



Western Horse News

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Newsletter for the Northern Tablelands Western Horse Club Inc.

Hello All,

Well folks, my apologies for this newsletter running so late, but I had to hold off until we knew that everything was going to fall into place for our next club weekend... which is this coming weekend June 21st & 22nd!!! I know it is short notice, but I hope that you will still be able to make it.

We've been trying to get our club activities happening again over the past few months, but with winter arriving it has proven a bit difficult and only the really hardy members (*or should that be foolhardy?*) have been game enough to venture outside!

We've had some good numbers at the western training days we have held (and well done to everyone who attended) but the Team Penning side of things has been a bit disappointing so far, as unfortunately we haven't been able to get enough teams to proceed on either weekend.

All the same, we have had some positive feedback about the Team Penning, as well as some suggestions of events to add to these days — such as a practice Cattle Dog Trial and also a different event called Team Sorting (very similar to Team Penning) — so now we're really hoping that this coming weekend will be successful!

The weekend will be along the same format as our previous events, with Western Training on the Saturday, followed by Team Penning on the Sunday.

As usual, everyone will receive a free Team Penning 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! *(We need TEN teams to be nominated by Wednesday to be able to go ahead with the Team Penning day)*

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.

Also a reminder to participants about the

rules and regulations that we need to comply with in order to run our events — which are outlined over the page, along with the registration number for this event (which you will need for your THS).

All the relevant forms that need to be completed are all attached, or can be downloaded from our website, the address of which is... www.ozziewebs.org/ntwhc/

Don't forget also that you will need to complete the Team Penning Entry Form and submit that as soon as possible, so that we can work out cattle numbers etc. for the Team Penning day.

A couple of things that you will need to keep in mind are:

- ❶ The guidelines must be followed by the club and all participants.
- ❷ We need 10 teams for the Team Penning to proceed.
- ❸ Memberships (or day membership) will need to be paid prior to participation.

The costs for the weekend are:

- > Membership \$30 single / \$40 family / \$15 day membership.
- > Ground hire \$5 / horse / day
- > Western Day participation \$5
- > Team Penning \$8 per horse / run
- > Cattle Dog Trial \$5 per dog
- > Tea / Coffee / Cup-a-Soup FREE

Well, I think that's about it for now. Hopefully it will be a great weekend. See you there!!!

Kind regards,

Peter Simpson
Secretary

**Next Club Day
June 21st & 22nd
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 June 21st and 22nd weekend is:

⇨ **HER-6048**

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!



Dates for your Calendars!

June 21st & 22nd

July 19th & 20th

August 16th & 17th

September 20th & 21st *(To Be Confirmed)*

We have booked the Showground for these dates and will advise event details ASAP

**Do you have something that
you want to advertise?
A horse? A saddle? A service?
Why not advertise it here and
let our club members know
about it?**



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