

# INTRODUCTION -

THIS IS NOT A ROLE BOOK.  
 IT WILL, HOWEVER, GIVE  
 YOU A FAIR IDEA OF HOW  
 EVENTS WORK, AND  
 SHOW YOU HOW TO BE  
POPULAR, AND HOW TO  
ENJOY YOUR SPORT,  
 WITHOUT UPSETTING THE  
 OFFICIALS.  
WINNING IS UP TO YOU.

NOW  
 READ ON



# THE GREAT WHIG EVENTING GUIDE



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A BASIC  
 INTRODUCTION  
 TO RULES  
 AND  
 ETIQUETTE

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## ENTERING: -

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YOU WILL NEED TO REGISTER YOUR  
 HORSE, AND YOU MUST BE A MEMBER  
 OF THE N.Z. EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION

HORSE REGISTRATION: N.Z. HORSE TRIALS' DISCIPLINE

N.B.

If you ride an unregistered horse, you will  
 have to pay a DOUBLE Entry Fee when the  
 Organiser find out, as they inevitably will.



MOST ORGANISERS ARE  
 OVERWORKED, BUT FEW  
 OF THEM ARE STUPID.

## JOKING ASIDE, THIS IS HOW YOU ENTER -

- 1 READ THE BULLETIN ADV. AND NOTE ANY SPECIAL CONDITIONS (Very Important)
- 2 HORSE TRIALS' DISCIPLINE ENTRY FORM. Plus S.A.E. Plus MONEY TO ARRIVE BEFORE CLOSING DATE.
- 3 SCRATCHINGS [NO LATER] THAN 24-HRS BEFORE.

BEAR IN MIND THAT YOU CAN  
 BE DISQUALIFIED IF ANY  
 CONDITIONS ARE NOT MET



## 3 ENTERING - CONTINUED

ORGANISERS ARE NOT OBLIGED TO  
 ACCEPT LATE ENTRIES, ALTHOUGH  
 THEY SOMETIMES DO.

BUT DON'T  
 COUNT ON IT!

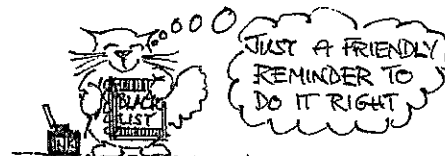


AND

VERY VERY VERY RARELY, AN  
 ENTRY IS LOST IN THE POST.  
 SOMETIMES, THE "LOST IN THE POST"  
 THEORY IS USED BY RIDERS TO GET IN  
 AT THE LAST MINUTE.

BUT IT'S ENVIRONMENTALLY  
 BAD. - CAN'T BE RECYCLED

THE "LOST IN THE POST"  
 THEORY WILL ONLY WORK  
 ONCE, AND MAYBE LESS



# ONCE YOU HAVE ENTERED: =

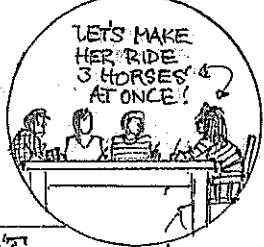
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YOU WILL RECEIVE YOUR OWN SAE<sup>2</sup> CONTAINING DETAILS OF YOUR STARTING TIME, BACK NO. ETC



DON'T LOSE THE PIECE OF PAPER

DESPITE WHAT YOU MAY OFTEN THINK:



ORGANISERS GO TO A LOT OF TROUBLE TO ACCOMODATE YOU

REMEMBER YOU ARE ALWAYS GOING TO BE A BIT INCONVENIENCED BUT IT CAN'T BE HELPED

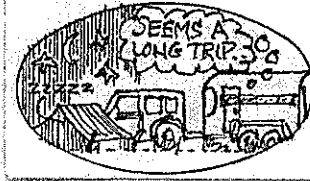
IF YOU HAVE A GENUINE PROBLEM RING IMMEDIATELY.

THIS IS NOT A GENUINE PROBLEM



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# WHEN YOU ARRIVE



LET THE HORSE OUT

MAKE SURE:

- YOU HAVE THE RIGHT PLACE
- YOU HAVE THE RIGHT YARD OR Paddock
- YOU KNOW WHERE THE WATER TOILETS, AND RUBBISH BINS ARE
- YOU KNOW WHERE THE S/J AND DRESSAGE RINGS ARE
- YOU KNOW WHERE THE SECRETARY'S H.Q. IS

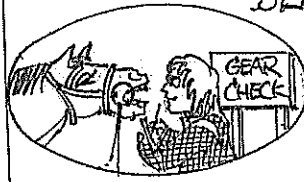
AND CHECK THAT YOU HAVE THE PIECE OF PAPER WITH YOUR DRAW AND YOUR BACK NUMBER!

# DAY ONE

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BE ON TIME FOR DRESSAGE.

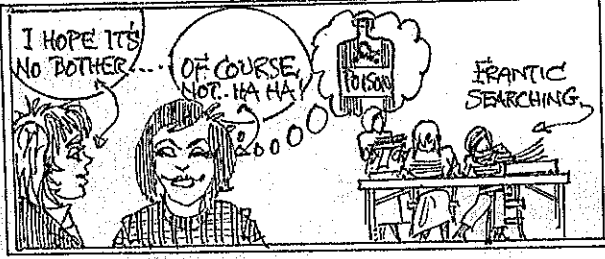
BE PREPARED TO HAVE YOUR BIT CHECKED



WHEN YOU COLLECT YOUR BACK NO, HAVE THE PIECE OF PAPER WITH YOU!

THERE MAY BE UP TO 300 RIDERS. -THE SECRETARIES WILL NOT THANK YOU IF THEY HAVE TO TELL YOU YOUR OWN PERSONAL DETAILS

- RIDER.....
- HORSE.....
- RING.....
- CLASS.....
- BACK NO...



# 7 OKAY - YOU'VE GOT THIS FAR. STOP WORRYING!

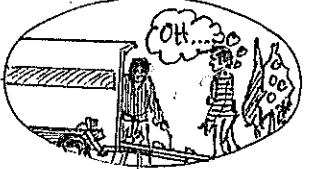
YOU DIDN'T FORGET TO ENTER:



YOU DIDN'T FORGET YOUR SADDLE:



YOU DIDN'T FORGET YOUR HORSE:



OR YOUR VITAL PIECE OF PAPER:



FROM HERE ON, ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS MAKE FRIENDS

THE PEOPLE WHO ARE GOING TO NOTE YOU "MOST POPULAR RIDER IN THE WORLD" FALL INTO **FOUR** EASILY RECOGNISABLE GROUPS:

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OFFICIALS  
JUDGES  
LANDOWNERS  
OTHER RIDERS



OFFICIALS AS THEY SEE THEMSELVES

AS RIDERS SEE THEM

SAINLY  
PHILOSOPHICAL  
TOLERANT  
CHARMING  
EFFICIENT  
HEROIC

BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS

ALL THAT'S NEEDED IS A LITTLE AWARENESS OF THE OTHER PERSONS' VIEWPOINT

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OFFICIALS



**THE SECRETARY** - THE MOST IMPORTANT PERSON OF ALL. TREAT HER WITH TOTAL AND ABSOLUTE RESPECT AT ALL TIMES. - IMAGINE SHE IS YOUR MOTHER (SHE MAY EVEN BE YOUR MOTHER.)



**THE SCORERS** - RARELY SEEN, AND FAR TOO BUSY TO CHAT. NORMALLY WARM, FRIENDLY, EVEN LOVEABLE, BUT IF YOU BOTHER THEM THEY WILL BITE YOUR HEAD OFF.



**STEWARDS** - GEAR CHECK / WEIGH IN / GATE AND CALL UP STEWARDS. - TEND TO SPEAK WITH AN AIR OF COMMAND AND TREAT EVERYONE LIKE A FOURTH FORMER. - THAT IS WHAT THEY'RE MEANT TO DO. - DON'T TAKE IT PERSONALLY.



**STARTERS** - OFTEN SHOUT AT YOU. WITH 250+ RIDERS, THEY DON'T HAVE TIME TO HAND OUT WARM FUZZIES, SO DON'T GET OFFENDED. YOU ARE JUST A NUMBER TO THEM.

AND



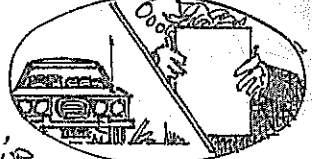
**RELATIVES** THESE ARE NOT OFFICIALS! THEY ARE YOUR PERSONAL SUPPORT GROUP, AND THEY ADRE YOU, BUT TIMES, VIDEOS, OPINIONS AND EYE WITNESS ACCOUNTS BY RELATIVES ARE NEVER GIVEN OFFICIAL STATUS.

JUDGES

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DRESSAGE

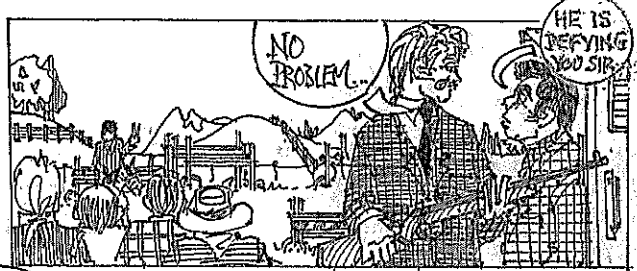
MOSTLY, YOU ONLY EVER SEE A WINDSCREEN, AND, EVENTUALLY, A LIST OF YOUR DEFICIENCIES.



JUST LEARN THE TEST AND BE ON TIME. NOT EVEN MARK TODD CAN DO MORE.

SHOWJUMPING

- SHOWJUMPING RULES ARE VERY VERY SPECIFIC, AND THE JUDGE HAS A LOT OF AUTHORITY AND IS NOT AFRAID TO USE IT. S/S JUDGES ARE TERRIBLY CIVILISED AND POLITE, BUT THEY TEND TO BE STRICT ABOUT BEHAVIOUR AND BAD LANGUAGE.

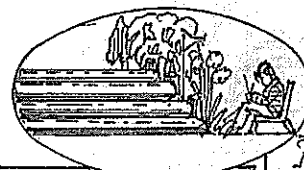


YOU MOST WEAR A HELMET

SALUTING: TENDS TO BE OPTIONAL.  
USE OF WHIPS: ONLY AS AN AID.  
SWEARING: NEVER! ABSOLUTELY NOT!!

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JUDGES - CONTINUED



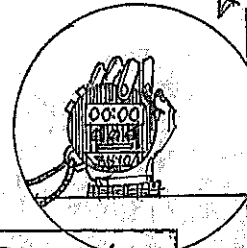
JUMP JUDGES

PEOPLE WHO SIT IN A PADDOCK FOR SIX HOURS, WHILE 250 TOTAL STRANGERS GALLOP PAST THEM.

WITHOUT THESE PEOPLE, EVENTS WOULD NOT EXIST

JUMP JUDGES ARE DESERVING OF YOUR COURTESY AT ALL TIMES

TIMERS



THIS IS AN OFFICIAL HAND. IT IS HOLDING AN OFFICIAL STOPWATCH. THERE'S THREE OTHERS, RUNNING IN TIME WITH THIS ONE. TOTAL 4

PERSONAL STOPWATCHES HAVE NO OFFICIAL STATUS

Think about it. - Would you like to be beaten because another Rider was allowed to be timed by his sister?

# LANDOWNERS

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"HAVING AN EVENT ON A FARM IS LIKE LETTING SOMEONE RUN A FLEA MARKET IN YOUR SITTING ROOM. - IT TAKES A LOT OF ORGANISING AND IT'S INFURIATING WHEN PEOPLE IGNORE THE RULES!"  
.....PETER COX



TO ATTEND AN EVENT, YOU MUST ORGANISE

YOURSELF.  
YOUR HORSE.  
YOUR VEHICLE  
YOUR FOOD ETC.

TO HOST AN EVENT, FARMERS MUST ORGANISE

- 200 EMPTY ACRES
- HORSEYARDS
- SHEEPYARDS
- CATTLE YARDS
- H.Q. BUILDING
- TOILETS AND RUBBISH.
- 12000 GALLONS OF EXTRA WATER.
- SOMEWHERE TO PUT: - 1000 SHEEP  
300 CATTLE
- A TRACTOR FOR TOWING... ETC... ETC.

THIS LOT HERE ADDS UP TO A LOT OF WORK AND A FAIR BIT OF WORRY.

SO

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# REMEMBER

This is still about landowners



YOU ARE THERE BY INVITATION



YOUR VEHICLE IS THERE BY INVITATION - IT HAS NO AUTOMATIC RIGHT OF ACCESS, OR CAMPING.

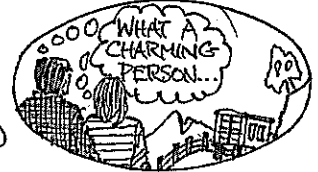
THE LANDOWNER HAS EVERY RIGHT TO IMPOSE CONDITIONS. THEY WILL BE VERY SIMPLE, THEY WILL CAUSE YOU NO HARDSHIP, BUT YOU WILL GIVE! GREAT OFFENSE IF YOU WILFULLY IGNORE THEM!

FOR EXAMPLE:

THERE IS PROBABLY NOT A SINGLE LANDOWNER IN N.Z. WHO WILL EVER LET YOU BRING A DOG, AND THEY WILL BE FURIOUS IF YOU DO.



EMPLOY BASIC COURTESY, AND YOU WILL HAVE A FRIEND FOR LIFE.



# OTHER RIDERS

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HOW TO GET ON WITH THEM

SIMPLE GOOD MANNERS WILL TAKE YOU A LONG WAY



AFTER YOU... I INSIST!

AND

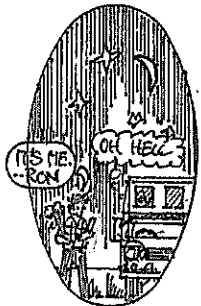


TRY TO MAKE NEW FRIENDS

I'M THE SEPTIC TANK MAN. RON

BUT

MAYBE A BIT OF CAUTION WITH THE FRIENDSHIP THING...



FIRST RULE OF EVENTING



JUST ENJOY IT

"FOR WHEN THE ONE GREAT SCORER COMES, TO WRITE AGAINST YOUR NAME, HE MARKS NOT THAT YOU WON, OR LOST, BUT HOW YOU PLAYED THE GAME."  
GRANTLAND RICE  
U.S. SPORTSCASTER

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