

## H.O.Y 2009 Endurance Section

Endurance at HOY 2009 will be a new experience. The changes are three fold;

- First an 80km event will be included,
- Second a new ride base, and
- Third a new course.

The events will include:

- Ø 100km CEI\*
  - \$130
  - Junior/Young Rider and Senior
  - HOY NZ Team verses South Africa team event
  
- Ø 80km CEN – Novice only
  - \$90
  - Senior and Junior
  - Teams event in this ride

### Ride Format:

#### 100kmCEI

The 100km CEI\* ride will include Senior and Junior/Young Rider classifications. A HOY NZ team will be selected from entries to compete against a South African team. Kelt Capital sponsorship will enable a return team to South Africa to be offered an air ticket and horse for the reciprocal event in South Africa. The reciprocal team will comprise the winner of Best Conditioned 100km, first qualifier 100km, one rider drawn from NZ team and one rider drawn from all qualifiers. To be eligible for the reciprocal team riders must qualify in the 100km event. So to win these tickets you must enter and prove you can ride this distance.

#### 80km events:

The 80km CEN ride will feature a new teams event. Teams of four will compete against each other with the best three placings being counted for the award. This will be a good introduction for many to the experience of team riding. The teams can be club teams or a group of riders. Teams will be

required to ride in a common uniform. E.g. your club uniform, polo shirts from sponsors etc.

### **Venue and Course:**

The Endurance base will be at Equestrian Park approx 10 minutes South of Hastings. The first loop approximately 25 kms will commence in daylight, pass through vineyards and rolling hill country and end at the Maraekakaho sports ground. Two loops will be completed before heading back to the Equestrian Park. The second and third loops will feature a section of riverbank, vine yards and rolling to steep sheep station country. The finish back at the Equestrian Park will coincide with an interval between the Intermediate and Open classes in the three day event cross country being conducted at the Equestrian center. There will be spectators and possible TV coverage at the finish. The HOY organizers have agreed to provide a shuttle service between Equestrian to ensure Endurance riders and their supporters can be part of the HOY experience.

### **Prize Giving**

Will be held in the main arena in the Hastings showground. All qualifiers will be required to be mounted for the prize giving in the main arena. Best Conditioned judging will take place at Maraekakaho on the Sunday morning. Riders will make their own way to the show grounds and prize giving will take place in the early afternoon. Riders will then be free to depart.

### **Entries**

**Expressions of Interest:** Closes 30<sup>th</sup> December 2008

This is requires to assist the organizers to plan for appropriate levels of parking/ stabling/ etc. Either phone, fax or email Beth Guest

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**Nominated Entry:** Closes January 19<sup>th</sup> 2009

This is a must if you are even lightly considering a HOY entry. All that we require is your name and possible horse or horse(s) details. No \$ are required at this time. Please be aware that if you have not put in a nominated entry you can not make a definite entry. If you elect not to ride then you simply do not submit your definite entry.

**Definite Entry:** Closes 14<sup>th</sup> February 2009

On or before this date all nominated entries wishing to enter are required to submit a definite entry confirming rider, horse and of course paying entry fees.

### **Programme**

Details yet to be confirmed but the plan is:

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March

AM arrive at Equestrian Park

PM Ride brief

Pre ride vetting

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March

Ride

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March

Am Best Conditioned Judging

PM Prize Giving Hastings Show ground