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## **CUTTING POINTS DAY RESULTS AUGUST 2023**



**OPEN** 

**Syd Thew - 71 pts** Darlea Son of Cat



#### **ROOKIES**

Ashley Tordoff - 71 pts Ebs Slick Chook



NOVICE

Colin Clancy - 71 pts This Chics Purrfect



**BEGINNER HORSE** 

Steve Booth - 65 pts Chissy



**SNAFFLE BIT** 

Lucy Quade - 71 pts Playboy Prince



**BEGINNER RIDER** 

Bridget Brown - 67.5 pts Playboys Lynx



YOUTH 15 & UNDER 19 YEARS

**Lachlan Hintz** Welshs Mellow Acres



**YOUTH 14 YEARS & UNDER** 

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## HEARTFELT GRATITUDE FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR NEWSLETTER!

I hope this message finds you all in great spirits. As we celebrate the release of our 3rd edition, I wanted to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude to each and every one of you. The success of our newsletter has been nothing short of inspiring, and it wouldn't have been possible without your invaluable contributions and ideas.

From the very beginning, your dedication to making this newsletter a hub of insightful information, inspiring stories, and community updates has been remarkable. With each passing edition, we have witnessed a wonderful synergy of creativity and collaboration that has truly enriched the content and made it a must-read for our community.

The warmth with which the newsletter has been received warms our hearts and motivates us to keep striving for excellence. Your feedback, kind words, and the growing readership are a testament to the hard work and passion that you all have poured into this project. We're proud to be on this journey with you. As we look ahead, we are excited to continue delivering meaningful content that resonates with our community's interests and aspirations. But we also recognize that this endeavor is a collective one, and we rely on your continued involvement to keep the momentum going. Your stories, insights, and ideas are what make this newsletter a true reflection of our community's spirit.

So, I encourage you to keep those creative juices flowing and to keep sharing your thoughts and suggestions. Our editorial team is here to listen and collaborate, ensuring that the newsletter remains a vibrant platform for all voices to be heard.

Thank you once again for your unwavering support, your boundless enthusiasm, and your dedication to making our newsletter a beacon of connection and inspiration. Together, we can look forward to many more successful editions and an even stronger sense of community.

Warmest regards, Nicole & Kayla - Newsletter Editors

#### **A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT**

## LATEST & GREATEST



Dear BCWPC Members,

I hope this message finds you all in good spirits. I wanted to take a moment to share some updates and express our gratitude for the efforts that have been put into our club recently.

Firstly, I'd like to extend my thanks to William Tapp, one of our dedicated club members, who generously donated his time to facilitate the Beginner Cutter Clinic. The clinic was a resounding success, with positive feedback from participants highlighting William's excellent guidance and expertise. It's wonderful to see our members actively contributing to the growth and development of our club.

In our ongoing commitment to the safety of our members, I'm pleased to announce that we have purchased a defibrillator, which is now available on-site. This addition to our facilities enhances our ability to respond to any unforeseen emergencies and ensures the well-being of our members.

Additionally, I'm delighted to inform you that the new storage container is now in place and fully operational. All equipment has been efficiently moved from the canteen to the container, streamlining our organization and making it easier for everyone to access the necessary tools and supplies.

Furthermore, the completion of the steps to the office window adds another layer of functionality to our facilities, making it easier for members to access important club documents and information. It's the little things that make a big difference in ensuring the smooth operation of our club.

Looking ahead, we have some exciting events on the horizon. Our Annual Pink Ribbon Day is just around the corner, and it promises to be a meaningful and impactful event.

Additionally, we are gearing up for our last cutting weekend of the season, which is always a bittersweet moment as we reflect on the year's accomplishments.

Thank you all for your continued support and dedication to the BCWPC. It's your passion and involvement that make our club such a vibrant and thriving community. I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events and working together to make our club even better in the future.

Troy Welsh Club President



### BCWPC'S BEGINNER CUTTING CLINIC: FOSTERING CATTLEMAN SKILLS AND DEEPENING CONNECTIONS WITH HORSES AND COWS



In a world where the pace of life seems to be continually accelerating, there's something truly special about slowing down, embracing the moment, and connecting with nature. This sentiment came to life during the recent Beginner Cutting Clinic organized by the BCWPC (BCWPC) and expertly facilitated by one of our very own club members, William Tapp. The event was a resounding success, leaving participants with newfound skills, a better understanding of cattle, and a profound appreciation for the art of cutting.

#### William Tapp: A Club Member and Cutting Enthusiast

William Tapp, a dedicated member of the BCWPC, is no stranger to the world of cutting. His passion for the sport, combined with his patient and instructive nature, made him the ideal candidate to lead this educational weekend. Under his guidance, the clinic became an unforgettable experience for all involved.

## Chef for the Weekend: Our Club President's Perspective

The BCWPC President, whose role can be demanding, took on the unique position of "Chef for the Weekend" during the clinic. The president's decision to step into this role allowed participants to truly focus on the clinic without the worry of meal preparation. It was a thoughtful gesture that exemplified the club's commitment to creating a welcoming and immersive environment.

#### The Clinic's Impact: Fostering Cattleman Skills and Deepening Connections

One of the standout features of this clinic was William Tapp's ability to slow things down and encourage participants to consider not only their own position but also the connection with their horse and, crucially, the cow. Cutting, as a sport, demands a deep understanding of cattle behavior and the ability to work in harmony with these animals. William's guidance helped participants become not just riders but true cattlemen, attuned to the nuances of their bovine counterparts.

Over the course of the weekend, it was inspiring to witness the transformation in both novice and seasoned riders. As the clinic progressed, everyone began to exhibit improved skills, a heightened sense of confidence, and a better connection not only with their horse but also with the cows they were working with. This newfound connection not only impacted their performance but also their overall enjoyment of the sport.



#### A Friendly and Supportive Atmosphere

Lyn Anderson, one of the clinic's participants, noted the friendly atmosphere that pervaded throughout the weekend. In a sport that can sometimes feel competitive, the BCWPC's clinic proved to be a welcoming and inclusive space. Participants bonded over their shared love for cutting and their shared journey towards becoming better cattlemen and riders. It was evident that everyone was there to learn, grow, and enjoy themselves.

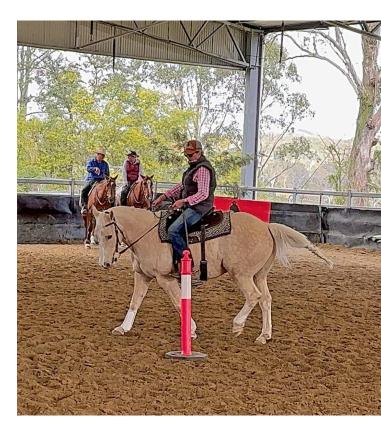
Lyn Anderson summed up the sentiment of the weekend perfectly, saying, "The school was very friendly, and everyone appeared to get something out of the weekend and enjoyed themselves." This sentiment speaks to the heart of the BCWPC and its commitment to fostering a community of learning, growth, and camaraderie.

#### **Looking Forward**

As we reflect on this memorable Beginner Cutting Clinic, it's clear that William Tapp's expertise and the supportive environment created by the BCWPC left a lasting impression on all involved. The clinic has not only improved participants' cutting skills but also deepened their understanding of cattle and the bonds between rider, horse, and cow.

As we look to the future, it's certain that the BCWPC will continue to offer valuable educational opportunities and maintain its reputation as a welcoming and friendly community. The Beginner Cutting Clinic is a shining example of what can be achieved when like-minded individuals come together to share their passion, knowledge, and the quest to become better cattlemen and riders. In closing, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to William Tapp, our "Chef for the Weekend," and all the participants who made this clinic a success.

Your dedication to the sport of cutting, your commitment to understanding cows, and your willingness to embrace the journey of improvement are truly commendable. We eagerly anticipate future events that will further enhance our skills and strengthen our bonds within the BCWPC family.



#### **FEATURE ARTICLE**

# RORY ANSWORTH

Hello BCWPC members!

Allow us to introduce you to one of our shining stars, Rory – a 13-year-old junior youth rider who's taking the world of cutting by storm. From her early start to her aspirations for the future, Rory graciously shared her cutting journey with us in a candid and insightful interview. Let's dive into the world of cutting through Rory's eyes!

Rory's journey began even before she could walk, thanks to her father's love for horses. In 2018, her family welcomed Metallic Cougar, a 2-year-old destined to become a cutter. Captivated by the journey of training and the thrill of working cattle, Rory found herself falling in love with the world of cutting. Despite not having an older seasoned horse to learn from, Rory's determination and passion drove her forward. So, what exactly draws Rory into the world of cutting? It's the captivating journey from foals taking their first rides to becoming futurity and derby horses, and eventually evolving into classic horses. Witnessing the progress and growth of these magnificent creatures is truly a rewarding experience for her. The icing on the cake? Being in the show pen, riding her horses with an unwavering trust in their skills.

The most rewarding part of cutting for Rory? The dedication and effort her horses put into their work. From daring risks to daring stops and turns, these equine partners give their all. And speaking of partnerships, the relationships she builds with her horses are another aspect that makes cutting incredibly special to her.

But becoming proficient in cutting isn't a walk in the park. Rory's days are filled with training, caring for horses, and maintaining their specialized routines. From warm-ups to flag practice and cow work, each step is crucial. And let's not forget the lessons she receives from Lincoln Veraart, which offer valuable guidance along her journey.



Of course, every journey has its challenges. For Rory, it was overcoming the nerves that came with showing. Her solution? Tackling that timeline over and over again until those nerves became a thing of the past.

Looking ahead, Rory has big dreams within the world of cutting. Competing in shows across the border and working with trainers in the States are among her future goals. Her inspiration? Her trainer, Lincoln, whose success fuels her determination.

Rory's parents serve as her role models, especially her dad, who's deeply involved in working the horses. And within BCWPC, Rory finds a supportive community that offers her stress-free practice days when she's not competing.



In a world where misconceptions exist, Rory wants to set the record straight. Riding a trained cutter is far from easy – it takes training, coordination, time, and dedication. And having a strong team of helpers is crucial to success.

As we wrap up, Rory's message to young individuals interested in cutting is simple: The journey will be tough, but perseverance is key. Stay motivated, focused, and don't give up.

From winning her first buckle to looking forward to the Fort Worth trip, Rory's enthusiasm for cutting is palpable. And keep an eye out for her filly, 'Glitter Ain't Gold,' in next year's non-pro Futurity events! Thank you, Rory, for sharing your journey with us. Your dedication, passion, and hard work are truly inspiring. We can't wait to see you continue to shine in the world of cutting!



## CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE: RAY DROUGHT JOINS THE RANKS OF LIFE MEMBERS

We recently had the pleasure of sitting down with our newest Life Member, Ray Drought, over a warm cup of coffee. As the conversation flowed, we delved into the club, life in general, and the cherished The Beaudesert Cutting & Western Performance Club. Ray now joins the prestigious ranks of Life Members alongside esteemed individuals like Lyn & Ian Anderson, Les Thake, Stephen Booth, and Annette Page. Here's what Ray had to share about his remarkable journey:

#### **Pride in Achieving Life Membership**

"Good things happen while nobody is watching," Ray quipped with a smile. We began by congratulating him on becoming a Life Member of our club and asked how it felt to receive this esteemed honour.

"It made me feel very proud. Each of us is not just a member but part of a team," Ray responded with genuine humility. "Nothing good can happen without the team we have."

Ray's sense of pride reflects the deep commitment and dedication that he, and all Life Members, have poured into our beloved The Beaudesert Cutting & Western Performance Club.

#### **Motivation to Give Back**

Ray has been an active member of our club for many years, and we were curious about what motivates him to keep coming back year after year, contributing his time and effort.

"Need to support the club, and I want to continue supporting the club's growth as Sue West gave her life legacy to the club," Ray shared. His dedication echoes the core values that have defined our club throughout its existence: unity and support for one another.

#### **Teamwork and Ownership**

Maintaining the club's grounds is a significant responsibility, and Ray plays a vital role in this endeavour. When asked about what drives his passion for this work and what he finds most rewarding, Ray emphasized, "It's a team effort; many hands make light work. Every member owns an equal share of the club, so we all equally share the maintenance."

This strong sense of ownership and collaboration is what sets our club apart and keeps it thriving.

#### **Evolution and Growth**

Over the years, Ray has witnessed the club undergo changes and improvements. He shared, "Moving from the Showgrounds to our current grounds was significant. The biggest improvement was the infrastructure completed due to Sue West's support of the club."

These transformations have allowed The Beaudesert Cutting & Western Performance Club to continue growing and providing a welcoming environment for newcomers.

#### Words of Wisdom for New Members

As someone who has seen the club evolve, Ray had valuable advice for new members embarking on their journey: "Look, learn, listen, and don't be afraid to ask. Get involved; you are an equal owner and should act like it."

These words of wisdom emphasize the inclusive and supportive nature of our club.

#### **Fondest Memories and Aspirations**

Ray's fondest memories from his time at the club include "seeing smiling faces and new members seeing the club's ethos continue." He also acknowledged that the club's success is due to its low cost and the dedication of its members. Looking ahead, Ray expressed his hopes and aspirations for the future of the club, saying, "Continue to provide a relaxed, unique atmosphere and economic opportunity to play cowboys and cowgirls."

In closing, Ray Drought's journey from a dedicated member to a Life Member is a testament to the unwavering spirit of unity, teamwork, and passion that defines The Beaudesert Cutting & Western Performance Club. As we move forward, let's all draw inspiration from Ray's dedication and continue to nurture the growth and success of our beloved club. Together, we can ensure The Beaudesert Cutting & Western Performance Club remains a vibrant and welcoming community for generations to come.



#### **FEATURE ARTICLE**

### THERE'S NO "I" IN TEAM – A HILARIOUS DIVE INTO YOUTH EQUESTRIAN ADVENTURES

BY NICOLE HINTZ & BRONWYN FOGARTY



Ah, the glamorous world of youth equestrian sports, where dreams of buckles and championship ribbons dance in the minds of parents and children alike. It's a world where parents become experts in horse terminology, kids transform into miniature cowboys and cowgirls, and bank accounts become slightly lighter than air. Welcome to the wild ride of youth equestrian adventures, where "There's no 'I' in team" takes on a whole new meaning!

#### Son's Trains, My Expertise

Picture this: You've just shelled out a small fortune for your child to join the local youth club. The thrill of watching them chase cows through the arena is infectious, but little did you know that your role would involve more than just clapping and yelling "Yeehaw!" Fast forward to the first practice session.

The coach, a true cowboy/cowgirl guru, is discussing training techniques, grooming routines, and riding posture. Your child, however, is busy daydreaming about unicorns while you're scribbling notes and nodding like an eager student. Cut to a few weeks later, and your living room is now a makeshift obstacle course filled with tack, hay bales, and strategically placed pool noodles (because who knew pool noodles were a crucial element in horse training?). Your child's role? To look cute on the horse, of course! Your role? Chief, horse wrangler, grooming specialist, and of course, unofficial poo pickup expert. And don't even get started on the horse-themed home decor that's slowly invading every nook and cranny – your living room now resembles a stable with throw pillows.

#### My Money, His Horse

In the grand arena of equestrian sports, one thing is clear: horses are not just pets; they're four-legged, neighing investments. Your child's love for their trusty steed is palpable, but it's accompanied by a strict code: "Don't touch my horse!"

You've shelled out more money than you'd like to admit for this majestic creature, yet your attempts at bonding are met with a stern "He doesn't like strangers." So there you are, funding a horse's lavish lifestyle while being treated like a humble stable hand. Your dreams of bonding rides through sunlit fields are replaced with whispered conversations through the stall bars – a modern-day Romeo and Juliet tale.

And let's not forget the moments when your child becomes the horse's official publicist,

giving you the side-eye when you dare to mention how much money you've spent. "Mom, you're embarrassing me!" they hiss, as you accidentally let slip that the horse's weekly grooming budget rivals that of a celebrity stylist.

#### The Endless Hours of Research and Care

But wait, there's more! Behind every successful young equestrian is a parent who's spent countless hours researching online. From exploring natural therapies and additives to discerning between tail wraps, polo wraps, boots, and ice boots – you've become a bona fide horse care encyclopedia. You've ventured into the realms of chiros, teeth, and farriers, discovering the secret to a contented and highperforming equine partner.

## The Arena and Beyond: Tales of Courage and Learning

As you marvel at the arena (and all the money you have invested), a battleground where dreams transform into reality, let's not forget the saga of learning to tow a horse float. Picture this: you, tackling not one, but two mountain ranges, with your enthusiastic son urging you to "give it some, mum!" It's a tale of bravery, perseverance, and perhaps a touch of adrenaline-fueled chaos.

## Post-Weekend Reflections: From Devastation to Determination

As the dust settles and the cheers fade, the real magic happens. The post-weekend wrapup is like a journey through emotional rapids, starting from the devastation of challenges faced. Yet, through the art of resilience and the spirit of encouragement, you steer your ship toward calmer waters, setting a new course of determined action.

And then there's the trainer's debrief – a strategic session where plans are plotted, goals are recalibrated, and spirits are uplifted. Each session propels your young rider forward, armed with newfound wisdom and enthusiasm.



#### Conclusion: The True MVPs ( Most Valued Player's)

As we navigate the hilarious and slightly bewildering world of youth equestrian sports, one thing becomes clear: parents are the unsung heroes. From becoming unexpected experts in horse care to mastering the art of saddle placement among plenty of other things, we are the driving force behind our child's equestrian dreams.

Sure, there's no "I" in team, but there's definitely an "us" in the unstoppable duo of parents and their aspiring equestrians. So here's to the hours spent researching, cleaning hooves, the pool noodles that made you question reality, and the heartwarming moments when your child finally shares a carrot with their four-legged best friend. After all, in this wild equestrian adventure, love and laughter are the real winners – even if our wallets and living rooms aren't.

So saddle up, parents, and let the journey continue. Because as long as there are horses to groom and pool noodles to strategically place, the spirit of equestrian camaraderie will ride on, and our laughter will echo in the paddocks for years to come. **Giddy up!** 

#### **STRONGER TOGETHER**

## **ANNUAL PINK RIBBON WEEKEND**



#### **Raffle Tickets Available**

This quilt was kindly handmade and donated by Lyn Anderson. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5 and available to purchase from Lyn, Colleen or Kayla at Club Days.

BCWPC family fights cancer together, with our annual Pink Ribbon Day fast approaching the BCWPC committee aims to make it the best one yet.

#### **UPCOMING DATES**

#### Committee Meeting 4 October

Annual Pink Ribbon Weekend Ranch Points Day Cutting Practice and Points Day **14 & 15 October** 

Presentation Dinner **25 November** 

Committee Meeting **1 November** 

Check out our website for the latest event details, dates and times as they can be subject to change.

#### Something to add?

Let us know if you have a newsworthy article, event to share or are a member who has been out & about.

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# ANNUAL PINK RIBBON WEEKEND

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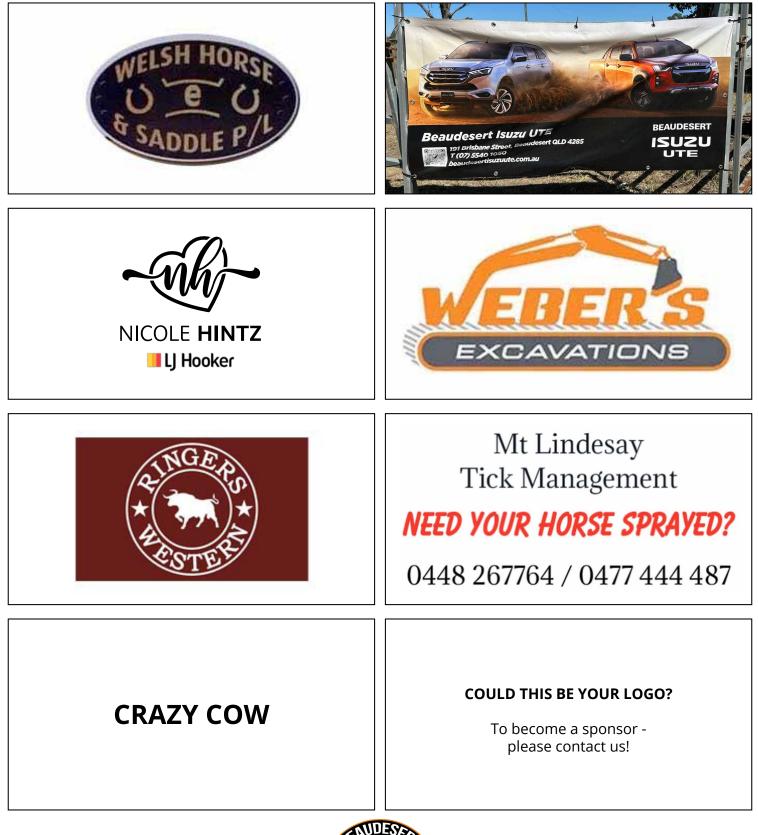


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