Diary dates in brief

May

- **24th** Working bee for ribbon day
- **25th** Closed ribbon day

June

- 4th Committee meeting, 108 Arcus Road
- I4th DVD evening
- I 5th Rally
- 21st NZRC AGM

Kapiti Riding Club



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Bonjour!

Phew, I am back and have much to catch up on. Not least is riding my horse and getting ready for the closed ribbon day which sounds like a fantastic opportunity to have fun with fellow members.

Thank you to Nikki for the last newsletter and organizing the clinics whilst I was away. Much appreciated.

I was fortunate enough to spend the whole of April away in UK, Hong Kong and Paris, what a month that was. Of course I got to do a little horsey shopping; 9 pairs of jodphurs, 2 pairs of chaps, riding boots, socks, a sun mask and riding gloves. I think that is considered to be a good trip.

I couldn't help feel slightly jealous of the cost of riding gear, hence the rather large number of jodphurs brought back. Even my partner stopped to contemplate the logistics of bringing home a horse truck!....with a very nice Mercedes truck setting you back around \$7000 it wouldn't seem right not to.

I didn't find the time or opportunity to ride, but I did get the chance to wander around my old stomping ground; The New Forest. Not much had changed, but the breed of the ponies was now paramount and much had been done to improve the quality of the stallions and the condition of the mares. It was good to see one of the older breeds of the UK valued and appreciated.

Time to focus now on being home and juggling shorter days....

Happy reading.....Sam,

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May

24th - Working Bee. We will be getting ready for our closed ribbon day. 2pm Waikanae Park, with as many willing hands as possible.

25th - Closed Ribbon Day. Registrations from 8:30am—8:50am. Ribbon day commencing at 9am. This event is exclusive to paid members @ 1st May 2014. Entry is free, ribbons as prizes.

- Best Riding Club Mount
- Best Paces
- Best Manners
- Bending in pairs
- Block transfer game
- Obstacle race
- Style Jump -50cm height
- AM5 instant jump off -50cm
- Style Jump- maxi 70cm
- AM 5 instant jump off-maxi 70cm

Riders can only compete in class 7 & 8 or class 9 & 10.

Jump heights may be changed on the day depending on the height the majority of the riders want to jump.

Please bring some food for a shared lunch.

June

4th - Open committee meeting. 108 Arcus Road, Te Horo. 8pm start. Gail McMyler's house

15th - Rally. Waikanae Park. 10am start.

Melda Gibson confirmed. 2nd instructor tbc.

21st June - NZRC AGM. Please let us know at the committee meeting if you are keen to attend.

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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 Rallý 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 nonmembers 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.

New Members

We extend a very warm welcome to our new members:

- Fleur Rickerby
- Sharon Dixon
- Lisa Bean
- Donna Cherry
- Lorraine Mathews

What's on... JUNE 2014

8th - Horowhenua Dressage Gp Practice Series Ribbon Day

JULY 2014

20th - Horowhenua Dressage Gp Practice Series Ribbon Day

AUGUST 2014

17th - Horowhenua Dressage Gp Practice Series Ribbon Day

KRC OUT AND ABOUT

Show hunter Jumping Clinic.

I was pleased to have 9 Club members attend my Clinic which was very capably organised by Nikki.

Each group had a brief outline of the rules and what is expected at an event. The first group handled small individual jumps then combined them to form a course. The second and third group jumped a little higher. All experienced the process of counting the canter strides down a measured distance and adjusting the horse's stride to fit the distance. Riders were also shown the importance of jumping the fence in the middle and being on the correct lead for the corners.

There was a lot of group and spectator encouragement to get the job done.

Melda.









KRC Beach ride

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Reminders.

Don't forget to phone **0223104788** 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

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Readings by Tina Budd

If you want to get together to make this worthwhile e-mail Nicky Robinson. E-mails have been circulated by Jackie Forbes on this subject.

For sale

Thoroughbred horse float for sale

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 I horse with more space.

It has been kept in a shed when not in use. Tows well. Has current registration and WOF.

The main structure and sides were re-built about 14 years ago and the coupling replaced about 5 years ago. New brakes (discs, pads and master cylinder) in October 2013. receipt available for this work. Though this float had it's first registration in 1983 it is effectively a lot news than this as most of it has been rebuilt or parts replaced.

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