

## OFF THE TRACK – CHRIS BURTON MASTERCLASS



**Saturday 7 June, 5.30pm – Indoor 1**

Chris will be working with three Off The Track Thoroughbreds, both on the flat and over fences. He'll take us through the process of training a retired racehorse to develop into a promising eventer.

Growing up in Australia Chris had plenty of experience retraining Thoroughbreds. However, one of his most memorable wins was on a horse he had only ridden for two days. In 2013 when Will Enzinger was injured, he got the catch ride on Off The Track Thoroughbred TS Jamaimo and guided him to victory at Adelaide 5\* course.



### INTRODUCING CHRIS 'BURTO' BURTON

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Having established his career in Australia, in 2010 Chris made his international debut for Australia at the Equestrian Games in Kentucky. Chris soon became recognised as an established elite rider, and went on to compete on the Australian, British and European Eventing and Showjumping circuits.

Chris's Olympic debut followed in 2012 at the London Games, where he finished 16th in the individual and sixth in the team event.

In 2015, Chris placed fourth at Luhmuhlen with Graf Liberty. He also went on to place third and fourth at Burghley on TS Jamaimo and Haruzac. 2015 also saw Chris take out the world record for the lowest ever finishing score at a three-day event aboard Santano in the CCI\*\*\* in Camphire. The duo finished with on a dressage score of 24.5.

At the Rio 2016 Olympics Chris, as a member of the Australia Team, took home a bronze medal and narrowly missed out on an individual medal. In 2019, Chris claimed third and fourth at Badminton with Cooley Lands and Graf Liberty and second at Pau with Quality Purdey. Chris finished the 2019 season as world no.3.

Chris was set to compete in his third Olympic Games in Tokyo, with his horse Quality Purdey, but had to withdraw the horse two weeks out from the Games due to a minor injury.

In 2021, Chris made a successful career shift from eventing to showjumping. However, early in 2024, he made a last-minute decision to return to his roots with the aim of qualifying for the Paris Olympics in eventing. Chris took on the ride on Shadow Man, and a series of strong performances, including at Ireland's Millstreet International Horse Trials – an Olympic selection trial – won them a place on the Australian team for Paris.

Christopher's return to eventing was met with success as he claimed individual silver at the Paris 2024 Games with Shadow Man. This became Australia's only equestrian medal in Paris.



*Ride the Excitement*