

Diary dates in brief

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- **15th** Obstacles and BYO picnic
- **21st** Farm trek
- **28th** Rally

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- **4th** Meeting and KCDC talk on bridleways
- **11th** Qudrille video viewing
- **15th** Groundwork and riding rally

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Happy New Year

The Christmas and New Year holidays almost seem months ago, yet this is the first newsletter of the year! My children are just thinking about settling into the school routine again, although there has been some reluctance to accept what time school really starts!

So far it has been an amazing summer, a slow start back in December when we were all wondering if the weather was going to settle. But it didn't take us long to be anxious about water supplies and get concerned over the lack of grass growth. It would seem we are never satisfied with what the seasons bring weather wise.

In our paddocks we own a few 'good doers' and it has been interesting to see how despite the small amount of grass growth, they still manage to look like they ate all the pies. There are many views on how to manage pasture with good doers (no grass, strip grazing, paradise paddocks etc.) but the long and the short of it is that they are tricky to keep lean and most good doer owners would rather be managing a skinny pony.

Talking to other horse owners, the general consensus is that we all face our own challenges and obstacles with our horses (especially around health and well being) and yet we still passionately stick by them. It would seem that once you get the horse 'bug' it's difficult to shake.

Enjoy and happy reading

Sam,

KRC Events

February

15th (Sunday)

Sunday 15th at 10 am is a club ride, including fun at a paddock full of obstacles to challenge you and your horse, then a group ride up the Otaki river to Crystal Bend on a gorgeous tree-lined path alongside the river, then a picnic back at the floats (BYO picnic). Tania Auckram has kindly given us use of Phee's obstacle paddock, as well as a paddock for parking floats and trucks, and access to the river through her back gate. The cost PP is \$5 which will be donated to the Melanoma Foundation (Tania's sister Phee passed away after a battle with cancer).

The weather is looking good, and it would be great to get a good group as Tania has been kind enough to open her place up to us.

Address is Riverbank road, Otaki. It is on the North side of the otaki river bridge off SH1 (you will see river cottage cafe on the corner) the parking paddock is about a km from the highway, on the left just before the Otaki Rubbish Tip entrance if coming from SH1. The gate is directly opposite a bright green building (enviro paints). My number is 022 091 8431 if you get lost. Hope to see you there, Gail Mcmyler

21st Farm trek for those who wish to attend and BYO lunch, meet 10 am at Whareroa farm

28th Rally - Waikanae park. 10am start

March

4th Committee Meeting 7pm followed by talk;Waikanae Pony Club rooms

Stewart Killminster from KCDC is going to present a talk about present and future bridleways in the Kapiti Coast area.

I have reports he is a good speaker and it is important for the local horsey community that as many attend as possible. If we get plenty of people it will show a strong riding community etc etc!!

Please bring a plate too...

11th Quadrille video viewing at the woolshed 7:30 at Sandra Rays BYO chair 71 Aston Rd Waikanae downs

15th Groundwork and riding rally with Ken Alexandar.

Waikanae park 10am. Ground work skills. Bridle and dressage whip required.

Another instructor will also be there for those who want to ride.

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...

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

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.

NITE Photos



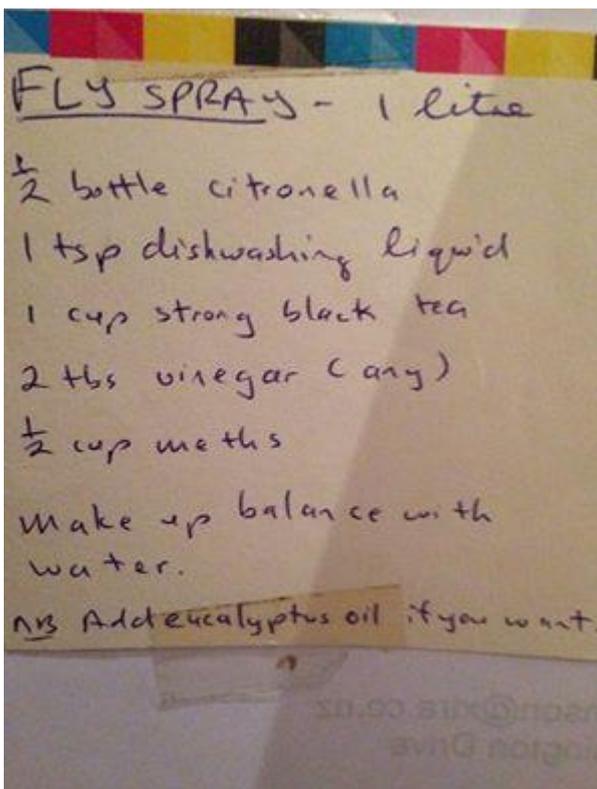


Reminders.

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.

At the rallies can ALL members take part in helping put out and put away. We understand that some people have genuine reasons for not being able to help and members understand, but it would be nice to have other members help out at other times.

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.



CLASSIFIEDS

Do you know anyone looking for ACCOMODATION?

I am looking for a flatmate. Nice room, in an (admittedly rather chaotic) horse focused house in te horo, in a very peaceful lovely spot. I would be happy to welcome one well behaved dog or cat as well as his / her owner. Riding might be available for an experienced person, and I would be prepared to talk about grazing one horse as well in due course. My phone number is 063642015 . I would be grateful if you could share this info with your networks, as having someone horse focused in the house would be much easier than having a fashion diva or a petrol head!!!!

Email marypag@xtra.co.nz.

For Sale

Set of harrows 1mx1m

No spikes so great for arena

Doesn't rip up sand paddocks.

\$250 ono ph 02102372786 or 04 2931144

A very warm welcome to
Tam Bowker
our latest KRC member

Ride with your mind lessons

I thought people might enjoy these pics of people 'engaging their core' in unmounted exercises following the ride with your mind lessons. Lots of fun and very engaging.

Mary P

