

MARYBOROUGH RIDERS COMPETE AT STATE HORSE TRIALS 2007

Five Maryborough Pony Club members competed at the State Horse Trials at Albury on the weekend.

Katherine Clegg and Cariboo Creek rode together for their first State Horse Trials as a combination. They had a fantastic competition with a score of 121 in the dressage. In the cross country they jumped clear with time penalties and a good clear showjumping. The cross country time faults were all that kept Katherine out of the placings for the championships finishing 9th.

Rebecca Bushby and Galadga Park Docker competed in their second State Horse Trials together but this year riding at the top level grade 1. Rebecca had a good dressage result with a score of 134. Galadga Park Docker has been plagued with injuries this year and this proved to be a thorn in his side at the Championships with him tiring at the end of the tough cross country course.

In grade 2 Maryborough Pony Club was represented by three riders. Jenna Wright and Janeils Deutschmark rode together for the first time at the State Horse Trials. Jenna was very pleased with her dressage score of 91 followed by a great clear round in the show jumping. The water jump was challenging to Dutchie who has not had much experience in the discipline. They had one stop at the water jump but on reapproaching jumped the obstacle with ease.

Steffi Hurse and Stacks on the Mills together competed at their first State Horse Trials. They had a great dressage score of 78. In the showjumping they rode a quiet round with only two rails falling. They rode the cross country course well with only the last obstacle causing any concern. Both Steffi and Stacks on the Mills have performed very well as 12 months ago Stacks on the Mills was a racehorse and in twelve months they have work hard to be qualified for the State Horse Trials.

Amanda Durbridge and British Bounty competed together at their first State Horse Trials. They have only been competing at this level this year and enjoyed the experience of the State Championships. In the dressage they were rewarded the score of 76. Amanda and Jake fought their nerves in the showjumping to jump the round with only two rails down. In the cross country they had a fantastic round with only the final jumping proving to be a problem.

All the Maryborough riders have enjoyed their experience of competing against Victoria's finest young riders.