

TRIALS & TRIBULATIONS



The Newsletter of the National Capital Horse Trials Association

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The NCHTA aims to promote the sport of eventing and to enable members to enjoy safe, high quality competitions, training and support.

From the Editor

The Canberra International CIC One Day Event (27-28 October) is fast approaching and preparations are in full swing. The NCHTA Facebook page is a great place to stay up to date with happenings around the traps. To have a quick look at some of the new jumps ready for the event, check out [NCHTA Facebook Page](#). I've included a few more throughout this edition to whet your appetite.

Felicity Moran is co-ordinating the work force preparing for the big day. If you can help out on the working bees on 21 or 22 Oct from 10am each day, or setting up on 26 Oct from 10am, please get in touch with Felicity to let her know on sfmoran@bigpond.com.au or 0408 005 290. You don't need to be there for the whole day – even if you can only spare an hour or two, your valuable help will be greatly appreciated! Ben Smith and Kate Mackenzie will also be on course most days from now until the event from 10am. Please call Ben on 0402 917 284 and he will gladly give you a job!

And of course, thanks must go to our confirmed sponsors for the event, Northrop Consulting Engineers, Horseland Canberra, Pine Ridge Horse Agistment and Wholesale Sleeper Company.



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NEXT MEETING

Event Planning
Yowani Country Club, Lyneham

All Welcome!

Wednesday 17 October
7pm for a 7.30 start

Exclusive Interview With Olympian Chris Burton

Recently, Kate MacKenzie's son Ben (aged 7) conducted a hard-hitting interview with one of our great Olympic representatives, Christopher Burton. Read on for all the goss!

Ben: Chris, can you tell us what your favourite breakfast cereal is?

Chris: My favourite breakfast is Kellogs Crunchy nut Cornflakes. Do not let mum tell you they have too much sugar in them. They are the breakfast of champions and the single largest contributor to my success!

Ben: What's your favourite sport?

Chris: Of course my favourite sport is Eventing. But I think the sport I enjoy watching most is Tennis and my favourite sports person is Roger Federer and I missed getting to meet him at the Olympics because my coach said I had to go to bed not stay up and march in the opening ceremony!

Ben: Can you tell us about your favourite movie?

Chris: My favourite Movie is Despicable Me! I have it on my iPad and watch it whenever I'm really nervous the night before a big competition.

Ben: Finally Chris, what was the best part of the Olympics for you?

Chris: Being a part of the Olympics was something I will never forget, and so many amazing things like the athletes village and taking part in the closing Ceremony. But I would have to say the incredibly enthusiastic crowd and the noise they made as I rode Lani around the cross country course

Developments at Equestrian Park AND More New Jumps!

New dressage pads, MIGHT be ready for the event



Bold new oxer as #5 fence for 1* - to get them off the ground before the new ditch and brush



New 1* and 2* ditch and brush fences beside existing 3* ditch and brush (not visible on right of picture)



New "Z" fence for 3* - downhill and followed by a hard left up to the big stump.



New track through trees with 1* #4 fence in the middle, five strides from the oxer shown previously

