

Aoraki Western Riding Club, Inc.



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



Hello everyone,
Again, I have to start with an apology. It has been AGES since you have received a newsletter. I am sooo sorry. It feels like a cop-out to say I've been busy...but, when you read the list of the most stressful things that can happen to a person, I've dealt with about 3 out of the top 4 in the past few months...moving to a new home (inc

renovation), starting a new job (now working 2 part time jobs) and dealing with deaths (both a cousin and a friend from the States). I know I could have delegated the job to another member, but most of the others on the Committee have had quite a lot on their plates as well...so I thought to myself....our members are an understanding sort, they'll understand. So...I hope you understand!

Speaking of full plates brings me to the upcoming AGM...many of the posts are up for grabs...so, if you are at ALL tempted to become more involved, please please please put your hand up. Call (685-8181) or email me (kevinjodialexkelty@gmail.com) and I

can explain what is involved. At the meeting this past week, we talked about the meetings being held only every other month, instead of every month to lessen the 'load'. We also discussed the newsletter being quarterly, with Club Days and other important info being put out via email as needed. These will be decided on at the AGM....which will be held on May 29th at Robbie's in Washdyke...6:30 meal, AGM at 7:30. Please phone Kay on 686-2531 (eve) to RSVP by the 22nd.



Regarding Club Days, recently we have held the Mackenzie High Country Muster and the Mackenzie Cowboy Challenge. These were both very successful events with a lot of help from AWRC members. Thank you soooo much to all those involved in the planning and on the day(s). The positive feedback makes me very proud to be a part of the AWRC. Due to the huge effort required in organising these two events, as well as the impending winter weather, Club Days will be scaled down for awhile. The exception will be the monthly open days at the Orari Equestrian Centre. Games Day, which is normally held in April/early May will hopefully be held in the Spring. We just didn't have enough organisers/helpers to be able to hold it this autumn (much to my daughter's disappointment). We will endeavour to keep you informed of other 'horsey' events such as NZCCA days, clinics, etc...

Happy riding! xx Jodi



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ARENA UPDATE

HUGE thank you to Ricky for being our OEC representative and to all those involved in gathering funding for the Arena, including the wise financial decisions and fundraising efforts made by our Members so that we had money in the bank to contribute.

Work has begun in clearing the arena and grading work has been started.

This is an exciting project for the AWRC to be involved with and I am sure we will all be thankful to have the use of our Club arena (shared of course with the other OEC members) Well done Everyone! Something to be proud of!!!

— Interested in CLINICS —

By Steve Houston or Bert Elstob

Enquiries to Tina Wraight
432-6800

s.wraight.builder@xtra.co.nz

By Sarah Rolston or a Cattle Clinic by

Sally Thorne 689-7447
waikora@gmail.com

Upcoming Horsey Events

Sarah Rolston Clinic June 8 & 9 in Waimate

Auditor spaces available, contact Sally Thorne (details on the left under Clinics)

Five Manes Horsemanship Challenge

October 28th. Hosted by Garry & Sara Roberts.

Details to come.

Member's Update....

NEXT CLUB DAYS

1st Sunday of each month at OEC

(May cancelled due to the ground being booked)

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 Maria know. There is always room on the planning committees!!! There are no "Closed Shops" in the AWRC.

NEXT MEETING-AGM Wednesday 29 May @ 7:30 (meal at 6:30)

**LOCATION: Robbie's in
Washdyke, Timaru**

The meeting will begin at 7:30. Meal at 6:30 (rsvp to Kay Goddard 686-2531, eve only by the 22nd)

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.

Keri and Jodi's contact details are on page 1. Also, if you contact Keri, 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. **ALL MEETINGS (EXCEPT THE AGM) ARE NOW AT PLEASANT POINT PUB AT 7:30 ON THE LAST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH (EXCEPT FOR DECEMBER)**

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

CLUB CALENDAR



A great way to get more involved 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 Maria, our Events Director, know what you are interested in doing! 686-1723



(all Club Calendar enquiries to Maria van den Bosch 686-1723 bosch@xtra.co.nz)

LAST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH (Except May which is the AGM and Dec)

General Meeting at the Pleasant Point Hotel @ 7:30 (meals available)

Contact Keri Drake 614-8707 or philandkeri@xtra.co.nz

FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

Open Club Day @ Orari Equestrian Centre from 10:00

No host, but you can contact Ricky Tedham, OEC Delegate, for info 693-8559

—CLASSIFIEDS—

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Mackenzie High Country Muster 2013.

Report for AWRC.

Hi all,

Yet again the Mackenzie Muster 2013 was an awesome success, providing spectacular country, superb food & great company for everyone involved. The Muster started on Wed with the crew gathering with their various responsibilities in tow eg, horses, toilets, rubbish bins. We all were at Blue Mountain Station by mid afternoon, ready to greet the 35 registered riders as they too pulled in with their floats & trucks. The campsite was busy & full by dinner time with the woolshed available for hot drinks, meals & socialising. The crew were able to bed down in the comfortable quarters close to the campsite.

Thursday morning was fresh & clear, perfect for riding the hills. We set out at 8.30am for a stunning days ride over Blue Mountain. Friday dawned beautiful again so we headed for Lochaber Station & climbed to amazing heights before enjoying lunch at a hut. Saturday we ran 2 rides, a high one & a low one with approx 20 riders on each ride. The low ride rode towards an historical hut over the Totara Spur while the high ride went up to the top of Blue Mountain where we could see for miles & felt like we were on top of the world. That ride then descended towards the historical hut to meet with the others for lunch but we were too late for the low riders who had eaten & left before us high riders arrived. On the way home the high riders stopped at Blue Mountain lake where many swam there horses which was so awesomely fun!!! The noise & laughter was priceless with horses making like jetskis & riders hanging on laughing & having a blast! Back to camp after that, that day for the high riders was 9 hours long. A good, tiring day.

Saturday night was auction night, so much fun, laughter, & a massive amount of money raised from only 40 odd people. Best part was auctioning off wax strips for 6 of the men to be waxed! That raised a lot of money right there! Every night there was some kind of slap up entertainment with fines along the way & the ritual 'dick of the day' being sorted. They have to wear a pink tutu the following day or face another fine & ridicule from the crowd!

Sunday was an overcast day but everyone rode down to the lake again for swimming. A lovely lunch by the brilliant caterers was waiting for us when we got back to camp & then goodbyes & hugs were traded before the travellers all set off for home. Its a pretty cool thing to see tired but happy people driving away, waving & promising to return next year, we must be doing something right !!

Even though physically its demanding, no one would have lost any weight with the food the caterers provided, they done a wonderful job. There were no mishaps on the ride, for the 7th year running every person & rider came off the hills tired but safely with no injuries or accidents. Jenny our medic didn't even administer a band aid!

Finances have been thorough & all accounts paid & crew expenses & reimbursements received. The books are now with Kay for their annual audit.

We have a large number of regular riders who make the Muster their annual event which is what we were hoping to achieve & the reputation is growing all the time. I am proud to be part of it.

Some ideas for the future ? That more than 1 charity benefit from the fundraising. We as horse riders should be supporting the likes St Johns & Westpac Rescue Helicopter as one day we may have need for them. To be able to donate to more than one charity would be fantastic. People will always dig deep for a worthy charity or two.

Also the purchase of a set of 4 walkie talkies & a SAT phone by the club would be a good wee asset as they would greatly improve communications not just for the Muster but for any event being run by the club.

I would like the club to consider these couple of points as beyond tweaking the little things that come up year to year, these are bigger points worth while thinking about.

Roll on 2014 with tentative plans already discussed.

Cheers, Heather

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Notice of Annual General Meeting 2013

Notice is hereby given that the 2013 AGM of the Aoraki Western Riding Club Inc, (AWRC) will be held at 7.30pm on Wednesday the 29th of May in Robbies Bar & Bistro in Timaru.

We will have a meal at Robbies before the AGM (6.30pm). 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,

Jenny Woodall (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) MCC (Mackenzie 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,
 - Subcommittee: Duties and responsibilities to main body
- (i) Appoint of any auditor, if required, and
- (j) Conduct of any other business which may be properly brought before the meeting.

AWRC Nomination AGM 2013

Nomination: _____

Position: _____

Nominated by: _____

Please return nomination to : Jenny Woodall
697 Gudex Road
RD17 Fairlie

Please note nominations close off on the 22nd of May 2012

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