

Three days of showjumping

THERE is a real buzz surrounding preparations of the 2011 Grand Hotel Bega Showjumping Cup taking place on December 29, 30 and 31.

In its 16th year, the Bega Showjumping Cup continues to attract the best riders from around the country.

Although there is still a week remaining before entries close, the event has already received more entries than the past few years and that number is anticipated to increase dramatically next week.

This year's event has been touted as "one of those years", meaning the committee is anticipating probably the biggest event for at least five years.

Bega Showjumping Club president Jeffrey Otton is excited the event has riders travelling from Queensland, Western Australia, Victoria, South Australia and around NSW to Bega after Christmas.

"There are a few top class riders coming this year who haven't been to

Bega for some time," Otton said.

"This will be an excellent boost to the competition especially the main class, the Bega Showjumping Cup."

An added incentive for riders to come to Bega is a new point-score competition, the Triple Crown Leading Grand Prix Horse series.

The crown will be awarded to the horse and rider with the highest point score over the ACT Showjumping Cup, The Grand Hotel Bega Showjumping Cup and the Snowy Mountains Showjumping Festival Cup.

To be eligible, riders must compete in all three grand prix classes at Canberra this weekend, Bega after Christmas and Cooma the week after Bega.

With a \$1500 bonus up for grabs, it is sure to make these three showjumping events very hotly contested and great viewing.

The Bega Showjumping Club is very pleased to announce Grand Hotel,

Bega has secured naming rights sponsorship of the cup for the second year.

Now that sponsorship is finalised, the official program is being circulated throughout the country with last year's winner and local rider Sandra Kenny gracing the cover.

The event has in excess of 60 sponsors, most of them local businesses and loyal supporters over the years.

The club is very grateful to these businesses that support the cup, allowing the club to continue running one of the most prestigious events on the Australian showjumping calendar.

This year, there have been a few small changes made to the program in an attempt to increase the entertainment factor for spectators.

Although showjumping as a sport can guarantee the three days will be action packed from 8am until late, one of the best times to head to the Bega Showground for some free entertainment will be at 6pm on Friday,

December 30.

The main event, the Grand Hotel Bega Showjumping Cup, will start at 6pm. This is a grand prix event where the height and technicality of the course will test both horse and rider.

Straight after the cup, the junior six-bar event will take place.

Spectators will be amazed at how high these kids can jump!

At the completion of the junior six-bar will be the never seen before in Bega, Bega Showjumping Club Pro-Am Rescue Relay.

In this event a "professional" rider will be teamed up with an "amateur" rider and participate in a relay event around a course set in the main arena.

The efficiency of the teams' change-overs between different sections of the course will be vital to success.

It will be a wonderful chance for spectators to get involved by cheering the teams on and it will also be great to see our country's



• Sandra Kenny and her horse Alando were all smiles while being presented with the Bega Showjumping Cup trophy by judge Jan Golding and event sponsor Peter Turner last year.

The 2011 event will be held on December 29, 30 and 31.

best riders interacting with the younger riders.

So if you are looking for some entertainment in the school holidays over the New Years' holiday,

head down to the Bega Showground and become part of the action.

The best part is that it is free.

For more information

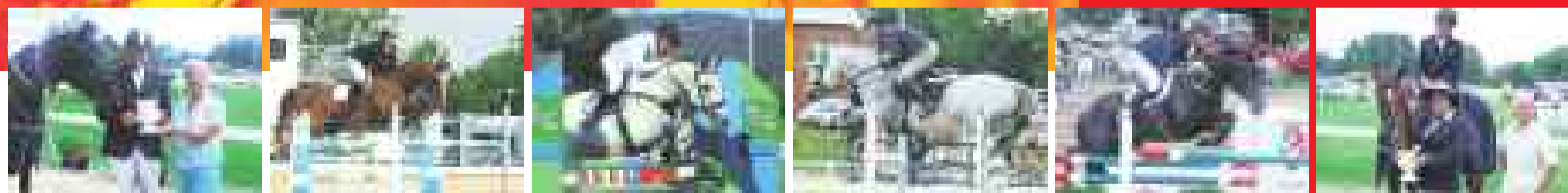
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FREE ENTRY

Bega Showjumping Cup

Join the action!

3 ACTION PACKED DAYS OF SHOWJUMPING starting 8am each day and going until late.



See Australia's best competing in the main event,
The Grand Hotel Bega Showjumping Cup from 6pm Friday December 30.

FREE ENTRY • Full canteen supplied by the Bega Netball Club • Refreshments supplied by Bega Valley CanAssist and the Dairy Farmers Bega Milk Stand • Europa Saddlery and Antares Australia Saddlery on site

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