

Editorial by Anne Lyell - Megalong Equitation and Showjumping, May 13 2018

Driving down to the Megalong valley Saturday morning was a magical experience. The light, the crisp air, the beautiful trees. Pulling into your lovely grounds last year was magic, and I didn't think it could be topped. But this year, the colours on the escarpment were, if anything, better! Add the different coloured jumpers, beautiful ponies and lovely kids, anyone who hasn't been to Megalong should!

Now for the talented canteen ladies! Snow the day before meant a bracing morning. But the Angels of Megalong had made a beautiful pumpkin soup! Brian was working the BBQ and the kids pre-loaded on bacon and egg rolls. And the hottest cups of tea went beautifully with their spread of homemade cakes.

And for the competition! Our zone managers, the ever present talented Newhams, along with Tilly and Ian Seppelt from Londonderry and our course designer Marilyn Currey from Blacktown, hopped to it and produced interesting and challenging courses from E to A grade.

We arrived in time to watch the technicians of the sport do their equitation rounds. Beautiful!

Then as the light changed on the escarpment, and the rainbow came out, the battle for show jumping supremacy began. Mate against Mate, State against State! We just got around one in before a perfect sunset.

Megalong put on a lovely bonfire and dinner, the Irish singers rang out around the valley, and the amateur karaoke folk enthusiastically sang and we got to finish conversations with new parents. The kids played games with torches, poked sticks into fires, and made friends with other horsey kids. Another perfect Megalong evening.

Sunday morning was crisp and clear, our children pulled out Mother's Day gifts, ponies were saddled, and we were fed again by the lovely smiling Megalong folk. Best B and E rolls ever!

Competition at all grades was fantastic, kids helped one another, parents helped other people's kids, ponies kissed, and everyone moved efficiently between courses to reset the jumps.

Competition finished with a great mounted presentation, a fitting end to some huge PB's for every child. Their smiling faces and friendly banter was lovely to see.

When parents ask me "Why Pony Club?" Megalong is the epitome of the friendly, fierce, but relaxed competition Pony Club provides children with. The competition was as exciting as any I have watched at any major venues. I think the reason for this is Megalong Magic.

I want to again thank our zone leaders, Michelle and Anthony Newham and the Megalong committee for the best Mother's Day ever!

RESULTS

Results from the recent Equitation and Showjumping Megalong Valley, May 13 2018.

Londonderry Legends are in yellow...

Equitation Novice Under 13yrs(45cm)

Isla Corscadden Megalong Reserve

Maddilyn Millington Londonderry Champion

Equitation Novice 13 Under 17yrs(60cm)

Kelsea Thurgood Kurrajong Reserve

Amy Dawson Blacktown Champion

Equitation Intermediate Under 13yrs(60cm)

Annabel Dignam Megalong Reserve

Eve Bray Nepean Champion

Equitation Intermediate 13 Under 17yrs(75cm)

Charlotte Millington Londonderry Reserve CB

Georgia Foley Sun Valley Champion CB

Equitation Advanced Under 13yrs(75cm)

Tara Seppelt Londonderry Champion

Equitation Novice 17 Under 25yrs(75cm)

Jessamyn Maumill Megalong Reserve

Chloe Ronnenberg Londonderry Champion

Equitation Intermediate 17 Under 25yrs(85cm)

Melissa Newman Londonderry Champion

Equitation Advanced 13 Under 17yrs(85cm)

Hannah Turner Kurrajong Champion

Kiara Radke Hawkesbury Reserve

Equitation Advanced 17 Under 25yrs

Matilda Seppelt Londonderry Champion

Show Jumping E GRADE under 13yrs

Kye Williams RESERVE

Rosie Misson CHAMPION

Show Jumping E Grade 13 Under 17yrs

Amy Dawson RESERVE LOST C/B

Kelsea Thurgood RESERVE WON C/B

Ella Beegan CHAMPION

Showjumping D Grade Under 13yrs

Maddilyn Millington CHAMPION

Annabel Dignam RESERVE

Showjumping D Grade 13 Under 17yrs

Brianna Williams RESERVE ON C/B

Georgia Foley CHAMPION

Lailani Ikamui RES LOST ON C/B

Showjumping D Grade 17 Under 25yrs

Jessamyn Maumill RESERVE

Kaitlyn McWhirter CHAMPION

Showjumping C Grade

Tara Seppelt CHAMPION

Tess Misson RESERVE

Showjumping B GRADE

Hannah Turner CHAMPION

Serina Ridge RESERVE

Showjumping A Grade

Matilda Seppelt CHAMPION