

Fossil's rise to success

THE 2011 Fossil's Cup showjumping competition and Cancer Council fundraiser held on Sunday, July 17 was a huge success.

Now in its fifth year, the annual Fossil's Cup event attracts showjumping riders from near and far, not only for the great competition, but for the entertainment of the day's major event.

This year the Fossil's Cup featured riders who were champion competitors "back in their day" and haven't been in the saddle for some time.

The event also saw some "mature-age" beginners who have only just recently taken on the sport.

It would be fair to say that Bermagui's Craig Cowgill would be classed in the latter category but he wowed onlookers when he expertly rode the fastest time in the jump-off to take out the Fossil's Cup for 2011.

The main event this year was run over two rounds with all competitors invited back into the second round jump-off against the clock.

The scores of the two rounds were added together with the combination with the lowest amount of penalties and the fastest time in the jump-off declared the winner.

To add to the entertainment factor, the competitors were asked to complete three tasks in the first round.

First they had to salute the judge, second they had to wave to the crowd between fences six and seven, and finally they had to gallop one lap of the arena at the completion of their round

which really got the crowd involved.

This year's "Fossils" are to be congratulated on their great sportsmanship and their great display of riding.

Six out of the nine Fossils competed on borrowed horses.

Organisers thank Brett Clarke, the Otton family and Rob Stein for not only lending their horses to the cause but also offering instruction and advice before and during the event.

It was great to witness a highly competitive and accident-free event.

This year's event organiser Jodie Grant introduced the Cancer Council fundraiser.

The Bega Showjumping Club donated 10 per cent of all entries received during the day on top of the collection made during the Fossil's Cup event.

Young jump club members Jess Clarke and Mikaela MacNamara did a great job charming spare change from the audience.

The Bega Show Society Trust Committee donated the camping fees from the weekend to the fundraiser and some competitors donated their prize money back to the fundraiser.

At the end of the day, the club raised a total of \$370 to donate to the Cancer Council.

The Fossil's Cup was not the only event on the day.

Two rings operated seamlessly throughout the day thanks to the many volunteers who donated their time to ensure the smooth running of all events.

The Bega Showjumping Club thank the many sponsors who donated money and prizes

to this year's Fossil's Cup event.

The next Bega Showjumping Club day will be held this Sunday at Bega Showground starting at 9:30am.

For more details visit www.begashowjumping-club.weebly.com or phone Kirsty McPaul on 0421 902 438.

Results:

Ring One:

80cm Two Phase:

1. Samara George (Lisa Lea), 2. Lane Clarke (Suey), 3. Sue Jennings (Babe).

90cm Two Phase:

1. Lane Clarke (Rambo), 2. Samara George (Lisa Lee), 3. Sarah Curtis (Shadow).

1m Two Phase:

1. Alisa Williams (Rocky), 2. Alisa Williams (Nick), 3. Lane Clarke (Rambo).

1.10m Table AM7:

1. Sarah Curtis (Soda), 2. Tom Lyttle (Vegemite), 3. Sarah Dreverman (Mosiak).

1.20m Table AM5:

1. Tom Lyttle (Point Blank), 2. Lane Clarke (Blossom), 3. Alisa Williams (Nick).

Fossil's Cup:

1. Craig Cowgill (Rambo), 2. Chrissy French (Jumbuck), 3. Sue Jennings (Babe).

Ring Two:

Cross Rails:

1. Nicole Thomson (Utah), 2. Alaina MacNamara (Gomez), 3. Jess Clarke (Charlie Brown).

45cm Table AM7:

1. Riley Whyman (Ida Clare), 2. Carmen McGregor (Alice), 3. Riley Whyman (Wally).

65cm Table AM7:

1. Mikaela MacNamara (Silver), 2. Madge Salway



• Bermagui's Craig Cowgill took out the annual Fossil's Cup competition on Sunday.

(Rex), 3. Neil Waterson (Rocky).

75cm Table A2:

1. Lane Clarke (Clarkey), 2. Rob Stein (Dante), 3. Mikaela MacNamara (Silver).

45cm Rescue Relay:

1. Samara George/Mikaela MacNamara, 2. Riley Whyman/Alaina MacNamara, 3. Melinda Downs/Riley Whyman.

75cm Rescue Relay:

1. Lane Clarke/Samara George, 2. Riley Whyman/Mikaela MacNamara, 3. Rob Stein/Brittany Stein.



• RIGHT: Neil Waterson tips his hat to the judges after finishing his round.

Hockey's back

LAST Saturday's round of the Far South Coast hockey competition was cancelled.

Play returns tomorrow and there is an amendment to the draw with some matches being deferred due to the Veterans Women's State Championships.

Please note that while matches have been deferred due to the championships, if your team is down to umpire, this duty must still be completed.

The Veteran Women's State Championships are being held at Bathurst from today until Sunday.

Far South Coast is sending three teams to these championships in various age groups.

Tomorrow's draw:

10.30am: Field One: Tathra v Candelo (ump: Betta Electrical/Pambula B).

Field Two: Bega Ag Services v Candelo Blue Eagles (ump: Tathra/Blues).

Field Three: Bega Toyota v Bega Scrap Metal (ump: Candelo B/Candelo White).

Noon:

Field One: Candelo B v Candelo White (ump: Elders/Committee).

Field Two: Betta Electrical v Tathra (ump: Babes/Candelo Blue Eagles C).

Field Three: Blues v Pambula (ump: Pambula Men/Committee).

1.30pm:

Field One: Pambula A Reserve v Flicks (match deferred).

Field Two: Pambula Men v Magpies (ump: Bobcats/Candelo Men).

Field Three: Elders Bega v Babes (match deferred).

3pm:

Field One: MGM Cougars v Candelo A Reserve (match deferred).

Field Two: Bobcats v Candelo Men (ump: Magpies/Pambula Men).

Field Three: Candelo v Eagle Embroidery (ump: Elders Bega/Babes).

Bye teams:

Pambula C and Grand Hotel.

Duty:

10am: Candelo B grade (set up), 11.30am: Bega Toyota, 1.30pm: Candelo Men, 3pm: Flicks.

Change for bowls

IT WAS a case of out with the old and in with the new as 24 bowlers turned out on Saturday to celebrate the opening of the stylish and refurbished bowling club, now known as Club Bega.

The rounds of the Minor Championship Singles were played with the first match between Adam Taylor and Bob "Born to Win" Moody.

Taylor has been in top form and skipped away to a seven-shot lead after only two ends.

But to Moody's credit, he picked himself up off the canvas, winning 11 of the 16 ends required to complete the game and advance to the next round.

Not since Lord Fury won the Melbourne Cup had the crowd witnessed such a sterling barrier to box performance displayed by John Darcy with his timely victory over Ray "Bulldog" Collins 33 shots to 20.

Jeanette Snowdon and Bob Grimes played terrific bowls to assist their skip Angie Philipzen with a welcome return to the winner's circle having a two-shot result over Noelene Philipzen, Frank Dorris and Ken Snowdon. Reg "Rain Lover" George,



• Bob Moody won a round of the Minor Championship Singles at Bega Bowling Club.

Sam Warren, Graham Smith and Mick Clarke galloped away with a steam rolling effort of 25 shots to 14 over Tony Sturt, Derry McGarrigle, Leigh "Luckless" Crowe and

Nick Newchum.

Maureen Kampan's class shone through when she teamed up with Phil Gorman and Dylan Cuthbert to trounce former champion Ron George, Harman and

Neil Holzhauser by 21 shots to 13.

Social matches were played on Wednesday, July 20 starting with John Darcy and Brian "Comeback King" Richards having a one-shot success over Ron George and Brian Moore.

Bryson Beeton, Des Hoad and Neil Holzhauser had a clean sweep over Tony Sturt, Derry McGarrigle and Roger Rixon three games to nil with a winning aggregate of four shots.

Ray Kilkelly, holidaying in Bega from the Far North Coast, teamed up with Howard Blacker against Ken Snowdon and Pat Kilkelly.

However, Pat Kilkelly showed no mercy for his brother Ray, romping home by 26 shots to 13.

Snowdon and partner hit a purple patch of form in their third game being successful on all seven ends.

Dylan Cuthbert and Ray Kearns had a close match against Helen and Ross Elliott prevailing with a winning margin of only one-shot.

The Big Bega Cheese winners on the day were Brian Richards and John Darcy.