

# Aoraki Western Riding Club, Inc.



"To Promote, Foster and Encourage the Sport of Western Riding and Horsemanship in the Aoraki Region"



## ANOTHER BUMPER ISSUE... ENJOY!!!

April 2010

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Hi all...hope you are enjoying these lovely autumn days. This issue is a bit big...but it was hard to leave anything out. There are more photos on the Aoraki Western Riding Club Facebook page and I hope to get the website updated after these school holidays are over. Hope to see you all on Sunday for the Games Day (my apologies to our newsletter by post members that this won't reach you in time to be a reminder). NO FOOD ONSITE.

As you'll know, the AGM is coming up. All members will receive an email or letter within the next week with nomination forms & info about the AGM. If you haven't received anything, please contact Maria.

And, if you are interested in getting more involved, let someone know that you are willing to put your hand up. See you all there...meal @ 6:00, AGM @ 7:30, followed by a general meeting. -Jodi

### WESTERN GAMES DAY

Registrations taken on the day. Open to Members & Non-

#### **WHEN**

18 April from 10 am

#### **WHERE**

Orari Equestrian Centre

#### **WHAT**

Games for all ages /levels of rider and levels of horses  
Lead Rein, Walk/Trot & Open

#### **COST**

\$ 15 Per Horse

#### **CONTACT**

Bronwyn Halliday 0276933304  
(Postponement date 25 April)



## “Club Horse Profile”

**NAME:** Avon Al Matar  
**AKA:** Matarzie  
**AGE:** 4yrs  
**BREED:** Appaloosa  
**OCCUPATION:** In training to be a western trail horse  
**OWNER:** Bronwyn Halliday  
**WORST OWNER EXPERIENCE:** Kicking my mum by mistake  
**GREATEST OWNER ACHIEVEMENT:** Learning to carry my mum on my back  
**PHOBIA:** being left at home by myself  
**FAVOURITE FOOD:** Red clover  
**FAVOURITE PAST TIME:** Dust bathing



The “Aoraki Western Riding Club” Facebook group page has been growing steadily. If you are a Facebook member, just type the name in the search box and up it will come. If you aren't a Facebook member, it's pretty easy...and a fun way to share photos, events, etc. All members will be able to upload their favourite club day photos, their new horses, etc...

## MEMBER'S UPDATE....

### WELCOME to New Members..

Sarah Coutts of Waimate  
 Judith Martin of Waimate  
 The Fairhshall family of Mayfield  
 (Shane, Wendy & children)  
 Nina Ireland of Temuka

We hope you enjoy being part of the AWRC!!

### NEXT MEETING...

May 18 AWRC's Annual General Meeting  
 At Robbie's Bar & Bistro, 4 Latter Street (off of North Street), Timaru. Meal at 6:00, AGM at 7:30 followed by a General Meeting.

## NEXT MEETING.... ON TUESDAY 18TH OF MAY @ 7:30 (NOTE VENUE)

### LOCATION: Robbie's Bar & Bistro, Timaru

This is our Annual General Meeting, followed by a general meeting. The meeting will begin at 7:30. Information will be coming out about the AGM, nominations, etc. We encourage you to attend. You won't be given any 'jobs' you don't want...but this

is a great opportunity to have your say in the AWRC.

Remember that you can always email or phone any of the committee members to have an item added to the agenda & spoken to on your behalf if you can't attend a meeting. Raewyn, Maria & Jodi's contact details are on page 1.

### NEXT CLUB DAY...

#### WESTERN GAMES DAY

This Sunday, 18 April 2010

At the Orari Equestrian Centre.

From 10:00 a.m.

Contact Bronwyn (027-693-3304)

Or Lyn (693-7141)

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If you have an idea for a Club Day, come along to a meeting & bring it up...or let a committee member know and we can add it the agenda. Or, if you would like to help out with planning & running a club day...let a committee member know. The more hands the better!

Also, if you contact Maria on 686-1723, you can have a copy of the minutes sent to you. So, you don't have to feel 'left out' if you can't make it to a meeting.

**We look forward to your input and involvement and look forward to seeing you there!!!**



# MUSTER REPORT...

The 2010 Muster was quite a challenge this year for someone not quite a fit as I should be! Fortunately, as usual, there was help on hand.

It was great to arrive at the start at Single Hill Station in lovely sunshine. Makes such a difference. Could get settled and then have time for a catch up with people we may not have seen for a year.

Imagine my dismay when I woke up to the sound of rain on the roof of the float. No, please not rain on our first day.....



Unfortunately the mist had well and truly settled in the valley so we had a later start than planned. Difficult for Trail Boss Mick and the Wranglers as we needed to be down off the mountain by about midday due to weather conditions at that height.

Also Rae's horse Buzz was lame when he was brought in from the paddock and the decision had to be made to just float him to the next Station. Rae insisted I carry on but it was not the same setting off without her.

Due to setting off late the decision was made not to climb as high and the ride was good apart from not being able to see the views due to the weather.

Our first night was spent at Shenley Station and by the time we had seen to our horses and gone to the wool shed for a welcome cuppa the team arrived with our tea.

The catering for the whole Muster was up to the usual standard and I still marvel how they turn up in the early hours and produce a cooked breakfast.

Rae was waiting for me and she had good news and bad news. The bad news was that it looked like Buzz would not be sound and he would have to just be floated each day but the good news was that Jenny our Medic had brought a second horse Danny and kindly said Rae could ride him.



Next day started quite misty again and Rae got Danny ready but felt a bit nervous I'm sure. Quite daunting to ride a strange horse but to be going on a full day's trek was a bit nerve racking. Anyway Jenny assured her Danny would be fine and Mick and Brad made sure all of Rae's tack was fitting properly on him. Brad rode him round a little bit before Rae got on.

Anyway Rae and Danny got on really well and I was just so pleased to see Rae smiling.

Fortunately the weather improved and what wonderful views we had once we got to the top of the mountain. All the horses went well and we were a very mixed group. Standardbreds, Arabs, Quarter Horses, St. James, Clydies, Warmbloods and even a pony.

We all could not believe how much warmer it had become and before long our oilskins seemed to be a thing of the past.

Just great having our lunch with our horses and chilling out.....



Had a fairly long walk and cannot believe how I managed to fall off when I tried to get back on Bramble. My legs felt rather weak and I just sort of flopped and managed to kick him and he got a fright and the next thing I hit the ground. Honestly I think I'm becoming a liability.....

Once again surrounded by helpers and fortunately I had not really hurt myself and was grateful that my head had missed a rather large rock and a cow pat!



Second night was spent at Athlone Station and after we had our supper Cameron Scott came to play guitar and sing for us in the wool shed. What a lovely young man and so talented. He has sung at the National Rodeo and also won a television competition.

One of our group was a singer herself and after a bit of encouragement got up to sing alongside.

The following day was hot and we had quite a climb. By this time I was not doing too well with the walking downhill and Bramble was a real trooper and carried me.

The last night was spent at Ranui Station and that is where we held the auction which was raising money for the local CCS Disability group. Good fun and \$800 was raised. It was good to see Heather at the auction as although she was at the registration was not actually riding this year and was certainly missed.

Weather fine for the last day but Bramble was rather sore and after we discussed it decided not to go.

Rae had set off on Buzz as it was going to be a flat ride and not too long.

I was just about to load Bramble up to take him home and have a good long bath before returning for the Hoe Down which was at the Albury Hall when suddenly Bramble whinnied. Over the horizon appeared Buzz & Rae. Evidently once she got going Buzz was not completely sound so she decided to come back.



We both then went home and came back for the Hoe Down which was great. A number of people did not stay as they needed to get home but the rest were staying the night so could dance and drink the night away. The following morning I was told that a good breakfast was had by all at the Albury pub.

So that is it for another year. Next year will be special as it will be the fifth year and the date is already in my diary.



Would be really good if more club members could come as I cannot explain how wonderful the bonding with your horse is.

The majority of us do not have the luxury of riding long hours day in and day out with our horses but the Muster is an opportunity to experience how it is to be 'at one with your horse and become real mates'.

My own confidence had really been knocked after my accident at the rodeo but I was given the assurance that I would be looked after by Mick and Brad and they did just that.

I would like to thank everyone involved and the ground crew also do a magnificent job. No easy job moving all those vehicles and floats and they are always around to help with anything.

Onwards & Upwards.

Ricky Tedham







# Four day ride raises funds for charity

By **HEATHER DOUDLE** Mackenzie High Country Muster secretary

THE 2010 Mackenzie High Country Muster set out from Single Hill Station near Burkes Pass in February, taking riders through stations over four days to nearby Albury.

The muster is similar to the Otago Heritage Trust Cavalcade and provides a good training ride for riders participating in the Cavalcade. It is run by a small subcommittee of the Aoraki Western Riding Club. The club recently held the inaugural White Horse Cowboy Challenge and this is its fourth muster.

This year, 30 riders set out on a cold, drizzly Wednesday morning bound for Shenley Station where the first night's camp was made.

On Thursday, they rode through Shenley Station towards Athlone Station where the night's entertainment in the woolshed by Cameron Scott was a feature.

On Friday, the riders left for neighbouring Ranui Station but had a challenging day's ride to reach it. Along the ridges were brilliant views on a stunning day. That night, a mystery bottle auction was held, this year raising funds to donate to the local CCS disability group. The night proved successful with \$800 raised. This money is going to be used for the Independence Games being held in April in Christchurch, a huge undertaking as not only is there a team of children attending, but they also need their own caregivers to attend with them.

On Saturday, riders headed towards their final destination, Albury. By night, the weather had changed from hot to drizzly but the hoe down held in the Albury Hall was a fitting finale to a fantastic week. It was a late night for the weary riders but also a celebration of a hard week's riding.

Many thanks to the landowners for their continued support in allowing access to their farms, to CRT for sponsorship, to the people who help make the muster successful — that is, the caterers, ground crew, riding crew and entertainment. It was a memorable week for everyone involved.

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Muster money: Yella the horse witnesses the handover of a cheque for \$800 last week by Mackenzie High Country Muster secretary Heather Doudle (second from right) to CCS representatives Julie Fosbender and Barry Newman. The money was raised during last month's four-day muster from Single Hill Station, near Burkes Pass, to Albury

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Now on the Challenge Friday Day





**-SCENES FROM PARINUI STATION-  
THE GOOD FRIDAY TREK**





# NZCHA National Finals (Taupo)



**Theresa Brown -**  
**Little Oaks Empress (Abby)**  
NZCHA Open Champion  
AQHA-NZ Registered Cutting Horse  
High Point Open Horse Trophy  
NZCHA Champion Open Mare  
**Holi Coco Sanbar**  
1st Runner Up NZCHA Open Champion

(photo is of Theresa & Abby at last year's Open Day)

# Mackenzie A&P Show

## Edon Berghan & Madame Coco

Won district pony in the A ring (large ponies) and placed in Open show hunter, novice pony and novice and district pony hunter jumping.

(photo is of Edon at the WHCC)



## Bronwyn Halliday and her donkey - Mossman Jake

Her placing were as followed...  
Best District 2nd  
Maiden any age 1st  
Gelding 2yrs & Over 1st  
Donkey Pattern 3rd  
Pack Donkey 1st  
Harness Best turned out 1st  
Donkey driven challenge 1st



### TRAINING CLINIC / SHOW WEEKEND

1<sup>ST</sup> - 2<sup>ND</sup> MAY 2010

MANDEVILLE SPORT  
GROUNDS. 9 AM START

WESTERN ARENA

ALL WELCOME.

NON POINTS SHOW ON  
THE 2<sup>ND</sup> MAY.

YOUTH CLASSES,  
ROOKIE CLASSES, WALK / JOG, CHILDREN  
CLASSES AND  
OPEN

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup>. Training  
Clinic with Ian loader,  
National winner / judge  
and trainer.

Learn some tips on  
showing a horse at halter,  
showmanship at halter,  
western pleasure, trail,  
horsemanship, western  
riding, reining, hunter  
under saddle and  
equitation.

COME AND  
ENJOY THE  
RELAXING  
WESTERN  
SEEN.

\$50 FOR THE  
FULL  
WEEKEND

\$25 FOR THE  
SHOW ONLY.

Entry forms from  
cwra.weebly.com or cwraadmin@gmail.com or  
contacting a CWRA committee member,

Entries close 28<sup>th</sup> April 2010. To D Miller 218 Homeview Road RD2  
Cheviot. Or email [quartz@nzquarterhorse.co.nz](mailto:quartz@nzquarterhorse.co.nz) (entries only)



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### 2010 WESTERN GAMES DAY REGISTRATION FORM

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

**DISCLAIMER:** All persons and vehicles enter at their OWN RISK. Riders  
compete at their OWN RISK. Neither the club nor their representatives accept  
liability for any accidents, damages, injury or illness to horses, riders, spectators or  
any personal property whatsoever.

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

CLASS ENTERED (Circle One) LEAD REIN WALK/TROT OPEN

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|----------------------|--------------------------|
| 1) SPUD N SPOON      | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2) JELLY BABY GOBBLE | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3) PAIRS & PAPER     | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4) KEY HOLE          | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5) MUSICAL SACKS     | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6) FLAG RACE         | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7) VC RACE           | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8) POLE BENDING      | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 9) BIG T             | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Registrations taken on the day



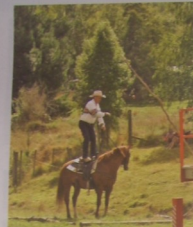
It has come to my attention that there was a bit of confusion generated by the information I gave in the last newsletter about the New Zealand Cowboy Challenge Association. Since the White Horse Cowboy Challenge was held, interest in this new event has escalated. However, as the sport is in its very infant stage in New Zealand there is no structure or framework to build on.

Without a firm basis there is a real danger that what has the potential to be a great new equestrian event could become little more than a gymkhana, and the whole idea of good horsemanship would be lost.

Therefore, the New Zealand Cowboy Challenge Association (NZCCA) has been formed. Its tasks are to regulate, observe and promote the sport of Cowboy Challenges. **The NZCCA will not organise any events. Its role is to regulate and provide an official rule book.** The NZCCA will also develop an official competitive structure, enabling local, regional and national championship competitions to be held and points to be accrued.

The AWRC will continue to hold the White Horse Cowboy Challenge as long as we, as a club, are willing to do so. As we are the 'founding club' of this sport in NZ, we would anticipate our event being the 'finals'.

### WHITE HORSE COWBOY CHALLENGE



Wonderful attendance and thrilling horsemanship gave judges Scott O'Malley, Bert Elstob, Sally Thorne a difficult task at the White Horse Cowboy challenge

7 Youth Entries- 1st Claire Smith on Joe Calico, 2nd James Pinfold on Eagle, 3rd Hayley Johnson on Southern Kodiack.  
23 Adult Entries- 1st Geoff Taylor on Little Pepto's Chance, 2nd Jane Severinson on Rasmus Sag n Oak, 3rd Doreen Church on Black, 4th Patrick McCarthy on Chad, 5th Jerry Johnson on Santa Dee Bar, tied for 6th Noel Stranger on Dancer & Mike Ransom on Tussock, 8th Noel Stranger on Ammo, 9th Jerry Johnson on Sparky, 10th Hayley Staples on Buck, 11th Rory McTavish on Dillon, 12th Dave Anderson on Bella.

The 13 obstacles in the first round were 1) log crossing, 2) deadfall, 3) one step down, 4) back up hill, 5) serpentine, 6) slicker carry, 7) hay carry, 8) ravine ride, 9) free ride, 10) sidepass, 11) cowboy curtain, 12) tunnel, 13) tarp drag. In the second round we took out 6,7,9,10, 12 and added spin, see saw bridge, log pull, stand up in saddle & hit ball, and bareback.



April edition of the Horse Trader...full page report!!!!!!



# EMERGENCY TREKKING BAG

Be prepared for trail riding mishaps with a small bag of handy supplies



Be prepared...all of these emergency items, plus others of your choosing, will fit inside a saddle horn bag. As soon as you leave your controlled, home environment, you're in 'potential mishap' territory. That's why it pays to be prepared with 'just in case' items pre-packed in a small 'grab & go bag (or in a multi-pocket vest or small backpack) and carry it on every trail ride. The list below will get you and your horse (or your friend or their horse) through most minor trail traumas. (Horse & Rider, March 2010, pgs 32-33)

## BAG CONTENTS

- **Duct tape.** Multiple uses, from protecting a hoof that's lost its shoe to emergency tack repairs.
- **Elastic and cling-type wraps.** Joint support, bandaging.
- **Reflective 'space blanket.'** Preserves body heat, makes a ground cover.
- **LED flashlight.** Multiple uses (especially if you get caught out after dark).
- **Filled water bottle.** Many uses, from hydration or cooling to flushing a wound.
- **Stethoscope.** For monitoring vital signs, gut sounds.
- **Coach's whistle.** Makes piercing blasts to call for help.

- **Latex gloves.** Hand coverage for wound treatment.
- **Banamine paste.** Help for colic symptoms.
- **Personal first-aid pouch.** Holds gauze pads, stick-on bandages, aspirin, bee-sting pen, safety pins, etc.
- **Contact-lens solution.** Flushes eye or wound debris.
- **Bandage scissors.** Trims bandaging materials.
- **Multi-tool.** Multiple uses.
- **Hand sanitizer.** Helps prevent infection when treating wounds.
- **First-aid cream.** Antibiotic and anti-septic properties.

## CLASSIFIEDS

For sale: Black & white dog pup, 3 1/2 mths. Mother purebred border collie, father very good part b/c heading dog. Great nature, would be an excellent working dog, pet or for agility. Had 1st vaccination. \$250. Phone Dave Anderson (03) 6922769.

Two hats. One is a grey Akubra pure fur felt hat. The model is called 'The Great White Shark' from the Greg Norman collection, size 56. The other is a beige leather hat, size 56. The owner doesn't want them any more so I'm placing this ad on her behalf. Free to a head that fits (a bit like Cinderella). Call Maria 6861723

If you would like to advertise, let me know...  
Just phone 6147107 or email me [jodipayne@farmside.co.nz](mailto:jodipayne@farmside.co.nz)



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If members want to check on whether an event needs to be cancelled or postponed due to weather conditions, members can ring 03 614 8707 (my ph number) from 8am onwards on Club days for a pre-recorded message to confirm if it's going ahead or being cancelled....Keri

Keri Drake (Events Director) — (03) 614-8707  
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Maria Van den Bosch (Secretary) - (03) 686-1723 or 027-366-3016

## **CLUB CALENDAR**

### **Apr 18 Western Games Day**

A fun day for members & their friends. Great turnout last year.  
Contact Bronwyn 027-693-3304 or Lyn 693-7141 for more info

### **May 8 Club Day Trek**

At Orari Gorge Station (Turn off of State Hwy 79 onto Tripp Settlement Rd (between Gld & the Orari Bridge), travel ~10kms, road becomes gravel, follow signs to sheep yards).  
Meet @ 10, ride @ 10:30. Nice, easy ride (barefoot OK if hooves in good shape).  
Ph Dave Anderson with questions...692-2769

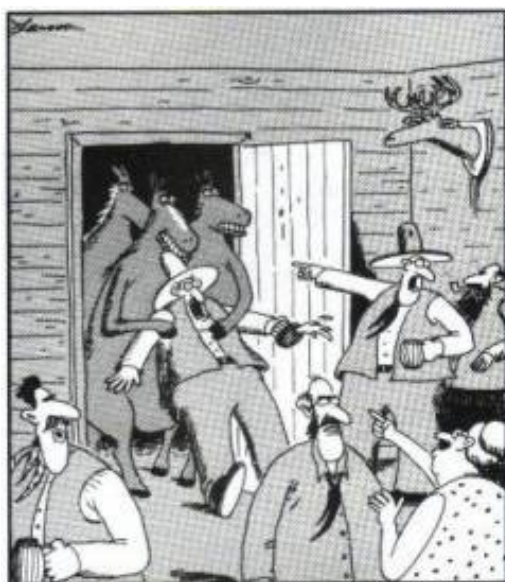
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### **June 19 Club Social/Learning Evening**

From 6:00. At Keri Drake's, 707 Pleasant Point Hwy (on the "Blue Gums Rd". Phone 614-8707 if you want more details/directions). The plan is a potluck tea (BYO plates, cutlery, etc), saddle fitting DVD, hoof care talk by Sally Thorne, and ??? well, a whole lotta fun!

**What else do **YOU** want to see here????? Come to a meeting and let us know...  
or if you can't make it, contact a committee member  
and we can put it on the agenda for you.**



Suddenly, the door was kicked open, and with nostrils flaring and manes flying, wild horses dragged Sam away.



"In this house I'm the one with horse sense...  
Joe represents the other end of the animal."

If you would like to advertise in this newsletter or contribute photos, articles, etc., please contact Jodi Payne Phone: (03) 614-7107 or Email: [jodipayne@farmside.co.nz](mailto:jodipayne@farmside.co.nz)