

Fiber Fresh

Taupo
Christmas Classic***

SHOWJUMPING CHAMPIONSHIPS



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Show Update

9 days to go!

Fiber Fresh Arena – Turf Tech Report commends Grass Arena

The findings from the Ground Conditions Working Group have come back and the report shows the NEC grass arena (rings 1 and 2 for the Xmas Classic) are well up to spec.

“The surface has a very good ryegrass cover and is providing a very sympathetic footing for horses along with good stability,” states the Turf Tech Report.

This a result has been greatly assisted by aerating and improved irrigation programme that has been implemented over the last year.

The NEC’s new pump and irrigation system came into operation early this year and has enabled the Centre Manager, Mark Brunton, to disperse a better water spread and increased amount of water on the arena.

The grass species growing, fertiliser programme and weed spraying inputs that have been taking place over the last five years have also come to fruition and were complimented in the report.

Additional Surface Work Being Carried out on All Weather Arenas

Over the next 10 days volunteers will be working hard to carry out the on-going *Repair and Maintenance* of the All-Weather arenas. Additional Cambridge Sand (the same sand as used at Mystery Creek) is being trucked in and will be added to both ring 3 and ring 4 (the pony ring).

The work could not take place until now as additional costs of completing the new covered yards complex took precedent.

A new grooming machine and additional watering will be in place for the show next week.

As usual the maintenance work on the arenas is on-going. We are extremely grateful to the hardworking volunteers who undertake it and the generosity of locals lending equipment to make it possible.



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The NEC committee have been working with the newly formed Ground Conditions Working Group since it formed earlier this year to improve all the surfaces at the NEC. While there is no overnight fix and the NEC is limited by financial constraints it is however always seeking funding and/or sponsorship for the R&M on the arenas so any support or assistance in this area would be greatly appreciated.



Horse Accommodation

We have been fortunate to secure additional temporary horse yards along with the completed covered yard complex for the show this year, so we won't be feeling the squeeze we have in the past. This will enable us to hold **entries open until Wednesday**. The portable yards are being put up on Saturday morning so we do request that riders, especially those with bigger teams, get their entries in by Wednesday so we can get their horses accommodated and the yard list out by Monday. However, as always entries remain open after this date but late fees will apply.

Practise rounds available

The ever popular practise rounds in the training ring will be happening again this year. \$5 per round and pay at the gate. We are happy to accommodate additional horses this year – however we do request you pay the appropriate yarding/facility fee and advise as soon as possible for any additional yarding requirements.

Late Fees

Online entry does not mean putting off payment! If you haven't paid for your online entries by Friday 12th December then late fees will apply.

Radio type advertising now available at the Xmas Show!

In another innovative move for the Fiber Fresh Taupo Christmas Classic, we are offering our sponsors and trade display people professionally produced radio-like adverts that will play over the four days of the show in between classes in the main ring. Stewart McGregor is just back from Australia where he saw these advertisements in action at equestrian events and has geared up equipment and software to produce ads for the Taupo Show.

Any sponsor or trade site can talk to Stewart about what they would like at no charge this year. We want happy sponsors and are prepared to go the extra mile to do that. If you have a message for our riders, let us help you get it across.

"The main point of my idea is to get the sponsors more exposure during the show by taking the regular sponsorship speech that is read out by the announcer, and jazzing it up to make a kind of radio advert."

I hope this will get the sponsors' information out to the public in a more exciting way."

The message can include music and speech in your own words or Stewart can create something for you.

Contact Stewart McGregor at scmcgr10@windowslive.com.

Don't forget to thank our national Jumping Series Sponsors!



ESNZ Jumping Board Open Forum and introducing the new Jumping Director

– Dana Kirkpatrick

ESNZ will host a riders open forum at the Taupo Christmas Classic. The main reason for this is to introduce the new Jumping staff and also to give riders some updates on the work being done at the moment and scheduled for next year.

There are a number of interesting items that will be presented at the meeting and there will be an opportunity to provide feedback and discuss some issues.

The meeting has a tight timeframe between 4pm and 5pm on Thursday December 18 in the Fiber Fresh Marque. We hope to see you there.

Riders' Meeting to Follow

Riders' Rep Maurice Beatson is to run a **Riders' Meeting** following on from the Jumping Open Forum. The agenda items are:

- Junior Rider age
- Registration for next year
- Information on next year's FEI Challenge
- General Business/any matter that needs discussion

Any queries or for more information please contact Maurice.

Wilson ... the lucky Lotto dog to feature in Terrier Racing!

We are excited this year to have a special competitor at our feature event Friday evening. Wilson, who features as the *Lotto* dog in the TV advertisements is competing in the Terrier Races with his owner Alison Lally. Alison's daughter Caitlin is competing with three ponies at the show.

According to Alison: *"Wilson's not much of a runner but he is going to give the terrier racing a go. His training consists of showjumping, mainly running under or through the poles although he does have a great back end. And he always finishes his routine off with a massage - rolling in fresh horse poo."*



Sounds like fun. I for one will be keen to see if the luck rubs off!

Word of warning for unrestrained dogs

We love running the Terrier competition but the number of dogs left roaming free on the grounds last year was extremely disappointing – and the poor attitude of people that it was okay to have their dogs running free in spite of being asked to restrain them. The NEC operates a policy that dogs must be restrained AT ALL TIMES! It is a privilege to have dogs at horse shows these days and it is only common sense that they should be restrained.

Entertainment – Check out the Fiber Fresh Entertainment Flyer!

FIBER FRESH are once again generously involved with their time and funding in producing a showcase Taupo Christmas Classic mixing top level show jumping with festivities. The show is quite unique in that it attracts a real mixture of all riders from all over the North Island and some from the South Island.

Check out the Fiber Fresh Entertainment Schedule for all the fun aside from the horse competition. It will be posted on the DOCUMENTS page of our show on Main-Events.com and will be emailed separately tomorrow.



Fiber Fresh celebrating 30 years in business

To celebrate 30 years in business and Christmas, Fiber Fresh are giving every rider a free bag of FiberProtect. The Fiber Fresh team will be handing out vouchers on Wednesday and Thursday and the bags will be handed out in ring 1 on Thursday at 5pm.

Fiber Fresh BBQ

Fiber Fresh are hosting a free BBQ for everyone on Thursday in the Fiber Fresh marquee at 5.30pm – 7pm. See you all there!!!

Facebook

Carl Smith of Fiber Fresh has started a Facebook page for the show so we are in a position to make more of the show to the general public. Don't forget to like the page as we plan to post regular updates throughout the show.



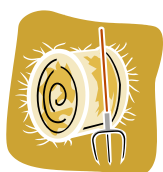
Live Scoring in Rings 1, 2 and maybe 3

This year we are offering live scoring in at least two rings so that as the rider leaves the ring, their faults and times are posted online at Main-Events.com for all to see. Riders can follow a class's progress on their smartphone and people from all around NZ can watch scores as they happen.

Riders will be able to track how many horses have gone in a class so they are better able to manage multiple horses in multiple rings. We also plan to email riders with notices like classes are closing soon so you don't miss out.

Results will be emailed to all placegetters or riders in the bigger classes once they are finished. Draws will be uploaded to Main-Events.com regularly throughout the show to make this happen. However, this is all dependent on good internet connections and volunteer scorers in the ring with the judges!

LIVE SCORES? If there is anyone out there that would like to do live scoring for us in the other rings, please email anne@main-events.co.nz. We can provide on the job training at the show.



Hay Supplies at the show

New seasons meadow hay available for sale at the show for \$14 per bale.

For more information, contact Till 022 100 9587 or 027 541 1092 or email info@letsbale.co.nz

TIP - download late entry forms and keep a supply in your truck

We have uploaded the standard late entry form for Main-Events shows on the Christmas Classic [DOCUMENTS tab](#). Why not print out a supply and keep them in your truck.

Then you can fill them in at your leisure and just drop them off at the office. A great time saver!

Seven year lease for Covered Yards still available!

Covered yards are allocated on priority so unless your horse is in the top classes at the show your chances are you won't be allocated a covered yard.

But if you buy into the NEC Lease scheme for \$1000 you are guaranteed a covered yard at every NEC show you attend for the next seven years! How is that for a Christmas present to yourself? Further information with an application form is available under [DOCUMENTS tab](#) on the show's page at Main-Events.com. Yard leases must be paid prior to Sunday 14th December if you want a covered yard for the upcoming show.

If you are going to sponsor anything this year ... make it the Christmas Classic!

This is a riders' show that showcases the jumping sport like no other. It is *just jumping* and *just in time* for Christmas.

People come from all around to compete or watch. It is a great mixing ground – north and south. Big enough to be really interesting with a World Cup qualifying round but not so big that you can't find your friends and have time to enjoy the festive atmosphere.

Our overall show sponsor Fiber Fresh is a great support to the show and again this year will ensure the Taupo Christmas Classic has a full program of activities after hours for riders. Fiber Fresh's involvement is important. But so is yours.

If you are in the horse business in any way, sponsoring a class at our show is a great opportunity to show your commitment and investment in the sport. Or do you know someone else who could sponsor?

We offer

- naming rights to a class
- logos in newsletters
- logos on posted class lists and results
- signage in the office or ringside
- adverts in the catalogue (1/8 pg to full size)
- announcements over the loudspeaker
- radio type advertising
- flyers in 450 riders packs
- logos on the show page at Main-Events.com
- an invitation to attend the sponsors luncheon on Saturday before the World Cup
- presentation photo opportunities
- email access to 450 riders after show (through secretary)
- Radio like advertisements at the show

Sponsorship Packages

You can get all of the above at some level for a sponsorship starting at \$250 + gst.

Contact anne@main-events.co.nz for further information.



*Rosie Bates and her pony Jagard Ice in festive gear from 2013.
Photo Barbara Thomson Photography.*

