

Diary dates in brief

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- **14th** Night for NI-TE
- **16th** Rally Wai-kanae Park
- **16th** Pole painting
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- **17th to 23rd** HOY

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Autumn beckons

I still can't believe that it's officially Autumn. The warm days still linger and it's hard not to resist believing it's still Summer. But the shorter and cooler nights are here to suggest we should be thinking wood piles, onesies and heat pumps in the near future.

Like many in the region our pasture is pretty non-existent. Every time our garage door opens there is frantic whinnying, is it feed time yet? The few spots of rain that did patter across our roof top, seem like a very distant memory.

I do remember reading a good few years ago, that 'water' will be the new oil in years to come. I think we are getting close to that day.

Pasture cover and cool nights aside, it's still a great time to be getting out and having fun with our horses.

It's a busy time of the year too, with many events on the calendar, both within KRC and the wider region.

HOY officially starts in a few days time. Another great opportunity to mix and mingle with some of the equestrian stars. There will be plenty of horse eye candy! It's also a great opportunity to see the best NZ has to offer and be inspired by their achievements, as well as admire their techniques.

The next couple of newsletters will be edited by the very capable Nikki. Thanks for stepping in Nikki, as I enjoy some down time.

Happy reading.....Sam,

KRC Events

March

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. Nicola Robinson's; 55 Kensington Drive, off Peka Peka Road 7pm

16th - Rally, 10am Waikanae Park

Confirmed instructors; Melda Gibson and Sarah Inglis

16th If you are not riding in the rally and would like to support the club, please come along and paint poles. You will need to bring the colour of your choice. White paint supplied. Colours needs to be dark in colour and water based paints.

30th March - Trek. Location TBC (email will be sent out to advise of location)

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

April

2nd Committee meeting. Robyn Murphy's; 41 Hautere Cross Roads. 8pm

12th De-sensitizing clinic. To be held at Jane's; 124 Riverbank Road. There will only be 10 places available on a first come first served basis. Please e-mail Sam (minxpalmer@outlook.com) to confirm your attendance. This is a great opportunity to give your horse confidence in a safe environment.

Members will be subsidized by \$10. Cost to members \$40. Non-members \$50

The session will run from 12pm until 3pm

27th Show Hunter clinic. This is a new event and will provide a great opportunity to have a go at a show hunter class, whilst being coached. The cost of the clinic is \$40 per person. KRC members will be subsidized \$10 per rider, for paid members.

If you would like to attend, you MUST e-mail Nikki (nikkelv@xtra.co.nz) to confirm your attendance and the height you would like to jump.

May

4th Rally @ Mary P's. Date to be finalized.

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.

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.

What's on...

April 6th Horowhenua Dressage, Autumn tournament. Foxton

April 13th Waikanae ODE

April 26th and 27th, Central District Horse Trials

Results

Marton Brick and Tile. CTR Waitohu. Sandra ray 2nd. Val Ballenger 3rd Nicky 5th. Nicky 3rd in turn out and Sandra r 5th in turn out . Erica 2nd in intermediate one class. Another great day out:)

Jacqui G won Ungraded Level 1 Champion for the Dressage Wellington Summer Series on Ata and also won a prize (a lovely print) for the highest score across all classes on Day 2 of the series

KRC OUT AND ABOUT

A small group of riders enjoyed the cider ride held recently. What they lacked in numbers they certainly made up for in presence! A great night out, live band, socializing and a beach ride. Sounds like a perfect combination.

The annual Masterton Ginkhana held the first weekend in March was another fun filled KRC event. Hosted by the wonderful 'Wallaces' A lot of effort was put into the weekend. Many thanks to the Wallances for all your support and efforts.



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

Come along...

Jane is hosting a clinic with Ross Jacob's. All the lesson spots have now been taken, but feel free to come along and audit.
It should provide a great learning experience for all.

He will be hosting lessons on 27th March - 30th March.

Cost of auditing is \$35 per day.

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