

# Riders Round Up

Official Newsletter of New Zealand Riding Clubs and Bridleways Inc

## Editors Note

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Daylight saving is finished and the nights here in Taranaki have started to cool down. Maybe time to get those warm covers out to be repaired or waterproofed, ready as winter tends to sneak up pretty fast. Check for spiders! They love to nest in our horses blankets.

Sadly SITE won't be held this year due to the earthquake. It good to see horse riders getting in behind the fundraising efforts for Christchurch with treks, auctions and ribbon days being held all over the country.

See all the NITE results and read the minutes from the committee meeting. Check out the great photos. A good time was had by all that attended NITE (some more than others judging by the inserted photo).

Who left this team member behind and who was responsible for the predicament he ended up in?

Luckily for him he was rescued and hitched a ride back to his team mates. Keep a look out for him next year!! NITE 2012 has tentatively been booked for Taupo 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> January. Looking for clubs to host.

There were some rule changes sent out December last year. Hopefully you all have these, but if you don't please let us know.

Also a reminder that all affiliation forms along with other interesting information can be found on the riding club website

[www.nzridingclubs.homestead.com](http://www.nzridingclubs.homestead.com)



**Reminder AGM being held on the 25<sup>th</sup> June in Wellington.  
Venue details will be emailed out when confirmed.**

## North Island Teams Event

By Sharon Goldsworthy  
Photos by Richie Davies (at end of article)

New Year's Eve 2010 saw 15 teams from all around the North Island gathered at the National Equestrian Centre at Taupo. Riders, grooms, helpers and the national committee from NZ Riding Clubs quietly saw in the New Year, and then retired to bed as there was a big weekend to come.

This event is the NZ Riding Club's equivalent to a North Island Championship. Over one weekend, 5 phases are contested by teams of up to 6 horses and riders. Phases are: turnout; riding club mount (obstacle course); quadrille with costumes and music; showjumping and cross country. The aims are to promote a fun and friendly atmosphere, centred on team effort, encouraging confidence, horsemanship and riding skills. Every effort is made to try not to eliminate any competitor, and the object is to have everyone complete all the phases. Traditionally, it is organised by the previous year's winning team, but this time members of Hawkes Bay's PARC (Pukahu and Hawkes Bay Adult Riding Club) offered to take on the co-ordination. PARC also entered two full teams and formed a combined one with the Twin City Riding Club (TCRC), also from Hawkes Bay.

Day one starts with the Turnout phase, which saw the teams and helpers plaiting and polishing from dawn. Points from this phase are combined with those from the day two turnout for the cross country. Clear winners of this were the TCRC Boogie Woogies (a.k.a. Jake and the Baybettes), who took the Masterton ARC Trophy. This team also won the Housekeeping and Uniform trophy due to their tidy, well signposted campsite and horse accommodation that they shared with the TCRC/PARC team.

Later in the morning, riders started on the obstacle course that is the "Riding Club Mount" phase. This aims to find a calm, confident horse that is an ideal mount for a Riding Club member. Competitors ride through a timed obstacle course with 5 compulsory elements, including opening a gate, dragging or carrying an object, cantering a figure of eight and a number of options that require great cooperation between horse and rider. Several struggled with dragging a tyre and closing a gate while mounted, while the successful teams gave an impressive display through the course within the maximum time. Last to go were the winners, PARC Pink Ladies.

For the quadrille phase, the teams are able to choose their theme, music and costumes. This was won by the PARC Pink Ladies with their striking pink costumes and music from "Grease". Teams create their own routines using simple dressage moves from levels one and two, co-ordinating four team members in the arena. This was judged on the artistic merit, music and costumes and is keenly contested each year, and a guaranteed spectacle. Most teams start rehearsing their quadrille months ahead of time as practise is essential. They also spend a huge amount of time working on costumes for both horses and riders.

The cross country phase for NITE is different from most, in that four team members ride together. Points are awarded for teamwork so riders are talking to each other around the course and work to keep an even distance. Fences have a large (95 cm maximum) and smaller option, with more points awarded for tackling the maximum obstacle. All of the teams seemed to enjoy their trip around the Taupo RC-designed course, with much yelling and yahooping to be heard. Only one point separated the top two teams, who both took the bigger options, with the win going to Masterton ARC's The Dolly Birds.

Members of the Piopio Riding Club travelled to Taupo to set up and run the Gambler's Stakes for the show jumping phase. A tight course on the sand arenas saw some problems and a few falls. Not many chose to tackle the joker fence – 1 meter high by 1 meter wide - but those who jumped it

safely won vital extra points for their team. Again, the Dolly Birds from Masterton showed their jumping skill by winning this phase.

The end of the weekend saw a happy group of competitors for the mounted prize giving. Thanks to the wonderful, generous sponsors there were plenty of prizes to accompany the ribbons. Overall winners receiving the O'Fee Trophy was the PARC team – Pink Ladies, composed of Cindy Watkins on Lindisfarne Jet Set, Bronwen Wills on Paddy, Liz Nelson on Chrialka Zibu, Tanya Koens on Mr Hotshot, Jaren Kohlis on Beau and Chrissy Hansen on Make-A-Wish.



**Overall Results**

- Overall winners – O'Fee Trophy**      **PARC Pink Ladies (Pictured Left)**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Tauranga ARC The Rockettes
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Masterton ARC The Dolly Birds
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Taupo RC The Taupo Tartans
  - 5<sup>th</sup> TCRC Boogie Woogies
  - 6<sup>th</sup> HORSE The Flower Pot Gals

**Turnout**

- 1<sup>st</sup> MARC Trophy**      **TCRC Boogie Woogies**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Kapiti RC Silicon Sisters
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Taupo RC The Taupo Tartans
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Masterton ARC The Dolly Birds



**Riding Club Mount**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Franklin ARG Trophy**      **PARC Pink Ladies**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Tauranga ARC The Rockettes
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Thames Valley ARC The Benny Hillbillies
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Taupo RC The Taupo Tartans



**Quadrille**

- 1<sup>st</sup> John Moore Trophy**      **PARC Pink Ladies**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Taranaki ARC Kaponga Kruisers
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Coastal ARC Take A Gamble
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Tauranga ARC The Rockettes



**Cross country**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Trophy**      **Masterton ARC The Dolly Birds**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> TCRC Boogie Woogies
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> HORSE The Flower Pot Gals
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Tauranga ARC The Rockettes

**Show jumping**

- 1<sup>st</sup> **Spriggs Trophy**                      **Masterton ARC The Dolly Birds**  
 2<sup>nd</sup> HORSE The Flower Pot Gals  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Tauranga ARC The Rockettes  
 4<sup>th</sup> Cambridge ARC Horses in History

Housekeeping/Uniform Trophy – The Tuakau ARC and Double Divide Farm Trophy was awarded to the TCRC Boogie Woogies.

Last But Not Least/Hard Luck Award – The Papakura ARC Trophy was awarded to the TCRC/PARC Hawkes Bay Honey Bees.



Selection of photos by Richie Davies. Enquires to [flowersbytanya@clear.net.nz](mailto:flowersbytanya@clear.net.nz)

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## COMMITTEE MEETING

### National Equestrian Centre, Taupo on 31.12.10

Meeting opened 4.20pm

1. **PRESENT:** Helen Hansen, Donna Harley, John Flintoff, Sheryl Goble, Shontelle Gut, Glenda Schumacher, Judy Williams, Evelyn Cooper, Noeline Jeffries, Bev Birkett
2. **APOLOGIES:** Christine Christian, Anne Davey and Robyn Hennah.  
**Judy / Sheryl**
3. **MINUTES:** The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.  
**Judy / Bev**
4. **MATTERS ARISING:**
  - Nic Richmond and Alison Cunningham not present at committee meeting in Christchurch.
  - There was no mention in the minutes of the presentation to John Flintoff. John was presented a framed photo in memory of his time with NZRC.
  - Helen would like the amount for hosting NITE / SITE to be discussed again at the next AGM.  
**Glenda / Judy**
5. **CORRESPONDENCE:** IN-
  - Anne Davey advised that Robyn Hennah's partner was a victim of the Pike River mine disaster. She asked if NZRC would be willing to send flowers.
  - Springston Pleasure Riding Club advised that they will be hosting SITE on 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2011. Pegasus and Harris will be run on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April. Springston have requested that NZRC appoint a Chief Steward. To be discussed further in general business.

OUT- Nil
6. **REPORTS:**

NZRC Chq Account as at	29.10.10	\$ 5415.19
NZRC Achiever Acc as at	29.10.10	\$ 5289.15
Bridleways Chq Account as at	29.10.10	\$ 1006.26
Bridleways Achiever Acc as at	29.10.10	\$ 5313.81

**Donna / Helen**
7. **GENERAL BUSINESS:**
  - NITE Venue – Bev will pencil book Taupo for 7 / 8<sup>th</sup> January 2012. It is totally the discretion of the next host club where and when they will hold NITE.
  - Helen advised that she tried to recover an approximate amount of \$580 that was left idle in a Bridleways South Island account. The money had be claimed within a certain time frame or be relinquished to Inland Revenue. Helen was not able to track down the past signatories so the money ended up going to Inland Revenue.
  - The \$500.00 amount for hosting NITE / SITE was discussed and the rationale behind this change being made at an AGM, as it was not a constitutional change. Bev felt that the \$500 amount should be paid to the current club hosting NITE as that was the expectation rather than waiting until the rule became effective 12 months after the AGM. Evelyn moved that the \$500.00 be paid now and be re discussed at the next AGM as to proper process.  
Show of hands to accept motion - 9 for 1 against.  
Judy abstained.  
**Evelyn / Bev**
  - Donna was to approach Springston RC in response to their request for a Chief Steward for SITE. She was also to ascertain what funds Springston were expecting to be paid. If Springston were willing to pay travel one way, Helen would be happy to attend SITE as their Chief Steward.
8. **ACCOUNTS TO PAY:**
  - Helen Hansen – Travel \$ 90.00
  - Judy Williams – Travel \$ 88.00

	<u>\$ 178.00</u>
<b>Helen / Bev</b>	
<b>Accounts to be passed as paid:</b>	
• Quality Presentations – Ribbons	\$ 251.04
• Printcraft – Printing Rulebooks	<u>\$ 934.87</u>
	<u>\$1185.91</u>
<b>Donna / John</b>	

9. **NEXT MEETING/ AGM:** 25<sup>th</sup> June 2011 in Wellington

Meeting Closed 5.15pm

## Review: FeedXL Horse Nutrition programme

<http://feedxl.com/>

By Sharon Goldsworthy

Do you wonder if your horse is getting the right diet? Ever struggled with your horse's feeding to get weight off or keep it on? Are you thinking about finding the right mineral/vitamin supplement to balance your pasture? (And, with this, you can find out **exactly how much** you spend on feeding your horse - if you want to know!)

I recently discovered this incredible tool for really finding out all about your horse's diet. FeedXL (<http://feedxl.com/>) is more than a programme – it includes an interactive forum for asking questions, great help menus and newsletters with the latest research on horse feed and feeding issues. Although based in Australia, they have expanded the database to cover New Zealand as well. And if you find you use something not on their database, they will add it with incredible speed. All you need to do is enter your horse's details, starting with age, gender and then work through the menus to include every item of their diet. This goes right down to the carrots for treats. I entered all of Max's info and found that he was getting more than enough feed including protein but is not getting enough selenium and vitamin E. Then I redid the diet with no hard feed, just a salt lick and found he's still getting enough to eat but is lacking in selenium, iodine, copper and vitamin E. So why bother hard feeding him? All I need to do is find the right mineral/vitamin supplement and he should be blooming!

Unfortunately, this is not a free service. But they frequently have specials on the membership where you can save some money. I figure if I can save some money on feed, supplements etc by paying to use this, then it is a good investment. You can join up for just a month, but it works out cheaper for an annual subscription. And the more horses you have, the cheaper each one becomes to have in the system. At the moment, a membership for one horse for a month is only \$12.75 (NZ dollars) as they are running a special 15% off. For a year, the prices are only three times the monthly fee.

I thoroughly recommend FeedXL .

(Note: this is not a paid advertisement; I just think this is something great to share)