



JUDGES ANNUAL RETURNS

Hopefully you will all have received the annual AJO return for completion. Please make sure ALL your judges send in their cards so we are up to date with their assignments. If you do not receive a card from any judges please let us know for our files.

Also could you please let me know any List 2 and above judges in your Area who are in need of an official clinic this winter so we can work around trying to facilitate this. Don't forget the Mentors can conduct official clinics for List 5 to 3 so hopefully every Area will have a local clinic so that any new judges to list or even potential judges can come along and meet everyone and understand the process. Mentors may wish to hold a practical or theory clinic it depends on demo riders availability and also facilities over the winter months. It is hoped that this year our Clinics can have an "musical" theme as I have had comments from some judges that they would like more training in this field. Therefore Mentors may like to add this to their local clinics for the lower level judges. Hopefully we can have a NI and SI practical clinic with the "Musical" theme for our higher level judges also?? Please advise asap of List 2 and above judges who NEED a clinic this winter.

YOUNG DRESSAGE HORSE JUDGES:

I appreciate that I have asked previously but could you ask all judges in your Area, List 3 and above, who are not already YDH judges, who would be keen to attend a clinic if we can organise one sometime over winter. We only had three judges get back last time I asked so unless we get many more than this it would not be viable to hold such a clinic so hopefully you can ask around again and see what interest we get. There will be a YDH clinic in Australia next year which we have an open invitation for so some of you may wish to attend. As soon as I hear details I will send out to all Areas. It is important to note that YDH judges need to attend a clinic every three years to remain accredited. At present we have six fully accredited YDH judges in NZ.

TEST REVISIONS

Following my last newsletter regarding the JSC recommendations to adopt the USDF tests once Australia has received them, I can advise that at the Planning Meeting it was unanimously agreed, in principle, by all Area Delegates to proceed with our plans regarding this new system.

Once the JSC receive the new tests that have been adopted by Australia we will be in a position to proceed. Until this time the Roadshow we were hoping to do in Auckland, Palmerston North and Christchurch will be put on hold as the point of this was to go through new tests and get some of them ridden and also re-assess our current judges listings. As you can appreciate any further work on this project would be pointless until we get these tests. At present we can proceed to see what this will cost DNZ and this is in place currently. All I can advise is that Australia are really keen for us to work with the same format and levels for our judges and use all the literature that comes with the tests re DVD's and training for judges so it will mean we will all be reading from the same book and we can work more closely together.

I am sorry we can't be more forthcoming at this stage as it is frustrating I know but Australia is in the same position so once we have something from them I will certainly let you all know.

As always if any of you have any queries don't hesitate to contact myself or Judith and Linda.

Enjoy a more relaxing time over winter.

Sue

Thanks Libby law for the super image of Robin Friend and Tracy Johnson at the U25CH in Taupo