

AORAKI WESTERN RIDING CLUB, INC.



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

April-May 2011



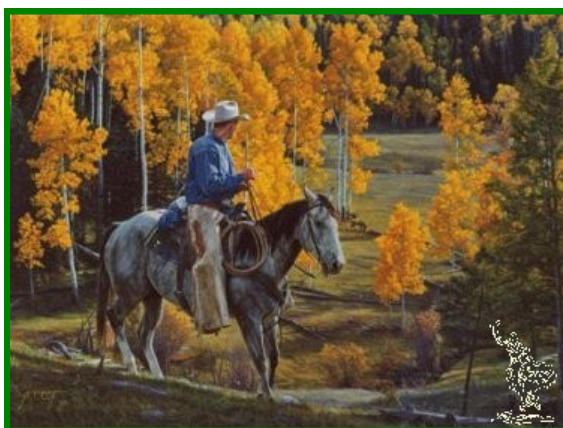
Hi everyone!

I'm back (Thanks Maria for filling in)....nothing like a job to get in the way of life! For those of you who didn't realize it, last year at this time I was hired as Mackenzie A&P Show secretary. The Show on 25 April was my first. You never know what goes on behind the scenes (of anything) until you are in the trenches. It has been a challenging and fun year and I feel blessed to have a job that I enjoy. I did have to smile at the 'English' riders...many having to rush to the Show

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early to have their horses 'officially' measured...I pointed out to one frazzled friend of mine that if her daughter rode Western, she wouldn't have to worry about things like height certificates!

I had hoped to have a report about the Vet Talk...next time (Dave....☺) Even though I was busy with work, I did make to attend and would LOVE to have Dr Williamson speak again...which I think he may be keen to do. He seemed to enjoy himself as much as we enjoyed having him. He is very knowledgeable and experienced and was the kind of person who thinks "out of the box"...willing to take on board other ideas (i.e. homeopathic, chiropractic, etc.) along with 'standard' practices. His "best piece of animal husbandry" advice is to "worm your horses every month on the same day".



He suggested we orally give injectable ivermectin for cost as well as effectiveness. He had practical experience on what a huge difference this one thing can make to the health of your horse or pony.

Unfortunately, due to equestrian illness, the cattle drive has been postponed (no date given yet). ...and no Good Friday Trek this year which I missed as it was always an autumn highlight. Games Day, however, went off without a hitch and was a fun day for young and old(er) alike. I even came home with a red rosette! (I was standing in for my late arriving daughter and was able to ride in the first game). Going into winter, the Club Calendar looks a bit bare....but don't despair...I'm sure we'll fit in a Winter Social at the very least...and I'll push for another vet talk...maybe a rescheduled Cowboy Challenge Training Day? Or a Bomb-proofing Day? What are your ideas? What do YOU want to attend? Come along to the AGM and let everyone know. Many people stay away from AGMS as they don't want to get 'stuck' in a position. Don't worry, with the AWRC, you won't get pushed into any office! So no excuses, come along and have your say! See you on the 25th...any questions about anything, don't hesitate to contact any of the names on the above right. -Jodi

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A NOTE FROM OUR SECRETARY....

Hi,

It's AGM time again. In this newsletter, there is an agenda and nomination forms for you. Remember that you don't have to fill out a nomination form...a simple email to me with the name of your nominated person and the position will do just fine (just make sure the person you're nominating has agreed to be nominated ;-))....forms on back page of newsletter. It would be great to see some new names being put forward, so PLEASE...push the boat out and give it a go! It's not hard and heaps of fun.

See you at the AGM,

Maria

PS. Let me know if you'd like to have a meal beforehand. I need to let Richard Pearce know numbers by the 23rd. Cheers :-)

WANTED

Club Member
Photographs
From Club Days
Or Any Other
Horsey
Photos!!!



MEMBER'S UPDATE....

WE WELCOME NEW MEMBER..

Alan & Belinda Kelly of Timaru

NEXT MEETING...

May 25th at the Richard Pearse in Timaru at 7:30.

WEBSITE...

Keep checking out.....www.awrc.co.nz

From all reports, its working well and you can download forms, fliers, etc!

NEXT CLUB DAYS...

TBA

See the Club Calendar on the back page or
contact Keri Drake 614-8707 for more info

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 Keri know. There is always room on the planning committees!!! There are no "Closed Shops" in the AWRC. The more hands the better!

NEXT MEETING.... ON WEDNESDAY MAY 25TH @ 7:30 (NOTE VENUE)

LOCATION: The Richard Pearse in Timaru

The AGM will begin at 7:30, followed by our monthly meeting. If you would like to join us for a meal at 6:00, please let Maria know by the 23rd.

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.

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!!!**

Aoraki Western Riding Club Inc.

Notice of Annual General Meeting 2011

Notice is hereby given that the 2011 AGM of the Aoraki Western Riding Club Inc, (AWRC) will be held at 7.30 on Wednesday the 25th of May at Richard Pearse in Timaru.

We will have a meal at Richard Pearse before the AGM (6.00pm). Please let me know if you want to eat and I'll make sure we reserve enough space.

Hope to see you all there!

Best regards,

Maria van den Bosch (Secretary)

Agenda:

- (a) To receive, and if approved, adopt the minutes of the previous AGM,
- (b) To receive, and if approved, adopt the Annual Report of the President,
- (c) To receive, and if approved, adopt a statement of the Club's Accounts to the end of the preceding year,
- (d) Election of Committee,
 - (i) President,
 - (ii) Vice President;
 - (iii) Secretary;
 - (iv) Treasurer ;
 - (v) Show Secretary/Events Director
- (e) Election of Officers
 - (i) Publicity Officer
 - (ii) Health & Safety Officer
 - (iii) MHCM (Mackenzie High Country Muster) Delegates (x 2)
 - (iv) WHCC (White Horse Cowboy Challenge) Delegates (x2)
 - (v) NZWRF (New Zealand Western Riding Federation) Delegates (x2)
 - (vi) OEC (Orari Equestrian Centre) Delegate
 - (vii) Funding Officer

Nominations are called for all the above positions. Nominations for Office Holders and Committee may be by way of written nomination signed by a current Member and endorsed with the consent of the nominee and given to the Secretary at least seven (7) days before the day of the Annual General Meeting. If there are insufficient nominations to fill the vacant positions on the Committee, oral nominations may be received from the floor at the Annual General Meeting, provided that no member will be elected who has not consented to being nominated

- (f) Setting of the subscriptions for the year
- (g) Motions of which notice has been given,
- (h) General business,
- (i) Appoint of any auditor, if required, and
- (j) Conduct of any other business which may be properly brought before the meeting.



R.I.P.
Danny
15 April 2011

A loved member of the Payne family since November 2008 and Kelty's first pony. We'll always be thankful to him for giving Kelty a great start..and for giving 'first ever' pony rides to many of her friends & being the birthday party entertainment more than once.

WESTERN GAMES DAY—1ST MAY 2011

Hopefully we'll get the results into the next newsletter, but I definitely want to say THANK YOU to Bronwyn for her organising and to Raewyn and Keri for running the events...also to all of the other helpers on the day! A big THANK YOU for the sausage sizzle crew...what would a New Zealand day out be without a sausage sizzle?!?!

Everyone had a lot of fun

and the rain held off for us (THANK YOU God) !

A personal THANK YOU to Kay for the loan of Emmy. As

Kelty had recently lost her Danny Boy, she was 'horse-less'...a dreaded state for anyone, but particularly for a 6 year old who loves Games Day!

Kay (& Emmy) saved the day!!!





**(The letter sent out by Muster secretary Heather Doudle
to all Muster riders)**

Muster 2011,

The best one yet!

Hello Everyone!

Firstly, I hope everyone has returned home safely & that their horses are happy & healthy. The ride this year was a good ride, challenging enough for horses & riders but not so tough that it made anyone want to head for home.

Firstly, my thoughts to those in the earthquake. I hope all is well with everyone & that your families & friends are safe.

Well, where do I begin? I am writing this from me, not from the committee, even though you all heard enough of me on the ride hence the reason for the failing voice.

We had a late start to the planning of the Muster, so our crew quickly got cracking on getting everything worked out, booked, advertised etc. The dramas that could have happened never did.

To the Trail Boss, Mark, a massive thank you. You were brilliant & made everyone feel welcome. You created no fuss or issues, just allowed the ride to go with a quiet smile & friendly demeanour.

Kristen, another massive thank you to you also. You are a great girl, nothing is a problem & your horsemanship skills are huge. Allowing me to ride the `way out of control` Henry was a privilege. Again, your quiet smile, confidence, knowledge & friendliness relaxed everyone.

Kasey, a late replacement, thanks go to you for coming along at short notice & working well amongst the group.

The ground crew, Lee, Corey & Lindsay. You guys made everything so easy. Always there for people, helping them with the little things, this is how a ground crew should work & you guys did extremely well. And everything was done with smiles & charm! A huge thank you to you boys.

Michelle, Raewyn, Fiona, thank you for all the work you have done with me behind the scenes. To have a crew that works together is wonderful!!

Jenny, our medic, thankfully she wasn't really needed, only for a few bandaids I think. But this is the 5th time she has been with us, thank you for sticking with us.

From my point of view, I haven't had this much fun for a long time. To see old friends returning, new ones coming along, to sit & hear the chat, laughter, singing, yelps & hollers, seeing everyone so happy & relaxed just gave me the warm fuzzies.

When I looked up the hill at one stage & saw all the horse strung out in a long line, heard the laughs & chat, well, that just made my day! This is what we all work hard for, to have a ride through the hill with mates & I reckon we did that.





My highlight? Well, riding Henry of course. What a star, tearing around all over the place, being such a hot head. But seriously, he made the ride the best one for me yet. I could just sit there cruising & talking to everyone that could keep up with me. Nothing bothered that wee horse.

To the `dick of the day` people, thanks for being such good sports. That tutu will be back next year, with Lindsay wearing it on the first day!

Thanks must go to our sponsors, CRT who are our main sponsors. But also Couplands Stockfeeds for the horse feed, Valley Brewing Company for the generous donation of beer, & Newbery Racing team who donated hay for us.

Lastly, the biggest, hugest, massiveist (is that a word? It is now!) thanks go to you riders. You supported us, you all bought the fun & laughter to our Muster. To see you all so relaxed & prepared for anything the trails threw at us was



fantastic. The terrain is always challenging but everyone just got on with it with no fuss or fear. Good old Kiwi stuff.

Memories, awesome ones, the float driven away with the door down, Jenny on her firecracker horse, the beer (go Raewyn), party games, our trail boss busting a few moves on our `dance floor`, river crossings, down-hills, up-hills, views, pink tutus, good old fashioned fun!



I would love to see you all back next year, but until then take care of yourselves, enjoy spending time with your horses & I look forward to seeing you all again.

Regards,
Heather

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WESTERN SADDLES WANTED, any condition, they do not have to be in working order (ie broken trees acceptable), they are not for putting on horses, only decoration. If you have anything lying about that you want rid of, please email raewyn.olthof@xtra.co.nz

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...

We are on the lookout for a small horse (14.2-15.1) for Kelty (& I). Ideally a calm, older, "been there done that", ready for semi-retirement, first ridden/learners horse (not asking for much are we?!) Kelty has only been on lead line and I would like to be able to move her onto feeling comfortable riding on her own...she had a lot of fun on Emmy and wasn't worried about how tall she was, only how 'safe' she felt on her. By getting a small horse, she won't outgrow it anytime soon and it will be more versatile for our family....let me know if you hear of anything. -Jodi 6147107

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A: The horse's name was Friday.

Q: Why did the pony have to gargle?

A: Because it was a little horse!

Q: What did the horse say when it fell?

A: I've fallen and I can't giddyup!

Q: What did the teacher say when the horse walked into the class?

A: Why the long face?

Q: What do you call a horse that lives next door?

A: A neigh-bor!

Q: When does a horse talk?

A: Whinney wants to

Silly Jokes

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

*** CLUB CALENDAR ***

(all Club Calendar enquiries to Keri Drake 614-8707 philandkeri@xtra.co.nz)

May 25 Annual General Meeting at the Richard Pearse in Timaru @ 7:30 (meal @ 6:00) followed by General Meeting

Contact Maria Van den Bosch...686-1723 or bosch@xtra.co.nz

June 4 Club Day at Orari Club Grounds

From 10:00 a.m. Any questions to Keri please.

June 29 General Meeting at the Pleasant Point Hotel @ 7:30

Contact Maria Van den Bosch...686-1723 or bosch@xtra.co.nz



A great way to get more involved (if you want to be) is to put your hand up to join a club day committee. It's not hard and honestly, we need a few more active 'hands on deck'. Just let Keri, our Events Director, know what you are interested in doing!



AWRC Nomination AGM 2011

Nomination:_____

Position:_____

Nominated by:_____

Please return nomination to : Maria van den Bosch

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