

Social and Sporting Day – 14th June



Winners are Grinners!

With horses, ponies and jockeys of all colours GEC held its first Social and Sporting Day on Sunday 14th June. The event was open to members and non-members, there was an impressive turn out with 30 registered riders competing throughout the day. And at least another 20 supporters cheering their family members on.

Set up was kicked off by Michelle Becchio starting with the showjumping by 8.30am; I followed not too far behind and was met by a fabulous team of volunteers who had given up their time to help set up other events including Key Hole, 2 Flag, Barrels, Bonfield Bounce, Relay and Bending.

A huge thank you to all the volunteers for the day, a massive thanks to Michelle Becchio; a lot of behind the scene efforts went on to make this day possible and I could not have done it without you, thank you Michelle. To Sue and Erin Kydd, Marina Siratkov, Liz Jones, John Becchio (and his fabulous ute) Michael Dodd and Mary Werwick who volunteered as time keepers and manned the registrations. To Leigh Ursino and Rita Kolano in the canteen, what a great job, thank you, and also thank you to Alison and Paul Cairns, for your assistance with setting up at the beginning of the day.

As we approached competition the rain actually held off (it was a miracle as it has rained every day since!). The day was aimed at 'Have a Go' and that is exactly what everyone did. It was impressive to see not only the juniors had embraced their inner creativity but the adults too had dressed themselves and their horses up for the festivities of the day. This was an opportunity for all those who have not had the chance to jump hay bales or race around barrels and poles to experience this style of riding in a fun and friendly environment. There was much cheering and support through-out the day.

We finished up with a presentation including many ribbons and prizes going to Champion and Reserve Champion in each division. A huge thank you to our major sponsors of the day Dennis and Paulette Phillips from Strawberry Field Stockfeeds in Wylds Road Arcadia for the generous support of six bags of feed for our winners!

Adult Team Champion: The Mann's – Greg and Rhiannon Mann and Super Horse 'Harley'

Adults Team Reserve Champion: Incognito – Joyce Beardsell and Jenny Sieff (this name was VERY tongue in cheek!)

Adult Individual Champion: Lauren Punch

Adult Individual Reserve Champion: Simone Church

Junior Team Champion: The Flying Fairies – The Rean Girls –Anneliese, Macey & Grace.

Junior Team Reserve Champion: Bubbles & Polka Dots –Alex & Georgia Rea with Jessica Harris

Junior Individual Champion: Courtney Williams

Junior Individual Reserve Champion: Lana Horwood

Best Dressed – The Flying Fairies

Best Dressed Runners Up - Incognito

This day would not have been possible without the riders, so thank you to all who came along and had a go. I look forward to seeing you all soon at the next sporting day with new races and new faces!

Safe riding,

Alecia Green

Sporting Sub-Committee Head

FUN FUN FUN – WHAT A GREAT DAY!



Photos courtesy of Michelle Becchio