

Diary dates in brief

January

- **5th** Waikanae Park arenas working bee pole painting.. Also...full rehearsal for NITE followed by shared lunch
- **12th** QEII Trek
- **25th / 26th** NITE

February

- **5th** Committee meeting. Claire Browns house

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Happy Holidays

Every morning when the advent calendar is opened by the little people in my house, I am reminded how many days it is until Christmas. It's not many....

Having lived most of my adult life in the Northern hemisphere I still find it very strange to be thinking BBQ food around the holiday. But I love the opportunity that a warm Christmas day brings. No more getting up and breaking the ice in the water troughs before present opening. No need to dash and get a ride in before 3pm when it's thinking about getting dark. Our Christmas day walk on the beach requires significantly less layers. Plus there is the whole pleasure of owning horses that live outdoors for Christmas...WOW, I also don't need to refer to a roster telling me when I am mucking out and turning out 20 horses so we all get one day with a lie in!

I am sure many of you will be spending some time over the holiday to enjoy your horses, soak up the amazing countryside and even go for a blast on the beach.

No matter whether your holiday is just the statutory days or longer, have fun this Christmas, enjoy your four legged partners and have fun.

I also want to spare a thought for those that have many challenges to face over the holiday. Whether emotionally, financially or physically. KRC has the privilege of being well supported by a large group of nurturing and caring adults. It's a pleasure to be a member.

If you need some last minute present ideas for your equine partner, enjoy the Christmas present ideas in the newsletter...

Happy Christmas and a wonderful 2014 to you all. Sam,

KRC Events

January

5th January 10am. Waikanae park arenas working bee to paint our jump pole. Please bring small buckets for paint and brushes. Also, Quadrille practise , full dress, for both teams followed by a BYO lunch :)

12th January 10am. QE Park trek
 Claire Brown will head the ride out. And YOU MUST ALL BE READY TO RIDE OUT AT 10am as Claire has family to get home to. :). Thanks

February

5th February Wednesday. MEETING at Claire Browns

42 School Road, Te Horo

Park next to the church, and Claire's house is the second on the right :)

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.

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.

Events

NITE 2014

NITE (North Island Teams Event) will be held in Foxton this year. The dates are confirmed for January 25th and 26th, 2014.

We have two teams competing this year. It's a tone of fun and as its so close to home this year, it would be awesome if some of our members that won't be ridding, could turn up and support our teams. Also come and get a feel for the event and you might be keen on been involved next year

Team 1

Angie. Val. Sandra R. Sands D. Glenda. Nikki R

Team 2

Robyn M. Marcella. Claire. Jane. Nikki H. Emily T

Future dates

The weekend of 1st/2nd March 2014 is Ginkhana weekend again at Graeme and Julia Wallace's place in Masterton.

It is a fun weekend away with your horse and like-minded riders. Each year the "Wallies" give a fun filled weekend with fun competitions (like a simple dressage test on a scooter!) and rides. This year they are going to try and get the Masterton Adult Club to join in to make it an interclub event. No problem if this does not happen as we will still have fun. If interested or you want to know more then give Sandra a ring (06 3643092).

Ross Jacobs coming to Otaki - March 2014

Ross Jacobs is coming to town and will be at Jane Lengahans property 27th-30th March, please contact Jane on 021 245 1125 and register your interest. He will be charging \$115 for a private lesson and will do ground work or ridden work with you and your horse. People are also welcome to watch at a fee of \$35 (prices may vary slightly with exchange rates)

Ross Jacobs has written a large number of extremely engaging and interesting articles. He travels across Europe and Australia teaching good horsemanship and is widely recognized for his well balanced views.

To learn more about Ross Jacobs visit his website.

<http://www.goodhorsemanship.com.au/>

"When it comes to teaching people about horses I think learning to understand what motivates the behaviour of a horse in a 'moment to moment' sense is the biggest obstacle that people face."

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.

CHRISTMAS PRESENT IDEAS....THE TOP END

1. A new horse float.

Built by Rivenlee Floats in New South Wales, this \$1.1AUD horse float offers all you will ever need.

The lower level comprises of room for 14 horses, finished in stainless steel with accommodation for two grooms.

The upstairs has 2 bedrooms and a lounge kitchen area. Fully equipped with two bathrooms, a built in BBQ, a viewing platform, built in yarding and a second kitchen for grooms. What more could you wish for...



2. New saddle

Talaris Hermes saddle is the epitome of luxury. Priced from \$10,000US the saddle is made from the highest quality leather and carbon fibre. It's unique design with inset carbon fibre looks modern and almost as expensive as it's price tag.

3. New boots

Looking for a new pair of boots, but you are not in a hurry.

John Lobb, bootmaker extraordinaire since 1829 offers high quality made to measure boots.

The boots take around 6 months to make (they are a popular boot maker) and will set you back around £5500, the cost of the tree is another £1500.



CHRISTMAS PRESENT IDEAS...THE REALISTIC END

4. A hay soaker

Just released in UK this year. No doubt this gem will find it's way to NZ in the near future. A brilliantly simple idea for soaking and feeding hay. Simply put your hay in the cube, fill up with water, drain out (using the drain), wheel to the paddock and feed. Currently sold for £100 this simple idea makes soaking hay an easy task.



5. New socks.

Yes this might seem like the most boring gift in the world, but good socks are hard to come by. I am talking about socks that last and last.

The best socks (in a UK survey) are by Smartwool Phd. They offer a multitude of socks depending on style, weather and physical activity.

Stocked in NZ by Hokio, priced from around \$35 per pair.



7. Horse treats

Scouring the internet for horse present ideas will leave you bombarded with horse treats. I even found a company in USA that makes cakes for your horse, or a monthly treat, themed for the month. Whilst we might not go that far with our baking quest, a home made treat might be just the ticket. The simplest and easiest is;

Horse Carrot/Apple Cakes

Ingredients

1. 1 carrot
2. 1 apple
3. 1 cup molasses
4. 2 1/2 cups oats
5. 2 Tablespoons oil

Directions

Preheat oven to 300 degrees
 Grate the carrot and apple
 Mix together all ingredients
 Place mixture in baking tray
 Bake for 40 minutes or until golden brown

Cool for four hours in refrigerator

RESULTS

CTR results

Dunning Lake

Sandra Ray 1st, Nicky Robinson ,2nd, Glenda Downham 6th.

Waitarere

Sandra Ray 2nd, Val Ballinger 3rd, Nicky Robinson 6th

Battle Hill

Sandra ray 1st, Val Ballinger 4th, Nicky Robinson 5th.

Dressage

Ohariu Valley.
2C. Val Ballinger 2nd
3A. Val Ballinger 4th.

Jane and Ricco got Reserve Champ Saddlehunter at Levin Pony Club show.

Jane and Monty were 1st in pre-training at Aokautere (Manawatu Pony Club) ODE.

Jacqui Grannetia has done brilliantly riding Ata (Keryn Mells 4 year old). They have been in top 3 after dressage and top half of the field at pre-training level in his first one day events.

A big congratulations to Tara Harris who was overall points winner at the Tielcey Park pleasure show.

Donna Tholen - 1st and 2nd placing Show Pleasure class, Levin

Robyn Murphy - 3rd and 4th placing Show Pleasure class, Levin

Lorraine Patmore - 2nd and 3rd placing Show Pleasure class, Levin

PLEASE remember to send in your results to:

minxpalmer@slingshot.co.nz so that they can be included in the next newsletter. Our club members do like to hear how we are all getting on.

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OTAKI COVER REPAIR SERVICE

Home based horse cover repair service - available to repair Canvas and Synthetic covers. I am also offering a **local** pick-up and delivery service to cater for people that may work full-time, or have a busy lifestyle -- for a small additional fee for petrol costs.

Waterproofing (for canvas covers at present – I am currently in the process of sourcing proofer for synthetic
For all enquiries or to make an appointment please contact:
Melissa Ellingham
Phone or Text: 021-150-2500
Email: cover.repairs@gmail.com

Hoof trimming

Hans Rutten offers a local hoof trimming service

Phone Hans Rutten 027 3928137

Or e-mail Hans hansrutten@gmail.com to find out more

Thinking of you....

Our thoughts go out to Anna Stubbs who has suffered another loss. Anna's house was recently lost to a fire. We recognize this is a difficult time for Anna and all KRC members would like to offer their support and acknowledgement of your loss at this difficult time.