



VEA Newsletter; February 2008

1. Smythesdale Horse Trials

Smythesdale ran another excellent event to get the new eventing season under way. The organisation and conduct of the classes were smooth as silk and presentations were completed quickly with everyone on their way home as early as possible. The Ewen Kellet course was admired by all as an excellent and encouraging start to the season and horses and riders gained a lot of confidence from their first cross country outing.

Smythesdale always run a friendly event and had thought of almost everything with much of the track having a soft new surface, the going was mostly excellent. There was a water truck at the finish, the Veterinary care at the end was first class and there were plenty of yards available.

The only blot on the event was the showjumping course which was crammed into one corner of the arena resulting in a lot of twisting and turning, 270 degree turns and then long strides.

VEA is grateful to the organisers and sponsors for their excellent work in getting us back up and running in Victoria.

Well Done!

Results should be up on the VEA website shortly.

2. Tonimbuk 2008

Tonimbuk Horse Trials are coming up on the 8th and 9th of March and promise to be a feature of the autumn season here in Victoria. With a number of Olympic hopefuls having their final hit out here before departing for the UK, the three star promises to be a great show.

Tonimbuk filled entries early last year so be quick to get your entries in. With great

prizes, an awesome venue and an excellent cross country course, it is an event not to be missed this season.

3. Off to Badminton

Emily Anker and Janelle Pitts are heading to the UK in an attempt to win a place in the team for the Beijing Olympics in August this year. Both are disappointed to miss Mebourne 3DE but looking forward to this opportunity.

Emily has already represented Australia in the successful trans tasman challenge last year and competed in the four star at Kentucky in 2007, placing well. Janelle has been on the trans tasman squad and World games squad, travelling to Germany in 2006.

These two riders are showing that Victorian eventers can prepare and compete their horses here in Victoria and reach international standard. Both are aiming to complete the prestigious Badminton Horse Trials in May. Updates will be on the VEA website, www.viceventers.com.au

4. AGM.

All Victorian event riders are urged to attend an AGM to be held at the Tonimbuk horse trials on Saturday night to discuss the future of our association. Riders wishing to become involved can put their hand up here or you can simply have your say.

5. 2008 ROTY Party

The 2008 Rider of the Year Awards cocktail party night will be held again after Melbourne Three Day Event. A great night last year was enjoyed by all and Will Enzinger and Adam Benson took out the Professional and Amateur rider of the year

awards with Badger Bay the event horse of the year.

Points are awarded at all EFA horse trials for the eventing year, even in this EI effected year. Current standings will be available on the VEA website.

Keep your eyes open for details soon....

6. Melbourne Three Day Event

The Jewel in Victoria's eventing crown, the Melbourne International Three Day Event promises to be bigger and better in this Olympic year. Being the final chance for any Australian based riders to gain selection.

Sponsorship and details are being finalised now and the event, in it's 52nd year, an amazing achievement will be accompanied by an even bigger trade fair in 2008.

A new website with all information and promotion has been launched: www.m3de.com.au . Riders are encouraged to have a look at the website as soon as possible and start planning their season to prepare for it.

We are fortunate to have Australia's longest running event here in Victoria. Compared to Sydney and Adelaide, which are often year to year propositions, Melbourne has enjoyed stability, excellent facilities and superb cross country challenges for a long time now. This is due to the hard working committee who have made Melbourne the envy of all the other states and a must on the national eventing calendar.

Only one thing is missing from this world class international event and that is prize money equal to its status.

Finally, remember....
VEA is your voice.

Membership is free and open to all members in EFA, HRCVA and Pony Club.

Visit the website for information about events, news and information to help you.
As an organisation we are committed to:

- Providing members with the latest news in Horse Trials.
- Furthering education through conducting eventing clinics.
- Running competitions.
- Providing Competitors with dates and contacts for both state and interstate events.
- Holding social activities.
- Coordinating the Victorian Event Rider awards.
- Bridging the gap between competitors and organising bodies by providing competition start times and competition results.

VEA recognises that in order to ensure the successful continuance of our sport we must increase the profile of eventing in Victoria.

Please help us to do this by joining the Victorian Eventer's Association mailing list

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