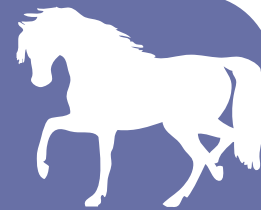


Waitara Pony Club Newsletter



AUGUST 2010

It's that time to get back on the ponies, rug up warm and start the process of getting them all fit for work again. I have started riding my beast after 3 months off work, and I always bring my horse back into work bareback because my saddle doesn't fit him very well when he is lacking muscle and/or fat. Something for everyone to consider as this is a good time to get everything in good working order for the season ahead – preparation is the key. Teeth checks, saddle fit check, worming, hooves, and then all your equipment (stirrup size, stitching on saddles/bridles) all should be looked at in detail after some time off and sets you up well for the next few months.

Do note, that if you come to pony club and your stirrup size is incorrect (two fingers width space inside the iron to the rider boot) we will have to ask you to dismount, ride with out stirrups, or find some better fitting irons. So please check these now – it is a safety concern to all. If you need to buy bigger irons – buy two sizes up it won't hurt the riders to have bigger irons but it will to have small ones. This applies to any ill fitting equipment and/or condition of the horse/pony – we will ask you to rectify the situation immediately. Please don't be offended as it is in our best interest for the safety of the horse/rider and it will be reinforced. If you are unsure at any time of fitting of equipment do not hesitate to ask – I am happy to look at it for you, as are many of the instructors if you ask.

You will also find in this newsletter the dates for the whole seasons worth of rallies and events. Important to note are a few changes to rallies, some are going to be held in the afternoon from 12.30 onwards (time to be confirmed), so it is important to keep an eye out on what's coming up when/where. Also to note – although there are no rallies in December we are running a ODE, this is a HUGE job for our pony club and it will take everyone's to help pull it off successfully – I ask you to please keep that weekend free and have your hand up ready to offer help where needed, it is a substantial fundraiser for our club and of course we still need help at our other events and rallies as well.

I would also like to say good luck to those riders from WPC who are trialling for the show hunter champs in Fielding.

Last but not least from me – registration day is coming up quickly (this weekend to be exact), prior to registration is going to be a working be to get our grounds in a fit state for the season start time of 10am. Can you please email me at pip.bint@Halliburton.com with your attendance so that I can plan work to keep everyone busy – and there is plenty of work to do! Lunch will be shared so bring a plate, we will supply some hot chips and registration will start after that.

Pip Bint, President



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This season we are offering our riders the opportunity to receive subsidised group lessons from some great formal instructors as part of the rally programmes.

The first such rally will be Rally 3 on Sunday September 26th. To ensure this rally runs smoothly for both riders and instructors, Waitara PC riders need to register their intention to attend this rally with Rebecca and pay a \$8 fee before Sunday September 19th. This fee is a contribution to the cost of getting these instructors in to be present at the rally.

Riders will rotate around the different instructors on the day in groups of similar ability.

2010/2011 Pony Club Calendar

2010			2011		
AUGUST			JANUARY		
Sun	8th	Inglewood Progressive S/J Day	Thur	6th	Equest Teams Training
Sun	15th	Inglewood Progressive S/J Day	Fri	7th	Equest Teams Training
Sat	21st	WPC Working Bee and Registration	Sun	9th	Waitara Games & SJ Day
Sun	22nd	Inglewood Show Hunter	Mon	10th	Twilight Ribbon Night @ Inglewood
Sat	28th	Winter Woollies @ Waitara	Tues	11th	Eventing Course @ Graylings
Sun	29th	Inglewood Progressive S/J Day	Wed	12th	Eventing Course @ Graylings
SEPTEMBER			Thur	13th	Eventing Course @ Graylings SJ Building course
Sat	4th	NTPC SH Trial @ NPPC	Fri	14th	SJ Building course
Sun	5th	NTPC B exam @ WPC	Sat	15th	InterPacific @ Nga Tawa Nervous Nellie Day Eltham WPC Trek –Boltons Farm (date TBC)
Sat	11th	WPC Rally 1 (PM start) (Camp)	Mon	17th	NI SJ Champs Cambridge
Sun	12th	WPC Rally 2 (AM) (Camp)	Tues	18th	NI SJ Champs Cambridge WPC HM Rally - TBC
Sat	25th	Oakura Jumping Day @ Waitara	Sat	22nd	NZPCA Dressage Champs
Sun	26th	WPC Rally 3 – outside instructors (Daylight savings)	Sun	23rd	NZPCA Dressage Champs
Tues	28th	SJ /Dressage Clinic Hawera	Wed	26th	SJ Teams Event NPPC
Wed	29th	S/J Dressage Clinic Hawera	Sun	30th	Area Games hosted by Okato @ WPC
OCTOBER			FEBRUARY		
Fri/Sat	1/2	Show Hunter Champs Foxton	Sat	5th	Hawera mini Show WPC Rally 8
Sun	3rd	Show Hunter Champs Foxton Waitara PC Rally 4	Sat	12th	Horse Trials Hawera
Tues	5th	Dressage Course @ Okato	Sun	13th	Horse Trials Hawera
Wed	6th	Dressage Course @ Okato	Sat	19th	Inglewood ODE
Thur	7th	Dressage Course @ Okato	Sun	20th	WPC Rally 9 (PM start)
Sat	9th	Central Makahu Sports Day	Sat	26th	Carlyle ODE
Sat	16th	Ribbon Day @ Waitara			
Sun	17th	Inglewood Jumping Day	MARCH		
Tues	19th	WPC HM Rally - TBC	Sat	5th	WPC Rally 10 – Outside Instructors Junior Games Eltham
Sat	23rd	Patea Ribbon & Progressive Jumping Day	Sat	12th	Opunake ODE
Mon	25th	Eltham Mini Gymkhana	Tues	15th	HOY
Sat	30th	Opunake Mini Show	Wed	16th	HOY
Sun	31st	WPC Rally 5 (AM) – followed by 1st closed games (PM)	Thur	17th	HOY
NOVEMBER			Fri	18th	HOY
Wed	3rd	WPC Closed Dressage	Sat	19th	HOY WPC Rally 11
Sat	6th	D, D+ Coaches Clinic	Sun	20th	HOY
Sun	7th	WPC Rally 6 – Outside Instructors	Sat	26th	NTPC Area Trials
Sun	14th	Jumping Extravaganza @ NPPC	Sun	27th	Eltham Dressage Day
Thur	18th	Hawera Dressage	APRIL		
Fri	19th	Hawera A&P Show	Sat	2nd	Zone Games Wairarapa/Wellington
Sat	20th	Hawera A&P Show WPC Rally 7 Games & SJ	Sun	3rd	Zone Games
Sun	21st	Hawera Show Jumping	Sat	9th	Mystery Day @ Waitara
Fri	26th	Stratford A & P	Sat	16th	WPC Rally 12
Sat	27th	Stratford A & P	Sat	23rd	WPC Rally 13 – outside coaching TBC
Sun	28th	Stratford A & P	Thur	28th	NZPCA HT Champs Taupo
DECEMBER			Fri	29th	NZPCA HT Champs Taupo
Sat	4th	WPC Closed ODE	Sat	30th	NZPCA HT Champs Taupo
Sun	5th	Area Dressage @ Opunake	MAY		
Sat	11th	Beginners ODE @ Eltham	Sun	1st	WPC Closed Gymkhana and break up
Sun	12th	Combined Training @ NPPC			
Tues	14th	Interpacific @ Carlyle			
Sat	18th	Junior Sports Day @ Okato			
Sun	19th	Waitara ODE			

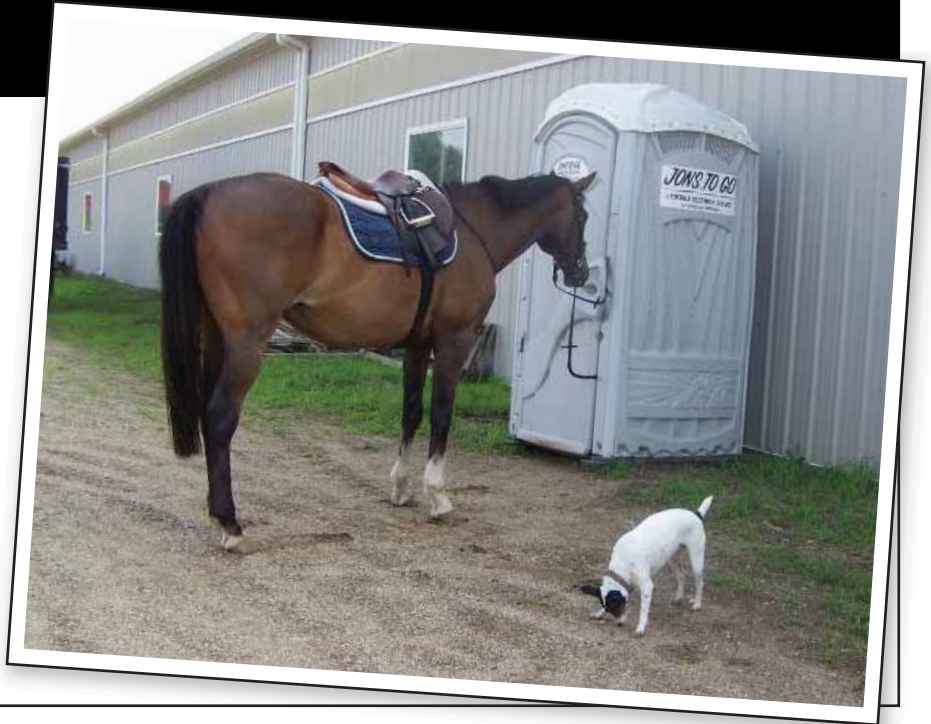


caption COMPETITION

Can you come up with a witty caption to go with this photo?

Send your entry to pip.bint@Halliburton.com before the 10th September and we will decide the winner at the next Committee Meeting!

The winner gets their own profile in the next newsletter!



FOR SALE

1985 ISUZU NKR575

\$19,000 ono

- 2 horse truck
- sleeps 2 in luton
- hot and cold running water (calliphont)
- storage in accommodation (cupboards and underseat)
- under truck storage
- thick rubber mats in horse area
- shower
- 338,000kms
- 3,000kms left on RUC's
- very economical to run



Please phone **06 752 0526** or **027 287 8863**
Available for view on trademe Listing NO: **300444760**

Quality 5'3" blue 23oz canvas wool lined cover with neck rug and tail flap. Is waterproof and warm but needs a back strap replaced, the dees reinforced and some small holes patched. Sale as is.

\$50-00

Quality 5'3" thermal under rug. Shaped to fit under the above cover.

\$40-00 or both for \$75-00.

Were for a horse I sold AGES ago, and husband sez I have to tidy the garage....

ph Rebecca 754 3015

CTR

Competitive Trail Riding



COMPETITIVE TRAIL RIDING

Competitive Trail Riding (CTR) is a growing sport and it caters for a wide range of riders. It is an opportunity for an extended ride over forest trails or farmlands in the company of other riders on a regular basis. Rides are open to anyone with a moderately fit and sound horse or pony at least four years old, who can stay in the saddle for a couple of hours. If this sounds like fun, trail riding might be for you. "Competitive" may be misleading. The aim is not to be the fastest, but to arrive on time with the least stressed horse. There is emphasis on safe and considerate riding. Some riders are seriously into the sport and go on to national and international competition. For others, the aim is to enjoy the ride.

COMPETITIVE RIDES

A trail ride follows a marked course of 15 to 35 kilometers on forest trails and farmland at a pace averaging a slow to medium trot for most classes. Horses are vet checked before leaving and riders are usually sent out in groups of two or three with a set time to finish the course. Riders are required to keep moving forward at all times they may not stop to rest the horse or circle or zigzag to waste time. After the ride the horse's heart rate is counted immediately on arrival and again 30 minutes later.

Time penalty points are given for being earlier or later than the set time (two points per minute early, one point per minute late). The score is the sum of the two heart rates plus any time penalties collected. The lowest score wins. Riders can compete in Junior (up to 18 years old), Novice, Intermediate or Open Class. To ride in Open you & your horse must first have completed successfully twice in Intermediate. Open ride the longest course at the fastest pace. Others ride at a slower pace, often over a shorter course. Competition is intense at the advanced level. Serious riders train hard between events to maintain their horses and their own level of fitness.

CASUAL RIDERS

Riders who do not wish to compete are welcome to take part as a casual entry. Casuals are subject to the same safety requirements and regulations as competitive riders but their horse will be vetted at the end of the ride.

ON RIDE DAY

At the entries table: Sign in, pay, get your bib and competitor card. Note your start time. Synchronise your watch with the official clock. Ride rules are available.

Ride Brief: Is usually half an hour before first rider out. If you miss the briefing check with the entries table or the start marshal.

Pre ride Vetting: Present your horse in a halter or bridle only hooves picked. Horses must be well behaved. Wear your bib the vet writer will mark your card.

Groom & Tack up: Prepare for riding out. An approved equestrian safety helmet must be worn. Footwear must have a 10mm heel. Cleated gumboots are not acceptable. Whips and spurs are not allowed.

Groom & turnout: This competition is optional. Report to the start area 10 minutes before riding out if you wish to participate.

Report to start line: The start marshal will check for gear compliance and say when to ride out.

On the trail: Follow markings report to stewards at checkpoints try not to disturb stock. Your bib number must remain visible.

CTR - WHAT IS IT?

To pass slower riders: Call out ahead as you come up behind them move aside as soon as you can for riders who wish to pass you.

At the finish: Be ready immediately for your horse's heart rate to be counted. The timekeeper will write your final vet time on your competitor card.

Untack: Cool and calm your horse you should offer it a drink of water.

Final vet check: Return to the vetting area in a halter or bridle only in good time. The penalty for lateness is elimination. Your horse's heart rate must fall to 60 beats per minute or less. The vet writer will keep your card.

Prize giving: After scores are tallied ribbons will be awarded in the various classes, completion certificates will be issued and competitor cards returned. Ribbons are awarded up to sixth place.

Disappointments: Sometimes you get lost or your horse may go lame or be vetted out. Most riders have suffered the same so will be sympathetic. The ground help are volunteers who may have given up their ride to officiate at yours so remember this at times like these show your character!

What equipment to bring on the day

- Warm Clothing: Jacket and Gloves.
- Refreshments: A BBQ may be run but an electrolyte drink is a good idea if it's hot or you are riding longer distances.
- String: Cord to attach your jacket to your saddle when riding.
- A cover: for your horse after the ride.
- Buckets: for drinking and washing water.
- Grooming and washing gear: Include old towels.

CTR TARANAKI

Next ride in Taranaki is on the 1st/2nd January (TBC). We will keep you posted a bit closer to the time.

For further information on CTR in Taranaki contact

Pip Mutch
Kohuratahi endurance/CTR Club
pipmutch@farmside.co.nz

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION

Red Ribbons: A red ribbon in a horse's tail means that it is known to kick.

Colts & Stallions: The club should be advised in advanced if colts or stallions are going to be at a ride. Juniors are not allowed to be in charge of colts or stallions.

No Dogs: No Dogs are allowed at any ride. (even if they are left in your car). We can lose our privilege of access over this.

No Smoking: If you must smoke please do it in your car and use the ashtray.

Quiet around the vets area: Listening through the stethoscope is difficult especially in windy conditions. Talking around the vet ring makes the vet's job even more difficult.

The welfare of the horse is paramount: Not arriving on time! If your horse is becoming overworked slow down.

Ride at your own risk: There are risks involved in trail riding and you must accept that you will be liable for yourself or your horse should either of you suffer any injury or harm.





Ryegrass staggers: the danger to horses

Nearly 25 years ago, New Zealand researchers discovered that tiny fungi called endophytes were the cause of ryegrass staggers.

They discovered that mycotoxins produced by the endophytes living within ryegrass cells could affect livestock, causing them to tremble and lose co-ordination.

The toxins, it was learned, affected part of the brain's cerebellum involved in muscle co-ordination.

The 1982 breakthrough paved the way for development of strategies to minimise the nerve and muscle disorder, which affects horses, sheep, cattle, alpacas, and some species of deer.

Strategies include the use of low-endophyte grass varieties to minimise animals' exposure to the toxins. More recently, effective binding agents have come on the market that mop up the toxins, allowing affected animals to excrete them in their faeces.

In recent years, evidence has been mounting that the affect of the toxins on horses may be more widespread than originally thought.

Bringing your horse back into work

- Begin your riding slowly if your horse (and perhaps you) have been idle over the winter months
- Horses who haven't shed out their long winter coats will heat up faster when working and take longer to cool down and dry out on warm spring days.
- Consider clipping a long winter coat if you are planning to get back into a regular riding routine. A clipped horse or pony may still need to be blanketed if the temperature dips.
- Spring time is vaccination time. Consult your veterinarian for the recommended vaccinations in your area.
- Hasten shedding with regular grooming. A shedding blade helps pull out long hairs.
- If your horse has been eating very sparse pasture or has been eating hay all winter it will need to be introduced to lush pastures very gradually. An abrupt change in the feed can cause colic, laminitis or founder. Ponies, over weight horses, older horses and some draft breeds or draft crosses seem to be particularly susceptible although any horse can be affected. A pony can founder on rich grass in less than an hour of grazing time. If your horse or pony is grazing a pasture from early spring, he will be introduced to the new growth of grass naturally. Many people keep herds of ponies this way without problem. However, if you make the switch from a hay diet to lush growing grass problems can occur. Allow ponies a few minutes of grazing, gradually building the time spent. You may find that you have to restrict the grazing time of ponies because they gain weight so easily. Obesity can also lead to problems. So leaving your pony out on lush pasture all the time may not be possible. Let your pony graze for very short periods of time and then leave them in an area with very sparse grazing
- Horses accustomed to being blanketed during the cold weather may still need blankets during temperature dips or rainy weather. Don't forget to remove the blanket when the weather warms up again!
- Keep an eye out for signs of thrush or rain scald that can flare up during wet spring weather.

RYEGRASS STAGGERS

While the trembling and staggering problems make severe cases easier to diagnose, many owners believe that behavioural problems that have inexplicably developed in some horses have been caused by mycotoxins.

The evidence at this stage appears to be largely anecdotal. While not overwhelming, there is no doubt that a significant body of evidence is building.

Large numbers of horse owners report improvements in the behaviour of horses moved from a suspect pasture, or given a regular dose of a mycotoxin binder.

The risk, of course, is the temptation to blame all aberrant behaviour on mycotoxin poisoning.

Having said that, a horse owner seeing behaviour that is out of character, such as nervousness or strange responses, would be well advised to consider mycotoxin poisoning as a possible cause.

There is no doubt that horses show a wide variation in their susceptibility to mycotoxins. Thus, two horses grazing on the same pasture and, presumably, ingesting similar quantities of mycotoxins, could well result in one suffering a severe case of staggers, while the other shows no obvious symptoms.

Ryegrass staggers is only fatal in the most severe of cases. Most horses will be well within one or two weeks, once the toxic feed source has been removed from their diet. Feeding a mycotoxin binder is likely to hasten recovery.

It is important to note that many horses have suffered serious and even fatal injuries resulting from their poor co-ordination while affected by the toxins. Great care therefore needs to be taken with affected animals.

Animals with the disorder will tend to lose condition rapidly. They will not be grazing nearly as much as usual, and may not be drinking as they should.

Staggers tends to be a seasonal problem, with the toxins seeming to be at their most potent during warm and dry periods. The endophytes are usually concentrated in the base of the leaf sheath, and in seed heads. The state of the paddock may therefore have a major bearing on the quantity of mycotoxins a horse is ingesting.

Horses forced to graze on pasture which is already grazed down will be eating mostly the base of the plant, which will likely result in higher consumption of mycotoxins.

There can also be a problem in the warmer months, when the ryegrass has developed seedheads, which the horses will happily be eating. The problem can continue well into autumn.

Studies indicate that variations in toxin levels can result from stress on the plant. The problem is worse in dryer conditions. Rising mycotoxin levels may even be a response to insect attack.

Thus, the risk is likely highest during a dry summer.

While ryegrass contains a number of different endophytes, the one that is known to cause ryegrass staggers is *Neotyphodium lolii*. It produces a toxin called Lolitrem, named after *Lolium* (the scientific name for ryegrass) and tremors, in reference to the trembling that results. It also releases two other harmful mycotoxins - peramine and ergovaline.

Strategies to minimise the risk of ryegrass staggers:

Use low-endophyte or endophyte-free grasses when resowing pasture. The low-endophyte option is usually best, as endophyte-free grasses do not at this stage tend to compete well with other grass varieties. Local seed merchants should be able to recommend a suitable variety or mix.

Rotate horses through pasture so they are not forced to eat too close to the base of ryegrass.

If possible, rotate your horses in such a way that they graze their way through a paddock before ryegrass seedheads form. (The growth rate of grasses that have formed seedheads generally slow, so you'll also be encouraging more grass growth).

Horses vary widely in their tolerance to the toxins. If you have an annual problem with staggers in your herd, there is a good chance that one or two of your animals will show symptoms first. Watch these animals closely at times when you consider the risk is higher.

The higher a horse's feed intake, the more susceptible it will be to mycotoxin poisoning. Thus, the risk will be higher with horses that are still growing, those in work, mares in the later stages of pregnancy, and mares feeding foals.

Watch for visible fungi such as toadstools and mushrooms. When these are growing well, the endophytes within ryegrass are also likely to be doing well.

RYEGRASS STAGGERS

While a blood test is available to test for lolitrem levels, veterinarians will usually diagnose ryegrass staggers on the basis of a horse's behaviour, also taking into account the pasture the animal is on, and any evidence such as dry conditions or other nearby cases that might indicate that mycotoxin levels are high.

The veterinarian will suggest removing the horse to a different paddock, either with little or no ryegrass, or one known to be sown with a low or endophyte-free grass variety.

If available paddocks are unlikely to be any better than the one the horse is already grazing, the other option is to shut the animal up and rely on a diet of hay and/or baleage, and other supplements. Ensure plenty of fresh, clean water is available.

It is essential to reduce the toxin intake, as it has a cumulative effect. The more of the toxin in a horse's system, the worse its symptoms will be.

While animals need to be monitored closely, do not stress the horse unnecessarily. If your presence appears to create anxiety in the horse, do not approach unless you have tasks to perform such as checking the water, providing feed, or dunging out. Remain quiet and calm around the horse, and do not do anything likely to increase stress levels.

Mycotoxins are not just restricted to ryegrass.

There are plenty of other fungi living on and within other edible plants that can cause neurological problems that display identical symptoms to ryegrass staggers.

In fact, there are about 300 mycotoxins that scientists believe demonstrate toxicity in people and animals.

In conserved forage such as hay, haylage, silage and baleage, dangerous levels of mycotoxins will usually be apparent due to the visible presence of moulds. Even if moulds can't be seen, most horse owners should be able to detect their presence due to a sharp, almost metallic smell in the feed.

Horses will generally refuse to eat it, unless very hungry. It should not be fed out, in any case.

The situation is different with grains, where the presence of mycotoxins is unlikely to affect palatability. Grain mycotoxins will rapidly pass through a horse's intestinal wall and, in large enough doses, can be fatal.

Research into the effects of mycotoxins on horses has increased in recent years, in part due to a wider recognition that the problems they cause are widespread and significant.

Mycotoxins are under suspicion as being involved in a number of other horse-related problems, including wider neurological problems, over-sensitivity to some stimuli, and even brain lesions.

There are suspicions that long-term exposure to low levels of mycotoxins may cause gradual damage to some organs.

While major strides have been made in understanding mycotoxins and the problems they cause, it is clear that much more research is needed.

Symptoms of ryegrass staggers include:

1. Trembling, unsteadiness and poor muscle co-ordination. In severe cases they will stagger and can fall over. Lack of control is often worst at the horse's rear end.
2. Erratic and anxious behaviour. The animal is spooked by events that normally wouldn't provoke such a response.
3. Animals with milder cases may display some trembling about the head and neck area, possibly involving the shoulder. Symptoms will worsen if exposure to the toxin increases.

How mycotoxin binders work:

Mycotoxin binders essentially have a mechanical action.

They bind with the mycotoxin, preventing their passage through the wall of the gut and into the bloodstream.

In the end, the mycotoxin and binding agent harmlessly pass through the horse, exiting in its droppings.

A number of agents have proved successful as mycotoxin binders.

One type has been developed from the cell walls of yeast.

Some clays that display suitable absorption properties have also been used successfully as binders.

There is no evidence that these binders have any toxic effects.

TARANAKI SHOWJUMPING GROUP
WELCOME YOU TO OUR



Training Days Held at Hawera TSB Arena
2010

Sunday 12th September

Instruction with, Robert Steele, Floss Hinton, Jill Watson

Working bee to set up course at 9 am.

Start 9.30 am with course walk with Robert.

Cost: Members \$10.00; Non-members \$15.00 per horse/pony

Please ph/email entry to organize times.

TIDY DRESS PLEASE

Sunday 19th September

Progressive Jumping Day.

Tidy dress Heights may vary depending on entries.

Start 9.30am Entries on the day. Members \$5 Non members \$7 per class

S Jumping

Pony 60cm - 70cm - 80cm; Horse 80cm; Pony 95cm; Horse 95cm; Horse 1.05m;

Pony 1.05m;

Pony 1.15m; Horse 1.15m

S/J Group Members to help set up and put away gear at the end of each day

Membership: Family \$15.00 Single \$10.00

You can pay these on the training days, but please ensure that you check we have your email, phone or address on our list and it is current.


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Flat Classes

Ring 1 = Lead Rein (No Canter)

Ring 2 Beginners / 1st ridden (Will be Required to canter)

Ring 3 Ponies Up to and including 13.2hh

Ring 4 Ponies Over 13.2hh and not Exceeding 14.2hh

Ring 5 Green Horse/New Combination

Ring 6 Hack Ring

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~ Ring One ~

Lead Rein

Riders who cannot yet Canter

- 1) Best Winter Condition
- 2) Best Rider
- 3) Happiest Combination
- 4) Learners pony
- 5) Pony Club trained
- 6) Pairs
- 7) Best walking
- 8) Best trotting
- 9) Rider over trotting poles
- 10) Judges Choice/Consolation

WAITARA PONY CLUB (Inc) of the North Taranaki Pony Club

Application for Membership for 2010/2011 season

(Every junior rider must have a parent/caregiver join as an adult member also.)

Categories

Junior Riding Member – under 17 years of age. Not entitled to hold office or vote

Senior Riding Member – between 17 and 25 years of age. Entitled to vote and hold office, except D.C

Adult Non or Riding member – 25 years of age and over. Entitled to vote and hold office

Certificates – Please list the highest Pony Club certificate you hold

Riding Members:

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Surname

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First Name(s)

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Category

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Date of Birth

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Horse/Pony Name(s)

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Age

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Height

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Certificate Held (if any)

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Previous Club (if joined to any)

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Medical Conditions we need to be aware of.

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Adult Members:

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Surname

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First Name(s)

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Date of Birth

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Postal Address (please include post code if known)

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Phone Numbers (please include home and mobile)

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Email Address

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Category (Riding/Non-Riding)

Please Note: These details will be passed on to NZ Pony Club Association to form a national database of members.

Membership subs for 2010/2011

The season runs from 1-9-10 to 31-8-11. Subscriptions must be paid to the secretary by 30-9-10 in order for riders to be eligible for the cups presented from our closed events place winners. In cases of financial difficulty, if an arrangement is made with the President by 16/9/10 to pay the sub on an incremental basis before 20-11-10, the rider will retain eligibility for the cup. New members are allowed to attend two rallies free of charge, but must pay by the third rally if they decide to join.

Category	Cost	Number	Total
Riding member	\$90		\$
Family of 2 riders	\$160		\$
Family of 3 riders	\$230		\$
Adult riding member	\$50		\$
Adult non riding member	\$17		\$
	Subtotal		(1)\$

Other Items

We can order some of the items you may need for pony club. Manuals are full of information for working towards your certificates. Dressage test books are needed if you are doing ODEs or other competitions. NTPC badges are part of your dress code for our pony club (remember we have a second hand shop for other uniform needs). Medical armbands are a must for ODE and all jumping events (you will not be allowed to ride with out them at an ODE). Medical armbands are ORANGE from 30/8 to 30/8/2012 this has changed from the blue ones last season.

*** Key to grounds**

Only available to financial members and separate form must be filled out and signed before the Key is handed out. Please fill in form available from the secretary.

Item	Cost	Number	Amount
NTPC Badge	\$5-50		\$
Manual 1: D&C riders	\$35-00		\$
Manual 2: C+, B, H & A riders	\$40-00		\$
Manual 3: Coaches manual	\$23-00		\$
Riding Test Book (Blue)	\$10-00		\$
Medical Armband	\$12-00		\$
"O" Certificate	\$25-00		\$
Key to WPC Grounds (* above)	\$20-00		\$
	Subtotal		(2)\$

Subtotal 1	Subtotal 2	Total Payable
\$	\$	\$

Payment

Payment may be made to the secretary on registration day or by dates listed above. Manuals and dressage test books will only be ordered by the 15th day of each month. If a rider wants to do "O" Certificate this season, please include payment with subscription. To any who did not meet requirements of the commitment policy from the 09-10 season, invoices will have been sent which are payable on registration. Membership will not be accepted by those with outstanding invoices. A minimum of 30% of your total membership fees MUST be made with your application.

IMPORTANT

Waitara Pony Club Commitment

Waitara Pony Club can only function efficiently if it has the full support of all members and parents. The Club offers many opportunities for riders to develop their riding abilities, including; instruction, separate theory sessions and Club representation at local and national events. Maintenance and upgrade of the grounds and equipment is also part of being a member of the Club. As with many clubs these opportunities are supported by a small number of the parents from the club, and as everyone leads busy lives these days it is becoming harder to get parental support.

The Club needs members (including senior riders) on its Committee, and help with Club and North Taranaki/Taranaki Pony Club events. It also regularly runs working bees to keep the grounds and equipment maintained and upgraded. We are lucky in our club to have support from parents, grandparents, uncles and aunts of our riders, but to keep up with all the jobs in the club, stop the work falling on just a few people, and lessen the need to fundraise to give our riders the best opportunities, the Club has imposed a \$250 levy, with an **out option**.

This means that each family must commit themselves to assist at a minimum of **3 major events, 1 rally and 1 club working bee** that the club organises or participates in. This includes helping out at the Pony Club rallies; and taking on jobs (either to set up the day before or at the event) at the Open and Closed Gymkhanas, One Day events, and the Area activities we are assigned, (consisting of any of Games, SJ, SH, Dressage or ODE); and taking on jobs at other fund raising events that may be organised. Once a family has completed the 5 events in total they then do not become liable for the \$250.00 levy. Of course there is no upper limit on the jobs a family can do!

This does not mean that parents are the only family members involved – for instance, the help of senior riders or riders not participating at events is welcomed at the events organised. Younger riders can be of assistance also by acting as runners and so forth. Some riders have found it beneficial to assist at Area events to get an understanding of how things work before they go out themselves and participate.

Upcoming events will be notified via e-mail. It is **your responsibility** to contact a committee member and offer your assistance. It may also be necessary to make phone calls to members. People will have plenty of opportunities to assist at the club and it only takes a phone call to or an approach to a committee member to discuss when you can provide some assistance.

It will be noted who attends what events and at the end of the working season families will be invoiced if they have not helped as set out above. They will need to pay the invoice prior to the next season or risk their membership the following year.

This is to confirm that I as a member of Waitara Pony Club have read and fully understood the Club Rules. If it is established that I have not followed any Rule, I will accept the decision of the Waitara Pony Club Committee about any consequences. I also agree to abide by the Fair Play Charter as signed by Waitara Pony Club.

Please Note: This must be signed or membership will not be accepted

Signed
Child Rider Member/Adult Rider Member

I agree that my child/ren rides at their own risk at rallies or any other event organised by the Waitara Branch of the North Taranaki Pony Club

Signed.....
Parent of Child Rider Member

Are you willing for your contact details to be included on the members' list sent to all our members? Yes / No

Signed Secretary

Received Date

Conditions for hire of key to WPC grounds_and use of grounds

You are applying to the Waitara Pony Club (Inc) to hire a key to the club's grounds for the duration of the 2010/2011 season. Please read the following information carefully before signing at the end.

Eligibility

Only current financial members of the Waitara Pony Club may apply to hire a key to the grounds. Keys may not be loaned to anyone else. Non-members must contact Annette Furmage (booking officer 754 4194) if they wish to use the grounds and there will be a charge made (\$10)

Access

The Rally and Banksia paddocks are the only paddocks in which ponies/horses are to be ridden. Please park in the parking paddock and if you use the yards ensure you leave them clean, use the poo bins provided. The water jump may be used and the tape pulled down – however it is imperative that it be replaced and electrified when you leave.

Time

Key holder may only use the grounds when they are not in use by the wider WPC rider for rallies etc, and any other group who has hired the grounds. Please ring Annette Furmage if you wish to confirm whether the grounds have a prior booking. Or at a future time online (TBA).

Safety

Safety is of paramount concern. The Safety Rules must be adhered to at all times. Anyone under the age of 14 MUST be accompanied at all time, and any person jumping must be accompanied. The person accompanying the rider must carry a working cell phone. It is important also that the person accompanying the rider is responsible and competent, so that in the event of an accident, they can render appropriate and necessary care. Closed jumps will be fenced off, so do not take any fences down.

Security

Any key holder using the grounds must ensure that the ALL GATES are closed and the padlock secure. Please also close and lock the double gates across the street must be closed and locked.

Be aware that members of the public may be walking across the grounds, and that sometimes there are cattle on the grounds. Please do not identify your key with the club name or as giving access to our grounds. Put your contact details on a tag attached to the key. Then if the key is lost, a finder will be able to notify the hirer without knowing what the key is for.

Loss of key

Report the loss of your key immediately to Pip Bint (7568877). Please make every effort to find it. Replacement keys will only be given on payment of a replacement fee.

Any key holder found to be in blatant disregard of any of these conditions will forfeit the right to continue to have a key in their possession.

SAFETY RULES

- *ENTRY TO AND USE OF GROUNDS IS AT YOUR OWN RISK
- *AUTHORISED RIDERS ONLY
- *RIDERS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY ANOTHER RESPONSIBLE PERSON WHO HOLDS A WORKING CELLPHONE
- * APPROVED SAFETY HELMETS and FOOTWEAR MUST BE WORN WHILE RIDING
- *KEEP GATE BY CLUBROOM SHUT AT ALL TIMES
- *ACCESS IS TO THE RALLY AND BANKSIA PADDOCKS ONLY
- *DO NOT DISTURB THE CATTLE
- *REPORT BREAKAGES AND EXPECT TO PAY FOR THEM
- *LOCK GATES WHEN YOU LEAVE
- *ENJOY USING WPC GROUNDS. RIDE SAFELY AND CONSIDERATELY.

Emergency contact – for people, ring 111 and ask for ambulance

- *for horses, ring Inglewood Vets (Waitara Branch) 754 8791*

Application for hire of a key to Waitara Pony Club grounds for the 2010/11 season

- q I am a current financial member of the Waitara Pony Club (Inc)
- q I have read and understood the terms for key hire outlined in the "Conditions for hire of key to WPC grounds and use of grounds".
- q I agree to be bound by the conditions outlined in this document. If I am found to be in breach of any of the conditions, I agree to return my key to a club official when asked to do so.
- q In particular, I agree to follow all the Safety Rules outlined in the document, and treat with care and consideration all people and animals present at the grounds.
- q I agree to report and pay for breakages of equipment.
- q I understand that riders ride in the grounds at their own risk, and neither riders nor parents/care-givers will hold the Waitara Pony Club (Inc) liable for any accident or injury to rider, horse or pony, spectator or vehicle.

Signed _____

Status _____ Date ____/____/____
Parent/rider/instructor/grazer

WPC official _____

Status _____ Date ____/____/____

Key number _____

Returned ____/____/____ Signed _____