

New Zealand Riding Clubs

Riders Round Up.



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To all New Zealand Riding Clubs,

RE: AGM 2005

The AGM this year is be hosted by the Waimarino Riding Club in Ohakune on the 11th June 2005.

The AGM will be held at 11am Saturday the 11th June 2005 at the St John hall, Rata street Ohakune. Afternoon entertainment organised according to weather & available time, \$15 per person, walking shoes & coat may be necessary (It is June).

Evening potluck meal mainly provided by Waimarino R/Club.

Evening entertainment also at no charge.

Billets are offered & all welcome to the total "entertainment" although numbers will be needed for afternoon & evening program.

Please find enclosed a Delegate form and a nomination form that are to be sent back to me by the 1st June 2005 so we can get the AGM agenda organized.

Any members wishing to attend this year AGM are more than welcome.

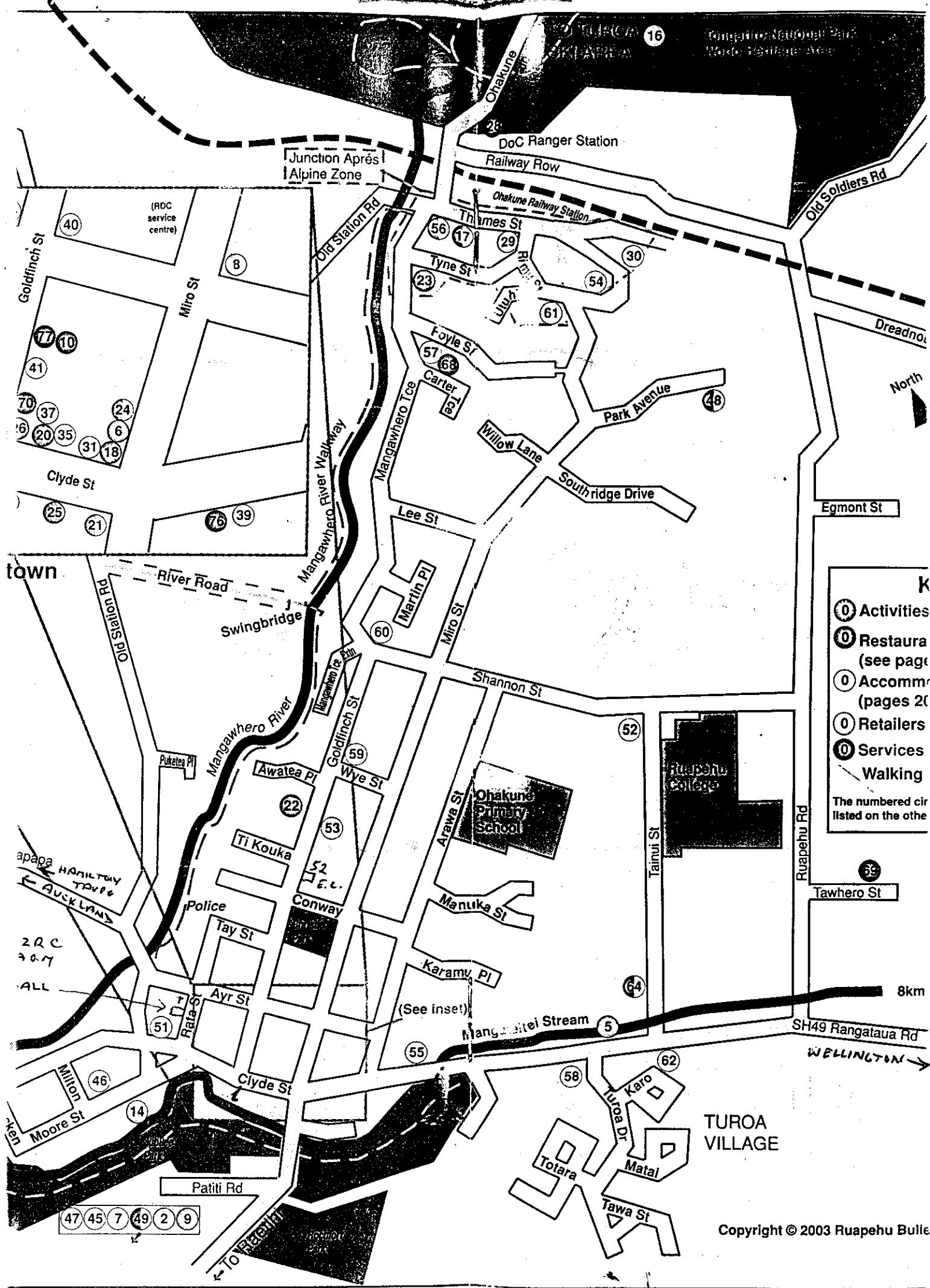
If your club has any Questions or maybe a subject you would like to be discussed at the AGM please let me know.

Thank you Waimarino riding club for this offer.

Happy riding

Helen Hansen

NZRC Sec/Treasurer



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TUROA VILLAGE

SOUTH ISLANDS TEAM EVENT 2005

The resurrection of S.I.T.E. was taken on by Annabel Fitzsimons, Stephanie Ashleigh and Peter Bullock, a small sub committee of the Canterbury Riding Club. S.I.T.E. was held over Easter weekend to enable teams to travel to the venue at Springston from all over the South Island. Starting on Saturday afternoon after Harris Trophy teams dressage was the S.I.T.E. Teams Turnout and Quadrille. The Quadrille had caused a bit of a stir when read on paper but once in action all the teams performed the test admirably much to the spectator's enjoyment. The judge Heike McLean was amazed how well all the horses coped at close quarters and commented that as the team Nelson WOW came up the centre line they were so straight she could only see the front rider! Saturday night the teams got together for dinner and a quiz kindly provided by Bridget Foster which was won by the Springston Straightliners. Sunday dawned bright and clear (even if our heads weren't so bright and clear!) the first activity the Riding Club Mount involving a small work out then negotiating a tight corner with trotting poles between picket fence and hay bales, rescuing a "distressed knight" and placing him on a stretcher then answering a horsemanship question posed by Marie Boal the judge. The teams then one by one completed a Show-Cross course including jumps in trees, up a hillock and a water-jump, the riders choosing their height. Stu Schroder noted that the times reflected that the riders doing the smaller jumps were indeed disadvantaged in the timed show jumping section by the smaller jumps being placed on the outside of the bigger jumps as designed. Sunday afternoon and the games began with Jousting - riders "spearing" hoops off targets, this caused much amusement, as once the riders desensitised the horses to the "spears" they then had to encourage an approach to the Crusader targets holding the rings! The Barrel racing showed off many horse and riders turn of speed, with the last competition of S.I.T.E. fittingly the Easter Egg Hunt with all the teams getting to keep their haul! S.I.T.E received wonderful support from many sponsors, every team went home with a prize not to mention a big smile on every face!

Placings:

1st Team overall – Nelson W.O.W, - Rosemary Lee-Oldfield, Anna Terrell, Rachel Bier, Anna Weeks.

Prize: Embroidered SITE 2005 dress rug, leather halter and SITE 2005 cap. Sponsors Adams Investments and SJ Saddler.

2nd Team overall – "The Committee" - Annabel Fitzsimons, Stephanie Ashleigh, Katrina Gosney, Natasha Bol.

Prize: Horse and Pony Magazine subscription and SITE 2005 etched mug Sponsors Horse and Pny, Fetchin' Etchin'.

3rd Team Overall – The Coasters - Caroline Horwood, Alison Fearn, Michelle Morris, Marg Grant

Prize: First Aid kit and Saddle blanket Sponsors Rolleston Vet and Saddlery Warehouse

4th Team Overall – Nelson Riders of Rohan - Heather Rattray, Karen Howieson, Sarah Whittingham, Kelly Coleman

Prize: Pair of Leather Gloves and Tie Pin. Sponsor The Clothes Horse

5th Team Overall – Whitestone Kidz - Christine McLay, Wendy Crawford, Alisa Hardwick, Jane Simpson

Prize: 40kg bag of NRM feed Sponsor NRM

6th Team Overall – SRRC Rockers - Kim McLean, Chris Watts, Sandra Rattray, Julie Mulrooney

Prize: McMillans Feed Voucher Sponsor McMillans Feed

7th Team Overall – Bits and Pieces – Sue Lammond, Bridget Foster, Anne Challis, Carolyn Houston

Prize: Wormer and bucket of carrots Sponsor Ancare and Marshland Produce

8th Team Overall - Springston Straightliners

Prize: Hoof pick and Fruit basket Sponsor NRM and Marshland Produce

9th Team - Canterbury Cowgirls – Erin Henderson, Laura Gunby, Morag Balderstone

unscored as did not turn up for compulsory Turnout or Quadrille! But came on Sunday for the fun!!

Super Horse went to Kabo Heine ridden by Marg Grant! Prize: Sheepskin Numnah Sponsor Lapco.

Nelson WOW the winners!



KITTY'S REAR VIEW



My First Show
(and with any luck, my last!)

Whadderyamean you want me you want me to prance around like a poofta in that dangerously fenced arena while maintaining bend, contact and a cheerful disposition?? Here's my plan:

The warmup:

Make sure you bounce endlessly up and down so the Muvva will wish she had bought that super-expensive, non-jiggly, strap-em-in corset like contraption instead of the cheaper version of the bra that has no effect what-so-ever except on 12-year-old boys. Impress on the Muvva that the shed off in the distance is most likely the breeding ground for gremlins by snorting and trying to bolt every time you are in the closest corner to it (100 metres away is still a danger zone). Impress onlookers by practising your passage instead of boring old working trot.

Time to enter the arena:

Trot furiously up the centre line. Turn left at G as you don't want to get tangled in the rope at C. Lift head to make sure no gremlins are escaping from distant shed. Ignore judge and writer laughing hysterically at your haunches in down the long side. Perform pretty diamond shaped 20 metre circle. Walk. Try to stop for chat with spectator who is obviously a fan. Ignore kick in stomach. Move on after smack with whip. Attempt to eat while performing walk on long rein, which after all is multi-tasking, and it has been at least 20 minutes since you left your haynet, and how are you supposed to keep energy levels up without sustenance? Give judge and writer laughing hysterically at haunches in on other long side an evil look. Check the distant shed is still distant. Trot daintily up centre line, X - slam on the brakes and unseat the Muvva. Look pleasantly at judge and accept all due praise from the Muvva.

Next time: ~~My Second Show~~ My Early Retirement

Ken Mckenzie report on the weekend ride....sounds great Thanks Ken

We rode out at 9.01am. We were late, so we blazed down the road from 94 Tapuwae Road around the corner, through the bush and bumped into Stu our guide. He was on a fast horse so we made pretty good time though a cow farm and over a river.

Then we went through the bush and down the river and we hit the hill farm. Donna - our new guide took up the reins at the hills and gave Stu a break. We rode up a very steep hill and stopped a couple of times for break.

When we got to the top, man you could almost see the hole of NZ - so we had lunch it was like being in heaven the view was dabomb. Then we were off through a Taranaki gate and in the bush.

Stu took the reins back, she was ruff going it, though a few holes and things - made it very tricky but it was good!

Then we got to the hut and unsaddled the horses, the view was unreal - you could see everywhere. Off to the hut, she was a little cracker, so we veged out in the sun and she was an early night. There was no snoring, farting or burping...Everyone got on well.

The next day we got up at 5.30am and had another big feed - it was good. Then we were off - we were down to 9 of us. 3 went home.

We rode along a road for ten minutes then into a farm - the view was again, I say dabomb!!!! There was pig rooting so fresh we could smell the pigs. Through the farm and bush then had smoko and back at the floats by 12.30pm.

She was a goodie... all I can say is you how missed out - can't tell a story like mine so hahaha

So a big thanks to Alison and her crew for a great ride and all the work they did thanks - Ken

Otorohanga A.R.C.

Nelson Riding Club

Rainbow Renaissance by Finn Deeley

The alarm sounded at an ungodly 5.30am but since I'd hardly slept with excitement it was a relief to get up and go. This trip which had been planned with military precision was finally here! I dragged Nic out of bed and Sid out of the paddock, stuck one in the float and the other behind the wheel and we were off. We met Heather after a short sheep delay and Sid obliged by walking onto the float with his new best mate Boots.

We followed Anna and Rachel for much of the journey and when we arrived at Rainbow car park the others were there. There was a buzz of excitement and last minute packing of equipment. Just as we were about to go the Ranger roared up and told us that the road was closed and we would not be able to make Sedgemere Hut, our intended stop for the first night. It was a disappointment but he said they would be attempting to clear slips caused by an overnight storm, and with luck we'd get through the following day.

So armed with Karen's notes and Anna's map we set off with trepidation and high spirits. The pace was quite slow the first day but the horses were calm and enjoying being in a new environment. We snaked



through bush accompanied by birds and then climbed above the tree line into undulating hill country. There were lots of butterflies and wild flowers and the sound of the river was never far away, dirty and angry after the rain. Most memorable moment of the day – Jake and Zany performing a new quadrille movement – synchronised peeing!! They both stood overlooking a bank and decided to go together. Unfortunately I was too slow with the camera. Speaking of cameras, Anna became the official photographer and became rather obsessed with signs – the sign of a sick mind perhaps???

We reached Coldwater Creek at about 3.30pm and set up some paddocks. By then it was very hot and we just wanted to sit in the river. It was FREEZING!!!! but most refreshing. Gillian took the bravery award for body surfing down a small stretch! Heather and Anna followed in her wake but Rachel and I were content to sit in the shallows watching the fun. The road remained closed that night so we had no option but to stay the night there. This was no hardship as it was a beautiful spot. The horses settled well and Sid, Zany and Jake played trains most of the night or they made a Jake sandwich. Either way it made good entertainment.

Much of the first day was spent getting to know each other – we were joined by two Cheryls from Christchurch. They were experienced endurance riders and were a mine of information and advice! Cheryl Snr gave us all hope as she was a sprightly 65 and did not complain once during the whole ride! Andre took great care of his Mum Chris who hadn't been riding for a while but really wanted to join us. Robin (Andre's Dad) provided a support crew as he took a float through in case the going got too tough for Chris, but she was determined to ride the whole way. I'm glad to say she succeeded in her goal and deserved a sense of satisfaction.



We woke early on day two to the sight of the sun hitting the mountains, the early morning light was fresh and clear and we all wanted to get going. Dirk was busy boiling water and generally getting breakfast going. We were underway by 8.30 – no mean feat with tents, breakfast, horses and paddocks to see to. We followed a narrow road through the mountains and marvelled at Dirk and Robin's skill taking the trailer and the horsefloat through. The slips were evident and the going was very soft in places.



We got to Sedgemere hut for morning tea to find the boys had the table ready with a table cloth and Dirk's delicious home baking.

We were glad we'd stayed in Coldwater Creek as Sedgemere didn't offer the horses the same quality grazing. We set off once more and followed the road through the mountains climbing gradually. We passed onto Molesworth station and continued to climb until we reached Island Saddle and lunch. Once again the boys had done us proud with ready buttered bread and a variety of fillings for our sandwiches. The view from the top was marvellous and we had a real feeling of wilderness. Then it was all downhill until we got to Lake Tennyson our planned overnight stop. However we decided that there were too many people there and

no appropriate grazing for the horses so we headed off again, this time feeling the distance and the time spent in the saddle! Sid spat the dummy when he thought he was being left behind and did a great job cantering sideways and being a twat! We were very happy to reach Duncan's Creek and a great place to camp. Robin and Dirk were already busy putting up hot wire when we arrived and just in the nick of time we put our tents up as the heavens opened and we had two hours of heavy rain. It gave us a "Speights" moment as we all tried to outdo each other in our oilskins. Another night was spent chatting and swapping stories. More wine flowed than the previous night – we were certainly getting to know each other!

Day three dawned clear and bright and as I took a quick wash in the river I admired the birdsong before being rudely interrupted by spotter planes looking for half naked women! Without any more drama we saddled up and were underway by an impressive 8.00am. The country was more undulating than the previous high country and we followed the river most of the way. It was going to be a scorcher and we were glad that we made an early start as we got about 10km under our belts before morning tea. Then we faced a

very hot ride through the valley torturing ourselves by looking for likely swimming spots in the beautiful Wairau river. Lunch provided a welcome break as we were all getting hot and saddle sore. We then left the river and made our way up the twisting road to an incredible view at the top looking down into the Hanmer valley. Traffic had increased markedly by now so there was no room for chat, we rode single file down a very long 5km descent. It was sweltering by now and we were glad to get to the bottom.



Sid, Boots, Zany and Jake couldn't resist a victory lap of the reserve beside the campsite. We'd finally made it and it was with some reluctance that we washed and turned out the horses, our fantastic adventure was over. What remains are fabulous memories and some great new friends. We finished our weekend with a dip in the hot pools and a lovely dinner in a local pub. A HUGE thank you to Gillian, Karen, Heather, Anna and Rachel for organising such a great event, and to our support team of Robin and Dirk who were outstanding! Go the Rainbow Recluses!! Thanks guys.

FRANKLIN Adult Riding Group
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TUAKAU Adult Riding Club

The inaugural "Shield Challenge" between Franklin Adult Riding Group and Tuakau Adult Riding Club was hosted by Franklin at the beginning of April.

The event was run as a mini "NITE" with three phases; an obstacle course, individual dressage and gamblers stakes show jumping.

As an unlimited number of riders was allowed to compete for each club the top 6 individual scores for each club in the different phases were added up to give the overall placings. Running the event in this way also meant that riders who had not previously attended NITE could 'have a go' without any of the pressure that is sometimes felt in a team situation.

The final scores were very close with Franklin taking the honours.

A great day was had by everyone who attended and all are looking forward to the next challenge day to be hosted by the Tuakau club.

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