



Western Horse News

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Newsletter for the Northern Tablelands Western Horse Club Inc.

Goodbye E.I. !!!

Hello All,

Well, it was a long while coming, but finally it's over... EI is gone... and we can now look forward to getting back on our horses and back into the swing of things!!!

While some of us were extremely lucky and somehow managed to steer clear of the dreaded bug, quite a few members of our club weren't so lucky and have had to endure the full effects of the EI outbreak, with some horses being trapped in quarantine at events at which they were in attendance, while many others caught it as it made its way to Armidale and infected everything in its path.

We hope that all of our members managed to come through it all without suffering any losses — either financial or otherwise — and now that it is all behind us everyone will be keen to get back into the saddle and pick up where we left off when all club activities were suspended last August!

To get the ball rolling we are pleased to advise that we have been able to secure the Armidale Showgrounds for **April 19th and 20th for our first event — a Western Performance / Team Penning weekend**, along the same format that we have had for our previous events.

On Saturday 19th we will have a Western Training Day, where we are helping our newcomers to get started and showing them through the various events.

On Sunday 20th we will have a Team Penning Day, with everyone getting a free practice run in the morning, followed by some competition runs, then possibly a 'Jackpot' run in the afternoon — provided of course that we have enough participants!

As we have mentioned before, it is extremely difficult to organise the Team Penning side of our activities unless we know how many participants we are likely to have. With this in mind we introduced a **Team Penning Entry Form** which all competitors *must* complete and submit by no later than the Wednesday prior to the event (the 16th). A copy of the entry form is included with this newsletter, along with details of how and where these may be submitted.

Once we have received the entries we will then be able to work out the cattle numbers we require, as well as do the draws for the events prior to the weekend.

All Team Penning participants will receive a free practice run, after which the competition runs will take place. To give all participants a better chance we will have at least two different competitions run on the day, with any teams nominating for more than one run to have each run in a separate competition.

For those who intend participating there are a couple of things that you will need to keep in mind, which are:

- 1 There are some very strict guidelines that must be followed by the club and all participants, which are outlined on the attached procedures sheet.
- 2 If we don't get sufficient Team Penning nominations by the due date then we will be unable to go ahead with the day. The cost of carting cattle is quite expensive and if we can't cover our costs then we will be unable to proceed.
- 3 Memberships (or day membership) will need to be paid prior to participation.

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Well, I think that's about it for now. It will be great to catch up with everyone on April 19th & 20th!!!

Kind regards,

Peter Simpson
Secretary

**Next Club Day
April 19th & 20th
at the
Armidale Showground**

New Procedures for Western Performance/Team Penning Days

The DPI have introduced a number of procedures that must be complied with in order for organisers to stage an event (which they define as any gathering of 10 or more horses—or any gathering of horses from 3 or more properties).

Firstly, we have had to register our event. Please note that the registration number for the April 19th and 20th weekend is:

HER-3416

All participants will need to obtain a **Travelling Horse Statement** (THS) from the DPI (obtainable from their website — www.dpi.nsw.gov.au) prior to setting out to travel to the event. When applying for the THS the registration number shown above will need to be entered on to the form. When printing the THS you will need to print **two copies** please, one of which will be for your records, with the other to be lodged with your entries so that we have a copy on file. A separate THS will need to be filled out every time you transport your horses — e.g. for every event you attend.

On the day of our event the procedures that must be followed are:

1. Ensure you have your THS (two copies) before leaving home.
2. Upon arrival at the Showgrounds **do not unload**.
3. First, check your horses for any symptoms of EI, then go directly to the office.
4. Your THS number will need to be filled in on the DPI Horse Event Attendance Form, and a copy of your THS lodged.
5. You will need to complete the EI waiver form and Horse Health form (to be checked and ticked off at the start and at the completion of the event).
6. Club paperwork will also need to be completed, including Memberships being up to date (or day membership paid), Event Waiver Form completed, event fees paid etc.
7. Once all paperwork etc. has been completed you will then be permitted to unload.

Please find attached copies of all the forms you will need for our event (except of course the THS). To save time on the day we suggest that you have these completed before arriving at the showground.

REMEMBER: NO FORMS — NO PARTICIPATION

While we realise that all of this extra paperwork may be something of a hassle, unfortunately it is the price we must pay (at least for the next twelve months — or so we have been led to believe) if we want to be able to get out and enjoy our horses again. Knowing that we all have to endure the same delays and hardships as everyone else we hope that everyone will have a little patience and understanding when you arrive at your events and register.

See you there!



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Quarter Horse Geldings For Sale

Docs Spinifex breeding.

Excellent Team Penning prospects.

1 broken in 2 y/o (had about 10 rides). Chestnut.

14.2hh. \$600 (currently located in Inverell)

1 unbroken 3 y/o. Brown/Bay 14.3hh. \$300

(located in Armidale)

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