



## Jed Southcombe – Rider



17 year-old Jed, is excited to be representing New Zealand again in 2014 Youth World Cup in Texas. He was reserve rider for team New Zealand at the 2012 Youth World Cup in Kreuth, Germany. Jed worked hard for the Team in 2012 when they achieved 3<sup>rd</sup> in the world. Jed is an all-around rider and competes and places well in all events. Jed has also represented New Zealand twice in the bi-annual Australia-New Zealand challenge winning gold in the trail both times, gold in reining and silver in horsemanship. In the New Zealand 2012-2013 season Jed won Overall High Point Youth of New Zealand and various other event high points. He also won NZWRF Superhorse, New Zealand Western Pleasure, Hunter Under Saddle and New Zealand Reining titles. Jed takes every opportunity to train with international judges and trainers, which has helped in his showing career thus far. He is from a small town of Feilding in New Zealand and has been involved with horses all his life. In his spare time Jed likes to kayak, practice Taekwon-Do and spend time with family and friends. He can often be found working with their youngsters as he finds great satisfaction bringing a youngster through to showing. Jed is hardworking, dedicated and goal orientated and is grateful for the opportunity to further develop himself and do well with his team at the 2014 Youth World Cup.



## Kelsey Hare - Rider



17 year old Kelsey is from Paeroa (famous for the soft drink L&P) a small town in Waikato, the heart of Dairy farming in NZ.

Kelsey is thrilled to be chosen for another Youth world cup especially as it is Texas. As a rider for the 2012 world cup held in Germany she had a fantastic show with the highlight being Reserve Youth World Trail rider and having an influence on the team that brought back overall placing of 3<sup>rd</sup> for NZ. Kelsey really enjoyed meeting lots of new people with like-minded interests and hopes to follow up on newly made friendships from last world cup.

Kelsey has been riding competitively since the very early age of 5, starting off in leadline classes with her Mum's horse then getting her first Quarter horse Susie for her 7<sup>th</sup> birthday and from then on never looking back. Kelsey's horse she rides now and has owned from a 3 yr old is Delux Invitation, now 7, who is her one in a million horse with the 2 of them taking out many national titles youth and open classes including training him to do western riding this season and winning all Youth and open western riding at this year's national show.

In her spare time Kelsey does Karate gaining her 1<sup>st</sup> degree black belt and loves water sports including skiing and wake boarding. Kelsey is excited to be part of the 2014 NZ team.

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## Lindsey Osborne - Rider



Lindsey is 16 years old and lives on a dairy farm at Matamata in the Waikato of the North Island of New Zealand. Lindsey started riding when she was 5 at pony club and a year later started western riding on her welsh pony. She now shows her Quarter horse gelding in all disciplines of western riding her favourites being trail, horsemanship, showmanship, halter, hunt seat equitation, hunter hack and western riding. She also started cutting last year and has had great success on the cutting horses. Lindsey looks forward to Texas and is excited to be part of team New Zealand.



## Dan Carlisle – Rider



18 year old Dan Carlisle is thrilled to be representing team New Zealand in the 2014 Youth World Cup. Dan has grown up with Quarter Horses all his life on a small farm in southern Wairarapa. Breaking, training and showing horses; his love of riding has lead him to compete all around New Zealand and as far abroad as Australia and California. As an all-round rider he has represented his country twice in the AQHA-NZ Trans-Tasman Challenge, firstly as reserve in 2011, then, as a full team member in 2013 earning two silvers in Western Pleasure and Horsemanship and placing top 5 in 5 out of 6 classes. Showing Quarter Horses, nationally and locally, he has received a range of High-Point awards and looks forward to the competition, training and once in a lifetime opportunities at YWC Texas.



An avid leather worker, Dan takes after his father, one of New Zealand's premiere Saddlers, designing and building his first saddle from scratch at the age of sixteen and a second at seventeen. Translating his driven and motivated attitude outside of riding, Dan was heavily involved in his schools drama department and graduated with gold honours from the Class of 2013 as Proxime Accessit. He now looks forward to a period abroad before returning to New Zealand to study for his Bachelors. With no better way to finish his youth career and start the long road ahead in Western Performance, Dan is keen to achieve his highest goals of representing his country at world level and to show that anything is possible, even for a young Kiwi from a small town in South Wairarapa.

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## Aimee Drake - Rider



I am 16 years old from Makara in Wellington New Zealand I live on a 2000 acre sheep and beef farm, I'm year 12 at Wellington Girls College I started riding at 3 years old and showing Quarter Horses at 8.

We have 4 imported quarter horses from Australia and it has become my family's passion, with my Dad Mum and sister all competing.

My sister has all so represented New Zealand in 2 previous World Cups and my Dad in 3 Trans Tasman's.

My favourite events are Trail and Western Pleasure.

I enjoy spending any spare time with my friends and family and I am looking forward to meeting lots of new people at YWC 2014.



## Jessica Bon – Rider Reserve



My name is Jessica Bon, I am 16 years old and from Mercer New Zealand. I am very excited to represent New Zealand at the Youth World Cup. I have been riding horses since I was 4 and showing quarter horses since I was 8. I have been a member of the quarter horse association for many years. I have spent many weekends training at the quarter horse youth squads and learnt lots every time. I am a versatile rider and competed successfully throughout New Zealand in showmanship, horsemanship, trail, reining, hunter under saddle and hunt seat equitation; recently winning the open equitation at the Quarter horse nationals in New Zealand. If I'm not found out riding the horses then I will be playing netball or helping on the farm. I am super happy to be a part of the Youth World Cup 2014. I will be contributing to the team with a positive attitude and a helpful hand.





## India Holder – Leadership



My name is India Holder and I am 14 years of age. This is my first Youth World Cup experience.

I started showing at the age of 5 and have had quarter horses my whole life. My favourite events are showmanship, horsemanship, trail, hunt seat equitation and hunter under saddle. The best thing about showing American Quarter horses is their kind nature and ability to be very versatile horses. My other hobbies outside of riding horses are netball and touch rugby. The things I am looking forward to this World Cup is meeting all the other countries and making new friendships. Something I would like to do while at the Youth World Cup

would be visiting western show clothing stores and local training and breeding establishments.

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## Olivia Pearson - Leadership



Hi my name is Olivia Pearson and I am 13 year old. I live in Wellington New Zealand. I am really excited to have been chosen as part of the leadership team for Team New Zealand.

I am Year 9 and just started at Wellington Girls College.

I have been riding quarter horses since I was 7 years old. My favourite events are horsemanship, pleasure and trail. I have just recently imported my latest horse in from Australia. What I love most about showing quarter horses is the opportunity to be as good as I can be as well as the friendships I have formed.

In my spare time I like to ride motorbikes, shopping, going to movies and catching up with my friends.

I am really excited about been part of the World Cup and the amount of knowledge I am going to learn and the chance to meet lots of new people from all over the world.

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## Stephanie Milligan – Leadership



My name is Stephanie Milligan I am 16 years old, I am one of the leadership team members for the NZ YWC team. I live in Hawks Bay which is on the east coast of the north island; I have been riding and showing quarter horses all my life, but at the age of 12 I started seriously competing. I enjoy spending most of my time around the horses but when I'm not riding I focus on school work, netball and working. I am excited to go to Texas so I can be involved in the YWC atmosphere, meeting new people and sharing the experience with my team members.



## Kimberley Anderson - Coach



Riding and showing Quarter Horses in Western from the age of 3. Represented New Zealand twice; 2009 Trans-Tasman Competition and 2010 Youth World Cup in Oklahoma.

NZWRF qualified Judge.

Attained many NZ National Champion titles also 2 Reserve National Champion titles in Australia. Selected as Coach for 2014 YWC in Texas.



## Sharon Higgins – Team Manager



Sharon lives in Nelson, on a Sheep and Beef breeding Farm. Nelson regarded as New Zealand's sunniest cities is located on the top of the South Island. Sharon has been an AQHA-NZ councillor for the past 13 years and recently has held the shared portfolio for the Youth. Sharon owns and operates an established Quarter Horse Equestrian Centre, "Golden Hills Quarter Horse Stud" where she has been Breeding, Training and Showing Quarter Horses within NZ for the last 20 years. Sharon is a NZWF National and International Judge. Sharon

has attended the last three world cups, supporting her daughter Georgia Higgins who in Germany took out a World Champion in Horsemanship 2012. Sharon is very excited to again be a part of the Youth World Cup and looks forward to been in the role this time as Team Manager.