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Back to 'norm'

Well the school holidays and public holidays seem like a distant memory. Summer hardly seems to have started and yet all too soon we will be officially herald the start of Autumn.

But let's not get ahead of ourselves, there is still plenty of time for some amazing riding, plenty of time to achieve your goals and get out and about having fun.

At the weekend with a perfect still night, warm winds and a beautiful still moon, a local group of riders took advantage of the conditions and went for a moonlit ride. I would have to confess that this is a 'bucket list' must do event for me. I was chatting about this with other riders and it often features as a bucket list ride. What's your 'horse related, bucket list'? I would love to hear and feature this in future newsletters.

For some, on their bucket list it will be to head along and take part in NITE....

With NITE to close this year, it was a fabulous opportunity for many to head up to Foxton and get a feel for the event. Hopefully some were inspired to participate in teams in the coming year. I had the pleasure of watching the quadrille with a non horsey friend, who loved the co-ordination of the movements, listening to the music and watching the costumes. Clearly NITE has wide appeal.

It cannot be left unmentioned that both teams were AMAZING. This newsletter features their stories.

Happy reading.....Sam,

KRC Events

February

9th - QE Park Trek. Claire Brown will be leading the ride. 10am be ready to ride

16th—Rally. Penny Ray and Sarah Inglis confirmed instructors. Waikanae Park

21st (Friday) - Cider ride

Park at Peka Peka beach ready to ride 6pm. Ride to Waimea (Waikanae)

OR meet us at Waimea for a social drink from 6:30pm onwards (No 1 Waimea Road, off Tutere Street)

March

1st and 2nd - Ginkhana @ Wallace's; Masterton. This events is all about having fun with your horse and fellow members. If anyone interested they need to contact Sandra (david.l@xtra.co.nz) by Friday 21 Feb so that we know who is going and sort out a menu.

5th - Committee meeting @ Nikki's house; 40 Arcus Road,

14th - NITE Night! Bring a plate / bottle and come along to share in the NITE show and tell. Videos, photos and a tale or two. 42 School Road (Claire Brown's house) 7pm

Future events

There is talk of a show hunter rally in the near future. Watch this space for more information!

What's on...

HOY is just around the corner. 18th—23rd March, Hawkes Bay

Mansfield Bates NZ Dressage Championships 27th Feb—1st March

Jo and Campbell Andrews will be hosting hunt jump practice nights during March. 5pm onwards; 58 Te Roto Road, Otaki. There will be lowered wires and riders who can give help and a lead.

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

Results: -	Cool Cats	The Antiseptics
Turnout	2 nd	6 th
NZRC Team test	1 st	5 th
Riding Club Mount	2 nd	4 th
Quadrille	1 st	2 nd
Working Hunter	6 th	-
Gamblers Stakes	-	2 nd

Overall out of the 16 teams competing the Antiseptics were 5th and The Cool Cats were 6th. What a great result for our club.

Nice to see the Wallace's come along to NITE and support the teams too. Some of the KRC members will see you shortly!

QE Park Trek

A great trek with KRC members;

Jacqui Grennetia

Tracey McKee

Lesley Milne

Lucy Todd

Nikki Hines

Claire Brown

Good weather and good company too.

Remember if you come along to a trek, let the lead rider know what pace you feel comfortable riding at. The trek will cater for all levels of rider, and horses, so just make your needs known

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.

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Antiseptic's NITE 2014 -

Well what an exciting NITE we had, we certainly exceeded our team's expectations.

We started off by having a meeting – Full of food and booze at Robyn's place one night. (They say to start how you plan to go on – don't they??) I thought it was a great start though gutted that I couldn't have any of the liquid 'refreshment' stuff as I was already up the duff by then.

Quadrille practices went really well, a few changes were made halfway through to make things slightly easier for us all. Chris Brown did an amazing job on our music for us, with Chris ending up fitting the music around our quadrille and not the quadrille fitting to the music, I'm not sure if that is normal or not but it was great.

We had some interesting practices at Nikki's place; on occasion we needed to practice with the kids careering about, some of our steeds ended up throwing in a few dips and bolts around the place as the kids came running out of the bushes playing whatever they were playing. Thankfully these occasions were few and far between, so we also need to say a huge "thanks" to our husbands for looking after them so that this problem wasn't a regular occurrence.

As for our handsome and pretty steeds, poor Rascal ended up coming out of the holiday paddock as Bounce decided that being lame (from memory) was more fun, but she coped really well under the circumstances. I don't think that Mac really appreciated his rider continuing to gain weight either. Claire did a fantastic job with Opal, peaking her at exactly the right moment at NITE... I thought she look amazing. Mo just took everything in his stride at the practices only to possibly feel left out of it all and decide to save his turn for NITE instead having his fun in the quadrille test. Guessing he wanted his own limelight then within the test with his little "woo hoo's ". Robyn did so well to keep riding the way she did without causing anyone else's steed to come and join her.

It always seemed to all of us that our 2nd practice was much better than our first one, so we also went with this on the day itself as well, throwing in a quickie, let's run through it once scenario before doing our test. This seems to throw the theory out of don't practice your dressage test too much as the horses start anticipating all the moves.

The Team's ride practice was hilarious we all went in different directions, as we all interpreted the reading of the test in different ways and after 1 or 2 practices I think we gave up on the idea, so to do as well as we did we were all shocked about at NITE. I suppose watching a few to see how it worked really helped our team out, and Emily did a fantastic job in reading out the test.

Jump practices were pretty much at Nikki's as well, with a couple just put up to have some fun over, but apart from that the one night that we had around here (Marcella's) was pretty much it

I think it's safe to say we all had a blast, and enjoyed going on the short break away with our ponies in tow. It always amazes me how much food we come home with, yet no-one goes hungry or thirsty.

I really encourage those that wanted to be in a team but didn't get "around" to it for whatever reason this year, to get themselves sorted out in time for next year, it's a fabulous weekend away, with loads of fun, encouragement, and team building and it doesn't matter what age you are or riding ability.

Marcella, Claire, Nikki, Robyn and Jane

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NITE 2014

All the cats and horses arrived at Foxton racecourse Friday afternoon 24th January. The horses were introduced to their very nice covered yards and we all managed to park the trucks, floats in a semicircle facing the yards with the gazebo, table, chairs etc all ready for a fun weekend. The Antiseptics and our trusty helpers/team captain Melda, Lesley, Kirsty and Karen arrived and we all settled in before the Team briefing, sausage sizzle and riding club mount demonstration. All the cats were fairly early to bed as we were first to compete the next day starting at 08.00.

An early start Saturday morning saw the horses preened before the turnout phase, This is where the team work comes in with those not competing in this phase assisting the other Cats. All horses and Cats looked stunning. With no time to spare it was onto the second phase the NZRC team test. This can be lots of fun as the 4 horses and Cats don't know the test and it really helps to have an excellent caller, thank you Nicky. This can be such a fun event with riders and callers getting the test mixed up! Next it was the Riding club mount (obstacles) and with encouragement from those not doing this phase, the four horses and Cats performed very well, especially going through the final curtain.

It was time for the Cats to be preened again. Make-up was done by Lenore and Greg and really we all looked amazing!! Again team work as the horses had to have our paw prints applied and for us assistance into costumes. What a lot of fun and we can all remember 6 years ago when we finished last.

We were then finished for the day and able to help The Antiseptics as they had a start time of 12.00. After competition finished for the day, it was all hands helping from both teams to build the gamblers stakes show jumping course, with Melda, our course designer in charge.

Many laughs, drinks, nibbles and it was all over to the hall for a gourmet burger and blind auction. It was then back to our gazebo for more fun, drinks and more food.

Sunday was a better start time for us Cats as all teams ran in reverse order, so the Antiseptics were the first to compete after a gear check at 08.00. The Cool Cats had a gear check at 11.30 then it was onto the working hunter jump, followed by the Gambler Stakes.

Again all hands on deck to put away the jumps and start the packing.

Unfortunately, or maybe not, the rain started and the prize giving was held inside the hall, unmounted of course, but all teams came in uniform and the atmosphere was better than being mounted and top marks to Manawatu Adult Riding Club for the quick and efficient prize giving.

It was really a most successful N.I.T.E for our Kapiti Riding Club (It has only taken 6 years to improve) both teams should be very proud with the results.

Many thanks to all the other Cats for the great team work, from ideas, music, costumes, practice, gatherings and our chief Cat who is the secretary and had the job of entering both teams and keeping us all informed. Thanks also go to Gamblers course designer Melda, Turnout judge Lesley and her able assistant Barbara.

Best of all was the fun and team work by both teams and notably we were well behaved this year!!!!

Meowowow.....

Sandra de Ruiter, Nicky Robinson, Angie Galland, Glenda Downham. Val Ballinger and Sandra Ray

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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.

Hoof trimming

Hans Rutten offers a local hoof trimming service

Phone Hans Rutten 027 3928137

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

Thank you....

David Liddle would like to thank all the Riding Club members that helped at the Levin AP&I show last month. It was greatly appreciated and made his job that much easier. Thank you.

Thanks to Barbara Whitehead for your support and help at NITE

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