

# NEW ZEALAND RIDING CLUBS



## RIDERS ROUND UP

Official Newsletter of New Zealand Riding Club and Bridleways Inc  
April/May 2007

AGM: Weekend of 9<sup>th</sup> June 2007, this is to be held in Taranaki at Mangatoki, hosted by Coastal and New Plymouth and Districts Adult Riding Clubs, see attached Reg form.

### ATTENTION POSITIONS AVAILABLE ON HUNTING

My Husband Bill and I have been going to our local Hunt for the past few years and have kept on saying we must join the hunt club and go hunting, well this year we have bitten the bullet and done it. Wow it is really awesome, yesterday Bill, myself and my daughter (Julia) all went and had a really great time and can't wait for next Sunday when we are back at our local one again.

It is a great way to get a green horse going too, I am really proud of my little Haflinger mare who is part of our team and jumps with great enthusiasm.

We have a lot of people who don't jump at all and still come out and ride through the gates and have a wonderful time, so if you have ever thought of going then just go on and do it, most hunts have a capping fee for people who don't want to join but just do a few hunts each year.

Here are a few incidents that happened on our last hunt,

First of all myself. I rode Omelette and at about the 5<sup>th</sup> jump came to grief, it was a 2 wire fence ( the type you have on a dairy farm) capped with a white plastic tubing, we managed to turn it into a birds nest when she forgot to get her back legs over, we both recovered just fine and carried on but the fence was in great need of repair.

At the end of the hunt, Bill thought his horse Zando was going really well so decided to jump a full wire fence but Zando thought the rider should jump it alone!! they also recovered well, I just need to wash his hunt coat.

It would be great to hear some stories of people hunting around the country, When I was a kid I did a little bit of hunting in Southland and Otago and it is quite different, so please share your stories.

Colleen McGuinness.

Now an article from Nelsons Adult Riding Club newsletter that may be of interest to all you horse loving people out there.

### **WHOA – Wild Horses of Aoteroa**

The 2007 muster of Kaimanawa horses is set for May/July with older stock, young females, and young males to be rounded up. All horses will be handled and prices start from \$1200 for horses halter and float trained etc; and up to \$2200 for horses started and rideable. The horses should be ready by August/September. All those interested will need to go through screening process with WHOA and Wellington SPCA. For more information you can contact: Karen Howieson: 544 4703; Murray Haitana: (04) 905 0241; or Alan (03) 319 8129

### **This one made me smile**

*In the hospital the relatives gathered in the waiting room, where their family member lay gravely ill. Finally, the doctor came in looking tired and somber. "I'm afraid I'm the bearer of bad news," he said as he surveyed the worried faces. "The only hope left for your loved ones at this time is a brain transplant. Its an experimental procedure, very risky but it is the only hope.*

*"Insurance will cover the procedure, but you will have to pay for the brain yourselves"*  
*The family members sat silent as they absorbed the news. After a great length of time, someone asked, "well how much does a brain cost?"*

*The Doctor quickly responded, " \$50,000 for a male brain, and \$2,000 for a female brain."*  
*The moment turned awkward. Men in the room tried not to smile, avoiding eye contact with the women, But some actually smirked. A man unable to control his curiosity, blurted out the question everyone wanted to ask,*

*"why is the male brain so much more?"*  
*The Doctor smiled at the childish innocence and explained to the entire group, " its the standard pricing procedure. We have to mark down the price of the female brains, because they've actually been used"*

### **Thankyou To Hamilton Older Riders Social Equitation Club**

Positions to be filled: Helen Hanson will not be standing for secretary/ treasurer position for this year. So please could we have some nominations in time for the AGM in June. Also, myself ( Sheryl Goble) would like to hand over position as editor for RRU.I have really been enjoying sending out the newsletters, but unfortunatly it has been an uphill battle as I don't have the computer experience and it has taken me hours and hours to produce one newsletter, and having to rely on other people all the time to help, it becomes very frustrating. Thankyou to everyone who has sent email addresses as they will be passed on to the new editor, and it makes this job a lot easier, and nice to see more newsletters arriving from both North Island and South Island. I'm sure these positions would give the right people great satisfaction.

### **Shield Challenge – Held 30<sup>th</sup> March 2007**

This is an annual event between Tuakau Adult Riding Club & Franklin Adult Riding Club. This year it was hosted by Franklin Adult Riding Club. It is based around NITE but set as individuals with the top 6 scores in each phase from each club used for the overall placing. The week prior to our annual event brought lots of rain and wind but we all prayed for a miracle as we didn't want to postpone. The day dawned with beautiful clear blue sky and it became a very hot humid day. There was a good turnout from both clubs and a total of about 60 riders. The day started with the Obstacle Course, Franklin had build a very challenging course and we had no time limit so everyone was over the moon to have

the chance to get their horses through the complete course. There were no major mishaps in this phase and Franklin took out this phase.

The Dressage was next and was split in two sections. Test 1.4 was chosen as it was an easy one to trot the canter parts for the greenies. The greenies went first, followed by the canter test riders. There was some fantastic tests ridden with Tuakau Amy Parker on Are you Looking standing out a clear winner individually. Though Franklin was just too strong in this section and came through again with the win.

The Showjumping was held after a fabulous BBQ lunch. We were doing Gamblers Stakes and there was a lovely course of 12 jumps plus the joker. There were many lovely clear rounds throughout the afternoon and many attempts made to jump the joker but only three riders cleared it. All three from Tuakau. They were Raewyn Carr, Shona Zame & Dean Peach. It was a very entertaining afternoon. Tuakau were the winners of this phase.

With all scores in and totaled the overall winners for 2007 were Tuakau Adult Riding Club. Seems the SJ really pulled them back.

With all horses put to bed it was a BBQ dinner and social drinks to top off a fantastic day.



Julie warming up



Rosemary holding Pegasus Trophy, with Mags

The Pegasus Flyers about to start their test.



Julie and Murphy during the Show Jumping

modeling the ribbons from the individual SITE Events.



Relay event. – max. 65cm height.



NRC Receiving First Place for Harris Trophy

Nelson Thrillers during their Quadrille Test



The Nelson Thrillers – Michael Jackson, the Wicked Witch of Motueka, Frankenstein’s Bride and Spooky Skeleton

The Selwyn Rakaia dressed for Quadrille

The AGM is to be held on the 9<sup>th</sup> June 2007 at the Mangatoki Hall, Eltham Rd, Mangatoki.

An informal gathering is to be held on the Friday night the 8<sup>th</sup> June at the Railway Hotel in Eltham. The directions to find the Hotel are, when coming into Eltham, turn onto Bridge street, which is opposite the T.S.B Bank. Then only a little way along, you will cross the railway line and the Hotel is directly on your left. There will be somebody to meet you there 7.30pm onwards. Any queries please contact Sheryl ph. 067646897 or email [s.goble@xtra.co.nz](mailto:s.goble@xtra.co.nz) An indication of numbers would be appreciated.

## SATURDAY

9.00 – 9.30am Meet & greet / registration

9.30 – 1200 Meeting starts

1200-1300 Lunch [lunch will be provided]

1300 -1500 NITE meeting

Weather permitting – scenic drive up Dawson Falls & /or Horse Ornament Museum at Kaponga

Saturday night; We can return to the Railway Hotel for a meal. They have reasonably priced meals available eg. \$12.95 for a roast meal.

Sunday 10.00am– visit Tawhiti Museum

Billeting – Please let myself or Colleen (067648584) anybody wanting to stay at any of our club members homes so we can make arrangements.

Looking forward to seeing you. This is an open invitation to any NZRC member. So hope to see plenty of people attend.

The website is [www.nzRidingClubs.homestead.com](http://www.nzRidingClubs.homestead.com)

NZ Riding Club AGM 9 <sup>th</sup> June 2007	
Name	
Address	
Email	
Phone No	Mobile
Billeting required	No. of people:
Dinner Saturday Night	No. of people:
Please RSVP by 26 <sup>th</sup> May to Sheryl Goble at <a href="mailto:s.goble@xtra.co.nz">s.goble@xtra.co.nz</a> or ph. 06 764 6897 or mail to S. Goble, Eltham Rd, RD 29, Kaponga.	