

Riders Round Up

Official Newsletter of New Zealand Riding Clubs and Bridleways Inc

AGM

The AGM was held in Christchurch at McLean's Island.



The committee

John Flintoff stood down as President. He was made a life member to thank him for all the great work he has done over the years. Helen Hansen has stepped into his shoes, let's hope she can measure up (just kidding you know we love you)!! Noeline Jefferies has taken over as North Island Vice President. See her profile later on in the newsletter. We also have some new faces on the committee.



Donna & John

Editors Note

August already! Well our shortest day has been and gone, and even though it is a few minutes a week we will soon enjoy the longer days!

Very wet and muddy underfoot here in Taranaki at present. My white horse has been enjoying indulging in her daily mud masks!

We had a great adventure down south at the AGM. It was good to meet some new people and see the South Island club well represented.

See the attached AGM meeting minutes for details.

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PS we started to write this in August but time seems to have got away on us!! Sorry about the delay and wishing everyone the best for the upcoming season.

Introducing Noeline Jeffries, North Island Vice President

I was one of the original members and involved in the setting up of the Hamilton Older Riders Social Equitation Club (HORSE Club) in the mid 1980's. It has gone from strength to strength and this year the Club hosted the North Island Teams Event held at the Waikato Equestrian Centre in Hamilton. Eighteen teams were put through their phases and it was a most successful achievement for the Club.

I have ridden in two North Island Teams Events. One at Taupo in the Quadrille phase on my ex race horse Temigo as the "1812 Riders" and in 1995 on my late mother's horse Glenstrae (Charlie Horse) as "The Cottage Gardens".



Receiving Civic Award from the Mayor of Hamilton, Bob Simcock and his wife

For over fifteen years now, I have supported the HORSE Club's team at NITE as either Team Manager or general helping hand.

One of my most memorable occasions was receiving a Civic Award from the Hamilton City Council and presented by the Mayor of Hamilton, Bob Simcock, at a ceremony in December 2007 for service to the Equestrian Sport.

In 1984 I was the instigator of the founding of the Waikato Combined Equestrian Group (WEC) and took on the role of Secretary of that Group for six years from 1985 to 1991. I held the position of Chief Executive Officer from 1998 to 2003 and retired from the committee in 2007.

When the Masters Games were held in Hamilton I was co-ordinator for the Dressage Section from 2000 until 2008.

Horse riding is my life and it was extremely heart-breaking for me to have to give up riding last year due to advanced osteo-arthritis of the hips and it is now too painful for me to ride.

Most of my weekends are spent either judging dressage as a Level 3 NZEF Dressage judge or helping out wherever I can either with Pony Club or judging Ribbon Days and other horse related events.

I am happy to be the North Island Vice President for the NZ Riding Club and intend to carry out that role to the best of my ability.

I look forward to meeting up with you all again at the forthcoming North Island Teams Event 2011.

Club News

(Taken from various newsletters we have received & club websites. If you have anything to contribute please flick me an email with details)

NITE

NITE will be held in Taupo next year on 1st & 2nd January 2011. This event will be hosted by Pukahu and Hawkes Bay Adult Riding Club.

I'm sure you will all join me in extending an offer to Bronwen and her team at Pukahu, of as much help as is needed to run a successful event.

[Http://hawkesbayadultridingclub.spaces.live.com](http://hawkesbayadultridingclub.spaces.live.com)

Hawkes Bay Adult Riding Club (HARC) was established in 2000 by some keen riders wanting to do a bit more than just riding by themselves. Recently HARC joined Pukahu Sports Club and has been renamed Pukahu & Hawkes Bay Adult Riding Club (PARC). PARC is a friendly group of riders of all ages (17 years +) and with a very diverse range of horses. The 78 members compete in most equine disciplines, at levels ranging from just getting back into competing, to Novice level. Club grounds are located at Equestrian Park Flaxmere.

Taupo Adult Riding Club

In other news, our first Le Trek competition was well attended last weekend, with competitors coming from as far as Taihape and Taumaranui to compete. The weather came to the party nicely and everyone had a great time. Competitors were first scored on how calmly and obediently their mounts negotiated obstacles such as bridges, roadworks and bushy archways. They then had to navigate around a 6-8km orienteering course, returning as close as possible to the optimum time. It was awesome to see such a wide range of competitors and horses competing together - from green 3-year-old horses, 11-year-old girls, and adults who had never competed before to seasoned

trekking, endurance and eventing horses and riders. In the pairs section Sue Watson and Thea O'Brian placed first, Bev Birkett and Jacalyn Reynolds, 2nd and Alison McGegor and Joy Pointon were 3rd. Christina Asplin won the individual section. With such great feedback from competitors, we look forward to making this a regular fundraiser for the club.



Many and varied are the suggested causes of the irretrievable breakdown of marriages of today. A recent "Gallop" poll has uncovered a previously undetected source of disharmony in many homes the Horse!

As a preventative measure, an intending Horsewife should ensure that her fiance (Sir Single) study the following contract. Said Contract signed and witnessed by a Judge (Horse Variety) to be a pre-requisite of matrimony:

CONTRACT

I, being of sound mind and body, agree to:

1. Provide suitable locality for horse(s), disregarding personal inconvenience.
2. Supply finance from an inexhaustable source.
3. Bypass a small, economical car in favour of a 4x4 or V8 suitable for towing a float.
4. Be fed only after horse has been fed and then only when cooking utensils are not being used for measuring feed, boiling barley or linseed, etc.
5. Turn a blind eye to clothes covered in horse hair (a result of saddle blankets in the washing machine).
6. Accept mowing the lawn while the horse demolishes the garden.
7. Off-season pregnancies only.
8. Allow the tool box to be used for grooming gear and the shed to be used for feed.
9. Pay vet bills before doctor's bills.
10. Condone VIP treatment to blacksmith and feed merchants while "the boss" is unwelcome.
11. Allow the permanent loan by spouse of the following items:

family car	paintbrushes
boot polish	cleaning rags
vaseline	beach umbrella
towels	folding chairs
garden hose	chilly bin
all ropes	clothes brush
all bandages	best tie.
12. Miss the news in favour of Black Beauty or the Melbourne Cup.
13. Enormous phone bills due to likeminded horsey conversations.
14. Suffer in silence all horsey talk and horsey friends and meetings both home and away.
15. Ignore hay and chaff in bed.
16. Be capable of rugging and feeding in spouse's absence.
17. Tolerate horse gear strewn lounge the night before shows.
18. Carry out all orders and show mornings willingly and without suggestions, particularly during loading the horses.?
19. At shows:
 - cart water and erect escape-proof yards from limited resources;
 - be lumbered with non-riding children;
 - finance side show expeditions;
 - accompany toilet visits;
 - make cups of tea/coffee;
 - criticise the judges;
 - stay sober.

SIGNED:

The [Emergency Equine Assistance](#) (“EEA”) global network has come to [New Zealand](#).

The EEA coordinates the EEA member list - consisting of equestrian people who are both receivers and givers of emergency equine assistance.

The Primary objective of the EEA is to provide alternative equine transport for members that breakdown on the roadside, however there are loads of uses...

What happens when:

- your **vehicle breaks down** away from home and you need to get your horse home (or to a safe place)?
- you need **emergency overnight accommodation** for your horse?
- you're **injured away from home** and need help with your horses?
- you're **at a show**, and have a flat tyre, flat battery, need a farrier, a vet etc?

Now New Zealanders can seek help from fellow members no matter the emergency.

Go to the website for details: <http://sites.google.com/site/eeanz1/>

Regards

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