have been able to attend all bar one meeting.

Gus Taylor
9th June, 2024



Jumping Steward General Report. 2023/2024 Season.

Thankfully the past season enjoyed a busy full show calendar, great to see after some hard years.

Fantastic to have Horse of the Show up and running again. Although entries were lower than previously it can only be bigger and better next year.

The running of any show takes a huge amount of work from organising committee, officials, maintenance of grounds, sponsors to name a few and we are all wanting the same result. A well run successful show fulfilling everyone's needs. As we grow we are learning what it takes to achieve this.

From a Stewarding point of view the season was a full calendar for most. The season held 5 WC and 3 1* shows, all very well run with an exciting WC final at Waitemata. All FEI stewards really stepped up and worked well together.

The presence of Stewards at shows really does make a difference. The steward mantra of help, prevent and intervene does come into practise.

Horse welfare is now very much in the public domain and more people are coming forward at shows with their concerns so we need to be pro-active in this area.

However, of major concern is the small pool of all officials we have to call on and the need to recruit more should be paramount. The message needs to get out there with encouragement for people to get involved. This does need the help of everyone. Without officials there can be no shows. I said something similar in '21 and still hardly any new recruits.

All officials now have a robust education pathway in place. This has been designed to ensure they can fulfil the requirements of their role and are up-to-date with current rules. The goal being to produce a consistent approach, deliver high quality officiating and provide a level playing field to all competitors. Full details in Annex 12 of the rule book.

This year Judges and Stewards are running separate full day in person maintenance courses. As well as revision, updates and upgrades it's a great chance to network with others, discuss issues or problems that may have arisen throughout the year within their field.

Every area should be encouraging and supporting as many officials as possible to attend these.

The courses are open to current officials or anyone interested in wanting to learn a little more of what's involved.

I'd like to thank all my fellow Stewards for the time, energy and commitment they have put into their roles this past season. Has been a pleasure working with you.

Thank you.

Judy Bowen



SHOWHUNTER SH Chair Report and South Island Coordinator Report

I would firstly like to thank Tracey Lammas for taking the reins of the Executive for a period. Unfortunately personal circumstances meant that she was unable to see the year out as Chair and I have stepped back in temporarily.

We will be electing a new chair this year. Normally this happens at the AGM but this year, this will not be possible as two of the Executive members are unable to be here and the entire Executive is required to elect the new Chair. So, once Maria and Angela are back from their holidays, the Executive will meet and elect a new Chair. We will advise as soon as this has happened.

I thank the existing Executive for their support and hard work over the year and welcome the new Executive members – Angela Sharples, Abby Fawcett and Geradine Wood. Lisa Clark, June Berrington and Maria Collins are existing members standing again and I thank them for their commitment and time they are willing to put in to our sport.

What an amazing come-back to have Horse of the Year again in Hastings after three cancellations due to Covid and the flooding in Hawkes Bay.

June Berrington did a great job in her first year of convening the SH section at HoY – and, although the entries were somewhat down, the competition was good.

We held the SH Series Finals at HoY again this year and the team put on a great spectacle for the presentations – allowing the sponsors to be thanked and the riders to do laps of honour.

Nationals was affected by the proximity to a Takapoto Show that was popped up and conflicted with those wanting to do both Takapoto and Nationals. Therefore, the Nationals Committee ran a “pop-up” show as a training day for the jumpers and training and Series classes for the SH riders so that they did not miss out prior to HoY. The event was very successful and raised some much needed funds for the Nationals coffers.

I was unable to attend Nationals this year due to illness and I am so grateful to Lisa Clark who put on an amazing show for the riders. Our presentation area was once again the envy of all and it allowed the riders and sponsors to be acknowledged for their efforts along with the “champagne” celebration.

Sponsorship, as ever, is a challenge – this season not Covid but the economic down-turn. Whilst Maria Collins has done an amazing job gaining sponsors for all Series, she has decided to step back from this role and we will be hard pressed to replace her in the role. Sponsorship overall for Jumping and Show Hunter has been picked up by Paxton Condor – and we hope to augment her efforts with others from Executive to assist her “farming” and “finding” sponsors. Remember, it is not just about finding sponsors then forget them – “farming” is about looking after our sponsors, keeping them informed, thanking them and making sure they are invited to shows to present their classes and to watch. I personally invited all the National sponsors to the Canterbury Champs last season – we had a great response and sponsors that we had not previously seen at shows came along to present – Vero and Big on Writing had never been to our shows before and loved the experience even though they were not “horsey” people. It gave the riders an opportunity to personally thank their sponsors.

As ever, it is the volunteers that keep our sport running – there are so many of them and we would be paying a far higher price for everything without them. Please remember to be nice to them and to thank anyone who helps.

I would like to wish all areas all the best for the coming season.

Lucy Maley
SH Chair SI SH Co-ordinator



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Campaigns

In July 2023, the NZ jumping team that competed in the Olympic qualifier at Valkenswaard were unsuccessful in their attempt to secure a team spot for the Paris Olympics, this altered the campaign focus from a team preparation to an individual preparation, and multiple individual combinations were identified and nominated as long-listed combinations. These combinations had until 24 June 2024 to secure their individual qualifications and were supported individually in their quest to do this.

Show invitations are dictated by the jumping invitation system and this means NZ athletes don't always get into the shows they would like. Invitations to 4* and 5* shows in most cases come via Wild Card invitation and to support this, two team wild card invitations were sought – Wellington CSIO4* in Florida and Sopot CSIO4* in Poland - to provide opportunities for athletes to compete together at higher ranked shows, work together as a team and for some, to gain Olympic qualification.

Two benchmarking days were held in June 2024 at Takapoto Estate for NZ based long listed athlete Sophie Scott, to provide the opportunity for Sophie to show current form and to be tested over courses of an international standard at a time when there was no competition in NZ.

At the time of writing this report we are in the process of conducting the Olympic selection which will be finalised and announced before the Jumping AGM.

Pathway

The Jumping programme in NZ has continued to be developed and refined over the past 12 months.

Australian coach Michelle Strapp visited New Zealand twice in the Spring of 2023 for trainings in August and November in both islands. The squad camps continue to evolve and grow as the programme responds to both coach and athlete feedback and it has been pleasing to see athlete and horse combinations improve and embrace learnings under Michelle's guidance, both in person and remotely as Michelle was able to connect with athletes between visits through provision of remote support.

Timetable challenges have prevented Michelle from coaching in person in NZ in the first half of 2024 but athletes were supported remotely by Michelle and also via coaching support from their personal coaches utilizing programme funding. At the time of writing this report we are in the process of securing a new international coach who we aim to have in NZ in early August and September.

The annual off horse camp for 2023-2024 was held early in May 2023 as reported in the 2022-23 annual report. The 2024 camp is taking place in August 2024 in Cambridge and will include jumping, eventing, dressage and endurance squad athletes. Collectively the programme managers have agreed August to be the optimum time for the Off Horse Camp as this provides an ideal induction for any new athletes selected in the mid year (June) review.

As part of our 'Online Learning Series' and as pre season prep we hosted a session on Women's Health relating to Equestrian sport with Emily Cavell and a pre-season Health and Fitness Equine learning session facilitated by vet Georgie Johnston, both sessions were open to the wider HP group of athletes.

Talent ID applications were strong this year and in March and April training days were held at Taupō and McLeans Island. These days were well supported with some exciting up and coming riders gaining selection into the programme as well as identifying some potential wild cards for the future to keep an eye on.

High performance supported ESNZ jumping through the selection of two young rider teams that competed in Australia in August 2023 and New Zealand in January 2024.

Two formal squad reviews took place in the 2023-2024 season in June and December which is in line with the other discipline standard selection cycle and listed below are those on squad at the end of May 2024.

HP Jumping Squads at 30th May 2024

High Performance Squad

No one currently on squad

High Performance Futures Squad

Brooke Edgecombe
Josh Collins
Julie Davey
Phillip Steiner
Sharn Wordley
Sophie Scott
Tom Tarver

High Performance Potential Squad

Annabel Francis
Daniel Meech
Logan Massie
Samantha Whale
Tegan Fitzsimon
Uma O'Neill

Talent Development Squad

Hannah Bodle
Makenzie Causer
Samantha Carrington
Tamara Silcock
Tyla Hackett

Talent Identification Squad

Aimee Collinson
Anna Nalder
Ben Weir
Dylan Bibby
Emma Gillies
Isabelle Jameson
Johanna Wylaars
Kimberly Carrington
Liam Rutland
Molly Moffatt
Penny Borthwick
Samantha Gillies

Looking Forward

We will continue develop the pathway for athletes through the system with an eye on 2026, 2028 and beyond, this will be done via regular training camps, individual performance plans and off horse support, utilizing the offerings of the HPSNZ providers where possible – Psychology, athlete life, strength and condition and nutrition support.

In the campaign space, focus now turns to the next four-year cycle with the 2028 Los Angeles Olympic Games the main goal and the 2026 FEI World Championships the milestone event along the way. For any athlete with aspirations on the LA Olympics, that journey needs to start now.



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