



Show Update from Main-Events

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For the Annandale Christmas Classic Committee

Join us in the marquee for Saturday night's gourmet BBQ and spot prize giveaway

The Show office is now open at NEC

Don't try and phone or fax 06 378 2310 – we have shifted office and are now setup at the NEC Centre. On Wednesday, the Centre will be installing (fingers crossed) Satellite Broadband so emails will be responded to as of Thursday with a bit of luck. This should make running shows, updating results to the website and getting those vital press releases out a much easier task.

More yarding on the way

We have managed to secure another 100 portable yards from the Manawatu A&P Show which arrive Tuesday so we now expect to be able to cope with most if not all of those who have entered the show.

We are also grateful to our show sponsor Annandale who have provided a B Train truck to pick up and return the yards at cost – and that was quite a considerable saving on the quoted price for shipment!

So it is all go. If you arrive early on Wednesday, you might just have to build your own yard ... nah ... just kidding! We have a team of volunteers lined up to get them into place in time for the start of the show.

Stabling/accommodation on website TUESDAY night

With the prospect of more yards, we have to wait to see exactly how many so we won't be able to post full stabling lists until TUESDAY night on <http://www.main-events.com/event/883/annandale-christmas-classic/downloads>. We will include a map of the yarding so you can go in the right general direction when you get here. If you are a registered user of Main-Events website and have include the Annandale Christmas Classic as one of your FAVOURITE shows, you will get an automatic notification by email when we have uploaded the stabling list.

Remember, every yard/stable will have a name on it. If it isn't yours, don't even try putting your horse in there!

SCRATCHINGS! It is really important that you let us know of any scratchings immediately as we have a waiting list to get into the show. You are NOT to give your yards away to anyone else - they must go through the office.

Important housekeeping

With such huge numbers there are of course a few house-keeping rules that we must enforce to ensure the safe and easy running of the show. However – make sure you enjoy yourselves! Have fun, be fair and don't forget to be sunsmart!

Conserve water please

You will notice as you drive into the Taupo area that things are very dry. We are watering the main grass arenas and have water trucks doing the sand arenas to keep them in shape for the show. This will involve a lot of water so we ask that you try and be frugal with your use of water. **Shorter showers for yourself and your horses please!** And



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don't waste it. There is a limited supply of water in the tanks on site and if we have to ship in more it will be expensive.

Muck Bins

Please muck your yards into the allocated muck bins – **not the skips!**. Skips are only for rubbish – not for horse manure or hay! Those in the portable yards need to muck there yards to the allocated area at the end of the yard rows.

Horse Truck waste

The NEC has a dedicated waste unit located beside the main ablution block – do not 'muck out' your waste cassettes into the toilets – it causes serious blockages. Unfortunately anyone caught doing this will be fined \$100.

Trucks behind office area

Please no trucks to drive behind main office area down to the stables, there are low-slung powerlines in this area.

Draws are up!

We have posted the draws on line at www.main-events.com for all classes – some are in blackboard order so they are sorted alphabetically on name and others are in draw order. All PONY CLASSES are in draw order as we found last year it made it easier for pony riders to know where they had to be and when. The only classes that are not drawn yet are the Pony Six Bar and the World Cup class. These will be done on the day and posted.

Scratching/Late Entry Forms on website

We have uploaded the *Late Entry/Scratchings* form used at Main-Event shows to the website at . We recommend that you print out a batch of these and keep them in your truck. Fill them out at your leisure and then drop them off at the office with payment or adding to your show account. This way you won't waste time working out the class number while a cue forms behind you. They can be used at any show where Main-Events is providing the secretarial service and probably others as well.

Backnumbers

Please make sure all horses are wearing their bridle/back numbers as assigned. We have posted the backnumber list on the website but it is also shown on your Record of Entries that is emailed to you.

Registrations & memberships

Make sure your registrations and memberships are up to date before coming to the show!

Anyone who needs to be registered at the show can do so as Fiona Bentley, Registration and Member Services person at the ESNZ will be on hand judging. She has kindly agreed to process outstanding registrations – but this is dependent on the NEC having a good internet connection. You will need make a full payment for all transactions.

Fiona will be making time available after she has finished judging – please book in a time with the secretary.

NZIP Papers and the Age Series Classes

And make sure you bring your IP Papers with you and have the breeding information filled in. These will need to be brought into the office and checked/photocopied.

Secretary training at show?

If you are a showjumping secretary that uses Main-Events and wants to learn more about how to do the results for the ESNZ so that you can export it in digital format, Anne is thinking of having an evening session on Thursday in the office for anyone interested. Or she can cover a few more topics of interest with additional time.

Please let the office know if you are interested in doing this. Another option is to sit in with Anne and Jordan as they work with the program – but not until Friday when it should quieten down a bit.

Volunteers

Well, after last newsletter where we were short of volunteers, many of you kindly offered to help out. We do actually have crews set for each ring and while we may not need additional helpers at the moment, if you could make yourself known to the show secretary, we would like to keep in touch for next year!

Remember Forage Supplies from Annandale will be available at the show.

Please show your support for our show sponsor who also sponsor the weekend's entertainment
Friday afternoon Pony Six Bar and Santa arrives on Pocket Rocket the miniature pony
9pm Supermodel in the Marquee

Welcome to new sponsors at our show

Have a look at the lineup of sponsors that are supporting our show! These are the type of businesses YOU should be doing business with. This show needs sponsors to cover operating expenses and pay for portable yards so we can get everyone on site – riders would be quite surprised at how much it costs to put on a show of this size!

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