

Our Proud Olympic History

Mexico 1968

Eventing

Bill Roycroft
Wayne Roycroft
Brian Cobcroft
James Scanlon

Jumping

Kevin Bacon
John Fahey
Sam Campbell



The 1968 Mexico Games were the beginning of a “family affair” for the Australian Equestrian Team.

For the first time a father and son competed together in an Olympic Team. Wayne Roycroft riding *Zhivago* made his Olympic debut in the Eventing Team alongside his father Bill who was riding *Warrathoola*. Together with team members Brian Cobcroft on *Depeche*, and James Scanlon on *Furtive*, the Eventing Team won the Bronze Medal behind the British and the Americans.

“It was a really good course, a magnificent set-up on a golf course” recalled Brian Cobcroft.

“On cross-country day there was a down-pour and the course flooded, we had to ride through a very flooded creek and I think some riders were actually washed off their horses! With this in mind we entered the creek very close to the red flag and the current washed us downstream so we came out next to the white flag.”

Cobcroft’s horse *Depeche* was only six-years-old, the youngest horse to ever represent Australia at an Olympic Games.

The Australian Jumping Team consisting of Kevin Bacon on *Chichester*, John Fahey and *Bonvale* and Sam Campbell on *April Love*, finished a respectable ninth place.

