



Riders Round Up Newsletter July / August 2005 Official Newsletter of the NZ Riding clubs and Bridleways INC.

Welcome to the Riders Round Up (RRU) newsletter for July and August 2005. The committee had a great time in Ohakune at the AGM, with many changes taking place for 2005/2006. As with change, it's a great time to update records and mailing lists. Please see the note on page 3 outlining what information we require from you to ensure time and money is not wasted sending RRU's out to old addresses and past members etc.

This is my first RRU, so please forgive me if I have left anything important out, I would love to hear from anyone with interesting stories or articles, or if you need to get information out to members – yours or all NZ Riding Club and Bridleways members. Please drop me a line and let me know. Enjoy the months of July and August – it's had its cold days here in Ohakune, but I have a funny feeling spring is closer than we think.

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Committee 2005/2006:

Back L to R: Helen Rabinska, Evelyn Cooper, Glenn Fitzgerald, Rosemary Lee-Oldfield and Robin Hodder.

Front L to R: July Williams, John Fintoff, Bev Birkett, Helen Hensen and Lisa Ross

What a great day it was at the AGM held in Ohakune. A big thanks to all who travelled to Ohakune, the local Waimarino Riding Club members and especially to Evelyn Cooper who organised the venue, co-ordinated the food and turned the heaters on for us.

The minutes of both the AGM and the Committee Meetings are on the web <http://nzRidingClub.homestead.com> It was a full day with many issues being covered. As many of the members present were new to the association, we had the good fortune of many of the committee member's outline in depth their responsibilities and those Adult Riding clubs who had members in attendance had the chance to update us on what their club has been doing.

The evening...well, all I can say is "what goes on tour, stays on tour". Thanks to Jenny Pearce for organising such a fantastic night, it took a couple of days for my stomach muscles to relax after laughing so hard throughout the evening.

It was a great meeting full of interesting topics and issues, and better than that, it is a great way to get together with like minded people who enjoy the sport as much as I do. I look forward to the AGM of 2006 and hope many more new and old faces will attend and make the most of the time together. Next years meeting details will be available soon, please make the effort to attend in 2006.



RIDER/HORSE RECOGNITION PROGRAMME

What is it? Programmes open to all members of NZRC and Bridleways Inc, in recognition of the versatility of our members and their mounts. The programme is voluntary and is a scheme to recognise PARTICIPATION not placing of a Rider/Horse in a chosen field(s).

How does it work? The rider decides which programme(s) they want to take part in and apply for the appropriate booklets from the Programme Organizer. Rider then keeps a record of his/her participation in that programme. After a pre-determined time/number of events, the record booklet is sent back to the Organizer for verification and presentation of certificate.

There is no time limit for completing each phase.
A rider may use more than one horse in some phases.

RECOGNITION PROGRAMME FIELDS

Saddle log: Recognition goes to the RIDER, more than one horse can be used, any type of riding recognised.
(Trekking, hacking, competing, pleasure riding)

Rider keeps log of hours spent riding. Recognition certificate issued when rider reaches a given number of hours. All hours are accumulative. (This is the easiest programme to participate in)

Other proposed Recognition Fields

Hunter log Event Log Jumping log Showing Log Dressage log Distance log

If you are interested in being part of this programme please contact or write to Rosemary:

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RRU's new editor...my brief history:

Young girl – mad about horses! Horse posters on walls, horse books, following the local girls around who had horses to finally getting my own fat, hairy pony at the age of eight. Mum and Dad didn't really see me much for the next couple of years.

Fifteen years old: discovered boys...horses became a second thought.

Mid thirties: Sick of boys...back to horses!

I started riding with Robin Hodder after moving to Ohakune from Auckland in 2003 – after deciding there is more to life than traffic jams. "George" was a perfect horse to start out on to get confidence during the summer months.

So, thinking I knew it all; off I went and brought myself a thoroughbred – what a mistake that turned out to be! (No offence to thoroughbred owner's).

Thankfully I had met a few of the Waimarino Riding Club members who talked sense into me after a quiet ride turned out to be more of a "pickle in the backside" ride. I now feel very privileged to own Brisco, a cheeky 10 year old Quarter Horse gelding, who is just wonderful and Brisco is the true meaning of "bomb-proof" – if there is such a thing.

Evelyn Cooper showed me a couple of RRU's, and I realised that these letters could really be of help to everyone in the horse sport. I enjoy publishing and designing brochures and letters as part of my career in sales and marketing. When the chance came up to put my name forward as the RRU editor, I jumped at it!

Rosemary has done a terrific job with the newsletter, and I hope to further her work as much as I can. I would like to see all clubs use the newsletter as a means of communication to the rest of the members of the NZRC and Bridleways.

If you have any events – big or small, social occasions, fund raising events, trainings, treks and/or horse related activities, please let me know so I can put them on the notice board asap. Newsletters are only valuable if they have valuable and current information in them. Enjoy the newsletter. Thanks.

Please contact me at anytime on:

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Important information – please take note:

As outlined on the front page, I have noticed that many of the member's details on the mailing list are out of date. I would like to have this tidied up as quickly as possible – this way, those who want to receive the RRU will, those who have changed addresses and are no longer involved won't receive them, and ultimately we can replace those old details with either current members or build the list to include many more readers. Please note: If I do not hear back from members who are currently sent RRU's, I will delete their details from the mailing list.

So, I ask you all one small favour...Please could you make contact with me as soon as you can with the following details.

Change of address details, change of telephone number details and as many email addresses as possible. If we can send out the RRU via email, this will save the organisation time and money. I realise that not all members will have email addresses at home, I am happy to send these to work email addresses (mine is my work address) or by mail as usual.

Likewise, if you receive your clubs letters, let me know and I will adjust their contact details as well. RRU is an extremely cheap way to communicate to those in the NZ horse scene. If you are interested in receiving the RRU and are not on the mailing list, it's a cheap \$15 per year to sign up. Please contact Helen Hensen for payment details on: the.hensen.family@xtra.co.nz

NZRC and Bridleways Notice board:

N.I.T.E information:

Tentative date: 7/8 January 2006
Tauaku – Team Ride, New Plymouth – show jumping and scoring. If your club wanted to assist in anyway (more the merrier – eg: with the Quadrille) please let us know before the end of August 2005.

S.I.T.E information:

SITE will be held in Nelson during the Easter 2006 weekend. Any inquiries to Rosemary Lee-Oldfield.

NZRC Affiliations:

A reminder to all clubs and individuals that fees are due now. Please send payment and details to Helen Hensen: 408 Kio Kio Station Road, RD 4, Otorohonga.

Arm bands:

Are now compulsory for SITE and NITE. We strongly recommend that all clubs use them at their own competition days as well.

Next NZRC committee meeting:

To be held at NITE – January 2006.

Bridleways North Island:

Helen Rabinska – Bridleways new committee member can be contacted on: edwellen@reap.org.nz

Interclub activities:

If you want your club activities on the NZRC website, please contact Glenn or Jean Fitzgerald through the NZRC website.

Spring Tournament Event 18/19 Sept 05:

Held at the Waiouru Saddle Club grounds, Waiouru Military Camp. NZRC tests will be used. Show Jumping – low to approx 95cm. Please contact Jenny Pearce, 8a Heron Drive, Taihape, telephone: 06 388 9282.

Waimarino Pony Club Reunion:

The 50th Celebration Jubilee will be held at the Raetihi AMP Grounds on Saturday 22 October 2005. Please contact Robyn Hodder for details on: kangaservices@xtra.co.nz

Waimarino Adult Riding Club Meeting:

To be held on Thursday 28th July at Joy Pointon's home. Please contact Me for further details

Pakuratahi Farm Animal Sanctuary.

I was busy looking at Trade Me (yes I have a Trade Me addiction) and found this wonderful site. Carolyn and Jim are doing a fantastic job of looking after all sorts of animals, but they have an increasing number of horses arriving who need care. If you have any bits and pieces lying around – especially covers, send them to the farm for a good cause. These can be sent to: Pakuratahi Farm Animal Sanctuary
PO Box 7287, Wellington.





RRU – July / August 2005

A little feedback...go the AGM 2006!

I really enjoyed the AGM. When I decided to venture down to Ohakune I didn't really know what to expect, other than the usual meeting. The shuttle bus trip up Mt Ruapehu was great. Evelyn Cooper's commentary on the way was most interesting. The views were amazing and I found the walk on the way back quite invigorating as it did get the circulation going.

The evening's entertainment was so much fun. I haven't enjoyed myself so much for ages. Jenny Pearce did a great job organising the quiz and karaoke and the pot luck dinner was scrumptious. Her mulled wine must have taken effect during the Kareoke part of the evening. (Te He He). Waimarino certainly put on a warm welcome for their visitors and I would class their effort as ten out of ten.

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