

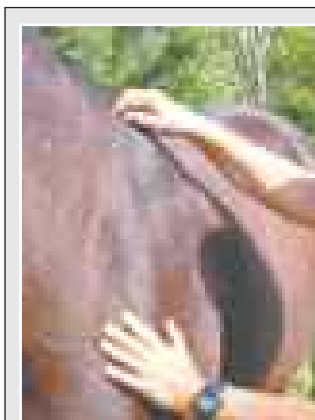
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Bega Showjumping Club



• For the first time in its 15 year history, the Bega Showjumping Cup was won by a Bega Showjumping Club member Jamie Smith. Jamie and his horse "Mr Whitter" left a class field in their wake to win the prestigious event in January this year.



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Bega has been long known as the producer of highly successful equestrians. In the showjumping world in particular, Bega has produced many champions from State level to Olympic level. The club is the strongest it has ever been today, boasting loads of talent from both our junior and senior members. What makes our club different from clubs in the city is that we are isolated and don't have constant exposure to elite riders and coaches. This is a shame but at Bega Showjumping Club we try our best to work around this and get the best we can out of our local riders for no where near the expense. As a result the club has turned

into close-knit, supportive and highly encouraging club to be a part of, averaging 150 members for the last five years. If you ask a current member, I'm sure they would tell you that Bega Showjumping club is the best jump club in the country. So apart from being the best jump, why should you join Bega Showjumping Club? The membership fees are the cheapest you will find out of any sporting group. It only costs \$25 for a single 12 month membership or \$55 for a family.

You will have access to using top quality showjumping equipment that is of the highest safety standards. Members are insured under Equestrian Australia's insurance company AON. All showjumping courses are designed and built by accredited course designers. Jump Club caters for all levels from beginners to the higher levels, from young to the young at heart. At Jump Club participants can gain that all important competition experience in competition like circumstances without the pressures of actuality being at a competition. The best part of Bega Jump Club are the people.

There is always someone willing to help, encourage improvement and help you achieve yours goals, big or small. So what do you do at Jump Club? Most commonly, Bega Showjumping Club hold what they call competition days. Their is one or two jumping arenas set up, depending on numbers with a program of showjumping events starting at cross-rail height (approx. 30cm) and going up to 1.20m. Entry Fees are \$2 per entry.

The events are run under EA competition rules but Jump Club days are not official events so therefore they provide the perfect opportunity to learn showjumping rules and educate green horses and riders. The top five placegetters in each event receive points that go towards the "Charlie Smith Memorial Highest Pointscore" competition, with the winners of this awarded at the end of the year.

The grand finale of the Bega Showjumping Club year is the Bega Showjumping Cup which is usually held over the New Year period in December or January. This show is a fabulous three-day show attracting the best showjumpers from all over the country. The Bega Cup is one of the richest showjumping shows in the country and is a favourite among competitors because they love our showground and facilities, the great sponsors and the wonderful hospitality from our club and town. All Bega Showjumping Club members receive a very informative newsletter that is full of reports, photos and coming events. If you would like a free copy of the latest newsletter so you can get an insight to what's going on in the Bega Showjumping Club at the moment, please call secretary Kirsty McPaul on 0421 902 438. Another feature of the Bega Showjumping Club calendar in the Fossil's Cup. This event will take place on Sunday, August 15 at the Bega Showground. Now in its fourth year, the Fossil's Cup is very popular due to its great prizes and prize money and also the feature event proving to be highly entertaining each year. This year the club is offering a massive \$3500 in cash and prizes. The Club would like to thank the support of the many sponsors who have contributed. The program has two rings in operation. Ring 1 starts at 80cm in height and goes up to 1.20m.

Ring 2 starts with cross-rails (approx 30cm) and goes up to 75cm. Each ring will commence at 9am. All participants must be a member of the Bega Showjumping Club, joining the club can be done on the day. Entries can also be made on the day or you can take advantage of Global Entries Online. The feature event of the day, The Fossil's Cup was an event designed for those older members who either haven't competed for a while or have never competed at all. This year, entries for the Fossil's Cup are invitation only with the theme being "the has-beens of local showjumping."

Competitors usually have to borrow a trusty steed and then proceed to negotiate a showjumping course that has a few tasks including waving to the crowd, weaving in and out of obstacles and dismounting for the judge. Judges give a mark out of 10 for each task and competitors can lose points for not clearing the showjumping fences. It has proven to be a very entertaining event over the past three years with 80 year-old Leone Creamer winning the event in 2009. Spectators are more than welcome and canteen facilities will be available. For further information or a copy of the program phone or visit Jackie Curtis at Horseland Bega 64 920611 or contact club Secretary Kirsty McPaul 0421 902 438.

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• Bega Showjumping Club members Craig Matthews and Clint Beresford made it to the top five short list for selection to the 2010 Youth Olympics in Singapore. Unfortunately the boys missed out on the one spot available but did the Bega Showjumping very proud.

Jump to it!

Bega Jump Club invites all horse enthusiasts to come join in the fun and improve your skills in the wonderful sport of Showjumping!

The Bega Showjumping Club frequently holds jump Club days providing the perfect opportunity for interested riders to gain competition experience, confidence and knowledge. The 2010/2011 Membership Year has just begun so now is the perfect time to join - jump to it!

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Bega Showjumping Club - Famous for the Bega Showjumping Cup and producing showjumping riders to the highest levels.

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