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NEWSLETTER JULY 2020

Bumper Issue
This Month!



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Expanded Program for 2020 – 2021 Season!

NTEC has expanded its offerings for the coming season! Make the most of the training days and the Hickstead to get you and your horse ready for the State Championships.

Calendar of Events 2020 *(all dates subject to Covid-19 restrictions)*

Proposed Date 2020	Event
Sun 9 August	Training Day, Illawara Indoor Arena
August <i>(date tbc)</i>	Winter Working Bee
Sun 13 September	Training Day, Illawara Indoor Arena
Sat 3 October	Working Bee to set up for Hickstead
Sunday 4 October	Hickstead at Quercus Park, EA /TEA (NTEC, STEA & NWEA) Members only
Sat 10 & Sun 11 Oct	Working Bees to set up for Champs
Sun 25 October	State Eventing Championships, hosted by NTEC at Quercus Park
Sun 22 November	LDPC ODE at Fairlands <i>(LDPC requires that NTEC members must also be an EA Member to enter)</i>
Proposed Date 2021	Event
17 January	NTEC ODE, Quercus Park
PLEASE NOTE: For biosecurity reasons <u>UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES are dogs allowed at Quercus Park</u> events or working bees, by order of landowners, Rural Youth. <u>This includes dogs in vehicles.</u> <u>Any person bringing a dog onto the property will be required to leave immediately.</u>	

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We want to hear from you! NTEC Survey 2020

NTEC has listened to requests from several members during this current season suggesting NTEC adds more training days and Hicksteads to our regular program of events, in addition to our ODEs.

The committee is keen to hear from more of our current, lapsed and possible future members as to the activities you'd like NTEC to offer, and also any barriers you may be facing in joining the club this coming year. We're also keen to see how people can assist the club in a way that suits them and their other commitments.

Make sure you complete the short survey before 31 July – it only takes a few minutes and we will be looking at everyone's input in planning ahead. Click on this link to do the NTEC Survey 2020: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RQ5Y6NY>

NTEC 2020-2021 Season Membership

Membership for the upcoming season is due as of 30/06/2020. Current members have received an email from Nominate with a link for renewal. (Check your junk folder if not in your inbox).

New members can join via Nominate – <https://www.nominate.com.au/EquestDn/Nominate.aspx>

Fees:

Senior	\$65
Junior	\$40
Family	\$100
Non-riding	\$10

A reminder that in order to vote, nominate someone or stand for the NTEC committee you must be a 2020-2021 member, so join up before the AGM!

(Note: Membership fees can only be set at the AGM. Memberships received before the AGM will have any fee adjustment made following this decision.)

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NTEC Training Days at Illawarra Lodge

9th August - Claire Walker (Entries close 5/8/2020 11pm)

13th September - Jo McFarlane (Entries close 9/9/2020 11pm)

To be held at Illawarra Indoor, Carrick. Flat/SJ lessons. 4-5 people per group - 1.5hr lessons suitable for horses training from 40-80cm

Proposed Timetable: (Subject to sufficient numbers for each group)

9am: Green horse or rider—poles and jumps up to 50cm

10.30am: Approx. 50-60cm

12.30pm: Approx. 65-80cm

2.15pm: TBC

Entries now open on Nominate: www.nominate.com.au

- Cost \$50 plus nominate fee
- Limit 4-5 per group
- Cancellations - Rider to find a replacement rider, payment will not be re-funded unless veterinary certificate is provided.

If class is full, contact Alysha to be put on waiting list.

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NTEC Annual Awards

Congratulations to all the winners and runner ups!

NTEC OFFICIAL HORSE OF THE YEAR

Won by: **Geoh Bear** ridden by *Haydn Brooks*

Runner up: **Diesel** ridden by *Alysha Verwey*

NTEC UNOFFICIAL HORSE OF THE YEAR

Won by: **Anawa Painted Vision** ridden by *Sandra Atkins*

Runner up: **Digger** ridden by *Emma Walker*



MARASCHINO PERPETUAL TROPHY

Geoh Bear ridden by *Haydn Brooks*

GYGIS PERPETUAL TROPHY

Digger ridden by *Emma Walker*



DAN KELLY PERPETUAL TROPHY

Chloe Gibbons on *Cost a Small Fortune*

OFFICIAL BEST DRESSAGE AWARD

Haydn Brooks on *Geoh Bear*

UNOFFICIAL BEST DRESSAGE

Phyllis Pyke on *Valentino Rossi*



MOST IMPROVED

Aleysha Chapman on *Irish John*

MOST VALUED CLUB MEMBER

Marion Welch



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO AGM 24TH JULY, 2020

WOW what a year 2019/20 turned out to be! It has been a rollercoaster ride of dynamic proportions for everyone in our community and particularly our horse fraternity. I am sure that our love of horses and riding has been a huge positive in our lives and has given us ways of coming to terms with the current pandemic crisis. On a positive note I think the unexpected break has also given us time to sit back, take a breather and reflect on ways we can improve our sport and negotiate future pathways and opportunities. I am sure that we have all mastered zoom and team meetings and this has actually been an efficient way of conducting meetings without having to go out on the cold dark winter evenings certainly a bonus.

The NTEC season started with the many changes brought about by the National Coronial enquiry with sweeping safety changes flowing down to the State bodies. These changes included regulations relating to compulsory helmet tagging and the wearing of level 3 body protectors, these safety measures were integral however came at a cost to our riders with the purchase of new helmets and body protectors. Additional Cross country course building safety standards were also implemented to maximise safety for riders. A significant issue impacting our sport was the provision of Intensive care standard paramedics to be onsite at all events, the new regulations required Medical Service providers to be highly qualified and also a much greater range of equipment must be available in the emergency vehicles these changes in turn considerably increased the cost of providing medical services. ETas, TEA, NTEC and Pony Club Tasmania put in many hours negotiating the medical requirements for our events. The end result was mutually agreed to by all parties and an arrangement was made whereby all ambulance levies are paid to Etas who then disperses the funds to the medical providers. A huge thank you to Jamie Buckby as TEA President for the enormous amount of work he put in to finalise the agreement. Veterinary Services were also reviewed as EA rules require a Vet to be present at all events so a huge thanks must go to Roger Blackwell and staff of Meander Valley Veterinary Services for providing such excellent Veterinary treatment at all events. Roger had the misfortune to break his leg in a horse related incident however he still attended events to make sure that our equines were treated and kept safe throughout the season, thank you Roger.

On behalf of NTEC we thank Rural Youth for making available the wonderful Quercus site which is our main Club base throughout the year. Also, our sincere thanks to Marion Dalco for generously allowing use of the beautiful Fairlands property. Genevieve Dalco has now taken over the property and in conjunction with Lilydale PC we look forward to continuing our relationship with Fairlands and the Dalco family.

NTEC conducted a number of events during the season commencing with the Hickstead in October kindly assisted by Midlands PC, two events at Fairlands in conjunction with LDPC and the very successful Quercus ODE co-hosted with WTPC. Our sincere thanks to Tanya Walsh LDPC, Donna Griffiths (WTPC) and Jo Bradley (MPC) and particularly for Jo's wonderful assistance in putting in the new gate at the top entrance to the show jump arena. TPRC also invited EA riders to join their event and a number of NTEC members also attended the very educational National TD/CD accreditation clinic that was held over the weekend of the TPRC ODE.

Our sincere thanks to Ian Coulson, Liz Murton and newly appointed L1 T.D. Donna Griffiths for their support and guidance at our events.

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Melinda Blackwell has also been a great resource for our members with Melinda organising a number of successful training evenings at Quercus which were very beneficial to our members.

Sincere thanks also to Leonie Blackwell for her wonderful assistance as our Event Secretary and also as scorer, Leonie's dedication to NTEC has been remarkable over many years.

With the impact of Covid19, NTECs event season came to a sudden end just prior to hosting the Tasmanian Eventing Championships, a great deal of effort had been put in to host the Championships and it has now been rescheduled to Sunday 25th October. Also planned are two training days at the Illawarra Indoor centre to give riders an opportunity to fine tune their horses prior to recommencement of the season.

Unfortunately, due to the cancellation of AGFEST and closure of the site, this also meant that NTEC has not been able to continue working bees until the site re-opened last week.

A positive outcome of the break is that NTEC took the time to reflect on its priorities and to listen to the both positive and negative input from our members and this helped us also identify how best we can offer them greater participation opportunities. A survey monkey was used to gain an insight to what our members would like to see happen in our Club and how we can improve membership benefits. The survey was very useful and particularly highlighted members' interest in more training days which can assist riders with young/green horses and confidence building experiences for their horses. The survey also covered how the committee can improve on the ways in which we communicate with our members and value their input into the organisation of events.

NTEC also strives to play a role in the education of officials and volunteers at events and a special thank you must go to Rosemary Lyne who has dedicated many hours work in producing an exciting development in Cross Country training videos for jump judges, once the videos are completed they will be a great resource to all Clubs in training our judges how to carry out their duties and also a key element is the response in case of an emergency. We look forward to the culmination of Rosemary's outstanding work.

Congratulations to our Annual award winners for achieving success during the season, as a result of the shortened season, the awards have been made based on the events that were conducted.

Thank you to TEA for its continued support throughout the year and also Etas which has worked so hard on behalf of our members to navigate the Association through the challenging issues that have arisen for all Equine disciplines.

My sincere thanks to our wonderful outgoing committee members who have been so committed to achieving the Club's successes in 2019/20 and welcome to the incoming committee, we look forward to sharing the progress of NTEC over the coming months.

Phyliss Pyke

NTEC PRESIDENT

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NTEC Rider of the Month – Jamie Buckby

1. Tell us about your earliest memory of horse riding. Do you remember the horse's name and breed, and how you felt the first time on a horse? Was it love at first ride?

My early childhood was on a farm in far NW Tasmania where we had some 2000 acres. Horses was a necessity for stock work so I spent many hours with Dad, mustering cattle or moving them around. Some of the earliest memories was helping Dad take 600+ cattle from Woolnorth to Stanley which was a 3 day ride. One of the days was to take them across the bridge in Smithton and up the main street including the main road between Smithton and Stanley. Our job as kids was to make a path for the cars to get though the herd then back to take the next lot though.



- My Dad was the founding DC of the Circular Head Pony Club, however was a bit boring for me as a 6-year-old, so only did a couple of years. Maybe I should have concentrated more 😊
- My 1st horse was a 11 hand grey mare called Bambi. If the cows got too slow, she would give them a bite on the bum to hurry them up.
- After that I had another grey mare called Zareta and she won many pony championships at all the agriculture shows.
- From about 12 to 17 I didn't ride much at all as I was away at boarding school, however my Dad was a hunt club master about this time so spent most of my latter teenage years hunting, even taking on as master of the NW Hunt Club for a couple of years.
- One of my special horses which I still have in Minky (Scarlet Mink) who is still have in the paddock enjoying retirement at 24. As well as an eventer, he was a brilliant hunt horse having travelled to both Victoria and South Australia and competed at Melbourne Royal in the Hunter Classes. Thanks go to Owen & Sandra Atkins for selling him to me.



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2. Tell us about the horse/s you are currently training / eventing - what do you like about them, what are you working on with them....

I have two I'm working with, Prickles (Prickly Diamond) who I was given after Kosie (King of Saigon) had a few issues late last year, however have just started with him again. Prickles by name, Prickles by nature and he doesn't miss a trick or bird in a tree, dog behind bushes, you name it, however someone said to me that these horses make good eventer as they see everything so can react quickly to anything on the X/C that fronts them. First day out at a training evening at Quercus a few months ago he was jumping 65 and didn't even look at the water jump so we will see how he goes this year.

3. Are there one or more people who have been particularly supportive of you in your riding career? Tell us about them and how they've helped.

I have been to many instructors over the years, including Mark Phillips and Andrew Hoy in Hobart in the mid 80's as part of the Tasmanian Elite Eventing Squad, however the best for me was Mary Longden from Victoria. I learnt so much during the early 80's from her whilst a member of the NWEA.

4. What's your most favourite moment in eventing? (Maybe a "breakthrough moment" between you and your horse, getting to a grade you never thought you'd reach, an unexpected win/place....)

I started eventing in the late 70's when at Trowutta Show (out in the sticks near Smithton) when Vern Poke said to me, "what are you doing tomorrow"? When he said they were having a ODE at John Cooney's property at Ridgley the next day he sent me into a mad spin as I had never watched a full dressage test in my life, let alone ride one and worst of all I had less than 24 hours to remember it. X/C didn't phase me as I had been hunting since I was a kid and show jumping, I think I did one round at a show a year or two back, so didn't think that would be too hard. Anyway, I was hooked. I bought a 4-year-old ex race horse called Sparticus, who I took eventually to Advanced level (1.20m) and competed at both Gawler and Werribee 3DE's which in those days had roads & tracks as well as steeple chase as part of the event.



As well as numerous Tasmanian accolades on Sparticus, I came 5th at Gawler in the Intermediate section (1.15m). Don't have many good photos unfortunately, and this is not a flattering photo of the rider position 😊, but shows the scope the horse had, and yes, he made it easily.

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5. You have been making a significant contribution to eventing in Tasmania in recent times. Tell us a little about your roles in TEA and NTEC and a highlight or two of what you and the club achieved during this time.



Whilst I have been a president of a Showjumping club, treasurer of the hunt club for some 10+ years and both treasurer of NTEC and TEA, this year has certainly been the biggest challenge. As your TEA president, I also am the Tasmania eventing state representative on the National Eventing Committee and eventing board member on ETas. Since

taking on this role we have seen the increase in medical coverage requirements forced on us by the unfortunate deaths in NSW a couple of years back and more recently the possible demise of State Equestrian offices due to the recent EA going in administration.

6. What would you say to other NTEC riders who might want to contribute to the club but are hesitant about volunteering?

I started volunteering in eventing back in the early 80's for NWEA and when I was about 30yo undertook the X/C course designer role of the UMT Tasmanian 3 day event championships. I really haven't stopped since. Unfortunately, Eventing isn't like sports like netball; it relies on a huge commitment from many people to make a ODE happen. I know we are all busy and myself included, however if rider can give a few hours on even "administrative" duties such as getting sponsorship or grants etc would be a great help. I know not everyone can drive a tractor or the like. Give the committee a call and see what can be arranged that suits you.

And an interesting insight into what 3DE's used to involve.....

Prior to the mid 80's, I believe it was before they were stopped, 3DE's x/c day consisted of 4 phases, a roads & tracks followed by a steeplechase then roads & tracks, a 10min compulsory break then cross country. This was my horse Sparticus's best phase as he was super fit.

To give you some idea I would get up most mornings 4 – 5 times a week at 4am and do my endurance work before work which included 6 or so laps of Turners beach as well as some hill work, possibly around 10km or so. After work I had some flood lights set up beside my house and did dressage practice most nights. From late November till June I would do some 15 or so ODE's and a couple of 3DE's, travelling from Sedgy Creek near Smithton to Gradoc, south of Huonville.

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To give you some idea the reason for this level of fitness is when we went to the 3DE in Gawler South Australia the endurance day consisted of 6.5km of Roads & tracks at 240m/m then straight into a 3.2km steeplechase with 9 fences at 690m/m, then another 6 km or so of roads & tracks. There was then a 10min compulsory break so you can't be late in the R&T otherwise the clock started in your X/C without you. The cross country was quite undulating and ideally suited Tassie horses which included some 34 fences over 7 kms.

The year I went Werribee Veterinary hospital was conducting studies on event horses and Sparticus was 132 which, according to the final report, ranked the highest (there may have been others at the same level), but showed I had him at his peak level of fitness.

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Cressy Chaff Cutters Tasmanian State Eventing Championships

Hosted by the Northern Tasmanian Eventing Club
Quercus Park, Oaks Rd, Carrick
Sunday 25 October, 2020



Eventing Championship for classes EvA50, EvA65, EvA80, EvA95 and
CNC1*-S

Equestrian Tasmania Interschool Championship for Eventing
Equestrian Tasmania Interschool Championship for Primary and
Secondary School Combined Training

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State Champs Sponsorship

Here are our wonderful Champs sponsors!

Cressy Chaff Cutters – bags of feed



The Spirit of Tasmania - travel voucher to the value of \$250



Pryde's EasiFeed – bags of feed



Richard Duncan Fencing –feed tin



TasRacing – a rug and sash for the highest placed off the track thoroughbred and standardbred.



TP Jones - \$100 voucher



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- **Tasmanian Horse**

Transport a voucher for the best performed TEA YR or JNR in the highest EA or interschool classes. (The voucher is to the value of \$600, and will cover depot to depot transport (Dev – Melb or return)



- **Ann Graves, Club Patron & Life Member** – \$100 Sponsorship for "The Patron's Jump"

- **AV Coaching and Training** – Best Presented Cross Country



- **Willow Beast** – Five Shirts



- **Saddleworld** – Horse Rugs

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