

## **Report: King River Official ODE (19 & 20 March 2005)**

The King River One-Day Event has now been and gone and was held over the weekend of 19 & 20 March.

This was the first event of the year in the Healthway "Enjoy Healthy Eating" Championship Series, with riders being able to gain points towards the Master Series from this event.

The Club was fortunate in attracting a number of great sponsors for the event, including the City of Albany, Albany Veterinary Hospital which has sponsored a class for a number of years, recently elected member for Stirling Terry Redman, Horseworld Albany and Cameron & Fenella Sept's Small Time Dexter Stud.

Although the numbers in the official classes were disappointing, competition was still close.

The CNC\* attracted only rider, William Newton-Wordsworth from Williams, who despite a solid dressage score, jumped the wrong element at the Apex complex and was eliminated. William has vowed to return in the future and win the rug for this grade.

The Pre Novice class was made up entirely of junior riders. After the dressage phase, less than 10-points separated the three riders, and although all combinations had a stop each around the cross-country course, time penalties made all the difference. And with a clear showjumping round, Tegan Lush (Fearful Symmetry) won the class from Tess Ladner (Harlequin) and Chanelle Condren (Flaming Nijinsky).

Kim Porter and Monty's Cruise led the Preliminary class after the dressage phase with a very smart 45.6 from William Newton-Wordsworth (Shimmering Blue) on 49.8 and Cassey Mayfield (Smoke & Haze) on 55.2. But it was the cross-country course which had a dramatic effect on the class with only three clear rounds. With the only double clear round, Jasmin Watkins and Swift Reprieve surged to the lead from Rosie Outhwaite on NRG accruing only a handful of time penalties and moving into second position and Cassey Mayfield maintaining her third position. There were no changes following the showjumping with Jasmin going on to win the class from Rosie and Cassey in third place.

Only two riders took part in the Senior Introductory 1 class with only .6 of a penalty point separating Lynn Heppell (Brigadier) and Annabel Hinkley (Nelson) after the dressage. A stop at the palisade surrendered Lynn's slender lead, with Nelson going double clear around the cross-country and then showjumping clear to win the class from Brigadier in second place.

The biggest class of the event was the Junior Introductory 1 class, with Tiarne Pearce and Stirling Silver continuing on their winning way. After a brilliant 41.4 in the dressage section, this combination then blitzed the cross-country course going double clear, also going clear in the showjumping to finish on their dressage score and easily win the class. Also finishing on their dressage score were Clare Beech and Moh Chardonnay to finish second with a score of 54.0 and Kim Porter and Champagne Magnum finishing third on 57.0. In only her first ride in this grade, Rebecca Hall and her new mount Sebastian put in a first class performance with a great dressage of 45.6 and only a few time penalties around the cross-country course to finish a very solid fourth place.

The Senior Introductory 2 class attracted only three entries and with two eliminations, it was left to Anne-Marie Garvey and Millenden Make A Wish to win the class after leading after the dressage section.

The Junior Introductory 2 class provided another spectacle of excellent dressage scores, good cross-country jumping (although every rider incurred time penalties) and solid showjumping. Gabrielle Pither and Pocket Money took out the class with a fantastic dressage score of 44.4 and only 11.6 time penalties on the cross-country section.

Second place went to George Jannings (Bevanlee Trickery) who absolutely sped around the cross-country to incur only 1.2 time penalties, with third place going to Hjillary Beech (Limehill Galaxy). The consistent combination of Kelsey Atkinson and Windrush Symphony produced another creditable performance to finish in fourth position.

The final class of the day was the PCAWA E-Grade event and was won by the newly formed combination of Sammy Cook and Contessa. Leading after the dressage with a sub-fifty score of 48.75, the combination took the cross-country in their stride with only a further 1.6 time penalties and a clear showjumping to win the class, from Evangeline Beech and El Dorado Carlos and Lucy Morris (Corporal) in third place. Hayley Harris and her mount Prince Loui of Knotsville finished in fourth place with only cross-country time penalties being added to her dressage score.

Although the cross-country was not as influential at the this event than in the past, cross-country time penalties certainly made the difference in the final placings in many of the classes.

The Club will hold its next ODE in July.

Well done to all riders.