



Western Horse News

May 2008

Newsletter for the Northern Tablelands Western Horse Club Inc.

Hello All,

Well, after our enforced and extended break we had a bit of a mixed response to our first weekend back. Nine riders attended the western day last month, in the old and the drizzle, but unfortunately we ended up having to cancel the Team Penning day due to insufficient nominations.

As it was, the weather didn't exactly help us out either, but at least some of our members had the opportunity to get their horses out and do something with them, and for a couple of members at least, managing to actually making some progress with their horses. So well done to everyone who attended.

As advised previously we had also booked the showground for this coming weekend... May 17th & 18th... so I hope that everyone wrote down the date and are rearing to go? We've already had some interest in the weekend and are expecting to have a few new faces there as well!

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!

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, just a reminder to participants that with the EI outbreak now behind us the DPI have left us with rules and regulations that we need to comply with in order to stage any events, all of which are outlined over the page, along with the registration number for this event (which you will need for your THS).

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.

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. Hopefully it will be a great weekend. See you there!!!

Kind regards,

Peter Simpson
Secretary

**Next Club Day
May 18th & 19th
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 May 17th and 18th weekend is:

HER-4811

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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