

# TENT PEGGING DEMONSTRATION

Event commences at 11.30 am

Park side of Main Arena

Presented by Victorian Tent Pegging Association

Don't miss the chance to see a tent pegging demonstration by some of Australia's best representatives, including our very own local Donna Davidson.

## What is tent pegging?



Tent pegging is a cavalry sport of ancient origin and is one of only ten equestrian disciplines officially recognized by the International Equestrian Federation.

According to the Federation, it is believed that tent pegging originated in India in the middle ages in the battlefields as a tactic used by the horsed cavalry against elephant mounted troops.

It is certainly related to the idea that cavaliers mounting a surprise pre-dawn raid on an enemy camp could use their skills to sever or uproot tent pegs, thus collapsing the tents on their sleeping occupants and causing havoc and terror in the camp.



The specific game of tent pegging has a mounted horseman riding at a gallop and using a sword or a lance to pierce, pick up, and carry away a small ground target (a symbolic tent peg) or a series of small ground targets.

The broader class of tent pegging games also includes ring jousting (in which a galloping rider tries to pass the point of his weapon through a suspended ring); lemon sticking (in which the rider tries to stab or slice a lemon suspended from a cord or sitting on a platform); quintain tilting (in which the rider charges a mannequin mounted on a swivelling or rocking pedestal); and Parthian (i.e., mounted) archery.



**Tentpegging Victoria** have training days every 3rd Sat of the Month In Albury at the Wirlinga Pony Club grounds at 10am. If you are interested in the sport, contact Donna via their Facebook page.

Or why not head over to Yarrawonga Showgrounds on 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> November for the **2022 Victorian Tentpegging Championships** and see more of this fascinating ancient equestrian sport.