

AORAKI WESTERN RIDING CLUB, INC.



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

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A WORD FROM RAEWYN....

Hi members,

I trust you are all fit and well and that all your horses are happy ones. The good news is that Winter is half way over. The way time is flying by, we will soon have longer days and will be bringing in our horses after their winter break and getting back into what we love doing – spending more time with our

equine mates.

I have just spoken to Sara Roberts who has asked me to say a very big thank you to the club for the lovely card and basket of fruit that she got to cheer her up after she broke her back. Recovery will be slow, but she is very fortunate to be able to be at home and the consequences are not any worse, although in a back brace, Sara has a bit of independence. Thank you also to all the caring members that have phoned her, visited, picked up poo, changed sheets and general helped out by providing meals and companionship.

Ricky Tedham is also on the mend after having to have her hip replacement mended. Ricky is currently on crutches after having surgery last Thursday, all has gone well and she is striving to recover quickly.

The mid-winter club social at Keri's was very well attended and successful, lovely food, good drinks, good friends, good socialising and very educational with saddle fitting shimmies and brumby barefoot documentary. Thank you Keri for hosting a great night – we really appreciate your hospitality.

Buzz (the love of my life) has been spending the winter months down at Wairanga in the loving care of Sally Thorne, who has his feet looking beautiful, his coat looking warm and cosy, and he no longer looks like a very large woman trying to fit into size 8 tights (as some of you have commented on in the past). He is indeed a very happy boy! And so am I! Thank you Sally!

Some club members have been lucky enough to spend some of the Winter in warmer areas of the world – hope you all have had a good holiday break and a warm and cosy winter. Roll on spring time – a time for rejuvenation, fine weather and fun!

Check out the club calendar for dates of events and don't forget that the first Saturday in every month is casual club day held at Orari Home Grounds from 10am. The idea behind this is that on the first Saturday of the Month, members can go along to the Orari Grounds to meet up and practice and help each other with western riding. This day is not an organised day, just a common time and place to meet up with likeminded riders (no one is obligated to show up – it's pot luck so to speak).

Well, that's enough from me. Look forward to seeing you all soon.

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THINKING OF YOU....

Our thoughts are with Sara Roberts who had a bad fall last month...



and with Ricky Tedham who has recently had hip surgery



MEMBER'S UPDATE....

WELCOME to New Members..

- The Coochey family (Keith, Kim and Ann Keen of Geraldine
- Angela Guthrie of Timaru
- Stuart Donald Jack of Pleasant Point

We hope you enjoy being part of the AWRC!!

NEXT MEETING...

August 18th at the Wolsesley Hotel in Winchester at 7:30.

NEXT MEETING.... ON WEDNESDAY AUGUST 18 @ 7:30 *(NOTE VENUE)*

LOCATION: The Wolsesley Hotel in Winchester

The meeting will begin at 7:30.

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.

NEXT CLUB DAY...

CLUB SOCIAL / LEARNING EVENING

Saturday, 7 August 2010

At our Club Grounds

(Orari Equestrian Centre)

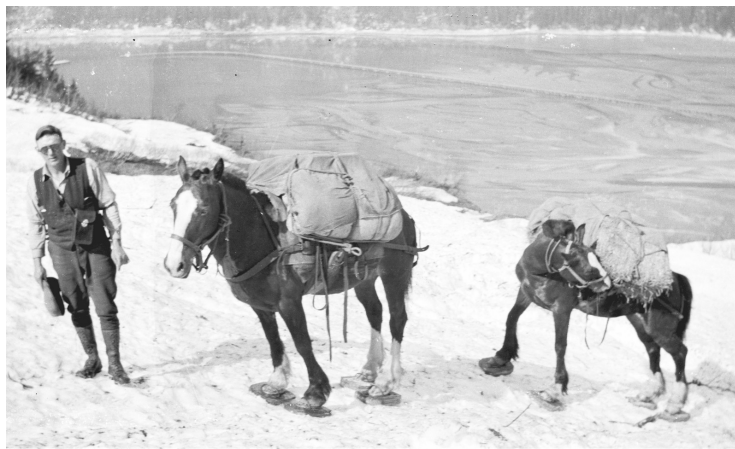
From 10:00 a.m.

Contact Keri 614-8707

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!

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

And our horses think *THEY* have it tough...



NOT ONLY THE MEN, BUT HORSES, ARE COMPELLED TO WEAR MASKS, AS THESE UNITS OF BRITISH CAVALRY ARE DOING, WHEN IN GAS INFESTED REGION.

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The War of the Nations



CARING FOR THE WOUNDED WAR-HORSE AT A BLUE CROSS HOSPITAL



There is something about the outside of a horse that is good for the inside of a man. ~Winston Churchill

Horse sense is the thing a horse has which keeps it from betting on people. ~W.C. Fields

Riding: The art of keeping a horse between you and the ground. ~Author Unknown

It is not enough for a man to know how to ride; he must know how to fall. ~Mexican Proverb

The wagon rests in winter, the sleigh in summer, the horse never. ~Yiddish Proverb

Many people have sighed for the 'good old days' and regretted the 'passing of the horse,' but today, when only those who like horses own them, it is a far better time for horses. ~C.W. Anderson

No hour of life is wasted that is spent in the saddle. ~Winston Churchill

People on horses look better than they are. People in cars look worse than they are. ~Marya Mannes

Horses and children, I often think, have a lot of the good sense there is in the world. ~Josephine Demott Robinson

It's always been and always will be the same in the world: The horse does the work and the coachman is tipped. ~Author Unknown

Heaven is high and earth wide. If you ride three feet higher above the ground than other men, you will know what that means. ~Rudolf C. Binding

He knows when you're happy
He knows when you're comfortable
He knows when you're confident
And he *always* knows when you have carrots.
~Author Unknown

The wind of heaven is that which blows between a horse's ears. ~Arabian Proverb

Ah, steeds, steeds, what steeds! Has the whirlwind a home in your manes? Is there a sensitive ear, alert as a flame, in your every fiber? Hearing the familiar song from above, all in one accord you strain your bronze chests and, hooves barely touching the ground, turn into straight lines cleaving the air, and all inspired by God it rushes on! ~Nikolai V. Gogol, *Dead Souls*, 1842, translated from Russian (above is combination of translations by Bernard Guildert Guernsey, Richard Peaver, and Larisa Voloklonsky)

To ride a horse is to ride the sky. ~Author Unknown

There is no secret so close as that between a rider and his horse. ~Robert Smith Surtees, "Chapter XXX: Bolting the Badger," *Mr. Sponge's Sporting Tour*, 1853

A horse loves freedom, and the weariest old work horse will roll on the ground or break into a lumbering gallop when he is turned loose into the open. ~Gerald Rafferty

I bless the hoss from hoof to head -
From head to hoof, and tale to mane! -
I bless the hoss, as I have said,
From head to hoof, and back again!
~James Whitcomb Riley

Horses are uncomfortable in the middle and dangerous at both ends. ~Attributed to both Christopher Stone and Ian Fleming

It's a lot like nuts and bolts - if the rider's nuts, the horse bolts! ~Nicholas Evans

A lovely horse is always an experience.... It is an emotional experience of the kind that is spoiled by words. ~Beryl Markham

I can always tell which is the front end of a horse, but beyond that, my art is not above the ordinary. ~Mark Twain

The horses paw and prance and neigh,
Fillies and colts like kittens play,
And dance and toss their rippled manes
Shining and soft as silken skeins;...
~Oliver Wendell Holmes

...I heard a neigh. Oh, such a brisk and melodious neigh as that was! My very heart leaped with delight at the sound. ~Nathaniel Hawthorne, "The Chimæra," *A Wonder-Book for Girls and Boys*, 1852 (about Pegasus)

A thousand horse and none to ride! -
With flowing tail, and flying mane,
Wide nostrils never stretched by pain,
Mouths bloodless to the bit or rein,
And feet that iron never shod,
And flanks unscarred by spur or rod,
A thousand horse, the wild, the free,
Like waves that follow o'er the sea,
Came thickly thundering on,...
~Lord Byron, XVII, *Mazeppa*, 1818

A horse is the projection of peoples' dreams about themselves - strong, powerful, beautiful - and it has the capability of giving us escape from our mundane existence. ~Pam Brown

The essential joy of being with horses is that it brings us in contact with the rare elements of grace, beauty, spirit, and fire. ~Sharon Ralls Lemon

All I pay my psychiatrist is the cost of feed and hay, and he'll listen to me any day. ~Author Unknown

When I bestride him, I soar, I am a hawk: he trots the air; the earth sings when he touches it; the basest horn of his hoof is more musical than the pipe of Hermes. ~William Shakespeare, *Henry V*

A Hibernian sage once wrote that there are three things a man never forgets: The girl of his early youth, a devoted teacher, and a great horse. ~C.J.J. Mullen

A canter is a cure for every evil. ~Benjamin Disraeli

If the world was truly a rational place, men would ride sidesaddle. ~Rita Mae Brown

A man on a horse is spiritually as well as physically bigger than a man on foot. ~John Steinbeck

Among all the sights of the docks, the noble truck-horses are not the least striking to a stranger. They are large and powerful brutes, with such sleek and glossy coats, that they look as if brushed and put on by a valet every morning. They march with a slow and stately step, lifting their ponderous hoofs like royal Siam elephants. Thou shalt not lay stripes upon these Roman citizens; for their docility is such, they are guided without rein or lash; they go or come, halt or march on, at a whisper. So grave, dignified, gentlemanly, and courteous did these fine truck-horses look - so full of calm intelligence and sagacity, that often I endeavored to get into conversation with them, as they stood in contemplative attitudes while their loads were preparing. But all I could get from them was the mere recognition of a friendly neigh; though I would stake much upon it that, could I have spoken in their language, I would have derived from them a good deal of valuable information touching the docks, where they passed the whole of their dignified lives. ~Herman Melville, *Redburn. His First Voyage*, 1849

A horse is worth more than riches. ~Spanish Proverb

When you're young and you fall off a horse, you may break something. When you're my age, you splatter. ~Roy Rogers

The ass will carry his load, but not a double load; ride not a free horse to death. ~Miguel de Cervantes, *Don Quixote*

There is just as much horse sense as ever, but the horses have most of it. ~Author Unknown

Brahma was excessively sparing with earth, water, and fire.... The reckless expenditure of air and ether in his composition was amazing. And, in consequence, he perpetually struggled to outreach the wind, to outrun space itself. Other animals ran only when they had a reason, but the Horse would run for no reason whatever, as if to run out of his own skin. ~Rabindranath Tagore

Look back at our struggle for freedom,
Trace our present day's strength to it's source;
And you'll find that man's pathway to glory
Is strewn with the bones of the horse.
~Author Unknown

In riding a horse we borrow freedom. ~Helen Thomson

It takes a good deal of physical courage to ride a horse. This, however, I have. I get it at about forty cents a flask, and take it as required. ~Stephen Leacock

Feeling down? Saddle up. ~Author Unknown

God forbid that I should go to any Heaven in which there are no horses. ~R.B. Cunninghame Graham, letter to Theodore Roosevelt, 1917

Even an E-type Jaguar looks merely flash beside a really smart pony and trap. ~Marion C. Garretty

Four things greater than all things are, -
Women and Horses and Power and War.
~Rudyard Kipling, "The Ballad of the King's Jest"

Spending that many hours in the saddle gave a man plenty of time to think. That's why so many cowboys fancied themselves Philosophers. ~Charles M. Russell

I go about looking at horses and cattle. They eat grass, make love, work when they have to, bear their young. I am sick with envy of them. ~Sherwood Anderson

Somewhere in time's own space
There must be some sweet pastured place
Where creeks sing on and tall trees grow
Some paradise where horses go,
For by the love that guides my pen
I know great horses live again.
~Stanley Harrison

People have always cared me a bit, you see - they're so complicated. I suppose that's why I prefer horses. ~From the movie *Separate Tables*, 1958

There are unknown worlds of knowledge in brutes; and whenever you mark a horse, or a dog, with a peculiarly mild, calm, deep-seated eye, be sure he is an Aristotle or a Kant, tranquilly speculating upon the mysteries in man. No philosophers so thoroughly comprehend us as dogs and horses. They see through us at a glance. And after all, what is a horse but a species of four-footed dumb man, in a leathern overall, who happens to live upon oats, and toils for his masters, half-requited or abused, like the biped hewers of wood and drawers of water? But there is a touch of divinity even in brutes, and a special halo about a horse, that should forever exempt him from indignities. As for those majestic, magisterial truck-horses of the docks, I would as soon think of striking a judge on the bench, as to lay violent hand upon their holy hides. ~Herman Melville, *Redburn. His First Voyage*, 1849

The horse is God's gift to mankind. ~Arabian Proverb

In my opinion, a horse is the animal to have. Eleven-hundred pounds of raw muscle, power, grace, and sweat between your legs - it's something you just can't get from a pet hamster. ~Author Unknown

If your horse says no, you either asked the wrong question, or asked the question wrong. ~Pat Parelli

Gipsy gold does not chink and glitter. It gleams in the sun and neighs in the dark. ~Attributed to the Claddaugh Gypsies of Galway

A woman needs two animals - the horse of her dreams and a jackass to pay for it. ~Author Unknown

I prefer a bike to a horse. The brakes are more easily checked. ~Lambert Jeffries

What delight
To back the flying steed, that challenges
The wind for speed! - seems native more of air
Than earth! - whose burden only lends him fire! -
Whose soul, in his task, turns labour into sport;
Who makes your pastime his! I sit him now!
He takes away my breath! He makes me reel!
I touch not earth - I see not - hear not. All
Is ecstasy of motion!
~James Sheridan Knowles, *The Love-Chase*

For want of a Nail the Shoe was lost; for want of a Shoe the Horse was lost; and for want of a Horse the Rider was lost; being overtaken and slain by the Enemy, all for want of Care about a Horse-shoe Nail. ~Benjamin Franklin, *Poor Richard's Almanack*, June 1758

A horse which stops dead just before a jump and thus propels its rider into a graceful arc provides a splendid excuse for general merriment. ~Duke of Endinburgh

Again the early-morning sun was generous with its warmth. All the sounds dear to a horseman were around me - the snort of the horses as they cleared their throats, the gentle swish of their tails, the tinkle of irons as we flung the saddles over their backs - little sounds of no importance, but they stay in the unconscious library of memory. ~Wynford Vaughan-Thomas

You know horses are smarter than people. You never heard of a horse going broke betting on people. ~Will Rogers

They say princes learn no art truly but the art of horsemanship. The reason is the brave beast is no flatterer. He will throw a prince as soon as his groom. ~Ben Jonson, *Discoveries Made Upon Men and Matter and Some Poems*, "Illiteratus princeps"

Wherever man has left his footprint in the long ascent from barbarism to civilization we will find the hoofprint of the horse beside it. ~John Moore

Small children are convinced that ponies deserve to see the inside of the house. ~Maya Patel

To me, horses and freedom are synonymous. ~Veryl Goodnight

A horse can lend its rider the speed and strength he or she lacks, but the rider who is wise remembers it is no more than a loan. ~Pam Brown

Where in this wide world can man find nobility without pride,
Friendship without envy,
Or beauty without vanity?
Here, where grace is served with muscle
And strength by gentleness confined
He serves without servility; he has fought without enmity.
There is nothing so powerful, nothing less violent.
There is nothing so quick, nothing more patient.
~Ronald Duncan, "The Horse," 1954

One reason why birds and horses are happy is because they are not trying to impress other birds and horses. ~Dale Carnegie

The horse through all its trials has preserved the sweetness of paradise in its blood. ~Johannes Jensen

Horses lend us the wings we lack. ~Author Unknown

Good people get cheated, just as good horses get ridden. ~Chinese Proverb

I'd rather have a goddam horse. A horse is at least *human*, for God's sake. ~J.D. Salinger, *The Catcher in the Rye*

Horses - if God made anything more beautiful, he kept it for himself. ~Author Unknown

If you want a stable friendship, get a horse. ~Author Unknown

He's of the colour of the nutmeg. And of the heat of the ginger.... he is pure air and fire; and the dull elements of earth and water never appear in him, but only in patient stillness while his rider mounts him; he is indeed a horse, and all other jades you may call beasts. ~William Shakespeare, *Henry V*

My horse's feet are as swift as rolling thunder
He carries me away from all my fears
And when the world threatens to fall asunder
His mane is there to wipe away my tears.
~Bonnie Lewis

And Allah took a handful of southerly wind, blew His breath over it, and created the horse.... Thou shall fly without wings, and conquer without any sword. Oh, horse. ~Bedouin Legend

A horse doesn't care how much you know, until he knows how much you care. ~Pat Parelli

Men are generally more careful of the Breed of their Horses and Dogs than of their Children. ~William Penn, *Fruits of Solitude*

A dog may be man's best friend, but the horse wrote history. ~Author Unknown

The hooves of horses!
Oh! witching and sweet
Is the music earth steals from the iron-shod feet;
No whisper of lover, no trilling of bird,
Can stir me as much as hooves of horses
Have stirred.
~Will H. Ogilvie

The daughter who won't lift a finger in the house is the same child who cycles madly off in the pouring rain to spend all morning mucking out a stable. ~Samantha Armstrong

He flung himself upon his horse and rode madly off in all directions. ~Stephen Leacock

Why did this animal that had prospered so in the Colorado desert leave his amiable homeland for Siberia? There is no answer. We know that when the horse negotiated the land bridge... he found on the other end an opportunity for varied development that is one of the bright aspects of animal history. He wandered into France and became the mighty Percheron, and into Arabia, where he developed into a lovely poem of a horse, and into Africa where he became the brilliant zebra, and into Scotland, where he bred selectively to form the massive Clydesdale. He would also journey into Spain, where his very name would become the designation for gentleman, a caballero, a man of the horse. There he would flourish mightily and serve the armies that would conquer much of the known world. ~James Michener

A horse is poetry in motion. ~Author Unknown

A Horseman should know neither fear, nor anger. ~James Rarey

She lifted the drooping muzzle with both hands... It was a special embrace saved for special occasions. ~Jean M. Auel

O! for a horse with wings! ~William Shakespeare, *Cymbeline*

Horse sense, n.: Stable thinking. ~Author Unknown

Men are better when riding, more just and more understanding, and more alert and more at ease and more undertaking, and better knowing of all countries and all passages; in short and long all good customs and manners cometh thereof, and the health of man and of his soul. ~Attributed to Edward Plantagenet



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@farmside.co.nz or phone (03) 697-4959

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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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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

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*****CLUB CALENDAR*****

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

- August 7 Club Day at Orari Club Grounds**
From 10:00 a.m. Theresa Brown has offered her time & training from 1:00 p.m. Any questions to Keri please...614-8707 or philandkeri@xtra.co.nz
- August 14 Club Day at Orari Club Grounds**
Bomb proofing and saddle fitting at Knottingly Park, Waimate, with Sally Thorne (to be confirmed with Sally) Any questions to Keri please...614-8707 or philandkeri@xtra.co.nz
- August 18 General Meeting at the Wolsesley Hotel in Winchester @ 7:30**
Contact Maria Van den Bosch...686-1723 or bosch@xtra.co.nz
- Sept 4 Club Day at Orari Club Grounds**
From 10:00 a.m. Theresa Brown has offered her time & training from 1:00 p.m. Any questions to Keri please...614-8707 or philandkeri@xtra.co.nz
- Sept 11 Barrel Racing Training Day @ TBA**
Contact Sara Roberts...612-6224 or whcc@xtra.co.nz
- Sept 18-19 Clinic with Ian Loader**
Any questions to Keri please...614-8707 or philandkeri@xtra.co.nz
- Oct 23 Winchester Rodeo**
Our club sponsors the "Local Barrel Racing" event
- Nov 6 Ribbon Day @ Maria's Arena**
Any questions to Keri please...614-8707 or philandkeri@xtra.co.nz
- Nov 20-21 Waikouaiti Beach Weekend**
Any questions to Keri please...614-8707 or philandkeri@xtra.co.nz
- Nov 27-28 Christchurch Show Weekend**
Any questions to Keri please...614-8707 or philandkeri@xtra.co.nz
- Dec 4 Club Day at Orari Club Grounds**
From 10:00 a.m. Any questions to Keri please...614-8707 or philandkeri@xtra.co.nz
- Dec 11-12 Christmas Club Weekend @ Waimate**
Any questions to Keri please...614-8707 or philandkeri@xtra.co.nz
- Jan TBA Pre-Muster Trek**
Any questions to Keri please...614-8707 or philandkeri@xtra.co.nz
- Jan 29-30 Christchurch New Year Show Weekend**
Any questions to Keri please...614-8707 or philandkeri@xtra.co.nz
- Feb 5 Club Day at Orari Club Grounds**
From 10:00 a.m. Any questions to Keri please...614-8707 or philandkeri@xtra.co.nz
- Feb 9-12 Mackenzie High Country Muster**
Any questions to Keri please...614-8707 or philandkeri@xtra.co.nz
- Feb 26 White Horse Cowboy Challenge**
From 10:00 a.m. 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...614-8707 or philandkeri@xtra.co.nz
- 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...614-8707 or philandkeri@xtra.co.nz
- 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!