

Diary dates in brief

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- 15th Entries close
- 16th Working bee
- 17th **CLOSED RIBBON DAY!!!**

- 30th Rally

June

- 3rd Committee meeting
Arcus Road, Te Horo
- 12th Gear sale Te Horo hall

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Disappointment and persistence

50mm of rain in one long morning certainly tested the persistence of the most dedicated riders. My own horses thought I have invested in hydrotherapy for their own personal use as the lake arrived over tumbling over the fence next door.

But persistence is what most riders know a lot about. Keeping going and trying to improve and do better.

For Andrew Nicholson this week was described as 'a bad day at the office' Having chased the dream of winning Badminton for over 3 decades. Since 1984 he has been competing at Badminton and a win there has eluded him.

Leading after both the dressage and cross-country phases and with his best chance to add the prestigious four-star crown to his swag of career achievements, Nicholson's No 1 horse Nereo - a well performed jumper - knocked down three rails in the final showjumping phase and the pair settled for sixth.

I am sure we will see him competing there again next year, with the same level of determination to succeed...just as many of our members return to the competition ring week after week, to improve dressage scores or to succeed with a clear round.

I recently read that around 20 hours of training are needed to learn the basics of a skill, but over 10,000 hours are needed to succeed at the highest Olympic level. Only another few thousand hours of lessons needed then!. Happy reading, Sam,

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May

15th Friday

Entries close for our ribbon day at waikanae park arenas

16th Saturday

Working bee at waikanae park arenas to set up for our ribbon day 2pm

17th Sunday

CLOSED RIBBON DAY!!!

It's going to be exciting, team work involved... Perhaps... Challengers....always....fun.... Definatly!!!

Full details in this newsletter

30th Saturday

Rally at Waikanae Park - Bretta Jarden, 10am start

June

3rd Committee Meeting

Nikki Hinds, 40 Arcus Road, Te Horo. 8pm

12th Gear sale at Te Horo hall -

7pm set up, \$5 per seller, member or non-member, box will be supplied to put unwanted, useful gear to be handed over to Kiwi Care people that help horses over seas, and are always looking for bits, bridles, halters.....useful equipment ... This box is not to be used as a dumping ground for old broken gear ;)

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.

Closed Ribbon Day – 17 May 2015

The emphasis for this day is participation and fun!!

This year we have decided to change the format of our Closed Ribbon Day for a bit of fun / variety. The format will be as follows:

9am Arrive

9.30am Briefing

10am Start

Obstacle course and Prix Caprilli – both running at the same time.

Lunch 12 noon.(approx.) – **Sausage sizzle provided (free)**. (You will need to bring anything else you wish to eat and drink)

12.30 – 1pm – Working Hunter and flat classes – both running at the same time.

As usual everyone will be divided up into two classes. This will be your own choice and is really down to your jumping preference. You will be required to pre-enter (no entries on the day). One class will have small (very small) jumps and the other class will have larger jumps. The jumps in the Working Hunter will be a maximum of 45cm for one class and 75cm for the other class.

OBSTACLE COURSE

This will consist of 8 obstacles. This will include a gate, a bridge, canter circles, and some sideways and backwards movements (among other things). Riders will have a maximum time to complete the course. Each obstacle will be marked out of 10 as to how well it is completed. You may ride past an obstacle, but of course you will not get any points for that obstacle.

PRIX CAPRILLI

This is a basic dressage test ridden in a 40 x 20 arena with jumps. There will be two jumps set up in the arena. You will be required to jump four times in the test. You will receive a copy of the test before the day. You may ride with a crop / spurs / have a caller etc if you wish. The lower class will be jumping over caveletti type size and the other class will be jumping over 60cms. If the jump is done at a trot, your horse is allowed two canter strides after the jump (any more will be marked down). This test is judged like a dressage test with emphasis on the horse's way of going, the rider, and the horse's gaits. What they are looking for is the smoothness and rhythm of a dressage test, just with jumps in the middle. If you have a refusal or knock-down it will be marked as a course error so you get a 're-do', but will lose 2 points from your total score at the end.

FLAT CLASSES

There will be four flat classes:

Best riding club mount

Best horse / rider combination

Most suitable for adult learner.

Best paced.

WORKING HUNTER

This will be a combination of a short flat workout and then a number of hunter-type jumps (pickets / brushes – and anything else we can build!!) There will be two options – for one class the jumps will be a maximum height of 45cm and for the other class they will be a maximum of 75cm. This will be judged on style.

If you wish to enter – please call / text / email Angie on the following:

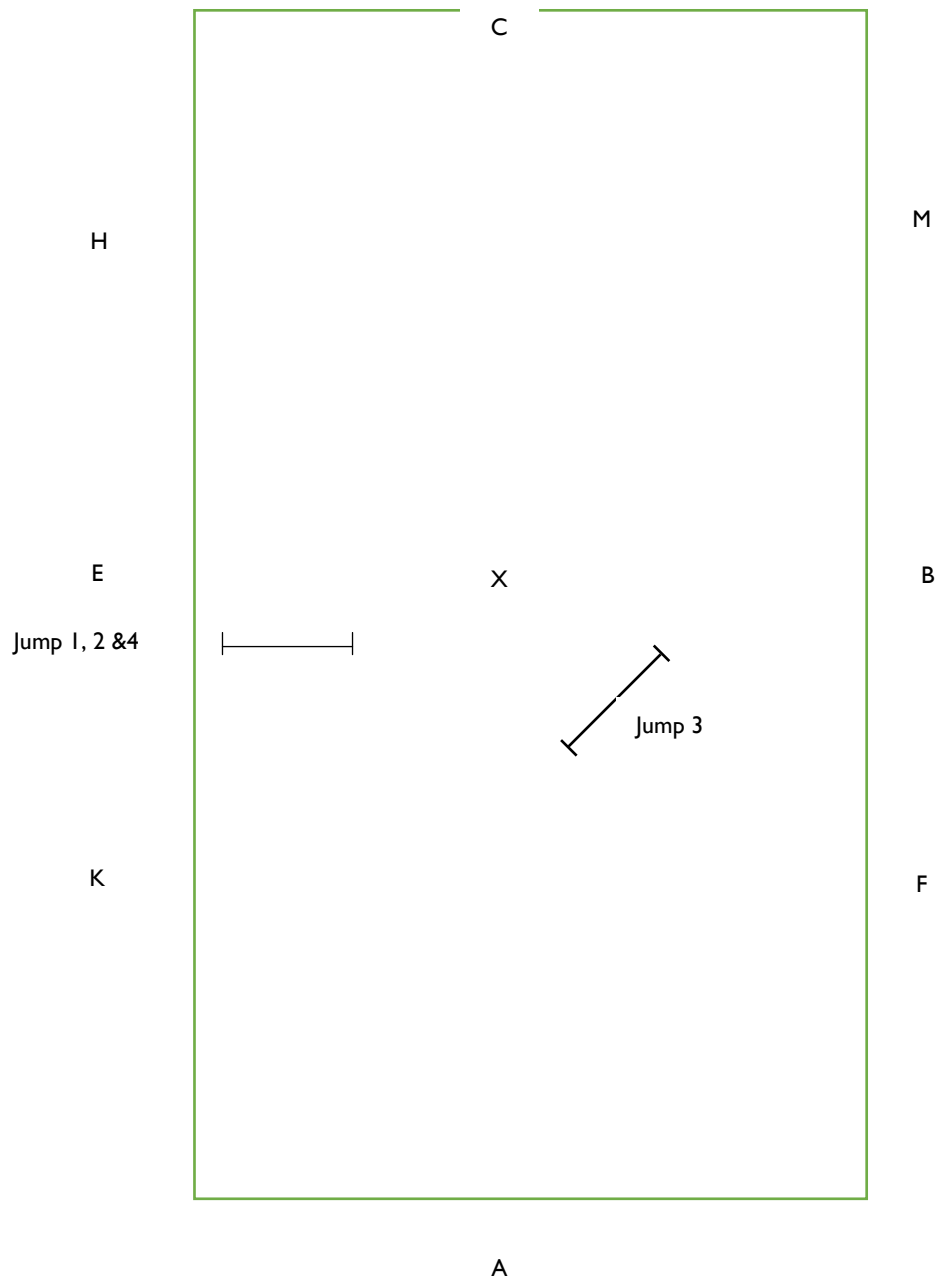
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Entries will close on Friday 15 March (to enter you must be a current financial club member, no other requirement)

Prix Caprilli Arena



Prix Caprilli Test

1	A X C	Enter at walk Halt and salute. Proceed at walk Track right	10
2	M	Working trot around arena over jump 1	10
3	M B E K	Walk Track right Track left Working trot	10
4	Between M & C	Working canter left around arena over jump 2	10
5	B HXF	Working trot Change the rein over jump 3	10
6	Between	Working canter right around arena over jump 4	10
7	B A x G	Working trot Turn down centre line Walk Halt and salute.	10
		Leave arena at a free walk on a long rein at A	
8		General impression, obedience and calmness	
9		Paces (freedom & regularity) & impulsion	10
10		Position & seat of the rider & correct use of aids	10
			100

Jumps 1, 2, & 4; Max. height 60cms and parallels

Jump 3; Max. height 60cms and an upright

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.

Kapiti Riding Club - Gear Sale

When: 12th June

Where: Te Horo Hall

Doors Open: 7pm for sellers and 7.30pm for buyers

Kapiti Riding Club 2nd hand gear sale \$5 a table for sellers.

There are limited tables available in the hall, but feel free to BYO table!

There will be a gear donation box for those that wish to donate any useable items to the Kiwi Care Team who help horses providing vet care and from less fortunate areas around the world. Feel free to contact me for any further information 0273716035 - Emma

See you there!

Julie Wylie Parkinson's win at HOY



What do you need to know about Sparking Galxy?

- 10years old
- 16hh
- Gymbello bred

Served as a stallion for 5 years, then he sat in the paddock for another 5 years.

Last year Julie 'found' him and their relationship has been developing.

What's he like to ride? Julie spends a good deal of time in the dirt, he has an interesting buck and regularly digs holes whilst waiting around at shows.



Huge congratulations to Julie Wylie Parkinson and Sparkling Galxy who also did extraordinarily well at HOY. Even more extraordinary given that this was their first season!!!

- Champion paced and mannered hack of the year 2015
- Best presented show hack of any breed, of the year 2015

Classifieds

I have for sale a really lovely quality horse, by Centaine, with athletic paces and a fabulous outlook. He goes in a natural frame, has an awesome canter, naturally balanced and uphill, and he will have a big trot ready to impress the judges as a saddle hunter or a riding horse or in dressage. He is a bold and confident horse who makes a lovely shape over a fence and would look fabulous in the show hunter ring or showjumping/ eventing .

His conformation is super-correct and he finds arena work easy. He is 10 years old, but through no fault of his own has been in the paddock for a couple of years and has no competition record . He has just come back into work after his long break without batting an eyelid and has shown himself to be a quick learner , sensitive and with a great work ethic.

He is also a great pet, a charming fellow who likes people and is nice to have around

This is a big, quality TB with heaps of scope and power to burn: He is NOT therefore suitable for beginners, nervous nellies, children or someone who just wants to go for the occasional hack: this horse needs to work and I believe he has the ability to take you to the top if you have the ability to take him there!

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Sold on behalf: Circumstances are such that he must be sold, so go ahead and make an offer if you can give him a knowledgeable home where his ability will be utilised.

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