



## Show Update from Main-Events

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For the Annandale Christmas Classic Committee

### REMINDER - Entries close this Wednesday 1st December!

That deadline is looming ... but judging by the entries to date, many riders have made a huge effort to get in early to secure accommodation. And entries look to be as big if not bigger for this year. Last year 753 horses competed! Entries must be POSTMARKED 1<sup>st</sup> December or emailed to be in on time. Late entries are 50% extra.

Don't forget to include your Stabling/Camping booking form with your entries. You can download the **full schedule and booking form** from <http://www.main-events.com/event/883/annandale-christmas-classic/downloads> and if you have already sent in your entries *without* the form, download it and send it now. We will hold your place in the entry cue provided you get it to us by 8<sup>th</sup> December.

### Keep up to date on entries at [www.main-events.com](http://www.main-events.com)

We are just starting the processing of entries strictly in the order received. You will be given a customer code on the bottom of your record of entries which you can use to access your own rider page. The record of entries is emailed to you after we process entries. You enter the 3 letter 4 digit code in the MY CLASSES page under the show – this only appears if you are a registered user of [www.main-events.com](http://www.main-events.com).

If you don't register, you can still view your entries class by class but it is not so convenient. The class lists on the website will be updated each night on the website starting with Monday, Nov 29<sup>th</sup> – so start looking then for your entries.

Please check the emailed *Record of Entries* for any corrections – they can be made quickly and easily if you let us know. And yes ... correct spelling of your name or the horse's name is important. Also please check the **bank account number** of your cheque on the top right of the *Record of Entries*. This is the bank number we will use to direct credit any prize money or refunds. **It is your responsibility to make sure the account is correct!**

We should have the backlog of entries processed and up to date by Dec 1st – so if you *think* you have entered but it is not appearing on the website, then you need to come up with a pretty good excuse as to why we haven't received entries! **It is your responsibility to check and make sure your entries have been received by 5<sup>th</sup> Dec.** If you arrive on the day and we don't have entries, there will be no places to start.

### No day registration or casual starts allowed

All classes at this show are above the height level for use of day registrations or casual starts. The ESNZ are now on a 3 day turnaround for memberships and registrations so there is **no** excuse not to have memberships and registrations up to date by the time the show starts.

Send your entries in now to make sure you meet the deadline, but you must send us stickers or rider pages as required as soon as they become available.

### The Great Lake Challenge Open Horse class

We have had several Junior riders ask if they will be eligible given the Junior Rider class height to jump is 1.20 to 1.30 and the condition for the Great Lake Challenge is that it is restricted to horses competing in 1.25 or less. The answer is YES – you will still be eligible as the height of the class is the average between the low and the high making it 1.25. The only exceptions will be the Junior Rider and Pro Am classes.

### Forage supplies from Annandale to be available

Our show sponsor Annandale will have chaff and forage supplies available on the grounds throughout the show. These can also be pre-ordered by emailing [sales@annandale.co.nz](mailto:sales@annandale.co.nz) or ph 07 333 7113.

Please show your support for our show sponsor who also sponsor the weekend's entertainment.

## Supermodel band back for Friday night

We are pleased that Annandale are back on board in a big way and will be sponsoring the evening's entertainment on the Friday night. The band SUPERMODEL will be playing again in the marquee where riders, sponsors and supporters can gather together for a bit of food and lots of fun.

## Stabling/accommodation

Stabling this year will be handled by Rupert Vallance from Main-Events. By keeping a closer link between the entries as they come in or scratchings, we hope to have better control over the stabling and accommodation.

It is planned to label every yard specifically so that domino effect of one person taking one wrong stable puts every thing out of kilter doesn't happen! Rupert will be available on the Wednesday and Thursday around the stables to help get you sorted.

You are NOT to put your horse in any yard or stable if your name is not on it or there will be an immediate fine. If you have issues, Rupert will be there to sort it out.

## Zilco Rugs

We are pleased this year to have a sponsorship from Zilco for 11 rugs for the winners of our major classes including the Pony 6 Bar, Great Lake Challenge, Young Rider, Pony Grand Prix, Horse Grand Prix, Taupo Grand Prix (WC), Open Horse Derby, Open Pony Derby, National SJ Derby, 1.25 Championship and the 1.15 Championship.

To be worn with pride! Thank you Zilco.

## Sponsorship

Sponsorship is always a struggle to get. We know there are quite a few of you riders out there that have horse related businesses that could help us with a sponsorship of a class or advert in the catalogue. There are real benefits in terms of advertising or trade space to be had for equestrian type activities! This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> biggest horse show in the country next to the HOY Show.

Taupo area is thin on the ground in terms of local businesses so gaining local sponsorship is challenging – so we are asking you riders to ask your bosses or your business to help out. There is over \$25,000 in prize money handed out at this show and it is a very expensive show to run!

If you sponsor a class, we will take *that into consideration* when allocating stables. No promises ... but it does help. We will be emailing you all with a more specific request that you can email on to people you do business with – if you spend a lot of money on new vehicles, fencing supplies, accountants etc. they don't usually turn you down if you are asking for \$75 or more back to help with your sport! We will take product instead – we are going to run a tender of products for sale at the show.

## Get out there and ASK !

## Catalogues

In line with the sponsorship, we will be charging every customer a \$5 printed catalogue fee automatically. The reason we are doing this is so we can assure our sponsors that *every rider* at the show will have a copy of the show program with their "logo/advertisement" in it. Sponsors like to be seen!

We acknowledge that it is not in the show conditions but we hope you will understand why we are doing this. If you really don't want to pay for a program, then let us know **before 10<sup>th</sup> December** (eg before we print the programs) and we will take it off your bill.

## No phone entries accepted!

Email instead so we both have a record of your request or changes. You can fax 06 378 2310 but it is not automatic and I have to be in the office to answer and switch over.

## Weekly updates

It is our intention to give you weekly newsletters leading up to the show so hopefully you will all arrive in good cheer, well informed and ready to do battle for the many titles available – and most important of all to have a fun four days enjoying what we all love best. Horses, people and a good night out!

This email has been sent to you as you have attended the show in the past. If you do not want to receive these weekly updates about the Annandale Christmas Classic then please get back to us and we will take you off the email list.

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