



APRIL 2021



NORTHERN TERRITORY SHOW HORSE ASSOCIATION

Welcome to 2021 (lets forget 2020!)

It's been a while. Hope you are all well and motivated! This year will be a smaller program of events as there is a smaller committee to organize these events, however we endeavor to provided quality in favour of quantity. Showing is an excellent foundation to the Olympian disciplines like Dressage, showjumping and eventing. It teaches you patience, attention to detail, how to stay clean in a stressful situation (LOL).

Dealing with other competitors and how to manage your strengths and abilities against those of your

competitors – a skill still most definitely required in the dressage arena. Its not easy to keep calm on the circle with other competitors and their mounts. It is an excellent skill to have when dealing with stressful situations. Off the top of my head here are some names that were successful in the show ring before their success in other



disciplines. Brett Parbery, Mary Hanna, Lyndal & Kristie Oatley, Judy Dierks, Maree Tomkinson and Charlotte Dujardin

(world champ dressage rider).

WELCOME THE NEW COMMITTEE FOR 2021

Chairperson:

Katie Burden

Vice

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Secretary: Katie

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Treasurer: Jenny

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Committee

Members:

Juanita Porter

Junior

Committee

Member:

T-SHIRT SHOW – 20 MARCH 2021



Great start to the season. Although a small gathering, plenty of new faces. Feedback from competitors was positive.

We would like to thank our Judges Liz and Kate Shenton. Our stewards Laylas Winteridge and Bailey McDonald.

Massive thanks to McDonald Civil for the lovely prizes!!



17 APRIL SHOW

With the assistance of Thoroughbred Racing Northern Territory (TRNT) we are holding a show at Freds Pass reserve. Our interstate judges are Kerry and Robert Clarke of Mansfield of Victoria. Both Kerry and Robert have extensive experience in showing and judging throughout Australia. They are also acknowledged Off the Track re-trainers. We are very lucky to announce a clinic which will be held on the Sunday after the show where Kerry and Robert will share their knowledge of re-training off the track horses.

IMPORTANT DATES 2021

Remaining Show Dates

- 17 April Show
- 22 May Fred's Pass Show
- 19 June McDonald Civil Show
- 14 August McDonald Civil (**HOTY**)

Clinics & Training days

- 18 April OTT TRT Clinic
- 23 May NTSHA Clinic
- 20 June Clinic / Training Day

Remaining Measuring

- 1 May - DHPC
- 5 June – Fred's Pass

HORSE OF THE YEAR AND RIDING CHAMPIONSHIPS - PROUDLY SPONSORED BY MCDONALD CIVIL - AUGUST 2020

Due to Covid we were unable to bring interstate judges to Darwin to judge our prestigious event. We received a dispensation from the national body, which allowed our local accredited judges Sandy Ennis, Tammy Shephard and Juanita Porter to judge the event. We sincerely appreciate the 3 judges as they were unable to compete themselves to allow this event to go ahead. Feedback received from the judges was the competitors were absolutely wonderful to judge, the sportsmanship was outstanding, making the day enjoyable.



OFF THE TRACK SHOW HORSE SERIES 2021 - SUPPORTED BY THOROUGHBRED RACING NORTHERN TERRITORY (TRNT)

We are excited to announce with the support of TRNT the Off The Track Show Series. This is for all retired TB racehorses.

This will include;

Led Thoroughbred

Ridden Thoroughbred &

Fashion the Field.

This is to showcase the versatility of this wonderful breed. Recently high profile race horses Chautauqua and Hartnell started their showing careers in Victoria. Hartnell ran second to the famous Winx 3 times. Chautauqua was a famous sprinter winning 8 million dollars in prize money, also famous for not leaving the barriers which ended his racing career, not a silly horse. Local hero Captain Punch, had a stellar career here at Fannie Bay having ran in 5 Palmerston Sprints for 2 wins a second and 3 unplaced with overall career prize money of \$408,500. Now under Racing SA as an ambassador for the Off The Track horses and trained by Olympic rider Megan Jones. Captain Punch



THOROUGHBRED RACING
NORTHERN TERRITORY

OFF THE TRACK

will be out and about very soon in his eventing career and has already proved to be very versatile in his eventing training. Captain Punch seen below.



All horses must be registered with TRNT. Email: offthetrack@trnt.org.au

The series will be run under a point system. Shows to be included are:

17 April 2021

22 May Freds Pass Show

19 June McDonald Civil Show

July Darwin Royal Show

14 August Horse of the Year – Series Final

GRAND NATIONAL - NEWS

One of our family members attended the 2021 Grand Nationals recently. Grace McDonald and her 2 ponies Cards of Sefton and Pepper Le Pony and competed in the below events;

- Large child's show hunter over 12.2h not exciting 14h with over 31 horses in this class
- Rider 12years and under 15 with over 30 riders
- Open large hunter pony 12.2h not exciting 14h and again over 30 ponies

They travelled all the way down to Sydney for this event, not without dramas. One of her ponies fell ill on the trip down and they also had to be evacuated due to the recent floods in NSW.

Grace did an outstanding job and was interviewed at the Grand National as she was the only one to travel so far with her ponies. They met many lovely people whilst down there and Grace will have these memories for a lifetime.



The Grand National is a prestige event held at Sydney International Equestrian Centre or SIEC.



You need to qualify to enter this event. You can qualify through the Darwin Royal Show in July and NTSHA HOTY in August.

RIDER PROFILE

"Ash leigh Overall"

How old are you?

I am 10 years old.

When did you start riding

I first sat on a horse when I was a baby and have been riding ever since.

Tell me about your first horse

My first pony was a black Shetland pony named Zulu. I learnt to ride on him and he taught me to rise trot and to go over small jumps. My first dressage test was on Zulu when I was 3 and the audience would all click to help me get him to trot. He was a cute pony

What are some of the highlights in your in riding career so far?

Some of the highlights I have had as a rider include scoring a 9 in a move on a dressage test, attending the Show Horse Grand Nationals in Sydney where I placed fourth in my rider class and winning the 60 cm sponsored jumping series all on the same pony Maximus.

Do you have any riding goals?

One of my riding goals is to be able to train up my current pony Willow to be able to qualify for Show Horse Grand Nationals and to be able to ride Elementary dressage on her by the end of this show season. When I'm older I would love to be an eventer and compete in the Adelaide 3 Day Event. I would love to ride an advanced dressage test and jump over 1 metre.

Any funny moments

One of the funniest moments I have had was when my brother Mateo was on his bicycle and decided to race me when I was riding Maximus. Mateo could not keep up so he grabbed onto my saddle and Max kept galloping. Another funny moment was when my pony Willow

decided not to turn away from the fence until the very last minute and she sent me flying over the fence and she stopped. The photos were very funny.

Who inspires you?

My mother inspires me with her dedication and love for horses

Favourite horse (does not need to be your horse)

My favourite horse would be Maximus as he was so much fun. He had so much personality and was a character. I could call out to him and he would gallop over to me just to say hi. I loved training him and I could do anything with him. I could even do a handstand on his back while he ate grass. He was a one in a million pony.

Thank you for choosing me to interview



That's all for now folks.

