

When I volunteered to help out with the newsletter way back in January, I thought I would have the newsletter out by the end of February. However I had forgotten to factor in the very simple thing called LIFE. So while my intentions were honourable, the intentions didn't get going until tonight.

So why am I back. Well Lisa gave her best but decided that she couldn't keep going. Thank you Lisa for your efforts. I enjoyed your chatty newsletter via the internet. People are just going to have to get used to getting their newsletter by snail mail as in the past.

Through the newsletter you will find snippets regarding helmets, AGM notification, and gossip gleaned from newsletters from around the country.

Well done to the teams who competed so fantastically at NITE. NZRC is starting to get pictures in the glossy magazines .. It must mean we are coming of age after 20 something years active involvement in the horsey world. The thing I like the best about the photos showing Riding Club, is that our riders are smiling. One gets the feeling that riders are enjoying themselves, unlike some riders/competitors I am sure we could all think of in our own areas.

Thieves have been busy in my area taking horse floats and gear. If your float is left in a paddock or out of sight of the house, think about installing an anti theft device and try to keep your gear in a locked shed. It may not stop your gear being stolen, but it sure as heck will make life more difficult for the B..... trying to nick it. Keep pictures of your gear, and keep a copy of any ID stamps, numbers etc.

SITE is all go for Easter weekend. Hope the weather stays fine for the competing teams.

So.....make yourself a cup of tea or coffee, grab a chocy biscuit and enjoy your read.

(The other excuse for not getting the newsletter out was that I fell off my horse. Don't bounce like I used to!)

Happy riding
Rosemary



WARTIME DELIVERY WAGON

When petrol was rationed during the Second World War, horse-drawn vehicles were seen in the streets again. This LNER wagon pulled by a pair of Shires was working from a railway goods yard in 1942.

The price of horses rose with the new demand for them, from

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**Annual General Meeting
New Zealand Riding Clubs and Bridleways
Incorp.**

**To be hosted by H.O.R.S.E
(Hamilton Older Riders Social Equitation
Club)
10 June 2006**

Time to decide who will be representing your Club at the AGM.

**Do you need a new card for your medical arm band?
I have a supply available of the current arm band cards.
It may be that your medical details need upgrading (like mine did)**

Or that your contact details have changed.

Send a self addressed, stamped addressed envelope to

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Cost of card...50c

Helmet Standards.

While NZRC does not have a policy regarding helmets and their replacement/upgrading, it is important to remember that your helmet will not last for ever. The recommended life of a helmet is approx 5years or shorter if they have been involved in ANY incident involving force through hitting another surface.

A helmets ability to protect the head can be compromised just by it being dropped by you, onto the ground, at the end of a ride. Like all helmets, they work by **BREAKING**, but not all breaks will be visible to the naked eye. I have just purchased my second helmet this year, following an unplanned dismount which saw me wake up in A&E. While my then, new helmet was not showing any visible damage, a lot of dirt, but no damage, I replaced it as there was no guarantee that it was going to protect my head if I had a similar dismount in the future.

Good old NZ sunlight will damage your helmet, so make sure that you don't leave it out in the sun (on the back tray of the rear window of the car) when not in use.

Look at the recommended helmet standards and compare with your helmet then decide what you need to do.



NZ Safety Safety Helmet Reminder

Current NZPCA helmet standards are:

AS/NZS 3838	PAS 015
BSEN 1384	EN 1384
ASTM F1163	NZS 8602 *
AS 2063.3 *	

The helmet standards marked with an asterisk * will be made obsolete as from 30th September 2005.

North Island Teams Report.

Big thanks must go to the 5 Clubs who put forward their names to co-host NITE 2005. New Plymouth & Districts, Franklin, Tuakau, Taupo and H.O.R.S.E, give yourselves a well deserved pat on the back.

To all competitors THANK YOU for making the weekend such a great 2 days and having such fabulous tolerance and patience when a dyslexic computer fault caused a hic up or two.

Some of the teams deserves medals for bravery for riding in their quadrille costumes, hamburgers, pizza slices, bare breasted mermaids and as for that GIRL team, you were gorgeous baby, in your little cardies and handbag ensemble.

The horses probably needed something rather strong at the end of their day to regain their dignity, or at least a tranquiliser to let some of the riders get near them to start with. (you had to be there to appreciate what some of the horses tolerated without batting an eyelid.)

Results

Phase One: Riding Club Mount (Host Club..Tuakau Riding Club)

1 st	Taupo Tackle Team	2 nd	Hareraising Hunters	3 rd	Naki Flower Power
4 th	Futuristic Techno Tango	5 th	Waimarino Royal Party	6 th	Caribbean Cutthroats
7 th	Western Promises	8 th	Team Bond	9 th	PioPio G Force
10 th	Fagans Favourites	11 th	Naki United Nations	12 th	Drag Racers
13 th	BBs	14 th	Rusty Farians	15 th	Tombstone Tarts
16 th	Tartan Tipplers	17 th	Tuakau Takeaways	18 th	Aquarius
19 th	Tuakau Trekkers				

Phase Two: Quadrille (Host Club..H.O.R.S.E Club)

1 st	Waimarino Royal Party	2 nd	Drag Racers	3 rd	Naki United Nations
4 th	Taupo Tackle Team	5 th	Aquarius	6 th	Naki Flower Power
7 th	Western Promises	8 th	Caribbean Cutthroats	9 th	Tombstone Tarts
10 th	Fagans Favourites	11 th	Tattered Tarten Tipplers	12 th	PioPio G Force
13 th	Hareraising hunters	14 th	BBs	15 th	Team Bond
16 th	Futuristic Techno Tango	17 th	Tuakau Takeaways	18 th	Rusty Farians
19 th	Tuakau Trekkers				

Phase Three: CrossCountry (Host Club... Taupo Riding Club)

1 st	Caribbean Cutthroats	2 nd	Futuristic Techno Tango	3 rd	Hareraising Hunters
4 th	Taupo Tackle Team	5 th	Naki Flower Power	6 th	Western Promised
7 th	Team Bond	8 th	Rusty Farians	9 th	PioPio G Force
10 th	Fagans Favourites	11 th	Waimarino Royal Party	12 th	Naki United Nations
13 th	Drag Racers	14 th	BBs	15 th	Tuakau Takeaways
16 th	Aquarius	17 th	Tombstone Tarts	18 th	Tattered Tarten Tipplers

Phase Four: Gamblers Stake (Host Club...Franklin Adult Riding Club)

1 st	Caribbean Cutthroats	2 nd	Team Bond	3 rd	Hareraising hunter
4 th	Taupo Tackle Team	5 th	Futuristic Techno Tango	6 th	Naki United Nation
7 th	PioPio G Force	8 th	Rusty Farians	9 th	Drag Racers
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19 th	Aquarius				

Phase Five: Adding up all the numbers and hoping that it all fits
Administration (Host Club...New Plymouth and Districts Riding Club)

OVERALL

1 st	TAUPO TACKLE TEAM
2 nd	CARIBBEAN CUTTHROATS
3 rd	HARE RAISING HUNTER
4 th	NAKI FLOWER POWER
5 th	FUTURISTIC TECHNO TANGO
6 th	WESTERN PROMISES
7 th	TEAM BOND
8 th	NAKI UNITED NATIONS
9 th	WAIMARINO ROYAL PARTY
10 th	DRAG RACERS
11 th	PIOPIO G FORCE
12 th	FAGANS FAVOURITED
13 th	RUSTY FARIANS
14 th	TUAKAU TAKEAWAYS
15 th	TOMBSTONE TARTS
16 th	TATTERED TARTEN TIPPLERS
17 th	AQUARIUS
18 th	BBs
19 th	TUAKAU TREKKERS



*N.I.T.E. Team
Aquarius
Shirley, Debbie, Diane & Christine*

Joke

Top 10 Signs Your Dressage Test Needs Some Work...

1. Under judges remarks she writes only: "Nice braid job."
2. Horse confuses dressage arena rail for a cavaletti; exits at K.
3. Your circles shape reminds the judge that he should pick up eggs on the way home.
4. Your serpentine was perfect, except that it was supposed to be a straight centreline.
5. Sitting trot has caused some fillings to be loosened in lower molars.
6. Your horse believes "free walk" means leaving the arena and heading towards the nearest patch of grass.
7. Your working trot had you working harder than your horse.
8. In your salute you inadvertently use your whip hand causing your horse to perform airs above the ground.
9. Your walk seems to be more "rare" than "medium".
10. Impulsion improves only after the horse sees monsters in the decorative shrubbery near letters.

South Island Teams Event

Nelson put on good weather for the running of South Island Teams Event. Not only did Nelson Riding Club host SITE, but also Harris Teams Trophy (dressage) and Pegasus Trophy (dressage and jumping).

Sorry I don't a full report, I couldn't download the attachment with the results which was sent to me. However from memory

Well done

Grey Valley Riding Club
South Island Teams Event Winners 2006.

Nelson Riding Club
Harris Teams Trophy 2006

Reefton Pony Club Adult Riders
Pegasus Trophy 2006

(Harris and Pegasus are open events for any adult member of a registered equestrian group e.g. Hunt club, Pony Club)

CLIPPING

Choosing to clip your horse's coat in winter allows him to work harder and keep him looking smart. The types of clips vary considerably. The trace clip removes just a line of hair from beneath the neck, belly, and tops of legs. The blanket clip is the same as the trace clip but with all hair removed from the neck. The hunter clipped horse must be kept inside in winter or turned out with a warm New Zealand rug.

Blanket clip



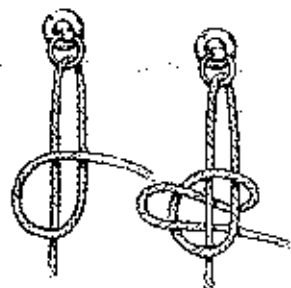
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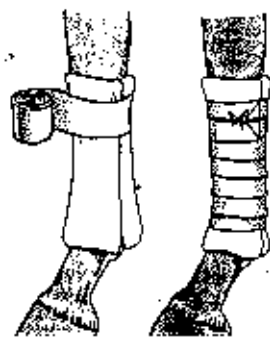
Hunter clip



quick-release knots should always be used when tethering your horse even if temporarily. While a pull on the free end will immediately release the knot, the harder the horse pulls, the tighter it becomes.



Right: Exercise bandage gives support to the area between the knee and fetlock, protect it from injury and help prevent too much jarring. A cotton wool or gamgee should be placed under them. Begin winding the bandage at the top, fitting it firmly, but not too tightly around your horse's leg and tying it at the side of the leg. **Far right:** a finished exercise bandage.



7 Whats your horse saying?

WRITTEN BY: Cheryl Sutor (June 1999)

The Snort

The horse usually holds his head high while exhaling through the nose with his mouth shut. The strong exhale creates a vibration or flutter sound in the nostrils. The snort lasts about 1 second. The snort can be heard up to 30 feet away. "There may be danger" or "Is this dangerous?" - The horse snorts, followed by an intense stare at the object his unsure about.

Responses:

"It's not dangerous" - The horse relaxes and/or ignores the thing that he questioned.

"It's dangerous, I better leave!" - The horse tenses up and shies away from the danger.

The Blow

The blow is much like the snort. The horse exhales through his nose with his mouth shut. The blow does not create the vibrating or fluttering noise that the snort does. It is usually used when a horse is curious, or when the horse meets another. The strength of the blow and body movements that follow will tell you what the horse is saying. "Are you a friend?" - Two horses meet nose to nose and blow on each other. During this, the two horses will tell each other if they are friends or foes.

Responses:

"I am your friend" - The horses continue blowing gently followed by other gentle actions such as nuzzling the others' coat.

"I am not your friend, get away!" - One or both of the horses nip at the other and/or stomp the front feet, strike out or squeal.

"What is this?" - The horse blows towards an object it is curious about, usually something new that he has never seen before.

Responses:

"It's okay" - The horse relaxes and nudges or ignores the object.

"It's dangerous" - The horse tenses up and/or shies away from the object.

The Nicker

The horse creates a vibrating sound with his mouth closed, from his vocal cords. The strength and tone of the nicker vary greatly, and will tell you what the horse is saying.

"Hello, good to see you" - The horse nickers fairly quietly, and moves toward the other horse or person who he is nickering to.

"Hi, beautiful" or "Woo Hoo, you're sexy!" - Usually said by a stallion. This nicker is slightly more intense than the one above, with mating in mind, and accommodated by shaking of the head.

"Come closer" - This sound is most usually made by a mare to her foal. It is much softer and quieter than the "hello" nicker. This nicker is usually accommodated by a nudge from the horse's nose (usually towards her flanks to protect her foal from danger).

The Neigh or Whinny

The Neigh starts out as a squeal, but ends up as a nicker. The neigh is the loudest and longest of the horse sounds. The neigh is not a sound of fear. It is used when a horse is being separated from others.

"Is anyone else here?" - The horse neighs with his head high, looking around for other horses or people. The horse usually neighs several times (if the horse neighs after a companion has answered his neigh, he is usually saying, "Where are you").

Response:

"I am here" - A returned nicker made by a fellow horse who hears the original horse's question. This response is used to tell the other horse that he's not alone.

The Squeal

The horse usually squeals with his mouth closed. The squeal can be short and quiet or loud and long. The squeal can be heard far away if the horse squeals loud enough.

"Don't Push Me!" or "I don't want to!" - The horse squeals while backing off, or sometimes aggressively approaching the object that is pushing or forcing him.

The Scream

The scream sounds like a loud roar of rage. It is very rare to hear a domesticated horse scream. It is only used during a fight between two horses, usually only in the wild.

"I will kill you" - The horse roars at another horse, moving towards the other horse aggressively, striking out and/or biting.

Responses:

"The fight is on!" - Both horses move towards each other aggressively, striking, kicking and biting. This continues until one of the two horses backs down.

"You are the boss" or "You win" - The horse backs down, with his tail set low, running away from the other horse in threat.

