

Country cup king

AN AMBITIOUS rich country cup race program has been mapped out for local star Sebony following his win in the Cooma Cup last Saturday.

The victory backs up from Sebony's outstanding win at the Adaminaby Cup just two weeks ago.

Eighty-two-year-old owner George Bullock bred the horse on his Wapengo Lake property and said it was planned to start Sebony next in the \$20,000 Ted Ryder Cup over 1600 metres at Wagga on December 24 and then the \$22,000 Narooma Cup at Moruya over 1650 metres on January 4.

Mr Bullock said after that he would progress directly to the \$25,000 Bega Cup over 1600 metres at the Sapphire Coast Turf Club on February 7, or extend in distance to the 1930 metres of the \$22,000 Moruya Cup on January 18.

“He now has such a high benchmark rating that it is not easy to find races for him locally.”

“After his next two starts we have the Bega Cup in his sights and we look forward to that.”

“Eventually we think he can win over 2000 metres or more.”

Sebony, a six-year-old gelding by My Patriarch from Mr Bullock's former good race mare Subaralan, took its prize money to \$73,500 with the Cooma win and has the remarkably consistent career statistics of 10 wins, six seconds and three thirds from 27 starts.

Success in the races mapped out for him over the next few weeks could see a rapid increase in that prize money total.

Michelle Strickland, who trains the horse with husband



• Local star Sebony stamped himself as the “country cup king” when he added the annual Cooma Cup over 1600 metres to his trophy cabinet on Saturday.

Chris, said that Sebony was a lightly raced, sound horse that could handle wet or hard tracks and was just getting better with age.

“He is probably the best horse we've had in more than 20 years,” she said.

“He has won over 1000 metres, 1200 metres, 1400 metres and now 1600 metres and might well get to 2000 metres.”

“He just settles and relaxes so well in his races and he has been winning easily.”

Mr Bullock said that while he rarely goes to the races, his nephews Hugh and Malcolm to whom he has given quarter shares in the horse were very excited about his form and gave him a detailed description of his races.

“He had plenty of power left in him at the post,” he said.

Sebony was sent out as the \$2.50 favourite and he downed Konedobu (\$7) by a length with a further half length to Regal Celeb (\$2.70) third.

Festive showjumping celebrations



• Bega's Samara George made it two starts for two wins at the Bega Showjumping Club annual competition day riding Windra Classic.

THE Bega Showjumping Club finished its 2009 season with a Christmas party and presentation night recently.

On the following day, the club was invited to participate in the Bega Festival by holding a competition day in conjunction with the Rotary Fair at the Bega Showground.

The club was happy to be part of the festival and decided to hold its end-of-year annual open competition day.

This provided a pleasant change

for showjumping members to compete in front of and interact with a different audience, mostly comprising of adults and children who had never witnessed the sport close up.

Festival organiser Geoffrey Grigg was full of praise for the club allowing the general public to be a part of its day.

The club in turn is grateful to Mr Grigg and the festival committee for inviting them to promote their wonderful club in this way.

The presentation night was a great

chance to acknowledge what was a very successful year for the Bega Showjumping Club.

This year, the club hosted the 13th Bega Showjumping Cup, helped coordinate competitions at 10 local agricultural shows both on the coast and Monaro while also holding 11 jump club training days.

These events attracted riders from as far as Murrumbidgee, Bombala, Canberra and Moruya.

The club currently boasts about 180 members and preparations for

the upcoming Bega Showjumping Cup are in full swing.

The cup is being held on December 31, January 1 and 2.

Members are reminded the club requires all hands on deck to assist with the running of the event and working bee meetings are held every Tuesday evening after work at the Bega Showground.

For any enquiries regarding the cup or club, contact Kirsty McPaul on 0421 902 438.

Presentation award winners:

Encouragement awards: Jenna Goodlock, Jackie Curtis, Katie Snodgrass, Sue Liddington, Jodie Grant, Emily Rose Fenwick Wilson, Gemma Harrington and Noni Hill.

Most improved:

Sally Telford, Haidee Galeano, Jenny Pheneey, Cec Staples, Henare Fenwick Wilson and Kelsey Clark.

Determination:

Caitlin Reid, Lucy Evans, Mollie Britten and Esther Black.

Achievement:

Lane Clarke, Brett Clarke, Clint Beresford, Les Symons and Adena Williams.

High achievers:

Hayley Jessop and Craig Matthews. Charlie Smith Memorial highest point-score:

Junior point-score:

1. Lane Clarke, 2. Lane Clarke, 3.

Tom Otton.

Senior point-score:

1. Brett Clarke, 2. Brett Clarke, 3. Sandra Kenny.

Ring two champion:

1. Haidee Galeano, 2. Danielle Beresford, 3. Lane Carke.

Horseland unsung hero:

Terry Kenny.

Club Person of the Year:

Jodie Grant.

Competition day results:

60cm AM7:

1. Emily Rose Wilson (Paddy's Choice), 2. Lucy Evans (Charlie Brown), 3. Sally Telford (Tommy).

75cm AM7:

1. Samara George (Windra), 2. Kelsey Clark (Fine Line), 3. Gem Harrington (Presto).

90cm A2:

1. Samara George (Windra), 2. Brooke Smith (Shout), 3. Poss Otton (Jacko).

1.05m AM7:

1. Cec Staples (Power Ranger), 2. Sandra Kenny (Link), 3. Poss Otton (Howie).

1.15m AM7:

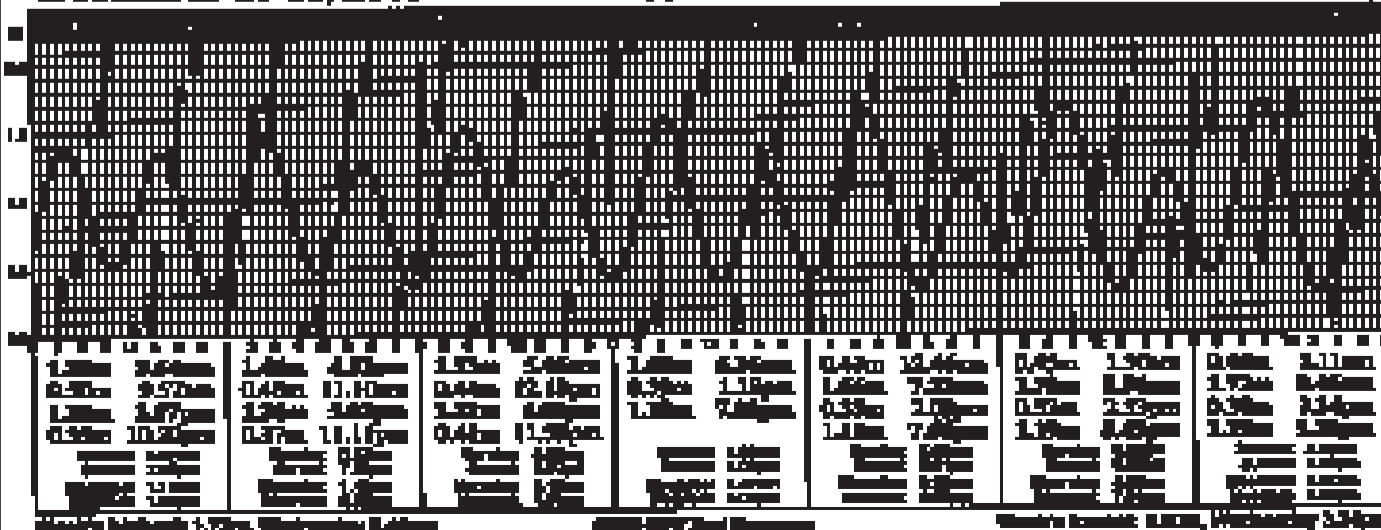
1. Clint Beresford (Atlantis), 2. Brett Clarke (Blossom), 3. Hayley Jessop (Crystal).

1.25m AM7:

1. Kirsty McPaul (Hero), 2. Sandra Kenny (Alando), 3. Sandra Kenny (Grandejuer).

TIDE CHART

December 10-14, 2009



Bega War Memorial Swimming Pool

- > Aqua Aerobics - Tues & Thurs 8.30am
- > Swimming Lessons - Start 26th Oct
- > Adult training - Tues 6pm
- > Adult lessons - Wed 6pm
- > Water polo - Thurs 6pm



WATER TEMP 24 degrees

Opening Hours: Mon & Fri 6am-6pm • Sat & Sun 10am-6pm

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