

AORAKI WESTERN RIDING CLUB, INC.



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



Hi everyone!

Hope you have all had a great holiday period!
The Waikouaiti Beach Ride weekend on Nov 20-21 was a fun weekend by all accounts. I'm waiting for a report & some photos!!!

We would like to wish all of TEAM AORAKI Good Luck at the Christchurch New Year Show. Anyone interested in going up to cheer them on can phone Maria for details!

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The Pre-Muster Trek is THIS SUNDAY!!!! Details in newsletter (page 3)

Because February is the Mackenzie High Country Muster and the White Horse Cowboy Challenge, I've dedicated this front page to COWBOYS! (and COWGIRLS!!!) Fliers & Entry Forms included in the newsletter.

Check with the Muster Committee (details on back) if you would like to attend the Hoe Down &/or stay the night and ride on Saturday.

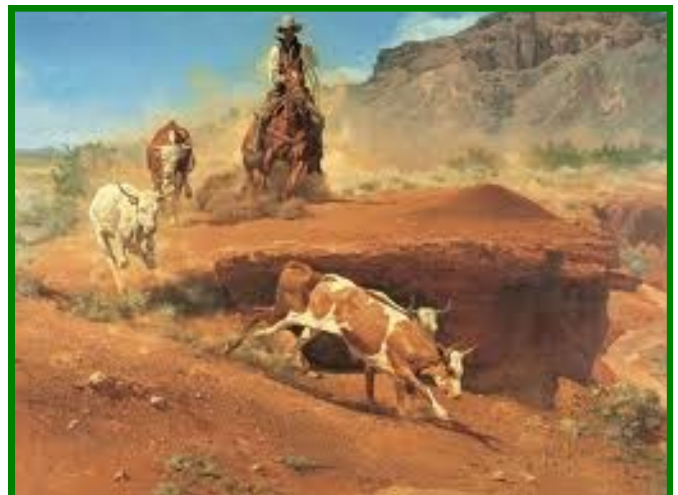
Have a great month...any questions about anything, don't hesitate to contact any of the names on the above right.

-Jodi

Lord, I've never lived where churches grow
I loved creation better as it stood
That day you finished it so long ago
And looked upon your work and called it good
I know that others find you in the light
That sifted down through tinted window panes
And yet I seem to feel you near tonight
In this dim, quiet starlight on the plains
I thank you, Lord, that I'm placed so well
That you've made my freedom so complete
That I'm no slave to whistle, clock or bell
Nor weak eyed prisoner of Waller Street
Just let me live my life as I've begun
And give me work that's open to the sky
Make me a partner of the wind and sun
And I won't ask a life that's soft or high
Let me be easy on the man that's down
Let me be square and generous with all
I'm careless sometimes, Lord, when I'm in town

But never let them say I'm mean or small
Make me as big and open as the plains
And honest as the horse between my knees
Clean as a wind that blows behind the rains
Free as the hawk that circles down the breeze
Forgive me, Lord, if sometimes I forget
You know about the reasons that are hid
You understand the things that gall or fret
Well, you knew me better than my mother did
Just keep an eye on all that's done or said
And right me sometimes when I turn aside
And guide me on that long, dim trail ahead
That stretched upward toward the great divide

By Johnny Cash



QUIZ NEXT MONTH



PARTS OF THE WESTERN SADDLE

WANTED

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



MEMBER'S UPDATE....

WE WELCOME NEW MEMBER..

Joanne Smith of Ashburton
Kathryn Greenslade of Ashburton
Jo Drenth & Family of Ashburton
Anna Grant of Fairlie

NEXT MEETING...

January 26th 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...

16 January -
PRE-MUSTER TREK
29-30 January -
CHRISTCHURCH SHOW WEEKEND
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 JANUARY 26TH @ 7:30 (NOTE VENUE)

LOCATION: The Richard Pearse in Timaru

The meeting will begin at 7:30. If you would like to join us for a meal at 6:00, please let Maria know.

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!!!**

A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT...

Message from the President

Happy 2011 everyone!

Hope you had a very happy and safe festive season and Santa was good to you all. I would like to thank you all for the many good wishes and help you gave me over the last 6 weeks with my broken ribs. The phone calls and visits were very much appreciated and remind me what caring members of a club we are. I am happy to report that I'm on the mend.

The start of this year is a very full and fun packed of events for all of us. I would like to take this opportunity to wish good luck to our members who are going to take part in the Christchurch Western Show during the last weekend in January. Some of you have previously come away with ribbons in the various classes you have taken part in and going from strength to strength. Even if no ribbons are forthcoming, you come away with a sense of achievement by being a part of a great weekend. Well done! I would like to encourage members to go along and support and watch during this incredible weekend. The show is held at Mandeville near Christchurch on 29th-30th January (if you need to know directions or details of the weekend, please email me raewyn.olthof@xtra.co.nz (new email address)).

Last Sunday I attended a get together with the Muster crew who were discussing some finer points for the Mackenzie High Country Muster held 9th-12th February. I can tell you now, that this is going to be a really exciting event and personally I can't wait. What a beautiful area we will be trekking through – well done to Mark, Heather and their team. If you haven't got your registrations in for this already, it is definitely something you should be seriously thinking about now as time is marching on. If you are unable to ride the full four days, please consider joining us on the Friday night for the hoe down and auction night, stay Friday night and ride with us on the last day Saturday. For details, information or registering your interest please contact Heather on (03) 686-1747 or email on doudle@ihug.co.nz. The planning is well under way for the White Horse Cowboy Challenge that is being held here at Valley Brewing Company, Gapes Valley, State Highway 79, Geraldine on 26th February. This year is promising to be even better than last year. Would be great to see the whole club here, either competing, helping or supporting this fabulous event. You will hear more on this later!

I promised Jodi, I was only going to do a little blurb this month, but am too excited about what is coming up for club events. Sunday kicks it all off with the pre-muster Club trek, anyone is welcome on this (it is not just for those doing the Muster – it's a taste and a chance to get together on our horses and enjoy some beautiful countryside!). If you need more information contact Keri Drake our Events Director.

Well, that's it from me! Happy Happy Riding!

Raewyn



A WORD FROM OUR SECRETARY...

Hi everyone,

Hope you've had a good Christmas and Happy New Year!

It's time for AWRC's first club event of the year, and as there won't be a newsletter before then I'm emailing you the details instead. (NOTE FROM ME....AM TRYING TO GET IT OUT ON THE 12TH!!) The pre-muster trek will take place on the 16th of January and will be led by Mark Berghan.

We will be riding on Coolgardie Station in the Rollesby Valley. Drive through Fairlie heading towards Tekapo. Turn left off the main road at Burkes Pass Village onto Rollesby Valley Road. Continue up the road until you see deer fencing on your left, then a small set of cattle yards. On your right you will see a gate that leads to a hay barn. Go through the gate and we will meet at the haybarn at 10am. Approximately 20 mins from Fairlie.

If anybody has any further queries about the trek please call Mark or Michelle on 6855900. The length of the ride will be maybe 4 or 5 hours, but this can easily be changed to suit the riders that come.

Happy trekking :-)

Maria

5TH ANNUAL MACKENZIE HIGH COUNTRY MUSTER



9-12 February 2011

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Email doudle@ihug.co.nz



organized by the Aoraki Western Riding Club

Mackenzie High Country Muster

Through The Land of James Mackenzie

9-12 February 2011 - Mackenzie Country

REGISTRATION FORM (4 day option)

RIDER CONTACT / BACK UP DETAILS:

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ FAX _____

EMAIL _____

DIETARY REQ. _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS:

NAME _____ PHONE _____

RELATIONSHIP TO RIDER _____

Adult Rider (Over 16yrs): \$350.00
Back Up Person (opt) meals provided: \$200.00
Vehicle Transportation Fee- from start to end - \$20.00
from camp to camp- \$80.00

TOTAL TO PAY \$ _____

Price includes evening meals, cooked breakfasts, packed lunches, hay for horses, gear transport to campsites. **PLEASE SEND PAYMENT TO:**

Mackenzie High Country Muster

c/o Heather Doudle

Hadlow RD 4, Timaru

Phone 03 6861747

Cheques made payable to Mackenzie High Country Muster.

Refunds will be issued if cancellation is given with 7 or more days notice. If cancellation is made less than 7 days prior to trek a refund will only be issued on presentation of medical or vet cert, however 50% will be held to cover admin. costs. Please read the Terms and Conditions overleaf.

Mackenzie High Country Muster.

9th-12th February 2011

TERMS AND CONDITIONS.

The trek is organised by the Aoraki Western Riding Club and sponsored by CRT and as a condition of participation you are required to read and sign the bottom of this form as well as specify whether your vehicle insurance covers all drivers or not.

1. Release and Indemnity of Owners and Occupiers of Land.

This event is made possible by the kind permission of owners and occupiers of farmland allowing us to use their land. I accept they have given their permission on condition that I release and indemnify them, and I hereby release and indemnify them from any liability, claims, losses and damages or expenses whatsoever including any liability under the Health and Safety in Employment Act.

2. General.

I am capable of looking after my horse/horses. I accept that the organiser reserves the right to have the Trail Boss check on my horse/s, and not allow the start or continuation of the trek. I will follow the instructions and accept decisions made by the organisers and Trail Boss. MHCM accommodates horses in a paddock/herd environment, while we are willing to discuss individual horses requirements, we may not satisfy everybody's requirements.

3. Fitness: Riders must have a good standard of tramping fitness as some downhill walking may be required. Horses must have a medium to good standard of hill fitness.

4. Personal Safety.

I understand that participation in the trek involves a risk of injury or death. In entering in the trek I confirm I am physically fit, suffer no medical condition, disability or lack of skill which would render me unsuitable for the event.

5. Safety of Property.

I acknowledge that I have sole responsibility for my horse/s, equipment and other possessions during the period of the event. I further agree at all times to take all reasonable care with regard to farmland, property, stock, and crops. I accept that no firearms or littering are allowed. I accept the pace set by the Trail Boss and/or his representative.

6. Liability.

By participating in the event I expressly accept all risks personally and release the organisers, their servants and agents, owners and occupiers of land, sponsors and other persons involved in the event from any liability, claims, losses, damages or expenses caused by the event including, but not limited to, any personal injury or death, any emotional or nervous disorder, any medical condition or suffering, any property loss or damage.

7. Medical treatment.

I consent to receive medical treatment in the case of injury, illness or suffering during the event and agree to indemnify the organisers, their servants and agents from any liability or claims in the respect of that treatment.

8. Cancellations.

The organisers reserve the absolute right to cancel the trek as a result of adverse conditions or any other unforeseen events or circumstances. I accept that refunds for any cancellations will be made at the discretion of the organisers. I have read the above terms and conditions and agree that my successors, executors, administrators, next of kin and I are bound by these terms and conditions and agree not to commence any litigation or proceedings in any country for any claim to which these terms and conditions relate.

PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN:

(Signature)

(Date)

**** Please ensure your vehicle insurance is up to date and does/does not cover all drivers ****



WHITE HORSE COWBOY CHALLENGE



26 FEBRUARY 2011
GAPES VALLEY, GERALDINE

Gates open at 10:00
Spectators \$5 (12 and under free)

A Cowboy Challenge is a timed race with obstacles designed to not only push horse and rider out of their traditional comfort zone but also to test the communication and horsemanship of each rider. It is becoming a very popular sport in the USA and we are sure it will be embraced by New Zealand riders as it fits right in with this country's love of extreme sports.

1ST PLACE
\$1000

Sponsored and hosted by



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GERALDINE

Riders must pre-register. For more information or entry forms, visit www.cowboychallenge.co.nz
Or contact Sara Roberts
(03) 612-6224
whcc@extra.co.nz



WHITE HORSE COWBOY CHALLENGE



Entry Form

February 26, 2011

State Hwy 79, Gapes Valley, Geraldine



NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

EMAIL _____

Entry Fees:

Open Class Entry Fee = \$50 (NZCCA members), \$70 (non members)

Rookie and Youth Classes Entry Fee= \$30 (NZCCA members)/\$45 (non members)

(Youth rider: aged up to 18 years (inclusive). Youth age shall be computed as from 1st August each year and shall be maintained throughout the entire year)

OPEN CLASS:

HORSE #1 _____ ENTRY FEE \$ _____

HORSE #2 _____ ENTRY FEE \$ _____

ROOKIE CLASS:

HORSE #1 _____ ENTRY FEE \$ _____

HORSE #2 _____ ENTRY FEE \$ _____

YOUTH CLASS:

HORSE #1 _____ ENTRY FEE \$ _____

HORSE #2 _____ ENTRY FEE \$ _____

TOTAL PAID\$ _____

Mail entry forms to:

Maria van den Bosch, 483 Fraser Road, RD 4, Timaru 7974

Make Cheques Payable to: White Horse Cowboy Challenge or

Pay via Internet Banking: Please use your name as payment reference

Account name: White Horse Cowboy Challenge — Account # 38-9010-0063057-00 (Kiwi Bank)

Please read the NZCCA Rule Book carefully as it will be strictly enforced. It is available for download online at www.cowboychallenge.co.nz Or by post with a paid entry fee. Please tick here _____ if you need to receive it by post. Riders may only enter one division. A horse may only be ridden once in each division. Refunds made only with medical or veterinarian certificate. All riders must sign a release form before competing (available on the day). Additional details, flier and entry forms available online at www.cowboychallenge.co.nz

If you have any questions, please phone Sara Roberts (03) 612-6224 or email whcc@xtra.co.nz

Organized by Aoraki Western Riding Club Inc. and NZCCA Points Approved

---CLASSIFIEDS---

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...



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Ph Tilaya Pullar (03) 685-5741

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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)

- Jan 16 Pre-Muster Trek**
Any questions to Keri please.
- Jan 26 General Meeting at the Richard Pearse in Timaru @ 7:30 (meal @ 6:00)**
Contact Maria Van den Bosch...686-1723 or bosch@xtra.co.nz
- Jan 29-30 Christchurch New Year Show Weekend**
Any questions to Keri please.
- Feb 5 Club Day at Orari Club Grounds**
From 10:00 a.m. Any questions to Keri please.
- Feb 9-12 Mackenzie High Country Muster**
Any questions OR for HOE DOWN tickets...please contact Heather ..686-1747 or doudle@ihug.co.nz
- Feb 23 General Meeting at the Wolsesley Hotel in Winchester @ 7:30**
Contact Maria Van den Bosch...686-1723 or bosch@xtra.co.nz
- Feb 26 White Horse Cowboy Challenge**
Any questions to Sara please...612-6224 or whcc@xtra.co.nz
- Mar 5 Club Day at Orari Club Grounds**
From 10:00 a.m. Any questions to Keri please.
- Mar TBA Cowboy Challenge Training Day @ TBA**
- Apr 2 Club Day at Orari Club Grounds**
From 10:00 a.m. Any questions to Keri please.
- Apr TBA Western Games Day @ TBA**



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!

ANYONE INTERESTED IN A ROPING CLINIC???

Day clinic with Patrick McCarthy. Cost \$50 Date TBA. Expressions of interest to Keri please...if we have enough, we'll plan one. Would be a great learning experience for you & your horse!