

Riders Round Up



Official Newsletter of New Zealand Riding Clubs and Bridleways Inc

NITE 2009

NITE 2009 was hosted by MARC (Masterton Adult Riding Club) at Solway Show Grounds Masterton. There were a total of 9 teams, 48 competitors that partook in 6 different phases over the 2nd & 3rd of January 2009.

This year it was well worth the effort to polish horses and riders with ribbons and a brand new trophy kindly donated by Masterton ARC. This phase was won by HORSE Singing Stars.

The second phase was the Team's Ride, a phase not frequently used at NITE. This is a four minute previously unknown flatwork pattern, ridden as a team of four, instructed by a caller. First place again going to HORSE Singing Stars.

Phase three was Riding Club Mount, an obstacle course. This year it was themed on a virtual tour of the Wairarapa, Starting in "Mangatainoka", competitors negotiated a gap between a Tui girl and a stack of kegs. Then proceeding around the course they ended up with a turn on the four-hand in a Golden Sheers Sheep pen. This year won by Coastal ARC Horrors.

The last phase of the first day was the very popular spectator phase the Quadrille. Coastal Bad Boys who won this phase was a co-operative team thrown together at the last minute and made up of five different clubs (Coastal ARC, New Plymouth & Districts ARC, Manawatu Saddle Up Club & Masterton ARC).

The soggy start to the second day for Teams Cross Country didn't dampen the excitement. Wine Country Corkers from Twin City Riding Club in the Hawke's Bay took out this phase with a very skilful display.

The final phase for the competition was Gamblers Stakes show jumping. The Joker jump this year was a narrow pole set at a meter high, held by a couple of the Golden Sheers Sheep. Only two competitors successfully cleared this challenging jump. HORSE Singing Stars won the show jumping phase and were the overall winners of the competition.

There was also a BBQ and a mystery auction to keep competitors entertained in the evenings. Plus thanks to the great generosity of numerous sponsors there were lots of spot prizes.

Editors Note

Hello everyone, well what a great success NITE was! There were some very innovative ideas from Masterton ARC and what a great place to hold the event. Please read on to find some newsy info and look at some interesting pictures.

Masterton ARC will also be hosting the AGM. Dates to be confirmed.

Not long till Horse of the Year (17th - 22nd March), an event not to be missed.

Cheers

Shontelle & Sheryl

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The support from MARC members and helpers was truly amazing. MARC has received so much positive feedback, and some wonderful thank you letters. There was a huge amount of fun and sportsmanship from go to whoa!

A club is only as good as its members and supporters. MARC is lucky enough to have a fun group of talented, experienced and motivated members.

NITE 2009 Results

	Team	Club	Phase	Phase	Phase	Phase	Phase	Phase	Overall	
			1 Turn Out	2 Team Ride	3 Obstacle	4 Quad	5 CC	6 SJ	Points	Placing
1	Wine Country Corkers	Twin City RC	7	8	5	2	1	3	26	4th
2	Abba-k-Dabra	Coastal ARC	2	6	8	6	6	5	33	7th
3	Desert Road Queens	Waimarino RC	6	3	3	7	4	7	30	5th
4	Manawatututus	Manawatu Saddle Up	3	2	6	5	2	4	22	3rd
5	Kapiti Calamaties	Kapiti RC	9	9	9	9	9	9	54	9th
6	Coastal Horrors	Coastal ARC	8	7	1	3	8	6	33	6th
7	Singing Stars	H.O.R.S.E Club	1	1	7	4	3	1	17	1st
8	Thrillers	Masterton ARC	4	5	4	8	7	8	36	8th
9	Bad Boys	Coastal Combined Clubs	5	4	2	1	5	2	19	2nd



Overall Winners H.O.R.S.E Singing Stars



NZRC President John Flintoff took his responsibility as a technical delegate very seriously as you can see by the close inspection of the Tui Girl obstacle.

Erica Hughes from Masterton Adult Riding Club MARC Thrillers negotiates the Tui girl at the start of the riding club mount obstacle course.



Winners of the Quadrille and second overall The Bad Boys.



The winners of the teams cross country, Twin City Wine Country Corkers over the last fence.

Evelyn from Waimarino Desert Road Queens clears the joker in the show jump



You will be pleased to know that Chris Hobin, the rider from the Bad Boys team, who suffered a heart attack during NITE is doing well. She is out of hospital and even riding again. She can't remember any of NITE so if anyone has any photos of her in the obstacle please email them to me & I will pass them on.

NZ Bridleways News

BRIDLEWAYS REPORT - 2.1.09

Bridleways for me remains a passion and I'm quick to respond to any likelihood of available land for horse riding.

As I see the continual loss of farms to suburbia, my spirits drop at the realisation that it's getting harder to find space for our horses to excell their free spirit and have a change of scenery.

However, with public demands from horse enthusiasts, councils are becoming more aware that we're out there, so let's keep ASKING, over and over, to encourage "Share & Care" tracks.

A few days in Waiheke Island last month gave me a chance to look up their Riding Club facilities. Quite by chance whilst sight seeing we passed a woman on a horse so stopped, and with camera in hand, asked if she was a RC member. Lisa Jacomb was, and was thrilled to meet and greet, so I took a couple of photos and have them on my computer as well as here for anyone to see. They are of their Kiosk, RC sign, plus Lisa. The area was well kept and I felt proud to be a member of NZRC.

Also I noticed a huge sign not far from the boat landing. It read "Share the Road" and there were pictures of a walker, a biker, and best of all HORSES.

We need lots more of these signs one day from North to South!

Don't forget to check the website for any helpful ideas.

"In riding a horse we borrow freedom"

Bev Birkett
Bridleways Conveynor

WANTED a copy of the video from Pio Pio 1995 NITE. Please contact kayliz@xtra.co.nz

Club News

Club Info Wanted.....

Please, please please!!!
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SITE 2009

South Islanders don't forget to get your entries in for SITE 2009.

We will look forward to hearing about how it went in the next newsletter!!!

Nelson Riding Club Profile

Nelson Riding Club was established in 1979 and is 29 years old this year, with a membership of 53 the club continues to shows signs of a solid base for horsemanship and interactive and enjoyable association with horsepeople and horses.

Current President is Gillian Bishop, Vice-president is Anne Davey (who is also a member of National Committee NZRC), Secretary is Helen Trotman and Treasurer is Robyn Hennah. There is a solid base of contributing committee members that put in valuable time and effort to ensure that club members are catered for in most disciplines of riding.

Last year 2007 our team competed at Greymouth SITE and won Harris (dressage trophy) and Pegasus Trophy (dressage and jumping), which meant that 2008 these were challenged for at SITE in Rangiora.

There are great areas to ride, either for

pleasure such as the area called Rabbit Island, which is home to another area called Rough Island Equestrian Park. Rabbit Island or Moturoa is a fabulous beach accessible to and indeed for horse riding, with a flat beach of at least 6 kms long. Rough Island is the park for events.

The club caters for all ages over 17 and has no limit as to the opposite end of the range! The competition is varied and changes to suit riders' abilities, cross country jumping, clear round and show jumping, dressage and treks. Non riding times of getting together such as BBQs and dvd evenings.

Next year the club hopes to attend SITE and work is underway. We are enthusiastic about our club and if there is anyone making the move to this region and are horseriders, we would welcome you to Nelson Riding Club Inc.

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There is something about the outside of a horse that is good for the inside of a man.
~Winston Churchill



Funnies

Top 10 Spooky Things - *A horse's point of view*

10. Blowing Paper:

"At any moment it could whip up into our faces, covering our noses. We could suffocate. And don't try to tell us you'd do CPR."

9. Barking Dogs:

"What? You've never read Steven King's CUJO?"

8. Puddles of Water:

"Quicksand."

7. Trash Cans:

"They've been known to swallow horses and transport them into another dimension."

6. Babies and Li'l Kids:

"Long lost tribe of horse-eating pygmies."

5. Plaid Horse Blankets:

"Hey, when was the last time you wore plaid? It adds 100 lbs."

4. Ropes and Hoses on the Ground:

"Dreaded North American Trail Snakes."

3. Ponies:

"Cute, clever, hardy. They want to take over the world."

2. Windy Days:

"Two Words: impending tornado."

1. Carts and Wagons:

"Look. You put a human on our backs, we can always buck them off. But hitching a horse to a wheeled object? It's just not right."

Riding: The art of keeping a horse between you and the ground.

The following article is from Horsetalk.co.nz & used in this newsletter with the website owners permission.

Dental care for the horse

by Robert N. Oglesby DVM, from horseadvice.com

INTRODUCTION

Many horses have aged prematurely because their teeth began to fail them. Older horses with healthy teeth have far fewer digestive problems and live longer. Proper care early on helps a horse keep his teeth longer. Tooth problems can also cause riding problems. Tooth care is an important, though often overlooked, aspect of horse care.

ANATOMY

Baby (Deciduous) teeth eruption dates.

3 pair upper and 3 pair lower incisors (the biting teeth in front)

1st pair erupt during the first few days after birth

2nd at 4-6 weeks

3rd at 6-9 months

3 pair upper and 3 pair lower cheek teeth (the grinding teeth in back)

Erupt in the first 2 weeks

Adult teeth and eruption dates

3 pair upper and 3 pair lower incisors

1st pair 2 1/2 years

2nd pair 3 1/2 years

3rd pair 4 1/2 years

Canines (not to be confused with wolf teeth) variable 4-5 years Wolf teeth (1st premolar)

5-6 mo but very variable 6 pairs of cheek teeth

2nd premolar 2 1/2 years

3rd premolar 3 years

4th premolar 4 years

1st molar 12 mo

2nd molar 2 years

3rd molar 4 years

CARE

Horses' teeth are different than a human's in several important aspects: 1. A horse's teeth grow throughout his life. 2. A horse's teeth do not have a uniform coating of enamel. As horses chew they wear the softer parts of the teeth quicker than the enamel edges, resulting in sharp edges (points) developing. Most commonly the outer edge of the upper molars and the inner edge of the lower molars lengthen and become sharp. Another common problem is the front of the first upper cheek tooth (P2) becoming long. If these abnormalities are not corrected they will cause problems with the bit, chewing difficulties and may even result in a broken tooth. It is very common to see where the cheek teeth are causing small sores on the inside of the cheeks.

To prevent problems the points on the teeth are filed smooth with a specially designed rasp
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called a float. The teeth should be checked yearly for wear. Some signs of tooth problems are: 1. Trouble chewing 2. Mouth odor 3. Lumps of hay in the cheeks (quidding) 4. Problems with the bit 5. Excessive salivation (Also clover can cause this problem.)

INCISORS

It has recently been recommended that the incisor's grinding surface be kept level. The purpose is to keep the molars together as the horse chews from side to side. When the incisors are unlevel they force the teeth apart as the horse chews. Certainly, any horse with severe abnormalities of the incisors could benefit by having this done.

WOLF TEETH

Wolf teeth are smallish teeth, about the size of a kernel of corn. They grow in just in front of the large cheek teeth. There is a great difference in opinion about the significance of these teeth and how often they cause problems. Many are probably no problem at all. If too far forward the bit can come into contact and may become sensitive or interfere with the action of the bit. All young horses have problems with their bits from time to time, greatly confusing the subject. On a young horse with biting problems removal may help.

PLAQUE

Horses also have problems with plaque forming around the base of the canines causing a remarkable gingivitis if allowed to stay too long. Also tremendous plaque build up around the molars can occur in horses that quid. Allowing the plaque to eat away at the gingiva results in premature tooth loss.

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Interesting new product.....

We have just received a great new product in stock.

Equicast is a versatile, hoof cast system which is simple to apply yet very effective. Applied in a similar way as you would a regular hoof bandage, Equicast sets hard within minutes with the finished result similar to a cast applied for human broken bones.

Equicast can be applied within minutes by vets, farriers or horse owners for:

- Adding a temporary hoof dressing for foot injuries

- Providing comfort to tender footed horses (perfect for those transitioning to barefoot)

- Support to the hoof wall in laminitic and founder cases

- The repair of poor or damaged hoof wall

- To keep a loose shoe in place in an emergency

- Temporary protection to the hoof when a shoe is lost (to get you home!)

Equicast can be used on a barefoot horse, under a shoe (a farrier can nail through it) or over a shoe to help hold the shoe in place.

This product along with many other hoof care items is available to purchase online from the shopping section of www.farrier.co.nz or give me a call on 0800 211 212. RRP is \$35 (plus shipping) per roll.

We're planning some free hands-on clinics in Christchurch over the next few weeks to demonstrate Equicast. If you're in town and interested then let me know.

NZRC COMMITTEE MEETING Held 02.01.09 Solway show grounds, Masterton

Meeting opened – 4.15pm

PRESENT: Alison Woollard, Sheryl Goble, Anne Davey, Evelyn Cooper, Eileen Harris, Rosemary Lee-Oldfield, John Flintoff, Helen Hansen, Shontelle Gut, Bev Birkett, Jean Fitzgerald, Judy Williams, Donna Harley.

APOLOGIES: Noleen Jeffries, Robin Hodder
Judy / Helen

MINUTES: The account figures from the past minutes were transposed between bridleways and NZRC accounts.

Helen / Rosemary

MATTERS ARISING:

CORRESPONDENCE: IN- **Levin Pleasure Horse RC – Insurance**

Donna to clarify with insurance broker what the \$3.00 levy actually covers. Are the clubs covered for insurance, regardless if their members are affiliated or not?

New Club – Mayfield a new club has started up in the South Island.

OUT- Nil

REPORTS:	NZRC Chq Account as at	28.11.08	\$8097.43
	NZRC Achiever Acc as at	28.11.08	\$2157.93
	Bridleways Chq Account as at	28.11.08	\$1107.86
	Bridleways Achiever Acc as at	28.11.08	\$5101.36

GENERAL BUSINESS:

SITE – to be held over Easter weekend 2009 at Rangiora showground's, TBC. To be run by Kaipoi RC. Donna to write to Kaipoi RC and inform them they must affiliate before the end of January 2009, so that a start up pack can be initialized. Also a reminder that all participants in SITE must be affiliated to NZRC before they can compete.

Bev / Shontell Unanimous

NITE – there was a suggestion and some discussion regarding NITE being held in a central location (Taupo) every second year. Also which weekend in January is more appropriate?

Uniform Register - Donna to contact clubs and reinstate the uniform register.

MARC – Masterton Adult Riding Club have donated a new trophy for Turn Out at NITE events, to be presented for the first time at NITE 2009. The trophy is intended to encourage organizers of NITE events put more emphasis on the Turn Out phase and encourage a higher standard by the competitors.

Next Meeting – AGM to be held in Masterton in June. Date TBA by Masterton - not weekend of field days or to conflict with PC.

Meeting Closed 5.20pm

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