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## LOVE YOUR HORSES, HAVE FUN AND BE POSITIVE

Merry Christmas and happy stable snacks to all our equestrian community as we draw to the end of 2018.

ESNZ has embarked on a journey this year which we will be sharing with you in a number of different ways in 2019 and beyond. We have spent two years getting the organisation back on its feet and in a position of strength financially and capacity wise. Thanks to Sport NZ capability funding we developed a project about values and culture which will become our driving platform for everything we do.

In doing this work, we have been confronted and challenged about the way we work, and how we demonstrate value to you all as members. This has been an extremely valuable exercise to us, and we hope in time will be for you as well. Some of the key themes we will be addressing include:

- Working on developing and encouraging a positive, welcoming and open culture.
- A focus on members and volunteers as customers.
- We need to communicate better with you and make sure you feel comfortable bringing issues to our attention and that we deal with them professionally and appropriately.
- We will demonstrate value – what is the purpose of your relationship with us and how do we make sure you feel valued in that?
- Celebrating our successes together so we can share in the delight of winning well.
- And we need to be clear about doing what we do well – at all levels on and off the field of play.

One of the greatest challenges before us is to encourage all members, disciplines, boards, areas, officials and volunteers to work together as one organisation.

Only together will we be strong and resilient and pave a brighter future for our members across all spectrums of the sport. This may take some time, and indeed, may require radical review in the future, as all sports continue to grapple with the speed of change in our society.

We know the database and future technological developments are going to be crucial for this organisation to be sustainable. We know there have been some issues, and we thank you for your patience, but we are poised on the edge of some exciting projects that will propel us towards more and more opportunities. Our job here is to ensure the organisation is ready for change, and can be agile and flexible enough to be proactive in its own environment. We can only do that together.

Change is painful, but it is necessary. One of the big projects for 2019 will be the constitution review and we will be travelling the country to discuss this with you in your areas. This is a key part of us moving forward as one organisation and we need to embrace the opportunity to have the conversation and understand what we need from our structure moving forward.

Happy, safe holidays and peace and goodwill to all from the side of the arena. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to equestrian sport in whatever capacity this year. Love your horses, have fun and be positive. We look forward to working with you in 2019.

Dana Kirkpatrick  
Chief Executive  
Equestrian Sports  
New Zealand



### CHRISTMAS NOTICE

The ESNZ National Office team wishes all our members a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Members competing over the Christmas period should ensure that any registrations requiring renewal are completed in advance please.

The ESNZ National Office will be closed over the Christmas break for the statutory holidays but otherwise on deck.

### UPDATE YOUR DETAILS ONLINE

It's important we have your latest details, so if something's changed, it's easy to update online through 'my account'.

We would greatly appreciate everyone logging in and adding/ updating their region.

### UPDATE YOUR FEI REGISTRATIONS

A gentle reminder to all those with FEI registrations that they expire on 31 December, so will need to be redone.

### CONCUSSION AWARENESS

With the season in full swing, the concussion and serious injury Blue Card process is operational. Thank you to all who are recognising the seriousness of concussion and its potential long-term impacts and are using the process to protect our riders.

There are helpful resources on concussion – recognising the signs and what to do if someone sustains a suspected concussion – for officials and riders here <https://www.nzequestrian.org.nz/safety/concussion/>



## HIGH PERFORMANCE



Horsepower owners and riders lunch at Badminton 2018. Photo copyright: Libby Law Photography



Sir Mark Todd's horse McLaren with his owners David and Katherine Thomson at the 2018 World Equestrian Games in Tryon, North Carolina. Photo copyright: Libby Law Photography

## HIGH PERFORMANCE RESET FOR 2020 SUCCESS

2018 saw some sensational successes on the world stage for our high performance athletes. Notably, Tim and Jonelle Price rose in the FEI eventing rankings to third and seventh off the back of their hard-fought, deserved respective wins at the highly prestigious 2018 Burlghley, Badminton and Luhmühlen Horse Trials.

Preparations for the 2018 World Equestrian Games in Tryon, North Carolina went smoothly, but the environment was challenging. The facilities at the newly developed 250 USD million Tryon equestrian centre were still under construction, Hurricane Florence sideswiped Tryon, the endurance event was cancelled due to high heat and the condition of the course, and then there was the tragic loss of Jenny Champion's horse Barack Obama.

While Team NZ didn't bring home any silverware, the eventers qualified for the 2020 Olympics in Japan. And so now ESNZ's high performance director, Sarah Dalziell-Clout, and her team have thoroughly reviewed their preparation and performance with an eye to the two years leading up to the Olympics and beyond.

"We have five strategic priorities which not only take us to 2020, but ensure that we have depth and talent coming through for the future, for the Paris Olympics in 2024," says Sarah.

This includes a shift to a targeted, Olympic focused programme, as opposed to a high performance programme for championships including the Olympics. Allied to this, is providing more high performance capability and support in New Zealand to enable New Zealand-based combinations to prepare domestically before completing and polishing their Tokyo campaigns internationally.

"Experienced, quality horsepower is essential to succeed at any level, but horses that are world class in dressage, cross country and showjumping at the top level are critical," Sarah says. "That's why our owners and sponsors who enable us to access and retain top level horsepower are so important to us. We are always looking to welcome more owners into the fold, so if you or someone you know are interested, get in touch. It is a welcoming and exciting team to become a part of, as well as being deeply rewarding."

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## WORLD CLASS EQUESTRIAN CENTRE OPENS

"Your driving energy has kept the project going. I hope you are proud today," said Minister of Sport Grant Robertson commending Wallie Niederer, convenor of Taupo's newly opened \$3.5 million National Equestrian Centre, who has led the project since its conception in 2013.

"I have heard a lot about it, but to see it is quite remarkable. It is a world-class facility and a jewel in the crown," said Robertson. "This has been a labour of love for the whole equestrian community. Sport has that unique ability to pull people together and build community - and I totally see that here."

**L-R: ESNZ High Performance Director Sarah-Dalziell Clout, Minister for Sport Grant Robertson, NEC Chair Wallie Niederer, Taupo mayor David Trewavas, ESNZ President Richard Sunderland. Credit Diana Dobson/Black Balloon**





# TRANS-TASMAN RIVALRY ON SHOW IN EARLY 2019

The Trans-Tasman Young Rider Challenge is an annual event that has traditionally been a gripping battle between the nations. Last year it was won by New Zealand, in 2017 Australia won, and in 2016 New Zealand won. Can New Zealand make it two in a row?

The Trans-Tasman Young Rider Test for young riders between 16 and 21 years of age will be held at the Larsens Showjumping Championships in Gisborne on 25-27 January 2019. A team of four riders will travel from Australia to compete in the test, which will be on borrowed horses. ESNZ Jumping

selectors will appoint a team of four riders and a Chef d'Equipe.

Equestrian Australia will select a senior rider team of four to compete in a Trans-Tasman Test as part of the Silver Fern Stakes at the Land Rover Horse of the Year Show on 12-17 March 2019. Horse of the Year is New Zealand's premier equestrian show and this event will be a unique learning opportunity for our senior riders to compete as a team in a high stakes event. The trans-Tasman aspect of the challenge will no doubt add a level of prestige and excitement to the atmosphere of the show.

## MORE MOTIVATION, (IN CASE YOU NEED IT), FOR THE WORLD CUP JUMPING SERIES

We are very excited to announce that Longines have provided New Zealand with three Longines watches to be presented to the first three place getters of the World Cup Jumping Series at the final show at Waitemata in January.

Maurice Beatson, ESNZ Jumping's FEI Committee Chair, secured the sponsorship when he met up with one of Longine's executives at the World Equestrian Games in Tryon in September. Longines currently sponsor the FEI Jumping World Cup.

The World Cup Jumping Series is already shaping up to be a great competition. As we go to press Lily Tootill and Ulysses NZPH laid down the challenge for the rest of the nation's top jumpers winning the first round at the Hawke's Bay Royal A&P Show in Hastings and Tegan Fitzsimon from West Melton won the second round in her World Cup debut at the Egmont Show in Hawera on a Windermere Cappuccino, who also had his first start at this level. Leading the pack home in the third round at Manfeild in Feilding was Emily Hayward aboard Belischi HM notching her first-ever World Cup victory.



Tegan Fitzsimon won the second round in her World Cup debut at the Egmont Show on Windermere Cappuccino

## EXPERIENCE – THE BEST TEACHER

With our eyes on the future, ESNZ has a development pipeline through which talent is identified and fostered. Gaining international experience is part of the programme and has seen a number of our super talented young showjumpers compete offshore recently.

2018 Horse of the Year Olympic Cup winner Briar Burnett-Grant was the only New Zealand rider competing in the 2018 Youth Olympic Games in Buenos Aires in October which included her and her borrowed horse Maximus in an Australasian team event and individuals. Neither events ended with the team or Briar on the podium but they came close.

"YOG Buenos Aires 2018 has been an experience of a lifetime! I'm so grateful to have had the opportunity to represent New Zealand at these games," said 17 year old Briar. Maximo gave me an awesome ride in the final round, ever so slightly touched the last fence to give us a rail but being the fastest it put us sixth overall!! I couldn't be happier with him, I wish I could take him home with me. Thank you to all of those who have supported me."

Again on borrowed horses, the New Zealand junior rider team Sarah West, Sophie Townsend and Ike Baker finished on the podium with bronze at the CSIJ-B event at the Princess Cup at the Royal Horse Guard, Bangkok, Thailand in November.

**"Sarah and Sophie produced super clear rounds and Ike did an excellent job on a difficult horse for five faults. What an awesome team this is," said Chef d'Equipe Penny Stevenson.**

Leeshelle Small, on borrowed horse Titan, represented New Zealand in the Third Asian Equestrian Federation Junior Jumping Championship in Taichung, Taipei also in November. Chef d'Equipe Aria Small said that although it was not the happy ending they were hoping for, it was still a great experience.

# NEW ZEALAND SPORT HORSE BREEDING PROJECT

**For riding you need horses. For good riding you need good horses. If you have a lot of good horses, you have the opportunity for a lot of good riding.**

New Zealand equestrian sport would benefit from the reliable integration of breeding and sport so we can maximise the supply of high quality sport horses. The sport horse industry has only a few large scale commercial breeders, with the smaller hobby breeders being the most numerous. Compounding this, sport horse breeding is fragmented with an estimated 30 different breed organisations providing variable levels of support and registration for breeders.

All that could be about to change. ESNZ has set up a New Zealand Sport Horse Breeding working group which includes Associate Professor Chris Rogers from Massey University's School of Veterinary Science, President of the NZ Warmblood Association, stallion owner and breeder Jody Hartstone and breeder and ESNZ Board member Jenny Booth to work with sport horse breeders on ways to improve the quality and supply of horses.

The New Zealand Thoroughbred industry and Sport Horse Ireland provide good models of integrating breeding and sport, including sire rankings based on breeding values - the calculation of pedigree and performance through an integrated database.

"Breeding values provide breeders with information to guide their breeding choices which reduce wastage, improve the quality of sport horses bred here,

which leads to increased international consumer confidence in the New Zealand sport horse. And that results in a more robust and financially secure market for breeders and producers," says Chris Rogers.

"This initiative will bring New Zealand's sport horse breeding in line with best practice world standards. Greater depth and integrity of horse pedigree data combined with results on one platform provides a complete pedigree and performance package for potential buyers including the export market. This integration of pedigree and performance will help market young horses and horses not yet competing internationally because their family performance records will be clearly visible and identified within the database."

There are also strong arguments for a single database listing all sport horses, their owners and whereabouts for biosecurity purposes should an exotic disease outbreak occur, such as equine influenza.

In the medium term, integration of international FEI data with New Zealand data will help identify New Zealand-bred horses competing internationally and not currently linked to their country of origin.

New Zealand will look to emulate the major European sport horse producing nations and their age series class finals (e.g. the Bundeschampionate in Germany, Fontainebleau in France, or Millstreet finals in Ireland) which provide a shop window for the breeder. These



competitions encourage the development of professional/semi-professional riders focusing on producing young horses for these competitions and subsequent sale. These competitions also provide opportunities for young riders to develop their trade in preparation for international sport.

Increased capability in riders and identification of top sport horsepower should be reflected in greater success on the international stage. In turn, this should increase the participation base in equestrian sport as success by the national team has been demonstrated as being one of the major drivers of enthusiasm and participation in equestrian sport.

## A REMINDER - MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR ESNZ APPROVED PORTABLE YARDS

**The use of ESNZ approved portable yards at events is by permission of the Organising Committee (OC). If portable yards are not allowed to be used this should be advertised in the event schedule.**

The OC, Chief Steward, Ground Jury or TD at an event may withdraw permission for the use of any yard considered unsafe, either by its condition or that it is unsuitable to safely contain the horse or pony concerned. Any portable yard must be securely attached to the side of a truck or float. If attached to a trailer float, the float must be attached to a suitable

towing vehicle. Yards may be made of alloy, steel or galvanised pipe (tape yards are only permitted in Endurance).

The use of free standing yards at Endurance Events is permitted with the permission of the Organising Committee and Technical Delegate. Horses or ponies must not be tied to the portable yard rails. They may be tied to the truck or float while inside the yard.

Specifications for portable yards can be found here <https://www.nzequestrian.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/esnz-portable-yards.pdf>



# 11 GREAT REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD HAVE YOUR SAY ON THE CONSTITUTION REVIEW .....

What are we doing???

We're reviewing ESNZ's constitution. It sets out the principles, objects and rules that guide how ESNZ works. The constitution includes what the branches and committees of ESNZ are, what powers they have, and how they work. It also states the rights of ESNZ's members - you.

1. Having your say is easy – in late January 2019, all the ways and more information will be available here <https://www.nzequestrian.org.nz/esnz/about-esnz/>
2. Members are our owners! ESNZ is your organisation. Have your say!
3. If you don't tell us what you think, others will and you might not agree. But we'll never know what you think if you don't let us know.
4. ESNZ's structure, how it works, what it delivers to you as a member and how you exercise your power are all in the constitution.

5. The single, most important question at the heart of this review is whether the current structure enables your view as a member to be adequately represented? Does it enable you to have a say?
6. Changes to the constitution are the first step in helping us to ensure that ESNZ has a strong and healthy future. Increased competition for funding, sponsorship and our members' time means that only those organisations which are clearly seen to be efficient will be supported by our members, stakeholders and sponsors.
7. The current structure has many tiers. For such a small organisation, can we sustain this structure?
8. Do you want proportional representation? Area group member numbers range from 57 in Taihape to 1,227 in Canterbury. Voting by Area discipline groups

may not fairly represent voting by individual members because the Area groups have remained largely unchanged in a geographic sense for over 50 years, yet the location of members has changed so that they are not evenly spread between Area groups.

9. What about a president, a patron or patrons? Does ESNZ need either, both and if so what do they do? What do you think?
10. The constitution doesn't get reviewed very often so this is your big chance.
11. Meet your Board! ESNZ Board members will meet with members at regional meetings of all disciplines combined in May and June 2019. The dates, times and locations of these meetings will be advised early in 2019 via Discipline boards, Area groups, NEC committees, the ESNZ website and social media channels.

## PARA-EQUESTRIAN

### NORTH ISLAND PARA EQUESTRIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS GO OFF WITH A BANG!

For a championship event so early in the season, the North Island Para Equestrian Championships went off with a bang! This year's event was held in conjunction with Dressage New Zealand's North Island championships and run by Dressage Central Districts at Manfeild Park, Fielding.

Once again, a huge thank you goes out to all the sponsors of this event, and in particular PGG Wrightson Real Estate Ltd Lower North Island for their sponsorship of the Para Equestrian Championship for each grade.

#### Results as follows:

**Grade II**- Champion - Chontelle Honour and McCor

**Grade IV** - Champion Rachel Shiree Hughes and Chuck Taylor, Reserve Champion Louise Duncan and Northan Ivanthus

**Grade V**- Champion Sarah Williams and Araum Park Christmas Eve

## DO YOU HAVE THE PERFECT PARA PONY?

**Do you have a horse looking for variety of life or a step away from intensive competition training? Becoming a Para pony might just be the perfect fit.**

If you think finding your next dressage horse or showjumper is hard, try adding a physical disability to the mix. Not only do you have the usual requirements of movement, looks, trainability and athletic ability, you also must find a horse with the right temperament, patience, and the biomechanics to suit the rider's disability.

Recently, several of our national level riders have been in search of a new competitive mount for various reasons; injuries, retirement or simply not 'clicking'. While para athletes know there is no such thing as a perfect horse, the trainability and temperament are the most important.

The main stigma around para riders is that para horses spend the remainder of their ridden career in an arena. While for some riders this is the safest place for them to ride, we must also acknowledge the big band of helpers behind the scenes who take the horse out hacking, jumping or to the beach. Para horses have a huge variety of work load and depending on the para athlete, can be the perfect semi-retirement for your school master.

An example of a big support crew is Grade I rider Jodie Thorne. Although Jodie rides

in an enclosed space at walk only for up to 15 minutes each ride, her support team of more than eight volunteers from the wider Western Bay of Plenty region ensures the horse is fit, exposed to show environments and enjoys a variety of activities within its para training. This team also helps Jodie to install her unique aids and 'para buttons'; for example, the horse knows to stop if she happens to lose her balance and fall forward onto the horse's neck while in the saddle. You can read more about Jodie and our other para riders here <https://www.nzequestrian.org.nz/disciplines/para-equestrian/about-para-equestrian/para-rider-stories/>


Often the best suited horse, within budget, will be the horse who has spent several years competing and having exposure to the competition environment. However, the horse who has spent the last four years on the hunt field and isn't phased by others cantering towards and past it can be just as suitable, even if it's never set foot in a dressage arena before. It all depends on the rider's limitations, horse training support they have available, and their goals.

**Get in touch with ESNZ Para Sports Manager Brooke Dillon**  
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## LAND ROVER HORSE OF THE YEAR DRESSAGE

The Land Rover Horse of the Year Dressage section on March 12 - 17 promises to be another showcase across the levels with the highlights being the Musical Freestyles in the main oval every day.

Make sure you are up to date with the qualifications required at <https://www.nzequestrian.org.nz/2018/09/landrover-horse-of-the-year-dressage-2019-qualifications>



Heidi Kendrick and Fly competing in their first dressage competition in picturesque Cromwell supported by ever important family – photo credit Sophie Pennicott Equine Photography

# BACK ON TRACK

The Back on Track Dressage Premier League is producing some exciting results across all levels as riders look towards the key events in the late summer and autumn.

The first of these will be the Bates National Championships at Manfeild Park 14-17 February 2019.

The Bates includes something for everyone including the international classes CDI3\*, CDI 2\*, CDIY and CDIP, as well as the Elite Equine National Young Dressage Horse championship for 4, 5 and 6 year olds, the Bates National Open Championships from levels 1-9 and the National Amateur Championships from levels 1-5.

A new initiative for 2019 set to inspire riders new to the FEI levels from Prix St Georges to Grand Prix is the VW Dressage sponsored ProAm Championships. These awards recognise the huge commitment necessary to train and compete at these levels and the achievement by riders to get to that level for the first time.

Entries are open on Equestrian Entries for the 21st edition of the Bates Nationals.

### BATES SADDLES SI RIDER TRAVEL FUND AND NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS SUPPORT

Purchase any style of Bates Saddle, Dressage, GP or Jumping with a RRP of \$4,000 or more and receive \$350 cash back plus a stylish Tucker Tweed leather clutch purse valued at \$169. Generously supported by South Canterbury Saddlery & Dressage Nelson, Marlborough, Canterbury, Ashburton, SCNO, Otago and Southland, all proceeds from the sale of this saddle go in the pool to support South Island rider travel to the Bates National Dressage Championships.

You can also support the Bates National event by purchasing any style of Bates Saddle of any value and get \$350 discount off a saddle RRP \$3,500 or more or \$200 off a saddle RRP under \$3,500.

**Dressage Sport Manager**  
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## AR DRESSAGE OFFICIAL OF THE MONTH

Andrea Raves is a dedicated supporter of Dressage NZ on many levels and AR Dressage is the sponsor of the Official of the Month. Officials of the Month (must be an official listed on the ESNZ officials list) will have their ESNZ membership paid by Dressage NZ thanks to AR Dressage support of this programme.

## YOUR OWN MONTHLY DRESSAGE BULLETIN TO INFORM, INSPIRE AND INDULGE

For all the latest dressage news, views and stories about our people visit the DressageNZ Bulletin.

[www.issuu.com/dressagenzbulletin](http://www.issuu.com/dressagenzbulletin)





# ALLINFLEX VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH AND OF THE YEAR AWARDS

AllinFlex are again going the extra mile to support Dressage NZ.

We are thrilled to announce that the company is proud to be supporting our many volunteers through the newly initiated Volunteer of the Month profiled in the Bulletin. Anyone featured will receive an AllinFlex gift. They will also sponsor the prize for Volunteer of the Year to be awarded at the Dressage annual awards dinner 2019. Our first winner of Volunteer of the Month is Hunterville's Vaughn Cooper. Read more about Vaughn's contribution here [https://issuu.com/dressagenzbuletin/docs/dressage\\_nz\\_bulletin\\_issue\\_28\\_novem](https://issuu.com/dressagenzbuletin/docs/dressage_nz_bulletin_issue_28_novem)



Dressage Volunteer of the Month Vaughn Cooper.  
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## LIVAMOL FEI DRESSAGE WORLD CHALLENGE

April will bring autumn as the season winds down but not until riders have the chance to contest the Livamol FEI Dressage World Challenge on 4-5 April at McLeans Island.

Nominations will be open on Equestrian

Entries from 15 January 2019. The World Challenge is a back to back event with the South Island festival of Future Stars featuring 4 - 7 year old Young Dressage Horses and a variety of other classes. Then it's on to Taupo for another back to back showcase, the North Island Festival

of Future Stars and the Equestrian Entries Under 25 National Championships.

International judge at both events will be Vittorio Barba from the Philippines, a 3\* FEI judge who has previously officiated at Horse of the Year Show.

### EVENTING

## RULES REVISION

The January 2019 FEI Rules see some big changes for Eventing. Most prominent is the change to the Star Levels. ESNZ Eventing national rules are changing to align with the FEI, so class levels will look different come 1 January 2019.

### THE NEW CLASS LEVELS ARE;

CCN4\* (formerly CNC3\*)

CCN3\* (formerly CNC2\*)

CCN2\* (formerly CNC1\*)

CCN1\* (new FEI 1\*)

CCN105 (formerly CNC105)

CCN95 (formerly CNC95)

CCN80 (formerly CNC80)

CCN65 (formerly CNC65)

The old short format and long format classifications are being replaced with CCN-S (short) or -L (long).

These changes will take some time to get used to and ESNZ Eventing will be pushing communications through December and early 2019 to help spread the word and bring people up to speed as soon as possible.

Remember to pay attention when you are doing your New Year entries. Old class levels will be listed in brackets on event schedules for the first half of 2019 to help remove any confusion. If you are unsure, please ask.

The updated Eventing rules will be available in late December and will be published on the website, through the 10 Minute Box Newsletter and on Facebook. Printed copies will be available from National office in the New Year.

## OCEANIA 2019

The 2019 Senior and Young Rider Oceania Teams Championship is being held at the National Three Day Event in Taupo from 10-12 May.

The competition will look different in 2019 as the teams' event will trial the proposed Olympic format. In addition to this, Australia is looking to bring three teams; two senior teams and one young rider team. New Zealand will field the same number of teams. The application process and selection criteria will be advised soon so keep an eye out for more details.

# ESNZ ENDURANCE CELEBRATES CAREER PATHWAY FOR OFFICIALS

In a first for Endurance in New Zealand Wendy Farnell has been promoted to FEI Level 3 Endurance steward. Wendy has been involved at all levels of Endurance in New Zealand for almost 30 years. From the very beginning she loved it.

After many years of being a major fixture of Endurance in the North Island she and husband John made the move to Canterbury where they have become an essential part of Mt Nimrod club. She has amassed vast experience and knowledge both in New Zealand and internationally as an official and as a trainer.

In recent years Wendy has been a course director for the training and education of the next generation of officials. In almost 30 years she has seen the sport grow and change, from its beginnings through the decision to become a part of the FEI and the international equestrian community. She has officiated at rides throughout Europe and in South Africa and with this promotion to L3 steward her involvement shows no sign of slowing down.

Also celebrating promotion as an official is another Canterbury member. Barbara

Avery has recently been promoted to the position of Steward General for ESNZ Endurance. With 25 years, Barbara has almost as long a history in the sport as Wendy. She has ridden both Endurance and CTR and became involved as an official in 2008 after attending an officials' course. She has served in many different roles but found she most enjoyed stewarding, reaching the rank of Level 2 steward.

Both Wendy and Barbara are great examples of the opportunities available in Endurance in New Zealand, and further afield. From being introduced to the sport in short distance rides both have acquired considerable skills and knowledge, become instrumental in growing the sport and introducing countless others to the joy of competing at all levels. They both help to provide courses and opportunities for others to follow in their footsteps.

In February ESNZ Endurance is offering FEI officials training courses for Level 1 and 2 Judges, Technical Directors and Stewards. This is open to candidates from all countries and it is expected that international candidates will take

advantage of the opportunity to attend this course which is to be run under the guidance of internationally renowned course director Sharon Du Plessis from Botswana. When it comes to career opportunities for equestrian officials New Zealand is certainly holding its own.

<https://www.nzequestrian.org.nz/disciplines/endurance-ctr/resources/officials/>

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**Wendy Farnell**  
FEI Level 3  
Endurance  
Steward



**Barbara Avery**  
Steward  
General  
for ESNZ  
Endurance



Amanda Pottinger and Just Kidding - Copyright Photo: Libby Law Photography

## EXCEPTIONAL FINISH FOR AMANDA POTTINGER

Amanda Pottinger and Just Kidding finished second in their first CCI4\* competition at the Mitsubishi Motors Australian International 3 Day Event in Adelaide recently. "Adelaide proved a proper test for our Kiwi riders," ESNZ high performance eventing manager Graeme Thom said. "It was exceptional that Amanda finished second in her very first 4\*"

### NATIONAL EVENTING CHAMPIONSHIPS AUTUMN 2019

Young & Junior Rider One Day Championships - Puhinui 2-3 March  
National One Day Championships - Kihikihi 5-7 April  
National Three Day Championships - Taupo 10-12 May

## EVENTING BOARD VACANCIES

The ESNZ Eventing Board is seeking expressions of interest for two vacant positions.

- Co-opted Board Member to fill a vacant elected position until the July 2019 Annual General Meeting.
- Appointed Board Member – three-year term until July 2021.

This is a fantastic opportunity to combine your business and governance experience with your interest in developing the future of Eventing and equestrian sport in New Zealand. Full details including the application process are available here: <https://www.nzequestrian.org.nz/2018/10/vacancy-esnz-eventing-board-member/>

**Eventing Sport Manager**  
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# NSO TO ATTEND FEI RISK MANAGEMENT SEMINAR

Eventing National Safety Officer, Hamish Butler-Gallie, is heading to Lausanne in January 2019 to attend the FEI Risk Management Seminar.

ESNZ Eventing was able to secure a Prime Minister's Scholarship through HPSNZ to fund this trip. The seminar covers fall statistics, cross country guidelines, safety trends and risk management. ESNZ Eventing submits national fall data annually to the FEI which is included in the statistics that are discussed.

## RESULTS UPDATE

Sincere thanks all our members for their patience with respect to updating and uploading results to the database. We are making progress and hope to have all results loaded by the end of this year, providing show organisers get them to us as soon as possible.

Literally thousands of results migrated from the old database to the new database, which caused some issues with some results. We are working hard to get it sorted.

### DRESSAGE

Almost all of the Dressage results have been uploaded into the database, with only recent shows left to be checked and input. Once this has been completed, all dressage equine and rider grades will be updated and be available to members when they are logged in.

### ENDURANCE AND CTR

The previous seasons' Endurance and CTR results were corrected and then re-imported into the database, and as part of this, lifetime kilometres for riders and equines are available. We are currently working on getting this season's results ready and will upload these as soon as we can.

### EVENTING

Eventing results from all previous seasons have been uploaded with only a couple of shows from the current season left to upload before they are all up to date.

### JUMPING AND SHOW HUNTER

Show Jumping results from previous seasons have all been uploaded. Show Hunter is in the process of uploading the last few results from the 2017/2018 season. Once these have been completed, we will upload results from the current season. Please be aware there are several shows yet to send in results.

# REGISTRATION CHECKLIST

To make it easier for your registration this year we have developed the following checklist. Please note it is your responsibility to ensure your memberships and registrations are up to date.

If you have any queries or want to check anything please do not hesitate to contact the Membership Services team as soon as possible by emailing [nzef@nzequestrian.org.nz](mailto:nzef@nzequestrian.org.nz) or calling **04 499 8994**. Please ensure you add your details to payments so we can assign them to your account.

#### RIDER DETAILS

Have you selected your membership type?

#### EQUINE DETAILS

Have you paid your equine annual registration fee \$75?

#### HAVE YOU PAID FOR YOUR ANNUAL DISCIPLINE START?

you will need this to ride in series classes and if you are competing regularly.

SHOW JUMPING / SHOW HUNTER  \$60 Pony  \$90 Horse

DRESSAGE  \$70 Level 1  \$100 Level 2-9

EVENTING  \$25 CCN80 & CCN95  \$60 CCN105, CCN1\* & CCN2\*  
 \$90 CCN3\* & CCN4\*

ENDURANCE/CTR  \$30 Novice/Intermediate/CTR  \$60 Open/Graded

When registering a pony you must produce a current height certificate from the RAS. PLEASE NOTE: if your pony has a Life Height Certificate, can you please check with the office that we have it on file 04 4998994.

#### MISCELLANEOUS (Please see below if there is anything else you need to purchase)

ID Book \$20  Medical Arm Band \$20

Eventing Dressage Test Book \$10  Dressage Bridle Numbers \$40

Dressage Test Book \$18  Show Jumping Time Fault Wheel \$40

Rule Books - these are on the website as well.

ESNZ General Regulations \$10  Show Jumping \$10  Show Hunter \$6

Eventing \$10  Dressage \$10  CTR/Endurance \$6

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