



• Bega Showjumping Club Life Membership was presented recently to Jeffrey Otton (left, collecting on behalf of his father Richard Otton), Brian Mallyon, Helen Slater and Marie Smith.

## Players catch up

THE fifth round of Bega Top Video squash was played last week as a catch up after it was missed during the recent floods.

It was marked by Pell-Rixon's first win in division one, handing a surprise loss to Top Video that allowed V & H Motor Repairs to slip past them into third place.

Clashes between the top four teams in division two resulted in a narrow win for Shirley Hannon's Turingal over a gallant Tarra Motors while Sapphire Coast Handyworks toppled C B Smash Repairs.

Bottom team Sapphire Coast Trophies had their second consecutive win in division three and while it could be too late for them to make the finals they now loom as a dangerous spoiler to those that could be pressing for a place.

Division four's early leaders Mr Pizza were desperate to halt their slide but had yet another narrow loss to Stowe Australia who is the main threat to their top three spot.

Some great matches were played last week, none better than the challenge by Peter O'Brien to Aleisha Willis and her undefeated status.

"PJ" had the opportunity to play a sub match and gave his all to upset Willis but fell just short after a supreme effort against his super fit opponent.

Division two's best match featured a division four player, Peter Truscott, who subbed up and beat Dan Martin in five sets as well as maintaining his undefeated run at his own level to win the Top Video Player of the Week award.

Division three also featured a sub in the best match as Geoff Lucas showed he is running into some fitness when he outlasted Kale Galeano.

Col Ferguson returned to division four and led his Kellow Parbery team to a convincing victory with a great comeback win against Wendy Constance. Players are reminded to check their draw carefully as the competition has this week off and returns the first week after Easter.

### Results:

#### Div One:

Hanscombe's Buses 14 d L J Hooker 5.

T Northey d J Row 3/0, L Blacker d N Cooke (sub) 3/0, J Rose d C Tandy 3/0, A Willis d P O'Brien (sub) 3/2, J Northey lost to K Umbers 0/3.

Pell-Rixon 13 d Top Video 7.

M Canavan d D Smith (sub) 3/0, L Blacker (sub) lost to A Buttgerreit 2/3, K Coady d P Green 3/1, K Taylor (sub) d K Lennon 3/1, J Northey (sub) lost to P Hahne 2/3.

V & H Motor Repairs 11 d P J O'Brien Electronics 10.

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## Cream of showjumping

Kirsty McPaul

THE Bega Showjumping Club celebrated the end of the local show season by hosting a presentation dinner for the Far South Coast Showjumper of the Year series.

As well as the presentation of these awards, unbeknown to guests, the presentation of the club's very first Life Memberships were given to four important people who have been involved in many capacities throughout the club's 50-plus years in operation.

The first went to Brian Mallyon who has been described as "the voice, heart and soul of our region".

Brian is most notorious for his job as announcer at nearly every local show and pony club event in the district.

He is also one who is at every working bee and is the best leather worker you will find.

The next award went to

Marie Smith with club members saying "you can't beat the love and support from 'our nanny'".

On top of her huge commitment to local pony club, she always has time to contribute wherever she can to jump club.

The third award went to Richard Otton, the club's "very own walking, talking history book".

It would be fair to say that no one has contributed in more ways than Bega's favorite character, "Paddy".

Paddy is best known for his sometimes long-winded and slightly stretched yarns during prize-giving ceremonies.

Of course he has contributed in all official capacities as well.

Last, but certainly not least, is Helen Slater who has "an eternal generosity and pride that can't be denied".

From working bees to major sponsor, from cooking the best scones to being chief ring steward, Helen has served the club

in so many ways and will always be there for it on so many levels.

The Bega Showjumping Club can never fully recognise the efforts of these four special people but would like to acknowledge them as being an integral part of the club's history.

The Far South Coast Showjumper of the Year series was introduced last year and is presented to the horse and rider combination with the highest point-score in showjumping events throughout the seven local shows. Awarded in two divisions, senior and junior, for the second year running the awards went to father and son team, Brett and Lane Clarke of Mogilla. The two awards are named in memory of two local showjumping identities who were devoted volunteers and instrumental in the development of showjumping on the Far South Coast, Graham Johnson and Keith Gordon.

Lane Clarke and his horse GH

Rambo went to the lead early in the Graham Johnson Memorial Junior Point-Score after winning the highest point-score in ring two at the very first event of the series, the Bega Showjumping Cup.

Lane proved untouchable and stayed well in front, his closest rival Samara George of Bega and her mount Windra Classic who were awarded runners up.

Brett Clarke had yet again a very hard battle on his hands and after another very successful year with his top mount GH Tigerlilly, he just managed to edge out the people's champion, Troy Johnson and his old horse Wrangler who were awarded runners up.

All competitors must be congratulated on the high standard of competition that was on display at all of the local shows.

The club thanks all of the judges, course designers and volunteers at the shows and also to this year's scorekeeper, Jodie Grant.



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