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Risk and Reward

I was looking back at last year's newsletters and this time of the year always raises the topic of goals and planning. It's the start of the competition season, thinking about what I intend to do, by when and how. Then creating a fitness plan for you and your horse to ensure you both get there accident and injury free.

But I also know of an increasing number of people who are looking to push themselves with more challenging horses, as well as competing at a higher level.

It's an interesting topic thinking about getting a bigger, faster or more powerful horse. It's the topic of risk and statistics. I have a partner who loves figures and I bought him an interesting read on this topic; "The Norm Chronicles" Somewhere someone took the time to analyse all the data around most topics and then explain the risk.

Cycling was an enlightening read as every hour you cycle, you increase your life expectancy. If only horse riding was the same!

Statistically around 12,700 accidents occur from riding each year, but we can console ourselves with the statistic that 5800 people are injured on bouncy castles.

Personally I believe that risk and reward changes during life's ages and stages. When we have younger children the reward and risk feel unbalanced. But as children grow and they take increasing risks themselves, we seem more comfortable increasing our own level of risk, hoping to also increase our own level of reward.

For many quite simply; risk is its own reward

Happy reading.....Sam,

KRC Events

August

29th - DVD night

We will be watching "Flight of the White Stallions" a documentary following the rescue of the Lipizzaner Stallions during the War.

Hosted by Karen Trotter; 218 Valley Road, Paraparaumu. 7.30pm start

Bring along something to drink and a plate of food

31st - Practice rally for combined training day

Karen Trotter will be available to help a small group work through 'Arena Craft'

Marcella Bates will also be available to take a small group over Cross Country jumps (if weather and grounds permit)

A pole arena will also be set up for practice as well as jumps.

September

3rd - Committee Meeting

Val Ballinger's; 157 Rangiuru Road, Reikorangi. 8pm start

SUBS DUE!

Please remember member subs are now due. If you are unable to download the form, or need another copy, please contact Sandra.



Using Waikanae Cross Country course

KRC members can use Waikanae Cross Country course for schooling their **own** horses. It cannot be used to school other people's horses, or to take non-members over the course.

If you would like to use the course, please phone Heather McCaffrey on 022 152 1775 and let her know your preferred time and day.

Events

New routine!

Recent rallies have brought great numbers of club members along, which is fantastic to see. An increase in numbers also provides the need for more structure, to ensure that everyone gets the most from the day.

Firstly the club is responding to the increase in participation and ensuring that future rallies will have an increase in the number of instructors available.

9:30am Rally set up. New faces are desperately needed to help support the events.

Let the Rally organiser you are there for the event. They will be wearing a hi-vis vest. See if you are needed to help out before tacking up!

Listen out for the bell which will indicate the start of the event. This will happen promptly at 10am

The end time for the rally will be 12 noon.

What's on...

AUGUST

17 Horowhenua Dressage Gp Practice Series Ribbon Day

17 Tielcy Park, Show Hunter Series, Winter 2014

23/24 Central district show jumping

24 Moutoa PC Spring Show

SEPTEMBER

7 Waikanae training day

21 Waikanae PC Spring Show

21 Tielcy Park, Show Hunter Series, Winter 2014

28 Horowhenua sprint tournament

Battle Hill Eventing's dates for the 2014-15 season have been confirmed. For your diaries:

Spring ODE - Sunday 23 November 2014

- **Training Day - Sunday 30 November**
- **Training Day - Saturday 27 December**
- **Training Day - Sunday 11 January 2015**
- **Training Day - Sunday 22 February**

Autumn ODE - Sunday 29 March

KRC Survey

Firstly WOW. What a huge response from the survey. 75% of members had their say and we learnt a bit more about your needs.

Secondly congratulations goes out to Helen Lawrence whose name was drawn as the survey prize winner. Helen has won a riding lesson (to the value of \$50) with her preferred local instructor

Survey results;

Q1, Events attended.

The most popular event was flatwork rallies.

Followed by Ribbon days, Forest Ride and Gear Sale

The least popular event was DVD Instruction night and Hoofball

Followed by NITE and Meetings!

Q2, Choose one activity

53% would attend an instructional based activity

32% would want to attend something fun

Q3, What is your level of riding

31% are riding for pleasure

22% are competing

21% are regularly competing

Q4, what is the key factor in 'not' attending

47%, social commitments

Only a small number were not interested in the event held

What did we learn;

You don't like the idea of coming to committee meetings!

You LOVE flatwork rallies

You would like more fun based activities

A mid-week rally might be worth thinking about

Plan more forest rides

Our members are confident riders

AGM

What changed?

There were no changes to the roles of the committee

Kirsty Clyma was given a new role; Publicity Officer (Social Media)

Most fees were increased across the board by \$5

Awards;

Angie Galland

Club person of the year

Sandra Ray

Silly Chook Award

Robyn Murphy

Most improved

Jane Lenaghan

KRC All-Rounder

Sandra Ray

Scal sweetman trophy (overall points for attendance)

Congratulations to all our AGM winners

THANK YOU...

A big THANK YOU goes out to Melda Gibson for her patience, coaching and expert tuition during the painting evening.

The end results were fabulous and everyone involved was extremely pleased with what they had achieved.

Reminders.

Don't forget to phone **0223 104788** if you are worried that an event will be cancelled due to weather conditions. The latest there will be a message is 8.30am on the day.

Please clean up all horse poo, hay and rubbish from around your float/truck and pathways as well as from all weather arena and surrounding area. Please take it home with you until a better solution is sorted out
We welcome members bringing new people along. They can come to 3 rallies but then they must decide if they want to join.

Horse for sale

Jezebel, Rising 7 y.o. 15.1-15.2 Palamino 1/4 horse mare.

Has been backed and gently ridden in arenas (inc jumping) roads, beach and farm in company and alone. She is green but keen to learn and has a lot of personality and potential. good to load and travel, barefoot, good doer, snaffle mouth (myler) English and natural horsemanship background.

Genuine reason for sale

Asking \$6000 further info call Nikki 06 364 3903.

CLASSIFIEDS

Melda Gibson has several girths to sell. Please contact her on 06 368 7306 for more details on any of the following;

Long girths with elastic, brown webbing...46", 49" and 55"

Brown reassurance girth with elastic 46" and 52"

From \$20 to \$50

Dressage girths no elastic, black webbing...29", 34"

Brown webbing 30"

Black reassurance with elastic 14"

From \$10 to \$30

Thoroughbred Horse Float for Sale

Good condition. Has brakes, central partition with stallion guard, hardwood floor covered with Milford Resinform (a rubber seal layer), solid back bars with option of a single full width back bar if wanting to travel 1 horse with more space. It has been kept in a shed when not in use. Tows well. Has current registration & WOF.

The main structure & sides were re built about 14 years ago and the coupling replaced about 5 years ago. New brakes (discs, pads & master cylinder) were installed in Oct 2013(I have receipts for this work). Though this float has its first registration as 1983 it is effectively a lot newer than this as most of it has been rebuilt or parts replaced.

Price now reduced to \$5900

Ph 04 2937504 or email kapakapanui@xtra.co.nz

