

## JUDGES COMMENTS - WAMURAN CTR 27th August

***Our very warm thanks to all judges for sharing their time and expertise with the riders. They have also provided us with a brief overview of how the riders and horses fared at their particular judge point, and suggested improvements that riders can strive for.***

### 1) Presentation/Mount - Terry and Judith

A well presented group in general and all horses quiet to handle and mount. Riders used mounting block with competence. Gear was clean and safe.

### 2) Step-Over - Cheryl and Mirren

In general a high standard overall. Remember to look ahead when moving through the obstacle.

### 3) Log Walk - Melinda and Jaycen

This was a difficult obstacle that all competitors attempted. All competitors displayed great horsemanship and calmly attempted the obstacle.

### 4) Uphill - Darrald and Pauline

Good site for this discipline, most riders did this judge point well.

### 5) Log Straddle - Ian

All riders attempted and completed the log straddle. Riders need to follow the instructions given. Should you not understand ask a question. Soft clear aids scored maximum points. Many riders scored maximum points.

### 6) Trot Exercise - Sue and Phil

Many riders were unable to maintain trot around the marker. More thought by these riders about how they could do that would have seen them receive a higher score - ride with leg on, look to where you want to go and plot your course - think about riding wider around the marker to enable your horse to maintain the trot. Most riders could trust their horses more and ride on a looser rein.

### 7) Change of Pace - Belinda and Vanessa

Looking for a forward moving, comfortable and responsive partnership.

Rider

- gives subtle aids
- sit trots before canter engagement
- travels straight line
- changes gait at marker
- looking forward/in direction of travel

Horse

- engaged and focused on task
- horse is responsive to aids
- horse is tracking straight
- clear changes in transition

- definite and calm halt

#### 8) Parallel Back - Robyn and Helen

Nice to see everybody enjoying themselves. Remember to pay attention to all instructions given, not only from individual judges but from the ride briefing also. Don't continue to ask your horse to keep trying when they are already in the motion (this is nagging and will confuse the horse). Remember to breath, smile and enjoy your ride. Pleasure to judge today's group of riders.

#### 9) Blind Trail - Della and Mark

So good to see all horses listening to their riders today. Some riders missed the ribbons to their left, but otherwise calm horses, calm riders, was a pleasure to watch.

#### 10) V Side Pass - Yvonne and Margaret

Thought it was a great place for the judge point in retrospect as many horses hot and hurried to get home (we as riders need to keep our horses with us at all times). Very relaxed riders on perfect score not rushing. Looking at direction you need to go. Pressure kept on too long.