

New Zealand Riding Clubs



Riders Round Up

Hi Everyone, Where have the last 2 months gone!!!! I apologize to you all for not getting this issue out on the 1st September, I just plain old got busy and forgot!!!

Committee meeting in Palmerston North 29th of September at 11am in the Green Room at the Hotel Coachman 140 Fitzherbert Avenue, West End, Palmerston North 4410.

We need a Club or Clubs to run NITE. We will be making a decision at the above meeting so please if your club can help email Andrea nzridingclubs@hotmail.co.nz or myself ridersroundup@gmail.com.

Please email me with your suggestions re the survey. I have had no comments from any clubs, so I hope you have sent them to one of the other committee members.

A note to club secretaries, please forward The Riders Round Up to your members. Anyone who is in a New Zealand Riding Clubs club can read the Round Up and email me with anything, jokes, stories about their horses, items for sale, whatever they would like included in the Round Up for other members to read. This issue is a very slim one as I have only a little material to put in it from anyone else. Come on clubs we would like to know what you and your members are doing with and without your horses.

Happy spring everyone and I hope the weather starts to improve and you can get out and ride!!



SURVEY

It was brought up at the meeting that :

- 1. Some members would like there to be some more choices in the Rulebook for Phases at NITE/SITE eg leTrek, Hoof Ball.**
- 2. Some members would like to see the jumping Phases be Non Compulsory so that you could run a NITE/SITE with no or just one Jumping Phase.**

Could Clubs please discuss with their members. Please email me by the **21st of September** with your thoughts so that I can compile a report for the meeting on the 29th of September in Palmerston North.

If you have suggestions for new phases we will need **all** details pertaining to how these are run, rules and scoring. Many of the committee will not have done these new events and all rules etc will need to be added to the Rulebook and we can't write them if we have no idea how they are run.

Thank you.
Heather

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Caption this!!

I had only ONE entry for this!!

From My Mother!!!!

An Idea was muted at the Committee Meeting that some members might like to travel and compete at NITE or SITE with borrowed horses.

Anyone interested please email me. It will be a big effort to organise etc but wouldn't it be great.

A fantastic way to unite the NEW ZEALAND Riding Clubs!!!

We would also need people to loan their horses to the visiting team in the North and South Islands.

If you are willing to help in any way please email me at ridersroundup@gmail.com with Team Challenge in the subject line, so that I can report to committee at the next meeting on the 29th of September.

***DON'T FORGET TO THANK THE
DIFFICULT HORSES THAT MADE
YOUR LIFE HELL, WITHOUT THEM
YOU WOULDN'T BE AS GOOD OF A
RIDER AS YOU ARE TODAY.***

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Presidents Report September

Well I trust you have all survived the winter and are looking forward to warmer and longer days. Of course for those that live up in the winterless north that's not a problem for you. We have had a mixed bag this winter what with the snow in early June and now lots of rain we are all hoping that this will make ideal growing conditions for the spring and we will be rewarded with lots of lush green grass.

I hope you all have been supporting the petition circulated by Jan Mossman petitioning parliament to recognise horses as an alternative mode of travel in New Zealand, compel the NZ Transport Authority to include ridden and driven horses in their planning facilitation process, and that the Royal Ag Society be included in all discussion regarding walking, cycling and combined access to recreational trails.

It appears that horses have already been excluded from a number of recreational trails in the north island and we would not like to see this set a precedent for future trails.

Jan has the daunting task of trying to get 52,000 signatures so everyone that you can get helps towards that number.

I have my tickets booked and am going to be attending a public forum meeting on this very subject with the MP for Rangitikei Ian McKelvie at the Papakura RSA on 6th Sept with a meet and greet starting from 4.30pm and a meal for those that wish from 5.45pm then the actual meeting starts at 7pm. This is your chance to have your say and it's great that we have an MP who is an equestrian and willing to listen and be our voice. Anyone who has questions that they would like either Bev our Bridleways rep or myself to put to Ian then email us and we will put them to Ian on your behalf.

Spring always see a flurry of activity in the horse world. Those spring shows are looming the 4 legged beast in the paddock is a hairy muddy unrecognisable show creature and you have your work cut out trying to make them presentable. Most of our riding clubs will be hosting their annual spring show so please if your club is having one get involved don't just leave it to the same people usually those few on the committee to run. Many hands make light work.

Our next NZ Riding Club committee meeting will be 29th Sept in Palmerston North at the Coachman Hotel, 11am. It would be great to see some of local riding clubs in this area send some of their members to the meeting.

I have just received an email from Andrea as below:

Hi Everyone,

The year is disappearing and as yet we have had no club raise their hand to run NITE 2013. We have a committee Meeting later this month and this will be discussed. Could you please ask your committee's if they would be willing to help. You might like to run a phase but not the whole thing. At the moment we will look at any ideas. This does not have to be held at Taupo if you have a similar venue closer to your club.

It would be a shame to have to cancel NITE 2013

Thanks

Andrea Parker

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If your club can help Please email before the meeting on the 29Th September.



[A wee piece for the Riders Round Up from down here in Springston.](#)

Spooked at the Vineyard

It was intended as a relaxing mid winter ride around a small local vineyard just south of Christchurch. It was a fresh mid-winters morning with our usual (though rather large) group of experienced riders.

The thing is, no one told the horses it was meant to be a relaxed easy ride.

There must have been the freshness in the air, as even before we set off, even the most relaxed of the horses were unsettled in anticipation, jiggling and spinning. A few riders on new green horses could sense it wasn't going to be the easiest of rides.

We headed off out the gate, with the vineyard about a km on the right. All good. We waited for the gate to be unlocked and headed down the drive with several comments of what a great place to ride.

You would think most horses would recognise a small fluffy Shetland pony in the next paddock, galloping up to meet us as being a friend, not foe. No, this small cute bundle of fluff was obviously going to get us. All the horses in their own secret language prepared for the obvious impending attack! Dancing, spinning, and snorting. Completely losing the plot.

We did get past this cute bundle, but no longer did this beautiful location have the same impact. The lanes between the vines were now too narrow to ride through, the big open space was too exciting to hack around. We turned back for the gate and decided a simple road ride may be the answer.

But not before seriously considering tying the horses up and doing some serious wine tasting. But we all could imagine the whole lot breaking free and galloping away into the distance.

So, the next ride around the vineyard will begin with the tastings, then... who cares how the rest of the ride will go!!



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August 2012 Newsletter



Another month closer to summer. Time to stop moaning and groaning about wet weather and mud and to start complaining about the heat and the dust. And also time to find out how much damage has been done to riding paths and tracks with slips and wash outs.

The river at the end of my road has changed the shape of the riverbank and getting into the river will be a challenge. The river bed has also become covered in large boulders where before there had been gravel and a clearly marked track. I loved my neighbours reaction when I spoke about riding down the riverbed to gain access into the forest. He was worried that I would break my horses feet on the rocks. Haven't been in the forest for a while, but after all the rain we have been having here in Nelson, I can well imagine there will be a tree or two down across the tracks. And for the first time ever, my young horse has pulled a shoe, thanks to hooning around the paddock, in the mud. Farrier is due tomorrow.

Thank goodness for the all-weather arena down the road that is available to use, or my horses might never get out. Almost forgotten what colour they are also. Hardly ever seem to get their rugs off.

Good to hear from Jeanette from way down south. (Dunstan Riding Club) I have included a snippet from her email to me.

.....I have got and circulated the Bridleways Petition so that should be well supported down here, all members will get at least one sheet to fill and send. Later on when the big treks get underway will canvas them as well. So many paper roads here have been fenced off leaving those areas shut off.

With the increase of push bikes they have taken over most of our local trails making it very dangerous for riders...then the walkers complain that there is manure on the track, can't win, we made the tracks in the first place.

Farmers will not allow access now because the bikers completely disregard locked gates by either cutting off the locks or putting the bikes over the fence. Not all do this, but the few that have, have spoilt it for us all. Some have left gates open and cost farmers thousands of dollars to musters, draught and inoculate sheep again, and they say we must share!!!!!!!

As you can gather I love trekking, have introduced so many to the pleasure of the freedom of riding high country.

Hope to hear from you soon

Regards Jeanette McKay

(Well done Jeanette for getting things moving in the South. I would love to travel south to ride one of the Cavalcades, maybe I will put it on my Bucket list.)

Another good news story:

Got a call today from the local forestry management group asking me to go and trial the new Horse gate they have put in on one of the forestry roads and then report back. They are putting these gates in on several of their forestry tracks so guess what I'll be doing this weekend. **Well done Hancock Forest Management.** The nice thing is that they have done this without any pushing or arm twisting as far as I am aware. They have developed this proto type and are wanting feedback so that they can adapt it to our wants and needs. But as usual, instead of riders going "yippee!!!!!! someone is thinking of us and has set out to help us", we have some riders moaning and groaning because the gates aren't perfect. The gates won't be perfect for quite a while, but isn't it wonderful that this forestry company has chosen to do this for us without having to even be asked. Especially when you hear about the battles other districts have to fight just to get access to a couple of kilometers of track. These gates will mean we have access to thousands of acres of forestry in which to ride and that we can ride for miles without meeting any other traffic.

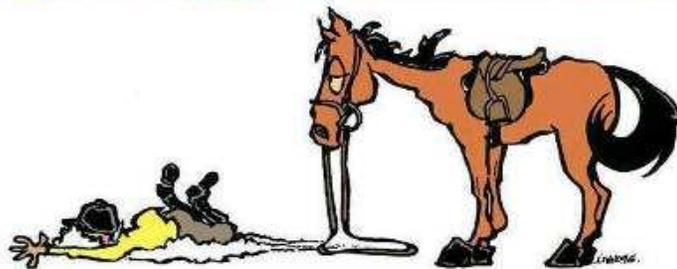
Hopefully will have a round-up of the meeting Christine and Bev went to in my next blurb, even better hopefully they will have put pen to paper. And we have a committee meeting in Palmy in a couple of weeks, so if you want anything brought up for discussion, remember to contact Christine or Vicky or myself and we will get it on the agenda.

Wrap up well, looking out the window I see heaps of fresh snow on the hills. Keep warm and dry

Happy and safe riding Rosemary

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