

New Zealand Riding Clubs



Riders Round Up

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Congratulations John Flintoff



At the NZPCA Conference on July 26th 2013 John was awarded the Service Award for his voluntary work for the NZ Pony Club. He was nominated by the Waikato Area for his years of voluntary work in many different capacities.

Well done John and very well deserved.

An email from Christine.

Here is a website of a man who is passionate about keeping trails open to horses. It would appear Docs draft plan wish to restrict access to some of our high country. Submissions are being called for in support of remaining open for horse access etc. I think we should be forwarding this to as many as possible to send a clear message to DOC that horse riding enthusiasts don't want to spend all their riding time in a dressage arena!!!!

Have a read at this website.

<http://www.canterburyhorsetrailriders.org/about-us.html>

Please send your Stories, Club news (in word please), photos, articles and anything interesting about horses, Riding, Showing, Carriage driving, Endurance, ETC to ridersroundup@gmail.com Thank you.

Another interesting scary email.

Hi All,

Please read the attached articles on this type of worm you can't treat it with normal worming pastes!!!!!!! If this information helps you keep an eye for any signs that your horses have this please act immediately its lethal. I recently lost my treasured and stunning filly of 18 months to this nasty worm, I'd never heard of it before and although I check my horses daily and called the vet immediately I noticed she wasn't right we couldn't save her.

Regards

Lisa Brown

<http://horsetalk.co.nz/news/2010/08/181.shtml#axzz2Z0dDnOCc>

http://horsebreeders.myfastforum.org/archive/encysted-small-redworm-a-warning_o_t_t_12429.html

The Following article was supplied by Jennifer Howard (our SI Patron) and will be printed over four issues of RRU

Cavalry in The First World War **By Jennifer Howard**

My father, Frank Stobart, who grew up in Canada, joined his British Cavalry regiment, the 18th Hussars (mounted riflemen), in 1913, at the age of 18. The Regimental history of the 18th Queen Mary's Own Hussars records their movements before and throughout the war in some detail, hence the quotes.

When my father joined the regiment it was stationed on the Salisbury Plain which "Made off-duty soldiering very dull for the rank and file. The Officers, motor-cars having come to stay, could get away.....excellent (fox) hunting was obtainable with the VWH, (Vale of the White Horse), or the Blackmore Vale". My father, a junior second lieutenant then, told us that they were encouraged to go hunting as much as possible, it was considered very useful for sharpening their ability to 'read a country' and navigate it at speed! Polo and cricket in the summer, when training permitted, filled their spare time.

In June 1914 Queen Mary graciously consented to become Colonel-in-chief of the Regiment, hence its full title. In the summer of 1914 the Riding Master trained and took to Olympia, London, a team of 24 non-commissioned officers and men to give a Military Ride, which was much enjoyed. The horse show committee sent a much appreciated cheque for one hundred pounds to be shared out between the riders.

War with Germany was declared on 4th August, which to the regiment meant ruthlessly potent injections for all the men against enteric fever, and collecting extra horses from the surrounding countryside. Local hunters had been earmarked for the past few years, but they had little time for training, as they were to sail for France on August 16th. Queen Mary came down just before they left, and "The regiment marched past, complete for war in every detail, then lined up to face her, and advanced at the charge to within a few paces of where Her Majesty stood, and with swords in the air gave her three resounding cheers".

The Regiment, part of the second Cavalry Brigade, took their horses by rail to Southampton, then sailed on two troop transports with 25 Officers, 523 other ranks and 608 horses to Boulogne. The whole cavalry Division consisted of 9,000 men, 24 machine guns and 24 light artillery pieces. At midnight on the 17th they were sent by train to a small town near the Belgium border, then marched about 6 miles to where they were to camp, south of Mons.

Early on August 22nd the first shots were fired at an enemy patrol of Uhlans, armed with cumbersome lances, who took to flight. They then encountered a supporting German squadron and pursued it for about a mile and a half. Several Germans were accounted for and a few prisoners were taken. After that the regiment was often literally fighting in the dark, defending a railway line or canal. In the early days marches were long and hot, so the forest country provided welcome shade. "Our horses were getting very fit; there was plenty of good grazing and we could always get enough grain for them, even if we did not fetch up with the supply column, and they seemed little distressed by a long gallop we had towards Rully in the late afternoon: In fact the Adjutant's horse, a fine chestnut we had requisitioned before leaving England, decanted his rider and put him out of action for a few days".

Early action was intended to prevent the enemy from reaching the channel ports, Boulogne and Calais, where all British re-enforcements had to land. It became known as the Race to the Sea.

At about 6 a.m on the morning of August 24th, Stobart's troop of C Squadron were on a ridge south of **Mons**, while a general retreat, started by the French, began on one flank. "The troop had one machine gun. They were posted in a small house by the cross-roads. Their horses were hidden behind a wall, but to retreat meant crossing a long open stretch. When it was impossible to hold on any longer the troop mounted and galloped for safety under heavy fire from a German machine gun. All in the troop reached cover, but four

men were hit, two so badly they could not be moved, and died that day. Four horses were also killed during this retirement”.

This was just one brief episode during that great **Retreat from Mons**, which led to a great loss of men and horses. At one point they had been “At least 3 days without supplies - or full nosebags”, and some of them had had no sleep for 4 nights, had fought and marched almost incessantly, but were supplied at times by grateful French with wine, chickens and other local produce. “Many a thirsty trooper had reason to bless the kindly forethought of the villagers, who rushed out with bottles of ‘Vin Ordinaire’ when the leading files commenced to clatter through their streets; if the pace was a trot then it was hard work getting through the draught, but if it was a welcome walk that was in progress full value was extracted out of the light wine as the bottles passed down the ranks till they were emptied.” The retreat ended on the banks of the Marneriver.

There is no record of the loss of horses, but it was very heavy. “At the close of that day we had 58 N.C. Officers and men missing who were later verified as prisoners of war”. A certain number of rider-less horses were rounded up and brought along by mounted men, but their unfortunate original riders had sorry chance of getting safely away. The retreat was rapid and they must soon have been hopelessly in the rear. The Regiment’s strength was down to 16 Officers, 160 other ranks and 179 horses. On August 30th we retrieved the remainder of the ‘lost sheep’ of the 24th, consisting of 8 Officers, including Stobart, 115 men and 157 horses. .

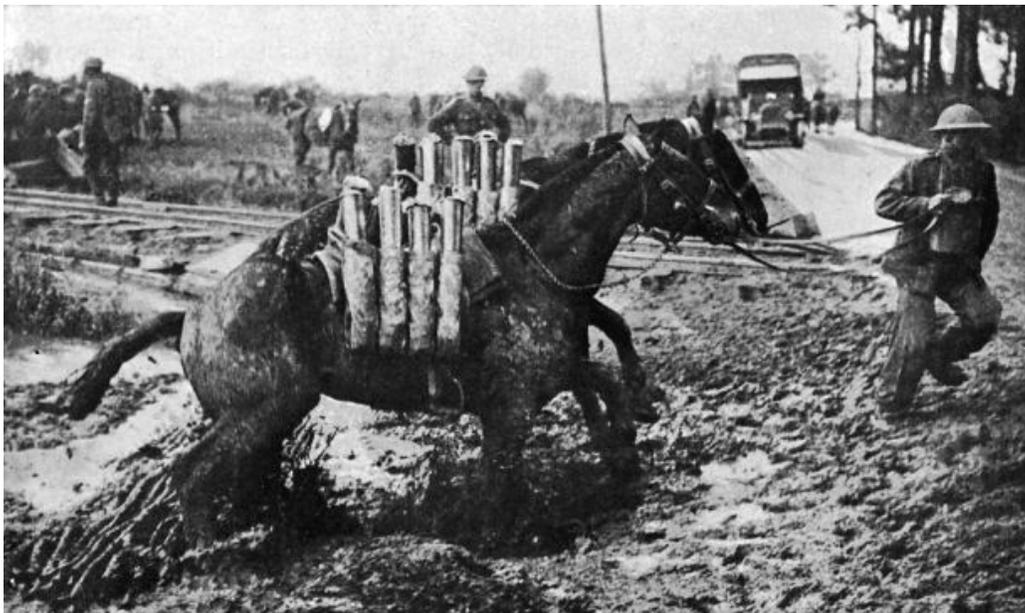
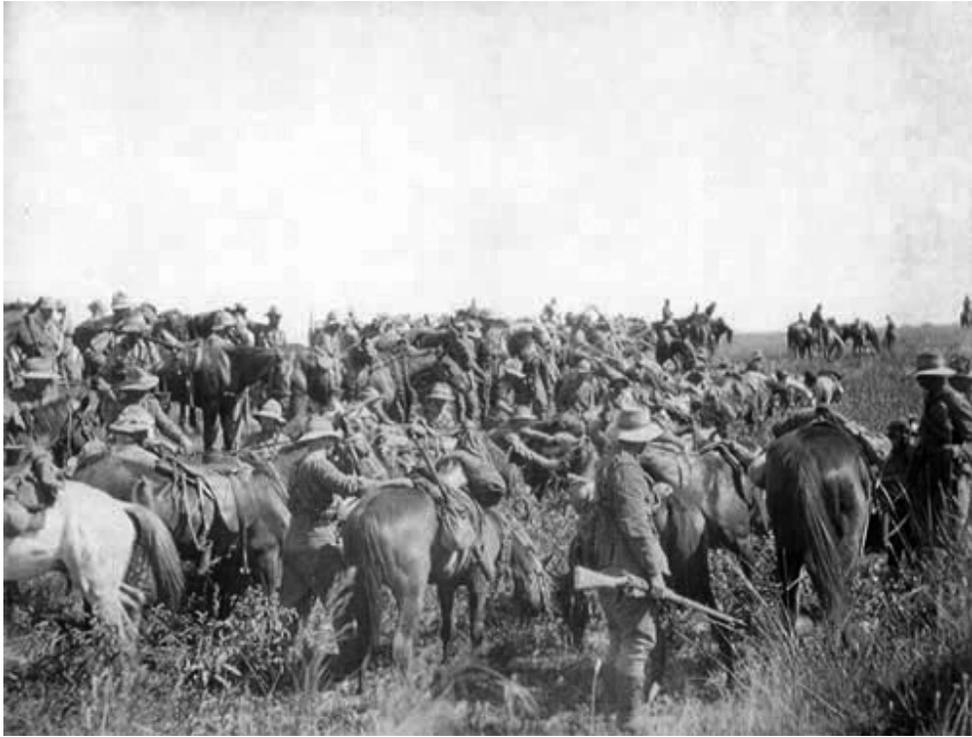
Fighting had been taking place in varied countryside; “One attack against a German squadron of Guards, about 60 strong, took place on a long stretch of corn-land, where the corn stooks presented no serious obstacle to either fire or movement. We opened a steady fire, which was crushing in its effect. A stream of bullets, fired by good marksmen, could hardly fail to strike, again and again, such a magnificent target. The hostile squadron was in perfect line, moving at a gallop at a distance of about 200 yards, when it received this fire.....the wave of horsemen spent itself some 50 yards from “B” squadron, where a struggling mass of horses and men in an almost unbroken line, strewed the stubble.”

Sometimes the troops “Had to get the horses along difficult woodland tracks, leading them down the hillsides, at length cross a stream, to turn the enemy out of the trench he had been holding. We captured a few prisoners and pushed on.... One day the 9th Lancers were leading the advance against a squadron of German cavalry which developed into a hand-to-hand fight where “their Colonel was wounded in the arm by a lance and in the leg by a bullet. The Adjutant was severely wounded in the shoulder by a lance. The Medical Officer who went to his assistance was killed while extracting the lance. Two troopers; were killed and five were wounded. The German losses were heavier, as we found out when we had occupied the ground.”

During August the weather had been scorching hot for days, then turned to cold autumn rain. “It rained heavily and the horses had a most indifferent time, but we were not in the thick of the fighting, though we got shelled a good deal and had some casualties among the horses.”...

“We had with us a batch of remounts which had arrived the night before, and the mud and shells thrown up by the shells was too much for the remounts and many broke loose, together with a troop of A Squadron, whose men were dismounted at the time, and a rare chase we had after them in a boggy bit of ground. We lost nine horses, among them a grand old Olympia horse. We tried hard to find him, but he got away up the canal bank and though someone must have picked him up our earnest enquiries never met with any success.

One night “It was almost dark when we halted and, pushing out-posts from “B” Squadron to the front, “C” to the right and left and keeping “A” in support, we lay down along the roadside under a nice starry night. Our only complaint was lack of food, but we were pretty tired and most of us soon asleep.” On this and the previous night we went empty to bed, no food reaching us until the following morning, and since the Germans had not left a great deal behind them we did not fare so well as had done during the Retreat from Mons.” ...”For the first time since we entered the fight at Mons we had a rest for a whole day on September 21st.. “We were sent to various parts of the line. The passage of the Aisne river was always an event, as the enemy, even when they couldn’t actually see the crossings, knew quite accurately where they were, and always kept up a continuous fire on the bridges.”



Photos added from internet showing NZ horses at war.

NZ Riding Club AGM

8th June 2013

The AGM was held in Christchurch with a good contingency from the North Island heading south to the mainland. We now have a good mixture of South and North Island people on the committee. We welcome two new committee members Mark Kiniston-Smith from Levin Pleasure Riding Group and Sarah Hazelwood from Canterbury. We did not see any other changes to the elected officers.

The AGM finished at 1pm and then we had lunch courtesy of the Springston Riding Club. After lunch those that wanted to made the trip into the city and were looking forward to doing a tour of the broken city on a bus. Having to negotiate road closures and road works, by the time we got to the Information Centre the last bus had left at 2pm and we got there at 2.50pm. (Murphys law) Plan B was to go to the restart mall in Cashel Street which was a hive of entertainment and people. Lots of food stalls and markets set up. Quake City was the next order of the day and those that went in said they thoroughly enjoyed it. By this time it was 4.30 time to go back to the motels for a freshen up and then off out to tea. Even though I live in Christchurch I still had to consult the map to see where we were going for tea. We went to a lovely Italian restaurant which was the only building standing on this part of Colombo St on the corner or Kilmore and Colombo. Couldn't go any further than this restaurant as the road was closed from there on. Was a great night food was delicious and the company was entertaining.

Committee meeting was held the next day at 9am. We quickly got through the formalities of the meeting and then broke into groups to do some planning. First up was the purpose of NZRC. This brought on some interesting discussion amongst the groups and from this we came up with a very good paragraph that depicts the purpose. Next was the role and again these types of exercises bring up some good discussion and engagement from everyone. We now have another paragraph for the role. From this the committee engaged on planning some short term and long term goals. The hour and a half spent doing this went extremely quickly and in no time it was 12pm. Time to disperse. A trip to the Gypsy Vanner Stud was organised for the afternoon and it was a lovely trip out to North Loburn. The stud is at present constructing a large indoor arena so the metal framework is starting to bring it into shape. First Linda, the studs owner introduced us to her favourite boys Lion Prince and Cracker Jack. These were in the stables with their manes plaited up as she said when unplaited they reach their knees. The stable complex was very well appointed with a two bay wash stand, hot water, shampoo, conditioner everything at your fingertips. Off out to the paddock to see the last lot of foals. CUTE is all I can say. I'm sure Rosemary was trying to work out how she could get one on the plane to take home. Marilyn had already been given her instructions not to get too attached and bring one home. She pointed out that she didn't think it was any different than going to a cattle sale and bringing cattle home which is what her husband does.

We were then introduced to the mares and these are movie star mares. Most of them having been on the film set of the Hobbit and one special wee mare was lead horse with Bilbo Baggins riding her. He soon developed a very soft spot for her. Linda did point out that they were suppose to all be kitted out with Yak suits which they were at a cost of \$10,000 per suit but after Peter J saw the darling gypsy cobs in all their fluffy delight he decided they would be au natural. The horses do not appear till the 2nd film which is due out later this year.

Apart from being a very cold afternoon it was a great trip and thoroughly enjoyed by those that went.

Christine

My Trip to the NZ Riding Club (Inc) Annual General Meeting held in Christchurch

On the Saturday 8th & Sunday 9th June 2013

Friday morning 7th June I awoke to a lovely sunny day. This was the first day to start my journey to Christchurch. John duly arrived to take both Judy Williams and myself to the Hamilton Airport. On arrival at the Airport we met up with Alison Cunningham and boarded the plane bound for Christchurch. The flight only took one and a half hours and it seemed to pass by in no time. It was a perfect day to view the countryside from the plane and the views of Mt Ruapehu and the Southern Alps were very clear.

We arrived on time at the Christchurch Airport and made our way to the Car Rental yard so that Alison could book a rental car. It was really good being driven around by Alison especially as I don't know my way around Christchurch. Glimpses of the earthquake damage on our way to the Motel were obvious with many parts of the roads blocked off for reconstruction. Alison called in to see her Auntie Pat and we had a brief tour around the surrounding area later that day. After settling into our accommodation it was dinner time and we enjoyed a lovely meal at the Lone Star.

Next morning it was the AGM which was kindly hosted by the Springstone Pleasure Riding Club and I can assure you that we were all very well looked after. After lunch we toured the Earthquake Zone and the realisation of the extent of the damage had more of an impact than watching it on TV. One remark was 'it looks as though a bomb has hit the city' and that would be a good description. I was very impressed with the 'Containers' used to house all those who lost their shops in the earthquake damaged area. They were all lined and tiled, plus many joined together to make more room.

That night most of the committee enjoyed a very nice meal at an Italian Restaurant. Next morning was the Committee Meeting at 9 am. Christine facilitated the structure of the Riding Club by dividing those present into groups of three for discussion. Headings were put on the whiteboard Purpose, Role and Goals. Everyone contributed their ideas to these headings and it was interesting to note the relevant comments and input. You will all read the final outcome in the Minutes which will be posted in the RRU. One of our Goals is to increase our membership by 10% over the next five years.

After the committee meeting, Alison dropped Judy off to Gillian Wilson's home and I travelled with Christine, Vicky, Maryline and Rosemary to the Gypsy Cob stud. We met the owner Lynda who very kindly drove us around the farm to observe this unique breed. I was amazed at how laid back and quiet they were. They looked like a smaller version of the Clydesdale I would say. Apparently they were used to pull the Gypsy Caravans in Ireland but this particular breed was brought over from America after Lynda and her husband visited the Stud while on holiday. Lynda also informed us that Peter Jackson wanted to use the horses for the second part of his movie "Hobbit". They were supposed to have zipped up suits to be Giraffes which cost \$10,000 each. When Peter Jackson saw the Cobs with their lovely long manes right down to their knees he changed his mind and decided to film them in their natural way and discarded the suits.

I was then dropped off to join Judy at Gillian Wilson's place which was another hour's drive back. Gillian was the Instructor/Manager at the Waikato Equestrian Centre for about five years before moving to Christchurch about twenty years ago now. Gillian and her mum Patsy very kindly took us out to lunch at the Christchurch Working Men's Club which was a pretty flash place I thought. Gillian and her mum brought us up to date with all that has happened in their lives since they moved from Hamilton to Christchurch. The trauma of the two earthquakes was very much still on their minds and even afterwards, it is still very much a terrible catastrophe which was so frightening for the residents who experienced it.

Next day was our final day. We had decided that we would visit the "Arctic Experience" at the Airport in the morning before the plane departed that afternoon. We watched the Blue Penguins being fed plus experienced the Blizzard whereby you put on warm jackets and go into a room to experience a snow storm with the temperature dropping to minus 8 degrees. I didn't mind the cold so much but the noise of the wind was horrendous. After lunch at the Café, we headed back to the Airport for our flight back to Hamilton to meet John and Angus who were waiting to pick us up at the Airport.

Many thanks to Christine Christian and the Springston Pleasure Riding Club for their wonderful hospitality. I look forward to the next AGM which I understand will be held in Wellington.

Noeline Jeffries

North Island Vice President



Back Row Left to Right: Heather Cooper (RRU Editor), Judy Williams, Glenda Schumacher, Rosemary Lee-Oldfield, Mark Kinaston-Smith, Vicky Siddall, Front row Left to Right, Andrea Parker (Secretary), Noeline Jefferies (North Island Vice President), Christine Christian (President), Marilyn Montgomery, Evelyn Cooper.

AGM Minutes 8TH JUNE 2013
**ATCANZ Training Centre
De Havilland Way
CHRISTCHURCH**

WELCOME AND MEETING OPENED: 11.06am

PRESENT: Christine Christian, Heather Cooper, Evelyn Cooper, Mark Kinaston-Smith, Judy Williams, Glenda Schumacher, Rosemary Lee-Oldfield, Jennifer Howard (Patron), Donna Harley, Andrea Parker, Angela Cameron, Kay James, Noeline Jeffries, Alison Cunningham, Miranda Tresise, Steph Bullock, Vicky Siddall, Marilyn Montgomery, Maxine Pelham.

APOLOGIES: John Flintoff, Helen Hansen, Bev Birkett, Sheryl Goble, John Moore,

Judy/Christine

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Read by Andrea

Judy/Alison

MATTERS ARISING:

John has received some boxes from Andrea and Helen. There are still more boxes to be sent from Helen and Donna. Andrea to make sure that all the boxes are sent to John before the next meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE IN:

New Zealand Walking Access Commission - Tabled

Horse Welfare - Tabled

Tony Sandall – Email. A discussion was held about having this book advertised on our website and Facebook Page. Jennifer expressed her concerns about this. It was decided not to endorse this on our media sites.

Pegasus ARC – Andrea read and tabled this letter. A discussion was held. Andrea and Rosemary responded to certain points that were raised. It is up to the individual Club Secretaries to pass on information that is sent to them. NZRC are unable to do more in this area. It was felt that if Clubs pass on information to local papers advertising information about local equestrian events, this should increase the profile of equestrian activities in local areas.

Sarah Hazelwood – A letter read by Vicky re: apologies

CORRESPONDENCE OUT:

- Pegasus Adult Riding Club
- Tony Sandall

REPORTS:

PATRON: North Island Patron, John Moore. Read by Christine – Tabled **Judy/Rosemary**

PATRON: South Island Patron, Jennifer Howard gave a verbal report. **Judy/Rosemary**

PRESIDENT: read by Christine - tabled **Andrea/Rosemary**

NI VICE-PRESIDENT: Noeline gave a verbal Report. **Christine/Judy**

SI VICE-PRESIDENT: Vicky Read her report. Tabled **Heather/Andrea**

BRIDLEWAYS: Rosemary read both SI and NI reports. Tabled. **Glenda/Donna**

TRAINING / EXAMINER: Evelyn read her written report - Tabled. **Donna /Judy**

RIDERS ROUND-UP: Heather gave a verbal report **Andrea/Christine**

SECRETARY / TREASURERS: Andrea gave a verbal report **Christine/Judy**

FINANCIAL REPORT:

NZRC Chq Account as at 30 March 2013 \$21,648.68

NZRC Achiever Account as at 30 March 2013 \$5,494.67

Balance of Accounts \$

Bridleways Chq Account as at 30th March 2013 \$

Bridleways Achiever Acc as at 30th March 2013 \$

Balance of Accounts \$

Alison/Kay

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

PATRON NI: John Moore Accepted Unanimous

PATRON SI: Jennifer Howard Accepted Unanimous

PRESIDENT: Christine Christian Accepted Unanimous

NI VICE-PRESIDENT:	Noeline Jeffries	Accepted	Unanimous
SI VICE-PRESIDENT:	Rosemary Lee-Oldfield	Declined	
	Vicky Siddall.	Accepted	Duly Elected
SECRETARY/TREASURER:	Andrea Parker	Accepted	Unanimous
BRIDLEWAYS SI:	Rosemary Lee-Oldfield (ass)	Accepted	Unanimous
BRIDLEWAYS NI :	Bev Birkett	Accepted	Unanimous
RIDERS ROUND-UP:	Heather Cooper	Accepted	Unanimous
WEB SITE EDITOR:	Jean Fitzgerald		Unanimous
COMMITTEE:			
Evelyn Cooper	Elected by Secret Ballot		
Marilyn Montgomery	Elected by Secret Ballot		
Glenda Schumacher	Elected by Secret Ballot		
Donna Harley	Elected by Secret Ballot		
Mark Kinaston-Smith	Elected by Secret Ballot		

Judy Williams	Co-Elected onto the committee
John Flintoff	Co-Elected onto the committee
Sarah Hazelwood	Co-Elected onto the committee

Unanimous

Voting papers to be destroyed

Christine/Judy

Judy feels that everyone who put his or her name forward should be allowed onto the committee. We should not discourage anyone who is willing to come on and give his or her valuable time. If we elect our five members then we can co-op other willing people.

REMITTS: Nil

ACCOUNT SIGNATURES: To stay the same.

REGISTERED OFFICE: To stay the same.

REVIEWER FOR 2012/13: Trish Furness \$200-00

AFF FEES: To stay the same.

SUBS FOR 2013/14 SEASON:

Individual	\$15.00
Club	\$30.00
Club affiliation members	\$5.00
Family (Bridleways)	\$20.00
National Body (Bridleways)	\$30.00
Constitute bodies	\$85.00

AGM 2014: Masterton Adult Riding Club to Host in Wellington

SITE 2014: Nelson Bays Trail Riding Club. Co-hosting – Springston Pleasure Riding Club, North Loburn Adult Riding Club.
Venue: McLean’s Island Canterbury TBC

NITE 2014: Levin Pleasure Club/Horophenua. Venue: Foxton Racecourse. 24th to 26th January 2014

MEETING EXPENSES: \$

Committee Expenses	\$1585.10
Review of books	\$200.00
Facility	<u>\$322.00</u>
Total	\$2107.10

GENERAL BUSINESS:

AGM Voting

Donna will investigate with John Moore about his motion. There will be a remit sent out about the size of our committee. A discussion was held. Noeline move that we defer this to our committee meeting for discussion.

Christine/Heather

AGM Format – we don’t attract enough members from other clubs to our meetings. This can be discussed at a committee meeting as well.

Andrea/Donna

MEETING CLOSED: 1.11pm

COMMITTEE MEETING 9 June 2013
ATCANZ Training Centre
De Havilland Way
CHRISTCHURCH
9am

1. **PRESENT:** Christine Christian, Heather Cooper, Evelyn Cooper, Mark Kinaston-Smith, Judy Williams, Glenda Schumacher, Rosemary Lee Oldfield, Donna Harley, Andrea Parker, Noeline Jeffries, Vicky Siddall, Marilyn Montgomery,
 2. **APOLOGIES:** John Flintoff, Bev Birkett, Sheryl Goble, Helen Hansen, John Moore,
Judy/Heather
 3. **MINUTES:** The minutes of Teleconference on 10th April 2013 were read by Andrea.
 4. **MATTERS ARISING:**
 - A discussion was held about the Cross Country phase in NITE/SITE. Mark has expressed that all feedback he has received has indicated that there is a strong liking for the jumping phase. NITE 2014 will run two jumping phases.
 - There are more boxes of information to be sent to John Moore from Donna and Helen. Andrea to make sure that these are all sent before the next meeting.
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 - Christine has advised that the flags will be arriving next week. The North Island and the South Island Vice President will hold these on a permant basis. They will pass onto clubs running SITE and NITE for those events. Christine will send the North Island Flag direct to Mark for NITE 2014.
- Vicky/Marilyn**
- Marilyn Tabled Balance sheet for SITE
 - \$4529.00 Income
 - \$3341.53 Outgoing
 - \$1187.47 Surplus
 - Vicky gave a brief rundown on site. They had an amazing table of donated gifts, which were used as prizes. This worked very well. Her club was please with the way things were run.
5. **CORRESPONDENCE:** IN-
OUT-

6. Financial:

- NZRC Main account \$4989.06
 - NZRC Savings \$5509.13
 - NZRC investment \$5087.12
 - Bridleways main account \$144.88
 - Bridleways savings \$5333.55
- Costs of Meeting/AGM \$380-00
Travel costs for Committee \$1585.10
Riders roundup \$380.00 (actually was only \$71.19)
Bridleways \$119.75

Moved Marilyn/Christine

Judy would like the Treasurer to pay the Insurance and then email the executive committee re: Money to Invest.

Moved Judy/Mark

7. General Business:

- Horse Welfare Donation of \$100-00 **Judy/Christine**
 - North Island Steward for NITE 2014 is Rosemary Lee-Oldfield.
 - South Island Steward for SITE 2014 steward is Mark Kinaston-Smith
 - A discussion was held about paying travel for the stewards to attend these events and the role of the steward. The Official Steward must stay for the entire event. Evelyn moved that the full fare be paid by the NZRC provided the Airfares are booked in advanced to secure the best possible price.
- Evelyn/Noeline**
- *Show Cross/Derby*
Rosemary talked about a new phase she would like in the Rule Book for NITE/SITE. Rosemary had drafted some rules that she thought might work. These were tabled and discussed.
 - Evelyn has suggested that we take this home to read. If everyone can come back to our next meeting with any ideas or amendments. Any changes to be given to Andrea who will then pass on to the committee to be discussed.
 - John Moore put forward a motion from our last Teleconference. This was discussed at length. NITE/SITE are run by clubs and it's their responsibility to promote these events to the best of their ability.
Mark explained that some Secretary's of clubs do not pass on information to their members. His members in his club were completely unaware about NITE.
We need ways to get information out to individual members of clubs about this?
Some time was spent discussing the size of the National Committee. It was decided that we can leave it as is, and co-op members as required.

Remit: We need a North Island and a South Island Bridleways Convener on National Committee. A remit will need to be in before next AGM.

Evelyn will update the flyers promoting NZRC. Anyone with suitable photos for this pamphlet please email these to Heather to pass onto Evelyn.

Christine talked about having a representative from NZRC who will attend a funeral, in the unlucky case of a Committee member, Patron funeral or life member passing away.

Mark suggested that a committee member who is nearest should attend representing NZRC. Any travel costs that is incurred will be reimbursed. The Secretary has approval to buy flowers/card.

Donna has offered to update the NZRC banner. Once this has been done the Secretary/Treasurer will hold this and forward to clubs that hold SITE/NITE. It will also be good if this was brought to meetings.

Donna/Glenda

Christine read out an email from John Moore about the objectives for the future of NZRC. The group split into smaller sections to discuss these.

NEXT MEETING: Teleconference.

Tuesday 10th September 2013 7.30pm

Christine to organise this and forward instructions for the committee.

Meeting Closed: 11.56am

AGM REPORT BY NORTH ISLAND PATRON AND LIFE MEMBER

Good Morning to You!

Our organisation has been going now for 33 years!

I have been involved for 26 years, helping to promote and encourage the furtherance of Riding Clubs, to promote opportunities and to operate alongside other equestrian bodies in New Zealand, to encourage inter club, area and inter Island competitions and annual national teams events.

In my hey day we had around 75 clubs affiliated to NZRC.

At AGM's a turnout of 50 plus members! Oh how things have changed!

That's why I put a motion forward at the Tele-conference.

For the President to set up a sub committee for the betterment of short and long term goals, for the future of our organisation.

My reason for this is the shortage of numbers attending and promoting NZRC and Bridleways.

I will not be present for the AGM, as much as I would like to be for two reasons.

1) John Key keeps pruning the money tree, and 2) you have a South Island Patron who has been involved since 1980. Jennifer Howard is a great lady, plus NZRC would not have to pay for any of my travel expenses, might help keep the club fees down for another year.

My last concern is committee members reminding me that they are in voluntary positions, and then hold their hand out for some travel expenses. We gave 100% and paid our own way!

Changing times – oh the pain.....

I would welcome some constructive criticism that would see the organisation go ahead again.

Remember many brains and hands make light work, you'll only get out of an organisation what you are prepared to put in.

Wishing you a successful AGM!

John Moore

North Island Vice President's Report to NZ Riding Club (Inc) AGM Held in Christchurch - Saturday 8th June 2013

First and foremost I would like to thank our President Christine and the Springston Pleasure Riding Club for hosting the 2013 AGM in Christchurch and putting on such an eventful programme for us all to enjoy.

The 2013 NITE held at the National Equestrian Centre in Taupo was of course the highlight of the year which was really well published in the Horse & Pony and results and photographs on Facebook. The Taupo Adult Riding Club did us proud in hosting this event which was of course assisted by Kapiti Adult Riding Club and Masterton Saddleup Club.

From all accounts the Teleconference went really well and covered several important items such as the future of the NZ Riding Club, which will be discussed at the AGM.

I would like to thank Heather Cooper, our Rider's Roundup Newsletter Editor. It is always difficult obtaining articles for publishing but Heather seems to be able to put together an excellent newsletter with a variety of interesting subjects.

Thanks must also go to Evelyn Cooper, our Certificate Secretary. As you know Evelyn has been involved in the NZ Riding Club for over 25 years and is also recognised for her delicious home-made jams and chutneys that is always available on the 'Sales Table' of local Equestrian Events.

Bev Birkett, our Bridleways Convenor, keeps us informed and up to date with her vigilance in contacting the appropriate organisations to get action on trails for horses

The team of Andrea and Donna have a huge task in looking after the accounts and keeping us all up to date with the relevant paperwork. I hope that they will offer their valuable expertise for the forthcoming year.

I am sure all the Riding Clubs will be looking forward to the 2014 NITE event hosted by the Levin Pleasure Riding Club. I thank them most sincerely for coming forward to organise this event and I am sure we can look forward to a successful and fun weekend.

War Horse Memorial: In regard to Rodney Martin's letter to the NZ Riding Club and printed in the Rider's Roundup, I am pleased to report that plans are being prepared at the present time for a War Horse Memorial. All the details are confidential at this stage but it is hoped to build one in Memorial Park in Hamilton and work is being done at present regarding Resource Consent.

In concluding I would offer my help and advice to all the Riding Clubs who wish to contact me requiring assistance in matters regarding rules or problems that may be encountered in club matters. My email address is noelinejeffs@orcon.ne.nz

I wish all the NZ Riding Club members a very successful 2013/2014 season and look forward to seeing you all at NITE 2014.

Noeline Jefferies



Noeline and Judy at the Antarctic Center

RIDER OBESITY AND HORSES

None of us like the thought of being too heavy for our horses, so I was pleased to see the article concerning this sent in by Bev. This only gives part of the story and although I cannot quote the article I read, also an English article, it gave more information.

It suggested that the rider should be no more than 10% of the weight of the horse, eg a 500 kilogram horse's rider should be no more than 50 kilograms! However they went on to say 15% would be acceptable, therefore a 500 kilogram horse could reasonably be expected to carry 75 kilograms.

As an approximation a 14.2hh horse weighs about 500 kilograms, and a 16hh horse weighs about 600 kilograms. Therefore the rider for the latter should be in the 60 to 90 kilogram range. How do you stack up; I personally equate to about 13.5%, with my 14.3hh horse what about you?

I do know in Pony Club Games we have maximum weights for riders of ponies of different sizes; Official Stewards are authorised to have a measuring tape and bathroom scales on hand at Zone Games!

Evelyn Cooper



INSUFFICIENT EXERCISE, HOWEVER, CAN LEAD TO EXCESSIVE FAT ...

NZRC Brochure

The old 2007 Brochure is being revamped. I need clubs to send via email (to ridersroundup@gmail.com) a range of good quality photos to be considered for this. I need SI and SITE photos as well as NI and NITE photos. They should cover horse/rider action shots of any NZRC recognised activity.

Has the Auckland (?) team who did Ipitombi in about 2007 got a good photo or your Quadrille costume please?

To be considered photos must reach ridersroundup@gmail.com by 5pm September the 8th 2013.

Thank you, Evelyn Cooper

New home for Dartmoor ponies

BY NICKI HARPER

In a first for the North Island, a Central Hawke's Bay farm is to become the base for a Dartmoor pony stud, with two in-foal mares recently imported from the United Kingdom.

The four-year-old ponies arrived in the country just over a month ago and are settling in well at Claire and Ross McCormick's property, in the Hatuma area.

Their arrival is the realisation of a long-time dream for Claire, which she has shared with her sister Tracey Elliot-Reep - a photo-journalist who has published books about her epic horseback travels around the world.

The siblings are carrying on a tradition that began with their mother, Elizabeth Newbolt-Young, who grew up on the moors in Devon, and as a child used to play with the wild ponies that lived there, says Claire.

"She would then bring them home and break them in.

"From there she began breeding them and developed a very well known stud - Shilstone Rocks.

"Ponies from her stud have gone around the world - from the United States to Europe and in between." This now includes New Zealand, where there is currently only one other Dartmoor pony stud, Dingmac, in the South Island, which also has some Shilstone Rock ponies.

With their thick, long manes and tails, fine features, small perfectly proportioned bodies and gentle eyes, it's hard to go past a Dartmoor pony without falling a little bit in love with them, even if you're not a horsey person.

Ideally in terms of the breed standard they are no more than 145cm tall, and are whole colours.

They are described as small middle weight hunters, and have a full mane and tail that does not get trimmed.

Known for their easy going temperament and versatility, they can be used by children and small adults as riding ponies but are also good for hunting, driving, showing and jumping.

They're the kind of ponies that have traditionally been popular in England with such groups as Riding For the Disabled, says Claire.

They have also competed with the best of other breeds both ridden and in hand at the Horse of the Year show in the United Kingdom.

From winning the Supreme award to many high placings the Dartmoors are always a joy to watch, she says.

"They are quiet and you can trust a child to go and catch them in the paddock.

"Our two are not broken in yet but we have already had a child sitting on them."

On the flipside, they also have a spirit that can be harnessed making them very good performers for riders wanting more of a challenge.

They're also hardy due to their origins, living with the harsh extremes of their native habitat, Dartmoor, a National Park in Devon.

Their existence in the wild, however, is under threat, with their numbers in decline in recent years, causing some to worry they will disappear from the moor forever.

Because of these concerns a group, the Dartmoor Pony Heritage Trust, was established in 2005 to preserve the indigenous pony.



Story courtesy of CHB Mail.

NEW ARRIVALS: Bridget McCormick holds, from left Shilstone Rocks Mountain Bay and Shilstone Rocks Sugarsnap who are due to have their foals in October. PICTURE: TRACEY ELLIOT-REEK



Hi everyone, Have got my entries in for the Masters Games which are being held in Nelson again this year . I have for ages, wanted to take part in this event, and with them offering some equestrian phases, it's a great opportunity. Have been going to jumping days so that I feel confident jumping 70cm, the horse laughs at me remembering the fences that we have jumped on the hunt field , but its h.... when you lose your confidence and find even jumping this height a challenge. Never mind, upwards and onward.

Every few months I get a newsletter from the Western Bay of Plenty TECTPark board. The heading on the front page of this issue is.....

NEW TRACKS AND LOG JUMPS FOR HORSE RIDERS.... And goes on to say (quote) an upgrade of the equestrian tracks at the park plus the addition of new tracks with jumps was undertaken in Autumn. An estimated 10km of new tracks have been built and the tracks to the south have been upgraded. Five log jumps have been built on the new tracks to add variety for horse riders. The log jumps are not big and have been especially designed so that inexperienced riders and young horses can cope. Depending on how these first few jumps work, a few more may be added. For those who don't want to jump there is always room to ride around them to continue along the trail....end of quote.

Would love to hear from anyone who has used this facility or if you want to be involved with the future development then contact Aaron Duggan at pikopikoequestrian@gmail.com. Well done Western Bay of Plenty.

Plans are already underway for SITE/Harris and Pegasus next year. Still looking for helpers, a HUGE thanks to those who have already put their hands up. Glad I booked the venue straight away after the AGM, as the Equestrian park at Mcleans Island is a very busy place.

Please feel free the respond with what you would like to see at SITE.. I know I thoroughly enjoy the social evening (Marilyn can you organise the catering again, please) a chance to mingle, find out about each other, spread gossip and generally have a jolly good time, before we disappear and not see each other for another 12 months.

Hopefully, the petitions that went out after the AGM have heaps of signatures and have been returned to Bev Birkett or Jan Mossman (nzsporthorse.org) or are still out in the districts collecting signatures. Remember to keep the momentum going...we need to be recognised as legitimate road users by NZTA in current and future planning.

Just about finished another paper from Telford...this one is about Farrier skills and knowledge.I've enjoyed keeping the old brain active over winter. Take a look at their website for distance (correspondence) learning and sign up. Every month I get a phone call from their student liaison contact to see how I am coping and we have a good old gossip, great support given to the learner. We are never too old to learn ☺

Ok that's me for now, take care out there and enjoy the moulting season..

Rosemary Lee-Oldfield
South Island Bridleways Convenor

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Our Bev got on the front page of the Taupo Times 23rd July 2013!!

By LUKE KIRKEBY

IT'S no secret equestrian sport is a major part of the community so why is Taupo District Council refusing to help fund a new bridleway?

That is the question New Zealand Riding Club bridleway convenor Bev Birkett has been trying to answer since 2004 when she began her quest to obtain a legal permit and line of sight in Wairakei Tourist Park.

Land Information New Zealand, who manage the Crown-owned land, recently granted permission for the approximately 2km bridleway if a levy fee and liability insurance quoted at \$1200 is paid annually.

MrsBirkett, who travels throughout the country campaigning and helping communities set up bridleways, wants the trail to provide a safe place for equestrians to ride and to make the park safer for other users.

She said she would like to see Council doing more to support the development of bridleways in Taupo due to a strong equestrian following and the significant amount of revenue national events bring to town.

"The track is there we just have to clear undergrowth and do any ongoing maintenance ourselves which we are happy to do. We will not be making any money out of it as it will just be for casual riders within the community to use," she said.

"Bike Taupo said we will not be interfering with bikes as the trail is right out of the way and sight and Taupo Horse Treks are also happy."

"Horseriders young and old do this town proud and we are all ratepayers so why can't Council pay the annual fee for us," she said.

Parks and open spaces district manager John Ridd said Council never pay liability insurance for private sporting or recreational organisations and encouraged locals to use the existing bridleway along the East Taupo Arterial.

"Equestrian fraternity have been working on getting connections beyond Council property to create a longer bridleway along the East Taupo Arterial. Council has provided advice in the past to the group to assist them in that process," he said.

MrsBirkett said although equestrians were able to use the ETA bridleway, Council had failed to allow room for parking which made it difficult to access.

She said Council had turned down her request for the Wairakei Tourist Park bridleway because they claimed to be cutting back funding of recreational ventures.

"I appreciate that but then I see all the work for cycleways on Poihipi Road. I understand they are trying to make things safer for cyclists and I am simply trying to do the same for equestrians who would like recreational funds spread evenly," she said.

"I have said to Council if you can keep people happy in their recreation you are going to have happy people in your town but at the moment many equestrians thinks this is dreadfully unfair."

MrRidd said Council were supporting equestrian events in the area.

"The district is fortunate to be the home of the National Equestrian Centre. Council does support existing events at the centre and will continue to do so on a case by case basis," he said.

MrsBirkett said she had approached various organisations to see if they could help out.

"I have approached horse feed companies and Contact Energy but no one can guarantee funding year by year to insure sustainability," she said.

"Tauhara Pony Club had to move from their former grounds due to the ETA and are still getting established and to have a safe track from their through to Oruanui Pony Club would be a huge asset in Taupo."



Bev Birkett

Scanned picture that was on the Front page, I apologise for the bad copy of a good picture.

HORSE Club Beach Ride Report

Well, it's hardly appropriate to be the ride organiser, take all the names, and tell people not to be late.... then be late yourself, but that is exactly what I did! Apologies to all the people who were in fact on time, and to the sensible people that got the ride going anyway. It shows the importance of having mobile numbers for sending a message if you end up in the same situation as I did! In my defence, my daughter had a hockey game and we had calculated times down to the minute, without realising club hockey games go for 10 mins longer each half than we had planned on. As with most people in our club, we all get busy at times, with work or family commitments, but it is really worth the effort to try and come along on our club rides. I also dithered about actually taking my new horse, who hadn't had much work in the lead up to the ride. Anyway, take him I did, (along with Sarah and her horse), and after a quick saddle up job, we walked down the beach to catch up with the others. As with all HORSE Club rides, riders are careful to ensure everybody is happy, and only go at a pace that suits all members of the group. This was the case at the beach ride, and everybody had a great old time, going in and out of the water, having a canter, jumping a few logs etc. It was frustrating for me, therefore, to have a fit of nerves when we caught up with the group (even though my horse was behaving reasonably well), and I got off. Nerves can be very frustrating at times, but I am writing of my experience, because we want to encourage all members to actually come out and give our rides a go. I was still pleased with my efforts at the end of the day, and will revisit the beach to work on my nerves another day.

Everybody who attended, including a couple of members on foot, and even a few dogs in the mix – enjoyed Raglan beach on a cold but beautiful winter's day. After we had loaded up, we drove to the camp grounds to eat delicious crumbed fish and chips shouted by the club – what better way could there be to finish off a fabulous winter ride on the beach with friends?

Debbie

Editors Note: Sorry no picture as I can't download a PDF File Picture and add to word. So here we have a lovely drift wood Horse on a beach!



An Email forwarded to me from John Moore. Thank you John.
New Laws to come from other Councils??

----- Original Message -----

From: [TEN Taranaki Equestrian Network](#)
Sent: Wednesday, August 14, 2013 8:33 PM
Subject: New NPDC Horse Poo Bylaw

(Please pass round your members)

Hi everyone,

A new Council bylaw was passed recently about removing horse manure from roads and public places. People generally thought they had 24 hours to do so, but in fact there was no legally stated timeframe.

In June this year, the New Plymouth District Council proposed that horse manure be removed within one hour. TEN made a submission to Council on 4 July 2013 opposing one hour, and requested 24 hours. The bylaw got passed at 2 hours for a 'public place' and 'immediately' from a road.

TEN pointed out the impossibility of removing horse manure from a road immediately (given that we can't ride with a poo bucket and shovel, given that we would offend another bylaw by leading our horse across a grass berm to dump the manure under a bush, and given that it is dangerous to try and accomplish all this in traffic) - and the bylaw has thankfully been changed again.

It is now -

- 1) **immediate removal if " the defecation is near or around horse transport ";**and
- 2) **two hours to remove if its done in any other public place.**

Please go to our website (link below) to read the bylaw. Its also on the NPDC website under Council Documents
<http://www.newplymouthnz.com/NR/rdonlyres/E5968694-9F9E-406A-BCE3-72F38D99C069/0/PublicPlacesBylaw2013.pdf>

The attached article was in the paper recently. As you can see, we think this is a lot of fuss about nothing (given that there have only been 5 complaints in 3 years about horse poo compared to hundreds about other things) but it is the law now -we can't see it being changed again soon..

So...we ask you all to comply with it. TEN is striking a lot of opposition to horses because some irresponsible people are not picking up their poo. Its as simple as that. The better we get at removing it from roads and public places , the easier our job will be.

And the more bridle trails we can achieve for you , the less poo picking we will have to do! A win / win for everyone.

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Article Taken from the Otago Daily Times

'I can't believe someone would do that'

By Tracey Roxburgh on Wed, 31 Jul 2013

News: Queenstown Lakes



Queenstown horse owners Lu Bagrie (left) and Jude Nickolls with the tail hair hacked from their horses (from left) Arna, Cabby and Jazz on Monday night. Photo by Tracey Roxburgh.

One of Queenstown's top horsewomen was reduced to tears yesterday after discovering her two horses, and a friend's, had had their tail hair hacked off.

Accountant Jude Nickolls said she fed her horses, her top dressage horse, Glenview Caballero (Cabby), and Jazz, and Lu Bagrie's horse Arna in a paddock on the corner of Ladies Mile (State Highway 6) and Stalker Rd, near the Shotover Country development, on Monday evening.

However, just after 9am yesterday, when MrsBagrie went to feed them again, she discovered the hair from all three tails had been cut, likely with scissors or a pocket knife, at the dock, or bone.

MrsBagrie said she first saw Arna and initially thought her tail had been tucked under her leg strap.

"And then I realised they'd all been hacked off.

"A lot of people will think of it as a joke. It's not a joke to horsey people."

MrsNickolls said she was "just speechless" after seeing the damage following a phone call from MrsBagrie.

"I can't believe someone would do that, to be honest.

"They all had long, thick tails - one of them was extra long and they've hacked it off.

"None of them are neat cuts, but they've hacked them off right to the bottom of the bone.

"I don't even understand how, or why, someone would do that."

Initially, the women thought the tails had been taken to form "false tails" on dressage horses - thicker tails in a competition could earn a horse more points.

However, all three tails were discovered in the paddock yesterday afternoon, making the women feel the offending was "malicious".

"That just makes it worse," MrsNickolls said.

"They were left all in one area and Lu's [horse's tail] was nicely spread out.

"They have come on to our land and [interfered with] our animals and they've done it to spite."

MrsNickolls' parents, Sharyn and Grant Stalker, are behind the 750-section Shotover Country development, near where the horses were being grazed over winter.

She wondered if the person responsible for the incident was against the subdivision, which is under construction.

Earlier this year, the largely self-taught horsewoman won a national incentive award for dressage and was sixth in New Zealand at the national dressage championships in level five.

She also moved up to level six/seven, the grade below Olympic level, or grand prix and was also named the high points prizewinner for the "advanced" category (level six/seven) in Southland.

It would take at least three or four years for the horses' tails to grow back and there was a chance Cabby could not be entered in dressage at a national level with a false tail.

Debbie Barker, of Auckland, who looks after mistreated horses at her Horse Havan property, said reports of horse tail removals had been received from Christchurch and Nelson in the past month.

Unfortunately for horse owners, there was little they could do, she said.

MrsNickolls, who yesterday moved the three horses to another paddock, said while the damage had been done for her, "I just want everyone else to be aware".

"I just don't want it happening to other people."

Sergeant Kate Pirovano, of Queenstown, said police also received a report of a chained gate on State Highway 6 being cut on Monday night and a jacket at the paddock stolen.

Two horses were in the paddock, close to the BP petrol station in Frankton Rd.

SgtPirovano said one horse was behind a wire in the paddock and the other stayed with it. If it had left the paddock, public safety could have been jeopardised.

Given the proximity of the two incidents, it was likely they were related, she said.

Anyone who noticed unusual or suspicious activity around the Stalker Rd paddock between 5.30pm on Monday and 9am yesterday, or anyone who had information relating to the gate-cutting, was asked to contact police on (03) 441-1600.

The offenders could face charges of wilful or intentional damage and trespass, she said.

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Intro Plus 12.00-1.00pm

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Intro 12.30-1.30pm

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