



**IMGA
NEWSLETTER**



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Welcome to our first IMGA Newsletter of 2021.

We will be producing a Newsletter 4 times a year to keep you up to date with what is going on in Mounted Games across the planet.



As many of us are aware, we are mourning the loss of Clive Jones who passed away this week. There have been so many amazing tributes to this man from all over the world. Sincere and deepest condolences to all of Clive's family.

IMGA NEWS

For those of you who are interested, you can find the Minutes of our November AGM on

<https://www.mounted-games.org/imga/documentation/index.html#meetings>

At our 2021 Championships there will be breath testing for all Open and U18 riders (plus referees and assistant referees) before their first session of each day (including practice days). The breath test limit is set at zero alcohol. Full details can be found on the IMGA website on

<https://www.mounted-games.org/imga/documentation/docs/Breathalyser%20v2.0%20en.pdf>



NEWS FROM OUR 24 COUNTRIES

The Victorian Branch of Australian MGA ran its first 2021 competition in the small country town of Toongabbie. It is nestled in the Latrobe Valley, one of the greener areas of Victoria and about 180kms to the east of Melbourne.

The temperature was a mild 30C however the tall gum trees in the camping and yard area makes it feel a lot cooler. The event was well attended with no COVID restrictions on travel. Victoria did it tough through 2021 with very limited movement away from home which has now paid off.

A highlight of the event was newlyweds David and Jemima, married on the Friday, winning the open pairs on the Sunday. Now that's how to spend your honeymoon. A low light of the weekend was poor Ben Hamilton, an under 12 rider who was playing with his friends on the Saturday night and broke his arm in multiple places and now has a cast from hand to shoulder. His first question was when can he ride again, unfortunately he will miss the entire

Saturday Individuals

U12

Sigrid Black 1st Emily Oliver 2nd Ember Vanderydt 3rd Gisele Smith 4th

U15

Taylor Perkins 1st Natasha Burchall 2nd Gabe Smith 3rd

O18

Tori Mitton 1st Lou Kelly 2nd Tina Perkins 3rd

Open

Tara Evans 1st Gemma Vanderydt 2nd Alister Ling 3rd Emma Cameron 4th
Scottie Cruise 5th Warwick Slade 6th

Sunday Pairs

U12

Sigrid Black & Emily Oliver 1st Gisele Smith & Jack Hamilton 2nd

U12

Taylor Perkins & Ember Vanderydt 1st Ryan Bissicks & Seren Mckeever 2nd

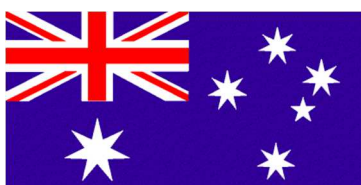
O18

Rena Mckeever & Tori Mitton 1st Grace Perkins & Georgia Bissicks 2nd
Andrew Rodaughan & Samantha Brownlie 3rd Tina Perkins & Lou Kelly 4th

Open

David Gardiner and Jemima Gardner 1st Aidan Somers and Alister Ling 2nd
Sharna Uden & Gemma Vanderydt 3rd Georgia Bissicks & Jack Bissicks 4th

Scottie Cruise & Warwick Slade 5th





INSTAGRAM PAGE



We are entering 2021 with a brand new official Instagram page

https://www.instagram.com/imga_official/?igshid=1q7424jd4hg6u?

This page will provide updates from all across the world at national and international competitions. It is a page which will provide tips and fun interactions and will be used to promote our sport.

We ask for you to send your images to our page so we can share them with the rest of the world!



REFEREE TOP TIP: Fabian dit: Laissez vos sandales à la plage et portez des chaussures fermées. Arbitrer par passion et pas par obligation. Pour bien faire votre job, allez arbitrer seul et non avec votre ami. Regarder votre ligne et pas l'écran de votre iPhone. Soyez dans un esprit sportif et cela permettra de garder notre sport au top.



Fabian says: Leave your sandals on the beach and wear proper shoes. Ref the session because you want to and not because you have to. To do the job well, ref it alone and not with a friend. Concentrate on the arena and not your mobile phone. Ref fairly and this will keep our sport at the highest level.



TOP TIP FROM MARGARET: OUR TACK EXPERT

So I have been asked to write a couple of paragraphs about tack, huge subject so I'm going to start with the basics.

Leather needs to be looked after, for many reasons. Leather that is cleaned and oiled regularly lasts longer. And by cleaned I mean you need to use saddle soap or some cleaning product that removes the dirt and grudge, don't just add leather dressing to the leather, actually take your bridle apart and clean it, check for cracks in the leather especially on the cheek pieces where the bit sits. Look for worn or frayed stitching and get that repaired before it unravels and your tack falls apart. Nickel buckles can wear out, look for rusty places as they will wear through and snap.

Then use oil and or a leather dressing once you have saddle soaped.

If you are really on to it after you have ridden you wash your bit and wipe off any grass stains or sweat from your gear, makes it way easier to keep your gear, not only looking nice, but it will last longer.

It does my head in when I'm doing a tack check to see ponies presented with bits that have old grass that's been there awhile, and stiff dirty flash nose bands. Check your plastic or rubber bits for wear and tear as well, if your pony chews on their bit they can get rough and the sharp plastic will damage your pony's mouth.



TOP TIP FROM A TRAINER

Cyril dit:- Tout d'abord le respect de l'autre de son équipe, de ses coéquipiers, de son maillot, de son drapeau, de tous les gens qui nous entourent est indispensable : on ne doit jamais oublier.

" d'être capable de faire briller les autres".

Un Rider est irréprochable quand il joue bien et qu'il fait bien jouer ses coéquipiers.

Plus je donnerai aux autres plus je recevrai de eux. Et plus le résultat sera excellent.

First of all, it is essential that you respect your team mates, the club that you represent, your nation and everyone around us. This must never be forgotten.

"to be able to make others shine":

A rider is beyond reproach when he rides well and when he allows his team mates to ride well.

The more I give to others, the more I will receive from them. And your results will be even better.





INTERVIEW



Maja: I am 22 years old and my main pony is Spike (From Ireland, 14hh and 14 y/o)

Where do you live? I live in a very small town called Jordrup in Denmark. It's one hour from the Danish/German border.

What do you do? I am studying economics and business administration at Southern University of Denmark. Will be finished this summer and hopefully I'll start my Masters Degree in Innovation Management in September. I also work part time as a trainee in the procurement department in a big company.

When did you first become involved in Mounted Games? I started doing Mounted Games in 2012 and was lucky enough to get selected for the u14 national team that year!

What do you do now in Mounted Games? Hopefully I'll get selected for the Danish Open team for Europeans. I am hoping to do World Individuals and also World Pairs with Jens Holm. I ride for Lindau Gettorf in Germany.

Where have you been abroad with Mounted Games? I have competed in Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Germany, Belgium, Italy, France, England, Wales, Ireland. My favourite venue is definitely Hippodrome de Wallonie in Ghlin, Belgium but I have to mention the shows in Ireland - they have been great!

What do you like most about Mounted Games? I like the speed haha. But most importantly the teamwork between me and my pony. Pairs competitions are most fun as I really enjoy the teamwork and doing the changes in high speed.

What is your favourite race? and why? Hoopla is my all-time favourite! It's a fast race but it also requires precision, strength and coordination which makes it more complicated and fun.

What advice would you give to a new Games rider? Get the equipment correct before you add speed! Steady and correct is better than fast and inconsistent.

Tell us about your all-time favourite horse. My all-time favourite has to be Zeros. He taught me a lot and is just such a character. Unfortunately I outgrew him and sold him in November but it's really nice to see him move on with another kid.

What other interests do you have apart from Mounted Games? I love to travel and surfing is one of my favourite activities besides Mounted Games. I used to do show jumping when I was a kid and took up the sport again recently but on a proper horse this time :)