

New Zealand Riding Clubs

RIDERS ROUND UP



**Official Newsletter of
New Zealand Riding Club and Bridleways Inc
July / August 2006**

RIDERS ROUND-UP: Verbal report from Rosemary Lee-Oldfield, Told about email from Lisa saying she had no response from clubs and committee members in regards to news, and said that she had too many complaints about format etc and decided to give it up. Rosemary took on the RRUp for now but the position is vacant.

Rosemary/Helen Hansen

WEB SITE EDITOR: NIL Jean Fitzgerald,

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

PATRON NI:	John Moore	To be confirmed
	Judy/Robyn	
PATRON SI:	Jennifer Howard	to be confirmed
	Evelyn Cooper/Helen Hansen	
PRESIDENT:	Rosemary Lee-Oldfield	Declined
	Judy Williams	would like to thank Rosemary for her contribution on behalf of the NZRC committee
	John Flintoff	Excepted
	Taupo RC/Helen Hansen	Unanimous
N.I VICE-PRESIDENT:	Bev Birkett	Taupo RC/Unanimous
S.I VICE-PRESIDENT:	Caroline Horwood	Declined
	Rosemary Lee-Oldfield	Nelson RC/Unanimous
SECRETARY/TREA:	Helen Hansen	Waimarino RC/Judy Williams
BRIDLEWAYS SI:	Gillian Bishop	Nelson RC/Robyn Hodder
BRIDLEWAYS NZ:	Helen Rabinska	Taupo RC/Bev Birkett
RIDERS ROUND-UP:	Noeleen Jefferies	Declined (will consider it next year)
	Sheryl Goble.	Taranaki RC/Colleen McGuinness
	(Eltham Road RD 29 Kaponga s.goble@xtra.co.nz)	
TRAINING COMMITTEE / CONVEYOR/EXAM SEC:	Evelyn Cooper	
	Bev Birkett/John Flintoff	
COMMITTEE:	John Flintoff	Excepted (Chairman)
	Bev Birkett	Excepted (Vice President)
	Evelyn Cooper	Excepted (Training com)
	Helen Hansen	Excepted (Trea/Sec)
	Sheryl Goble	Excepted (RRUp)
	Robyn Hodder	Excepted
	Debbie Bailey	Excepted
	Caroline Horwood	Excepted
	Judy Williams	Excepted
	Nolcen Gefferies	Declined
	Val Tester	Subject to app
	Jean Fitzgerald	Subject to app
WEB SITE EDITOR:	Jean Fitzgerald,	Subject to app
	Helen Hansen/John Flintoff	

REMITTS: Rule change re Audit rule 12
Unanimous

REGISTERED OFFICE- To remain John Moores address as per NZRC registered office.
Unanimous

REVIEWER FOR 2006-07 Financial record: Mrs. Marguerite Phillips
Helen Hansen/Unanimous

AFF FEES: To remain the same (\$20/club - \$5.00 per member)
Bev Birkett/Sheryl Goble

AGM 2007: Taranaki to be advised. ASAP

SITE 2007: Grey Valley RC Easter 2007

NITE 2007: HORSE as put forward that they are willing to run one phase at NITE 2007.
Bev stated the Taupo Equestrian centre has been booked for the weekend of the 6th 7th January 2007. It was discussed that the Taupo Equestrian Centre should not be the venue every year for NITE, but under the circumstances it is used as a back up and it is still up to the organizing club or clubs to have a venue of their choice. Other North Island clubs need to come forward to show willingness to host NITE or Phases and it will be up to them to organize events/venue. Date for confirmation from host clubs for booking etc. 1st October 2007.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- NITE Cross country phases sportsmanship – HORSE (to be discussed at committee meeting)
- Structure of phase one, HORSE (to be discussed at committee meeting)
- Judging guidelines more clearly defined. HORSE (to be discussed at committee meeting)

NITE judging: TD at NITE & SITE must thoroughly brief/insure host club is conversant with the rules and scoring for that phase. TD needs be appointed by the national committee for NITE/SITE

- Nomination for TD David Moynahan from
HORSE/John Flintoff

Meeting closed 12.53pm

Hello to all the Adult Riding Club and Bridleways members. Hope some of you can find a few fine days to spend some time with your horse in this very wet time of the year. The weather has been terrible in Taranaki (Kaponga especially). So there hasn't been many good days at all to ride.

Our Coastal Adult Riding Club has started it's Winter Dressage series. Day one was held in the indoor arena at the Hawera show grounds. The weather has not been kind at all, so we had two practices. I would like to share a few thoughts from a first time ever competitor!!, that person being myself. Nikki Johns was also a first time competitor, so it was nice to be nervous along side someone else. Colleen was our tutor. (poor Colleen) I'm afraid it was like learning another language altogether, a lot of what we did learn did not come together in the arena. My new horse Mac knows alot more then I do. I could describe it like going from driving a car to controlling a digger with controls all over the place. This new vehicle goes from fast to slow and then sideways, up and down, all at the same time. And if you looked at my test they sure wouldn't give me a license to drive anything!. Well, I can only hope to improve, right?

So any new riders out there, give it a go and we would love to hear back from you. Our club also just had its Winter Wollies day. The most interesting part of the day was the judging of the best dressed for winter horse and rider combined. The winners were Faye Ansley and Rachel Grady, with a small grey horse that was turned into a Blue Heeler dog with the drover leading it and herding one white horse who was dressed as a sheep. We all looked great. Then Dressage, followed by an Obstacle course, Crosscountry and Show jumping. The weather was very kind to us on that day and alot of fun was had by all.

Introduction

THE **BLOCKER** **THE RING**

It doesn't really matter how you tie your horse until something happens. And when it does, you'll

be glad you have a Blocker Tie Ring. For years I've heard about horses injuring and even killing themselves from being tied solid as well as people getting hurt trying to get them loose. I decided that there must be a better, safer, more humane way to tie a horse. After years of careful thought and trial and error, I developed the Blocker Tie Ring with the safety of you and your horse in mind.

There are three things you need to consider when tying your horse. First, horses are claustrophobic by nature. Second, they have a fight-or-flight instinct, and third, they have a very strong survival instinct. When a horse realizes he is tied solid and feels trapped, he panics. His fight-or-flight instinct kicks in and he tries to get away by pulling back so hard that often, the snap on the lead rope will break. The sudden release of pressure that results after the tack breaks can cause the horse to jerk back or flip over on its back, often causing trauma to the poll, neck, withers and hamestrings. Often, a horse may never recover from these injuries and/or suffers physical or psychological problems for the rest of its life or worse.

The Blocker Tie Ring gives you an alternative. Designed to be a support system rather than a restraint system, the Blocker Tie Ring allows a horse to pull some slack in the lead rope when he panics or falls. This releases pressure and the source of pain or panic, reducing the threat of injury to you and your horse dramatically. The Blocker Tie Ring can be used anywhere you tie your horse — cross ties, single ties, groom and tack areas, wash racks, picket lines, outside and inside horse trailers and more. It is simply the safer way to tie your horse.



Tad Blocker
Horse Trainer, Clinician and Inventor

Installation

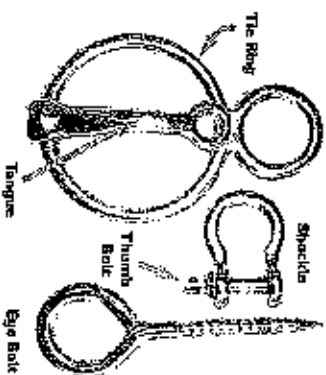
The patented[®] Blocker Tie Ring is comprised of three major parts — The Tie Ring, the Shackles and the Eye Bolt. (see diagram on right). **Diagram of the Blocker Tie Ring**

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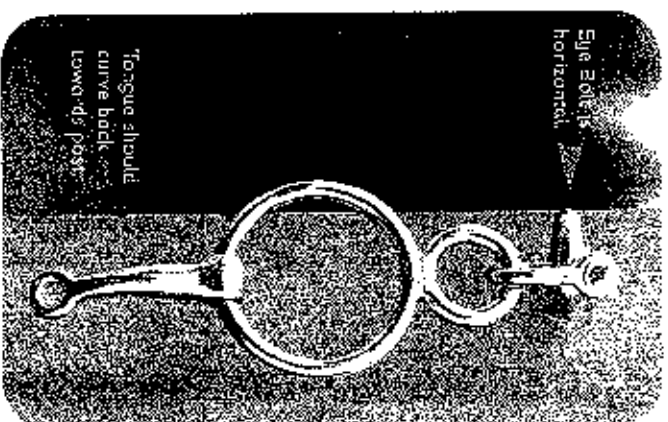
NOTE: The Blocker Tie Ring is designed to be used with solid standing objects suitable for tying horses. These instructions are for installing the Blocker Tie Ring on wooden objects such as a post or beam.

- 1) Drill a small hole at a height of five feet or higher where you want to install the Eye Bolt.
- 2) Screw in the Eye Bolt until it is secure and the ring of the Eye Bolt rests in a horizontal position (see photo on right).
- 3) Unscrew the Thumb Bolt from the Shackles and hook the Shackles to both the small ring of the Blocker Tie Ring and the Eye Bolt. Be sure that the tongue of the Tie Ring hangs so it curves back towards the post (see photo on right). Hand screw the Thumb Bolt back into the Shackles so it is secured. You are now ready to use your Blocker Tie Ring!

For installation in trailers, cross ties and picket lines see pages 10 and 11.



U.S. Pat. 6,684,613 Additional Patents Pending



NZRC Publicity Pamphlets, Evelyn to decide on layout on pamphlets, 1000 to be printed at approx cost \$850.00 then distributed to clubs and at NITE & SITE, to be put in the RRLip that they are coming. Evelyn to look into Carrington Print for quote on printing Evelyn/Rosemary.

FOR SALE 14hh grey 20yr young mare. Top games pony, done P.C, jumping etc, this little mare is very sound and is in top condition for her age, she is not a beginners pony, although she has won a lot of ribbons lead rein at Pony Club. She is offered for sale to a knowledgeable, experienced home only. \$1.400

Contact Karen Manson on 06 7647558 Kaponga Taranaki

HORSE FOR SALE

'Royal Show Quality', 4yr old TB mare, unraced. Approx 16hh good to shoe, catch, float, etc.

Breeding: sire Anzian (full brother to Danehill), Dam: Lady Hundalee. Working well on flat, fine boned with straight movement. Sound. Small white mark on forehead and two small white socks on back. Reduced price for quick sale due to other financial commitments: \$2,500.00 . Contact adarke@s-q.co.nz Photos available online (it was emailed to me so if your interested I can forward it on and print out for you, Brenda) Waverley Taranaki

HEALING PLANT From Sharon de Melo

Comfrey: common names: Knitbone, nipbone, knit back, bruisewort. Found in moist areas and ditches. It has large hairy/prickly leaves and clumps of bell-like flowers. Parts used: Roots and leaves, fresh or dried. Comfrey is one of the most widely used and famous of the healing plants. It is still used extensively as a fodder plant for horses and cattle in Eastern Europe and Russia. In the past, as its common names suggest, it has been used for its remarkable ability to heal bone, cartilage and soft connective tissue.

This is due to the presence of allantoin, which stimulates cell production; so encouraging wound healing, both internally and externally. Comfrey is an excellent source of vitamin B12 and has been found to break down red blood cells, therefore supporting its use for bruising. Research has shown that comfrey will reduce inflammation of the stomach lining, thereby making it ideal for any form of gastric disorder such as ulcers, colic, and colitis. It has been used traditionally as a remedy for rheumatism and arthritis.

In horses, comfrey oil or ointment speeds up the healing process in wounds and reduces the risk of scar tissue. It is excellent for stubborn wounds, which refuse to heal. A word of caution though; care should be taken when dealing with very deep external wounds as the comfrey is so effective it can lead to tissue forming on the top of the wound before the interior has healed. Above reference taken from "A Modern Horse Herbal" By Hilary Page Self who runs a successful business in Britain called Hilton Herbs.

I personally swear by using comfrey, I grow it, I make up ointments, I also steeped the leaves in boiling water and drank the liquid during the time of my broken leg. My next-door neighbour has used it on his scabby mouth sheep, and a haematoma on his leg with good results. Have rubbed it on the chest of one of our horses that was kicked resulting in a haematoma and after a couple of weeks the swelling disappeared. Wonderful for cracked heels and chapped hands, cuts, wounds, bruises, infections... the list goes on for both men and beast. Next month I will tell you about the benefits of Burdock which grows freely about. Thank you from Waverly Riding Club.

Badges are available for \$8.00 each. Anybody wanting to go to N I T E will need one of these. So hoof it along.



There is also a one page add showing the new Blocker Tie Ring in this newsletter. We have more information on this product if interested. We look forward to receiving your newsletter. Any stories or advertising I will try my best to include in the next newsletter. Nice to hear from Waverley, Horse and Coastal. Thanks for that.

My email address is s.goble@xtra.co.nz or Etham Road RD 29, Kaponga, Taranaki.

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Could you all send back to me an email address, as it would be a lot easier if I could send most newsletters this way. Thank you.