

Lockyer Equestrian Group Inc.

Official Newsletter | June 2015



Message from the President

Welcome to the first month of Winter, as well as the the first official Lockyer Equestrian Group (LEG) newsletter for 2015. We are trialling this method of communication so that all our important monthly information is available in one central area. We hope that this may enhance our communication to our members and keep everyone up-to-date with current events for LEG.

June is now upon us and it's unbelievable how fast this year has gone by – we are already four competitions down and our mid-year meet will be here in no time. We still have a number of competitions to go and Sharyn Ross, our Education Officer, has some wonderful protocol days lined up for us which will be announced in the coming weeks.

With the club meetings held so far, we have discussed a few items in relation to the High Point Award's and the newly introduced LEG Performance Awards. There is more information in the newsletter that addresses these items and we are confident that these will be an incentive for each member to reach their personal best at each club competition.

I'd like to remind all members that they are welcome to attend the club meetings which are held on the first Monday of every month. Your opinions and feedback are important to the club and the monthly meetings are a great chance to be heard.

Lyn Roberton
LEG President

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Club Updates

Vice President Position Filled

The LEG committee would like to congratulate Kate Burns on becoming the LEG Vice President. Kate was nominated to fulfill this position for 2015, which she gracefully accepted during the March meeting. We look forward to having you on board, Kate!

With Kate accepting her new position, it means that the Sponsorship Officer role is now open. If you would be interested in this role, please email info@legs.org.au for further information. We have a number of opportunities that can move forward once this position is filled.

High-Point Award System

After receiving feedback from members that they were not happy with the award system, a workshop was held during the January meeting for feedback and ideas on how it could be changed.

Kate Burns, LEG Vice President, said the outcome was extremely positive.

"There has been a change to the way we score, with points awarded up to tenth place," Kate said.

"First place will receive ten points, while tenth place will receive one point.

LEG Committee Members 2015

President: Lyn Roberton
Vice President: Kate Watson
Treasurer: Mars Maycock
Secretary: Madeline Van Hattem
Membership Secretary: Ami Anderson
Events Secretary: Wendy Palmer
Judges Coordinator: Sharyn Ross
Publicity Officer: Leane Williams
Education Officer: Sharyn Ross
Public Relations Officer: Danni Cunnane
Sponsorship Officer: Vacant
Website Manager: Petra Doerfling

“Horse and rider combinations must compete at a minimum of three competitions to qualify for the overall championship at that level.”

Another change voted in was that a combination is restricted to two tests per competition.

“Combinations are not restricted to accruing points at one level, so they can ride one prep and one preliminary test,” Kate said.

“There is no minimum percentage requirement to accrue points on the leaderboard and qualifying for the level champion means that each combination must ride at three member’s competitions.”

Angela Fritz will be coordinating the scoreboard for 2015 and the club will endeavor to make the results available to all LEG Members. Examples and more in-depth information about the High-Point Awards can be found [here](#).

Performance Awards

An exciting new award system will be introduced from March called the LEG Performance Awards. The purpose of this is to recognize the outstanding performances of horse and rider combinations by offering coloured lapel pins.

The lapel pins will be bronze, silver, gold and platinum and can be awarded once the necessary scores for each level are achieved across six LEG competitions.

Award Colour	Score required
Platinum	Scoring greater than 70% in three tests across the year
Gold	Scoring greater than 66% in six tests across the year
Silver	Scoring greater than 63% in six tests across the year
Bronze	Scoring greater than 60% in six tests across the year

Riders wishing to take part in this award will be required to submit a registration to the committee following the Club Championship Event and detail their performance scores throughout the year.

Examples and more in-depth information about the High-Point Awards can be found [here](#).

LEG and Social Media

In case you didn’t know, our club has it’s very own [Facebook](#) page.

The social media site ‘Facebook’ has proven to be a big hit with our members and allows club information to be cascaded in a fast manner.



To access the page, you must ‘Like’ the page on facebook. Doing so will allow you can see the regular updates that are provided about the club.

Not only do we have a dedicated LEGs page, but we also have a [Members Only Hub](#).

Sharyn Ross, Education Officer, explains the aim of the member’s hub is to open discussions in a friendly environment.

“The Members Only Hub can only be accessed by financial LEG members and allows anyone to post on the wall and open a dialogue with like-minded people,” Sharyn said.

“Unlike the Lockyer Equestrian Group Inc page, anyone is able to start a post and add anything that’s horsey, be that YouTube clips, advice or questions.

“It has really taken off and so far we’ve had some really good discussions and feedback.”

Sharyn will remove non-financial members from the Members Only Hub later this month. If you wish to join, please request however people using ‘pseudonyms’ will not be accepted.

Save The Date: Upcoming Events

The following dates are upcoming LEG competition and meeting dates;

Monday, 6 July 2015 – Members only meeting
LEG General Meeting at Marburg Hall from 7.30pm.

Saturday, 11 July 2015 – Clinic
Anjanette Harten Clinic – details to come.

Sunday, 12 July 2015 - Members only competition
Entry to this competition will be via nominate. An email will be issued to members once registration is available.

Further dates for upcoming competitions can be found on the [LEG Website](#).

LEG Monthly Meetings

All our members are welcome and encouraged to join our monthly regular meetings. This is the main point of discussion for new opportunities, ideas, brainstorming and decisions to be made.

When: First Monday of each month.
Where: Marburg Hall, 89 Queen Street, Marburg.
Time: From 7.30pm.

Questions and More Information:

1. Attend a club meeting:

Meetings are held on the first Monday of every month. All financial members of LEG are encouraged to attend. Concerns or comments can be raised directly with the President, Committee and other members via this channel.

2. Email the Secretary:

Our Secretary can pass on your concerns or feedback to the President and committee. Please email secretary@legs.org.au.

3. Visit our Website:

Our website contains information about the club and is open 24/7.

4. Check out our Facebook pages:

Two pages are available to our members – search [**Lockyer Equestrian Group Inc**](#) for the official page and [**Lockyer Equestrian Group Member Hub**](#) for interactive information, discussions and advice.