

Dylan Barry Clinic

Sarah Read, Dianna Fraser, and Shelagh Deacon attended the Dylan clinic in Debden, SK. This was an excellent learning opportunity. Some main points to think about for our club. 1st are the levels. We should establish our provincial levels and the rules for those levels (e.g., the heights at which oxers are used in the stadium courses). We might want to align more closely with the standard levels across Canada. Since none of our x-country fences are 0.65, we might want to go to 0.60 and then just do the 0.75 since the 0.70 is very close to our intro level height. We discussed the water jump, location, and costs. This is something that, realistically, we could have done for next summer and would really add to our course. We discussed the coffin jumps, a better location for them, and proper depth. We also discussed ground lines and how to properly decorate for those and paint so that the horse sees best.

Cours Design

We had some long, productive days out on the course. Dylan created 6 courses and has provided digital copies, including his notes, for additional work. 13 jumps were repaired or retrofitted to comply with current rules. Mainly, the tables needed their shoulders adjusted to add slope. Several old jumps were removed. We still need jumps staked, trimmed branches, painted jumps, debris tidied around jumps, ground smoothed where it was roughed up, logs added to the down bank, and caps raised on ditches.

Equipment

In the courses, Dylan has several skinny jumps marked for safety flags. We should make sure that we have enough safety flags in case we need to order more. Any embroidery for the June prizes probably needs to be submitted soon.

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