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Editorial

Your news will come in a different format from June 2023 as the Dressage NZ Bulletin takes on a new look that we hope you will find easy to access as we continue to share all that is going on in our sport

A huge thank you to Sarah Gray from Snaffle Design who produced 66 beautiful magazines on the Issuu platform for us but now moves on to enjoy her family and equine lifestyle. We wish you and your family very happy times ahead

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CONFERENCE REMITS 2023

Passed by Planning Forum to Conference for Ratification

Remit 1: Breeches

Amend CURRENT RULE/ARTICLE NUMBER: DRESS 479

Jodhpurs Breeches to be allowed being dark colours (black, brown, or grey)

RATIONALE: Allows entry into sport without purchasing specific competition wear, more comfortable for riders. More inclusive and flattering for those not comfortable in white due to body shape; More confidence for riders competing whilst menstruating. Not transparent when wet/riding in the rain.

As per the USEF Dressage Rules : 1.4 Breeches and Jodhpurs. White, light, or dark coloured breeches or jodhpurs are permitted in competition. Bright colours or patterns are not permitted. Contrast piping is allowed.

Passed / Failed

Remit 2: Penalty re Boots

ARTICLE NUMBER: 477 5.1

5.1: Clarify where it says any kind of boots are, ~~under penalty of elimination~~, strictly forbidden.

Motion: Follow the FEI rule: – re-starting the test after allowing an assistant to remove the boots

National rules: remove “elimination” and give a 2-point penalty

Passed / Failed

Remit 3: Fly Masks

5: Remit: Art 477 5.4

Fly masks are forbidden in competition but may be used when training and in warm-up. Elimination if used in competition.

5.4: Add fly masks are permitted when training or warming up. . Masks may not be attached to the bridle in any way.

Passed / Failed

Remits 4: Ear Hoods

Amend: CURRENT RULE/ARTICLE NUMBER: Article 477.3.6

REMIT Add to current wording:

Ear hoods may not be attached to the noseband. **RATIONALE:** To bring in line with FEI rules.

Passed / Failed

Remit 5: Whips

Addition: CURRENT RULE/ ARTICLE NUMBER : Article 478.1.3 **Add:** New wording -

For use of whips in Young Dressage Horses classes refer to Annex 7 clause 4

RATIONALE: Clarification

Passed / Failed

Remit 6: Dressage Rules for Administration ESNZ By Law 17

That there be no time limit for Finance Officer on Board owing to the on hands and very specific skill set required. **Note:** The current by-law permits two x three year terms only

Passed / Failed

NB: If passed this will require to ESNZ Board for approval

Remit 7: Neck Straps

The Planning Forum resolved that these remits be referred to conference as there was a tied vote

Neck Straps: No Decision / Poll result: 14 For/14 against

Amend CURRENT RULE/ARTICLE NUMBER: 477 – Saddlery 8.1.2

7A: REMIT: Neck Strap allowed to be used in test above Novice (Level 2)

RATIONALE: Horses at higher levels can still be nervous. A neck strap would be a safety measure for riders who choose to ride with it.

7B: REMIT:

New wording: Neck straps are approved as a safety device for all levels in Nationals classes. A neck strap is a single plain strap fitted in one loop around the horse's neck, can only be used for safety purposes, cannot be used to stabilise the rider.

RATIONALE: Horses of any level can have moments of resistance or spooking, and easier for judges, riders, officials to remember if it's allowed at all levels.

7C : REMIT:

CURRENT RULE/ARTICLE NUMBER: CURRENT RULE/ARTICLE NUMBER: 477 – Saddlery 8.1.2 Amend

For safety purpose only, neck straps to be allowed at all levels

Discussion: Gold/Silver/Bronze

From the Sub-Committee appointed at the Planning Forum

Chair: Anna Gale SI Rider Rep and Chair

Members:

Sonja Swale	Rider - Southland
Andrea Fuehrer	AD Dressage Waitemata
Sally Linton	AD Waikato
Bernice Frost	AD Taihape
Georgia Mullins	YR / Dressage Waitemata
Angela Valentine	AD Nelson
Laura Hayes	AD Otago
Meila Picard	DNZ Youth Council Chair/ Nelson
Jane Gorton	President, BOP
Jos Gresham	Points Coordinator

The GSB subcommittee have factored into their decision from feedback from riders, OC and judges.

Silver category, given that the gap between Bronze and Gold deemed too wide and by upping the Bronze % to become a bronze/silver category you were losing the essence of the reasoning behind GSB Categories by combing B/S.

* Upped Bronze to 64% for all Bronze levels.

A) reduced confusion for riders as they moved up the grades.

B) 63% was deemed too low, as a DNZ collective we are trying to raise the bar of Dressage across the board. Reflecting on Bronze scores across the country the ones that were participating on average well was sitting on the 64%, this was felt as attainable for Bronze as a whole.

* Dropping the 'previously ridden levels' down a level in Bronze and Silver - this change made those levels true newcomer levels.

* Dropping the total scores to 10 or more - 11 seemed to be confusing, 12 seems too many.

* Raising the bar **four years to eight years in silver** - eliminates those riders that have ridden high level within this period. This was a very negative area for riders, as it allowed previously top level riders to be silver.

Gold to become an open level - those riders that wish not to ride in Bronze or Silver are eligible for Gold (Open). Riders can choose to ride out of Bronze/silver at an event where they are offered. They must enter this by close of enter, OC has the right to refuse them change after (pot hunters)

Silver to be 67% over all levels in silver.

- A) reduced confusion for riders as they moved up the grades. B) it was felt that if a rider is consistently scoring 68% or higher at Silver they were ready to compete in Gold.

Directives for OC:

* Strongly suggested that areas are to run GSB as merged classes and results extracted. Data from records across NZ highlight that areas or National events do not have more than 30 (sometimes even 20) horses in each level. They can be run as merged classes (whether its bronze and open, or all GSB) GSB results are extracted at end whether for Champion/Reserve or rosettes in individual classes. Areas are to stipulate on schedule and programme how it is to be presented.

* It was felt that riders have access to a simple table so they can record their own scores (like the old ESNZ Horse rego booklets), that way they can be accountable themselves for what they enter and don't rely on EE or the event management

Date	Name of show	Graded or Non Graded	Horse	Score	Category	Countable
1/08/2021	Winter Series	Prelim 1A NG	About Time	65%	NG	No
1/08/2021	Winter Series	Prelim 1.D NG	About Time	63%	NG	No
17/09/2021	Nelson Dressage	Prelim 1.A Graded	About Time	64.80%	Bronze	Y
17/09/2021	Nelson Dressage	Prelim 1.B Graded	About Time	65%	Bronze	Y
18/09/2021	Nelson Dressage	Prelim 1.C Graded	About Time	66%	Bronze	Y
18/09/2021	Nelson Dressage	Prelim 1.D Graded	About Time	63.80%	Bronze	No
25/09/2021	Marl Dressage	Prelim 1.A Graded	About Time	67%	Bronze	Y
25/09/2021	Marl Dressage	Prelim 1.B Graded	About Time	66%	Bronze	Y
26/09/2021	Marl Dressage	Prelim 1.C Graded	About Time	64%	Bronze	Y
26/09/2021	Marl Dressage	Prelim 1.D Graded	About Time	65%	Bronze	Y
20-Oct	Marl PL Dressage	Prelim 1.A Graded	About Time	63%	Bronze	No
20/10/2021	Marl PL Dressage	Prelim 1.B Graded	About Time	64%	Bronze	Y
21/10/2021	Marl PL Dressage	Prelim 1.C Graded	About Time	65%	Bronze	Y
21/10/2021	Marl PL Dressage	Prelim 1.D Graded	About Time	64%	Bronze	Y -10
27/10/2021	Nelson Dressage	Prelim 1.A Graded	About Time	66%	Silver	No
27/10/2021	Nelson Dressage	Prelim 1.B Graded	About Time	67%	Silver	Y

It is also felt by the GSB Sub Committee that there should be an Congratulatory factor for those riders that upgrade within the GSB system - in way of a medal (like the old rider medal system from a few years ago, where riders could pin the medal onto their lapels of their jackets) or rosettes. This recognition of achievement was felt necessary to those newcomers across all grades within our sport.

Gold Silver Bronze Categories 2022-23

- Eligibility at the evening prior to the event
- Small Tour and above is defined as Prix St Georges to Grand Prix Levels
- Riders may compete in their category when GSB is used, or ride in Gold (open)
- Freestyle scores are no longer excluded.
- Bronze eligibility % is 64% ALL LEVELS, Silver eligibility is 67% ALL LEVELS.
- Areas **are suggested to run merged classes** and GSB results extracted.

Preliminary Gold (Open): All riders that don't meet the criteria of either Preliminary Bronze or Silver below

To compete Preliminary Bronze you MUST answer NO to BOTH statements			To compete Preliminary Silver you MUST answer NO to BOTH statements		
	Yes	No		Yes	No
As a rider on any horse competed at Elementary or above at any time			As a rider on any horse competed at Medium level or above in the last eight yrs		
As a combination have achieved 10 or more scores of 64% or above at any level			As a combination have achieved 10 or more scores of 67% or above at any level		

Novice Gold (open): All riders that don't meet the criteria of either Novice Bronze or Silver below

To compete Novice Bronze you MUST answer NO to BOTH statements			To compete Novice Silver you MUST answer NO to BOTH statements		
	Yes	No		Yes	No
As a rider on any horse competed at Medium level or above at any time			As a rider on any horse competed at Advanced Medium level or above in the last eight years		
As a combination have achieved 10 or more scores of 64% or above at any level Novice and above			As a combination have achieved 10 or more scores of 67% or above at any level Novice and above		

Elementary Gold (open): All riders that don't meet the criteria of either Elementary Bronze or Silver below

To compete Elementary Bronze you MUST answer NO to BOTH statements			To compete Elementary Silver you MUST answer NO to BOTH statements		
	Yes	No		Yes	No
As a rider on any horse competed at Advanced Medium level or above at any time			As a rider on any horse competed at Advanced in the last eight years		
As a combination have achieved 11 or more scores of 64% or above at any level Elementary and above			As a combination have achieved 10 or more scores of 67% or above at any level Elementary and above		

Medium Gold (open) All riders that don't meet the criteria of either Medium Bronze or Silver below					
To compete Medium Bronze you MUST answer NO to BOTH statements			To compete Medium Silver you MUST answer NO to BOTH statements		
	Yes	No		Yes	No
As a rider on any horse competed at Advanced or above at any time			As a rider on any horse competed at Small Tour or above in the last eight years		
As a combination have achieved 10 or more scores of 64% or above at any level Medium and			As a combination have achieved 10 or more scores of 67% or above at any level Medium and above		
Advanced Medium Gold (open):					
All riders that don't meet the criteria of either Advanced Medium Bronze or Silver below					
To compete Advanced Medium Bronze you MUST answer NO to BOTH statements			To compete Advanced Medium Silver you MUST answer NO to BOTH statements		
	Yes	No		Yes	No
As a rider on any horse competed at Small Tour or above at any time			As a rider on any horse competed at Medium Tour or above in the last eight years		
As a combination have achieved 10 or more scores of 64% or above at any level Advanced medium and above			As a combination have achieved 10 or more scores of 67% or above at any level Advanced medium and above		

NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS 2023

Chair

There is one nomination for the position of Chair which will be presented at conference

Nominee: Sue Hobson

Nominated by: Wendy Butler

Seconded by: Barbara Chalmers

Nominated by: Andrea Raves

Seconded by: Betty Brown

- Current President of ESNZ.
- Long time Judges Officer

Nominated by: Dressage Sth Hawkes Bay/ Mary Craine

Seconded by: Rachel Fouhy

- National Judges Officer for 12 years for Dressage.
- Financial officer for 3 years.
- Competent rider for many years.
- Long time sponsor for 35 years (Super 5)

Nominated by: Dressage Waikato / Nicky Hallen

Seconded by: Kara Lockhart

Sue Hobson has been a well-known and respected member of the dressage fraternity for many years

She is committed to the progression of dressage in New Zealand

She is supportive and friendly which is important for a president to be

National judges officer for approximately 12 years & previous finance officer on the Dressage Board and understands the workings of a Board

Previous Dressage board member

International FEI 4* dressage judge and young horse judge

Ridden internationally at Prix St Georges and Grand Prix

Head of the ground jury Horse of the Year Show for dressage for ten years

Sue is a team player and has a passion for developing our sport

Training & Development Board Member

There are two nominations for the position of Training & Development Board Member

Nominee (1): **Andrea Raves (Wellington)**

Nominated by: Susan Tomlin **Seconded by:** Jos Gresham

Andrea Raves is the current chair and coach representative on the DNZ Development committee. Between 2001 and 2008 she was training and rider development officer, qualified Reitleher FN, ESNZ Elite Coach, Dressage, Coach Educator and Assessor.

For more than 20 years has been teaching DNZ Young Rider squad programmes for DNZ and taught Eventing squads.

Coached Julie Brougham as part of NZ team at 2016 Olympics in Rio and 2018 World Equestrian Games in Tryon.

Andrea Raves was originally from Germany and has now been in NZ for 34 years. She has the German qualification of “Reitleher FN” is a Dressage NZ A Grade trainer and is an ESNZ Elite Coach, Coach Educator and Assessor. In recent years she has been the recipient of several Prime Ministers High Performance Scholarships, she visits Europe yearly to observe some of the worlds top trainers at work.

Andrea represented NZ several times at GP level in Australia with Greendowns Fetterman and has gained several national and Horse of the Year titles on different horses.

Between 2001 and 2008 Andrea was the Board Training and Rider Development Officer for Dressage NZ. In this time, amongst other still available initiatives like the Training scholarships, she developed the “Rider Incentive Program” which originated in Germany. This program encourages riders to learn about the “Scales of training” and theory behind the dressage movements they perform and recognises them for their achievements.

For more than 20 years she has been teaching DNZ Young Rider squad programmes for DNZ and has taught Eventing Squads.

She is the Chair and Coach Representative on the DNZ Development Committee since August 2022.

Nominee (2): **Barbara Chalmers (Otago)**

Nominated by: Alice Lloyd Fitt **Seconded by:** Wendy Butler

B Chalmers Biodata & Motivation

I would like to express my interest in the above position. I have a passion for training and development and am motivated to apply by a desire to put something back into a sport I love. I think this volunteer role is a fit for my skill base and I would love to help to further Dressage NZ's goals, developing our riders from grass roots through to Grand Prix and feeding our HP programme.

ESNZ Performance Coach	Dressage, SJ & HT, ESNZ National Assessor. Many years training riders and teams from PC to national reps
DNZ National Selector	2021 - present
DNZ National Judge/Mentor	A Level & Young Horse
Grand Prix Rider	Trained own horse to GP and competed successfully
Coaching Assn NZ (CNZ)	Level 3 Coach (2004)
Dressage Otago	Area Judges Officer, H&S Co Ordinator Publicity Officer
Otago Polytechnic	NZ Dip. Business (2006)
NZIM	Dip. Management (2006)
NZ SJ & SH	Experience on executive (South Island Show Hunter Co Ordinator, member Show Hunter NZ Executive (May 1996-2004)
Prince 2	Prince 2 Practitioner certificate in Project Management (2016-2021)
Telford Rural Polytechnic	Member of the Equine Advisory Board (1997-2006)

Election of Committee Representative to Appointment Panel

There are two nominations for the position of Committee Representative to Appointment Panel

Nominee (1): Debra Cowen (Waikato)

Nominated by: Mary Craine **Seconded by:** Rachel Fouhy
Nominated by: Sue Hobson **Seconded by:** Helen Hughes-Keen

Debra has had huge experience over many years as Committee Member on the Appointment Panel as well as having run many events for Dressage. She is well qualified in the above role.

Nominee(2): Sally Goldsmith (Canterbury)

Nominated by: Cherie Pearson **Seconded by:** Amanda Condon

S Goldsmith Biodata & Motivation

Currently Chair of Canterbury Dressage group and previously held roles of Area Delegate, Vice Chair and SI Event Manager.

Currently employed as equestrian Manager at Rangī Ruru Girls School in Christchurch managing programme for around 80 active horse riders.

Has over 10 years of relevant professional experience in appointing and recruiting roles from CEO and Board level through to entry level positions as an HR and Executive Recruitment Consultant throughout NZ. Has provided HR advice and support around all employment matters, including performance appraisal, HR reviews, remuneration reviews, disciplinary issues, job analysis, full search and selection of candidates, psychometric testing, change management, development of job descriptions, career advice and exit interviews. Key clients included Farmlands, ANZCO Foods, FMG, Amcor Flexibles, Westland Milk Products, Lyttelton Port Company, Thrifty Car Rental, Queenstown Airport, Ballantynes Department Store, HW Richardson Group, Cancer Society, Ronald McDonald House SI, Canterbury Rugby, plus a range of transport, tourism, manufacturing, wineries, sporting clubs, district and regional councils and not-for profits and government organisations.

I am an experienced manager across a broad range of sectors, with exceptional relationship building ability. In all my roles, both paid and voluntary, I have directly led and developed individuals and teams, including but not limited to, recruitment, policy and procedure, performance management, resolving conflicts, coaching and training, building effective teams and leadership and career development.

As well as excellent verbal and written communication skills, I am passionate about helping people of all ages to succeed and enjoy building networks and developing key relationships.

Career Summary – S Goldsmith

Date	Position	Company
August 2021- Current	Equestrian Manager	Rangi Ruru Girls School
July 2013- August 2021	HR & Executive Recruitment Consultant	Brannigans Ltd
July 2012- July 2013	Account Director	RedSeed Ltd
June 2006- July 2012	Regional Manager	Entertainment Publications Ltd
Oct 2003- June 2006	South Island Event Manager/ PA	Vodafone
2000- 2002	Event Manager	The Complete Event, NZ
Prior	Hotel Manager/ Studio Retail Manager/ Veterinary Nurse	Various, NZ, Australia, UK

Committee Roles & Professional Memberships

Date	Position	Company
2019- Ongoing	Chairperson (Previous Delegate, Vice-chair, SI event manager)	Canterbury Dressage Group
2003 – 2006, 2011- ongoing	General & Horse Committee /Dressage Convenor/ HR Advisor to Board	NZ Agricultural Show / aka Canterbury A& P Association
2013- 2019	Vice President	Roydvale Pony Club
2013- 2020	Member	Human Resource Institute of NZ
1996- 1998	Member	Hospitality Association of NZ

Qualifications & Training

Bachelor of Business Studies (Marketing and Communication Mgmt.), Massey University 1996

Diploma of Veterinary Nursing, Christchurch Polytechnic

OPRA Psychometric Assessment Interpretation Training 2014

I have attended numerous sales technique courses and people management courses in Australia and New Zealand.

Election of North Island Rider Rep

There is one nomination for North Island Rider Rep (one required)

Nominee: **Fiora Au (Auckland)**



Nominated by: Betty Brown **Seconded by:** Maree Lynch

- Active ESNZ registered dressage competitor, currently competing at level 4.
- President of Auckland Manukau Dressage Group, including being the main organiser of our inaugural Rider Development Camp which was very well received
- Strong working relationship with the Judges Sub Committee, assisting with the Technical Manual refresh
- Organised and tech savvy - my day job is Chief Product Officer at a tech startup

Biodata

Thank you for considering my nomination for the North Island Rider Representative role. I believe I can bring useful skills, leadership and a balanced perspective to this position, being an active dressage competitor, president of a local area dressage group, and an executive at a health technology startup.

My qualifications are summarised below:

I'm an active ESNZ registered dressage competitor (currently competing at Level 4), so have direct and current experience as a rider.

I'm the President of Auckland Manukau Dressage Group, one of the largest and most active local area dressage groups. I have an insider's view on how OCs operate as well as other administrative aspects of the sport. I have great relationships with other dressage group presidents and OCs.

I have demonstrated initiative, strong organisational skills and my passion for furthering rider interests by envisioning then hands-on organising the inaugural AMDG Rider Development Camp, which was very well received by both AMDG members and the broader dressage community. I continue to drive new initiatives at our club to benefit riders and members.

I have a strong working relationship with the Judges Sub Committee, assisting with the Technical Manual refresh.

I am curious, open minded and a good communicator, which I believe will allow me to connect with the dressage rider community and effectively voice their ideas, thoughts, and concerns to Dressage NZ and other stakeholder groups.

I'm creative and have strong IT & design skills that can be used to drive many positive outcomes. For example, I designed and built a website for the [AMDG Amateur, YR & Pony Champs](#), which helped to raise the profile of the event, eliminated the costs of printing paper programmes, and streamlined the collection of Thank You messages to forward to sponsors.

I'm an experienced leader and very used to working with diverse groups. My day job is Chief Product Officer at a health tech startup.

Thank you,

Fiora

Election of South Island Rider Rep

There is one nomination for South Island Rider Rep (one required)

Nominee: **Anna Gale (Marlborough)**

Nominated by: Amanda Scott-Bates

Seconded by: Inger Straight



Dressage NZ Annual Awards 2023

To be announced & presented at the Dressage NZ Awards Dinner
6pm Saturday 1st July – Rydges Latimer Square Hotel Christchurch



**Plus ESNZ Hall of Fame & Awards Friday 30th June
Come & Support the Dressage Nominees**

**Dressage Conference/AGM & Awards Dinner 1 July
Committee 2 July**

**1 July Awards Dinner Guest Speaker --- Martina Boor
Presents an Organisers Insight to
the 2024 FEI Dressage World Cup Final**



Oro Dressage by The Lake Special Auctions

Paris Themed Party Time – Red & Blue

Conference will begin at 9.15am Saturday to ensure there is plenty of time to incorporate ESNZ speakers after the lunch break

Rydges Hotel Accommodation Booking Link :
[Equestrian Sports New Zealand 2023 | Rydges Hotels & Resorts](#)

[Conference / Committee & Awards Dinner Booking Link](#)



Join Equestrian Sports New Zealand, Dressage, Eventing, Jumping and Show Hunter at the annual ESNZ Hall of Fame Awards Night!

7pm, Friday 30th June 2023
Rydgcs Latimer Christchurch
30 Latimer Square, Christchurch Central City, Christchurch

This is a night to honour and celebrate Equestrian Sports top sporting achievements from the 2022-2023 season.

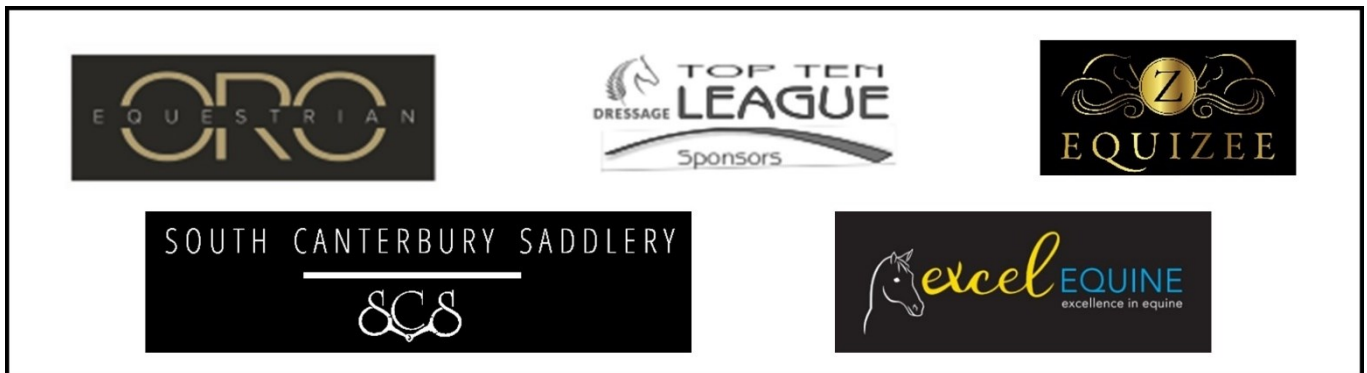
Awards Include:

- ❖ Rider of the Year
- ❖ Horse of the Year – International
- ❖ Horse of the Year - National
- ❖ Team of the Year
- ❖ Youth of the Year – Dressage, Eventing and Jumping
- ❖ Pilmer Plate Award – ESNZ Lifetime Volunteer/Officials Award
- ❖ Hall of Fame Inductions

Ticket Price: \$30 per person (includes canapes, small plates and first drink) – tickets are on a first come first served basis. Limited to 250 tickets.

Tickets can be purchased by direct credit into the following bank account: 06-0645-0074840-00
Please put **FAME AWARDS** as the reference and your name in the particulars field

For accommodation, please book online via the following link to receive a special ESNZ rate:
<https://www.rydges.com/private-page/equestrian-sports-new-zealand-2023/>



[Series Results 2022/23](#)

Follow the link to Issue 66 of the Bulletin for Series Results & the Bates National Championships