

AORAKI WESTERN RIDING CLUB, INC.



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



Hi everyone! Hope this finds you with a few hours in the saddle under your belt!

Well done to the AWRC club members who took part in the Winchester Rodeo! Also, well done to all those AWRC members who competed, helped or cheered on the Ribbon Day. A HUGE pat on the back to Maria for her 'single-handed' organisation of the day, and to her family for hosting it! We are lucky to have you in our Club!

Our next club events are listed on the back page...but to give you a brief overview...Waikouaiti Beach Ride weekend is coming up on Nov 20-21. Unfortunately, I have to work...again...but by all accounts its a very fun weekend and someday I'll get there! Then we've got a meeting on the 24th, followed by the Christchurch Show on Nov 27-28. Steve Houston is holding a clinic in Oamaru on the 27th & 28th as well (see Classifieds page for more info). Our Christmas Social has changed from a weekend to an evening. It will be on December 4th...details to come via email or post. Club day on the 4th...and then its Christmas! January brings a trek, and the Christchurch New Year Show (anyone interested in entering, contact Maria). February is the Mackenzie High Country Muster and the White Horse Cowboy Challenge. March will be a Cowboy Challenge training day and then Games Day in April....and so it goes...more may be added...I know there is a call-out for anyone interested in a roping clinic (see back page). There are also various clinics happening as well (Steve Houston, Scott O'Malley, Bert Elstob and Jackie Chant to name a few).

The Mackenzie High Country Muster is taking shape. February 9-12 will see riders travelling through brand new territory, in the Tekapo area, under the leadership of Mark Berghan. Mark has made good progress setting the trail and hopes to do a pre-ride soon. Details will be made available after that. This is still being confirmed, but it was mentioned at the last meeting that the Hoe Down may be on Friday night with the option for AWRC members to attend, stay the night and ride on Saturday (at an AWRC member's price). The Committee realizes that not everyone can get 3-4 days off work, but it wants to do all it can to include AWRC members and to encourage them to take part...so, for those of us who have to work, it will be great to join in on the Friday night fun and the Saturday ride. The club has received a lot of support from the wider community & the Committee are thankful & grateful for that support.

The planning for the White Horse Cowboy Challenge is well underway. Flier & entry forms are in this newsletter or you can download them online at www.cowboychallenge.co.nz. This year we will add a rookie category, but spots are limited, so be in quick. Because its an NZCCA points approved Challenge this year, the cost to enter is slightly more if you are not a NZCCA member as well. The NZCCA membership fee goes to provide admin support (rider numbers, advertising, website, rulebook printing, etc as well as points tracking). The forming of the NZCCA was essential to protect the integrity of the sport of Cowboy Challenges and to keep the standards of the competition high and consistent. The rest of the entry fee goes towards prizes and the running of a professional event...any profit goes back to the AWRC. Following our club's lead, there has been a Challenge held in Whitecliffs and at least two more are in the process of being planned. Pretty awesome that our little ole Aoraki Western Riding Club has started a new sport in NZ that is proving to be very popular (thanks to Sara being a BIG ideas girl!). We are promoting, fostering and encouraging the sport of western riding and horsemanship not only in the Aoraki Region, but in all of New Zealand.

Have a great month...any questions about anything, don't hesitate to contact any of the names on the above right. As a good friend of mine says.....Take care & Ride 'em soft

-Jodi

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WHITECLIFFS COWBOY CHALLENGE



WELL DONE
Dave & Miranda and
Judge Houston



MEMBER'S UPDATE....

WE WELCOME NEW MEMBER..

Lindsay Roberts of Ruapuna

***By now you should have received your membership card. This should be carried when you attend club events or when you use the Orari club grounds on your own.

If you still need one, contact Maria***

NEXT MEETING...

November 24th at the Wolseley Hotel in Winchester 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...

20-21 November -

WAIKOUAITI WEEKEND

27-28 November -

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 NOVEMBER 24TH @ 7:30 (NOTE VENUE)

**LOCATION: The Wolseley
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.

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

A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT...

Hi everyone,

With the weather improving and summer days rolling on, it makes you just want to be out with your horse every minute of the day.

Buzz and I are having the times of our lives and making the most of every opportunity that comes along. We are really looking forward to the Waikouiaiti Beach Ride and all the other Club events that are planned for this summer.

Most of the time being president of the club brings a lot of joy with it, but it also comes with some unpleasantness when dealing with matters that are not within the clubs best interests. It is with a lot of sadness to advise you all that we have had resignations from Chris Bloor and Murray Foley from the Muster Committee along with our Trail Boss, Mick Hogg. These three members have resigned from the Muster to start up, we believe, their own trekking business "Tussock Journeys". We wish them well as they go it alone!

The executive committee have met and discussed the direction of the Club's Mackenzie High Country Muster and are happy to announce that they have co-opted new committee members and a new trail boss to deliver the 5th Annual MHCM that will be held on 9-12th February 2011.

Welcome back to Heather Doudle (Secretary) who over the years has done an amazing job of co-ordinating our Muster and who already has planning well underway with caterer's booked, advertising in place and the 1001 other things that she needs to do for organising this event. Welcome on board to our NEW trail boss, Mark Berghan, who has been one of the Muster's wranglers for the first 3 years (and a very popular one too). Mark has already got landowners approval and a route mapped out to make this year's muster one for everyone to remember. Michelle Berghan and Fiona Lindsay are also on board to help with the organisation of the Muster.

The committee would like to ask for expressions of interest from any other member who would like to become involved with the organisation of the Muster to please make contact with Heather on (03) 686-1747 or Mark on (03) 685-5900.

The survey results from participants on the last 4 musters have been analysed and plans are developing to make this next muster the best one ever. Now is the time for members to book your annual leave from work. Time to concentrate and get yourself and your horse fit for and be a part of an unforgettable once in a life time experience. See you all there!!!

Bronwyn is....



**Kelty & Danny,
her 30-something
pony**

THE AWRC RODEO GIRLS



My niece, Baighly...
Future Barrel Racer!

2010 RIBBON DAY RESULTS

Showmanship at Halter

1. Junior Youth
 - 1st Sissy Cummack
 - 2nd Claire Smith
 - 3rd Sally McPherson
 - 4th Lily Barrett-Power
2. Senior Youth
 - 1st Andrew Smith
 - 2nd Reuben Cummack
 - 3rd Emily Weibel
3. Rookie
 - 1st Lindsey McPherson
 - 2nd Ricky Tedham
 - 3rd David Adkins
 - 4th Sally Thorne
4. Open
 - 1st Claire Smith
 - 2nd Denise Miller
 - 3rd Barbara Clouston
 - 4th Sally Thorne

JB Casbrook
Sanko's Play-N-Oak
Mevaglissey Jonty
Clandeb Corban

Joe Calico
GB Boston Chip
Little Chica Leo

Zippabingo
Arcoda's Animas
Double A Misty Blue
Fortune Favours the Brave

Sanko's Play-N-Oak
Sweet Dandy Doll
Wicked
Fortune Favours the Brave

Lead Line

5. Walk/Jog
 - 1st Bella Parish
 - 2nd Jessica Mackay
 - 3rd Nadia van den Bosch
 - 4th Kelly Payne/Georgia Parish

Sanko's Play-N-Oak
Sweet Dandy Doll
Ned
Danny/Joe Calico

Western Pleasure

6. Junior Youth
 - 1st Claire Smith
 - 2nd Sissy Cummack
7. Senior Youth
 - 1st Andrew Smith
 - 2nd Reuben Cummack
 - 3rd Emily Weibel
8. Walk/Jog 10 years and under
 - 1st Sally McPherson
 - 2nd Lily Barrett-Power
9. Walk/Jog Open
 - 1st Denise Miller
 - 2nd Claire Smith
 - 3rd Barbara Clouston
 - 4th Andrew Smith
10. Rookie
 - 1st Deb Smith
 - 2nd Sally Thorne
 - 3rd Paula Humphries
 - 4th Bronwyn Halliday
11. Open
 - 1st Andrew Smith
 - 2nd Barbara Clouston
 - 3rd Claire Smith
 - 4th Joanna Prendergast

Sanko's Play-N-Oak
JB Casbrook

Joe Calico
GB Boston Chip
Little Chica Leo

Mevaglissey Jonty
Clandeb Corban

Sweet Dandy Doll
Sanko's Play-N-Oak
Wicked
Joe Calico

Sanko's Play-N-Oak
Fortune Favours the Brave
Brez
Avon Al Matar

Joe Calico
Wicked
Sanko's Play-N-Oak
Walora Can Di Bar

Western Horsemanship

12. Junior Youth
 - 1st Sissy Cummack
 - 3rd Claire Smith
13. Senior Youth
 - 1st Andrew Smith
 - 2nd Reuben Cummack
 - 3rd Emily Weibel

JB Casbrook
Sanko's Play-N-Oak

Joe Calico
GB Boston Chip
Little Chica Leo



Western Horsemanship, cont.

14.	<u>Walk/Jog 10 years and under</u>	
	1 st	Sally McPherson
	2 nd	Lilly Barrett-Power
15.	<u>Walk/Jog Open</u>	
	1 st	Joanna Prendergast
	2 nd	Barbara Clouston
	3 rd	Denise Miller
	4 th	Reuben Cummack
16.	<u>Rookie</u>	
	1 st	Paula Humphries
	2 nd	Sally Thorne
	3 rd	David Adkins
	4 th	Bronwyn Halliday
17.	<u>Open</u>	
	1 st	Sissy Cummack
	2 nd	Joanna Prendergast
	3 rd	Andrew Smith
	4 th	Reuben Cummack
		Mevaglissey Jonty Clandeb Corban
		Walora Can Di Bar Wicked Sweet Dandy Doll GB Boston Chip
		Brez Fortune Favours the Brave Double A Misty Blue Avon Al Matar
		JIB Casbrook Walora Can Di Bar Joe Calico GB Boston Chip

Trail

18.	<u>Junior Youth</u>	
	1 st	Claire Smith
	2 nd	Sissy Cummack
19.	<u>Senior Youth</u>	
	1 st	Andrew Smith
	2 nd	Emily Weibel
20.	<u>Walk / Jog 10 years and under</u>	
	1 st	Lilly Barrett-Power
	2 nd	Sally McPherson
21.	<u>Walk/Jog Open</u>	
	1 st	Andrew Smith
	2 nd	Joanna Prendergast
	3 rd	Lindsey McPherson
	4 th	Kim Demmocks
22.	<u>Rookie</u>	
	1 st	Sally Thorne
	2 nd	Lindsey McPherson
	3 rd	Paula Humphries
	4 th	David Adkins
23.	<u>Open</u>	
	1 st	Andrew Smith
	2 nd	Sissy Cummack
	3 rd	Barbara Clouston
	4 th	Joanna Prendergast
		Sanko's Play-N-Oak JIB Casbrook
		Joe Calico Little Chica Leo
		Clandeb Corban Mevaglissey Jonty
		Joe Calico Walora Can Di Bar Zippabingo GB Okay Dude L'Amour
		Fortune Favours the Brave Zippabingo Brez Double A Misty Blue
		Joe Calico JIB Casbrook Wicked Walora Can Di Bar

Bareback Equitation

24.	<u>Walk /Jog</u>	
	1 st	Andrew Smith
	2 nd	Denise Miller
	3 rd	Claire Smith
	4 th	Sally Thorne
	4 th	Sissy Cummack
		Joe Calico Sweet Dandy Doll Sanko's Play-N-Oak Fortune Favours the Brave/ JIB Casbrook

AWRC Hi-POINTS OVERALL WINNER 2010:

Andrew Smith - Joe Calico

Runner up: Barbara Clouston - Wicked /
Claire Smith - Sanko's Play-N-Oak



WELL DONE TO MARIA FOR HER EXCELLENT ORGANISING !!!
THANK YOU TO THE AWRC CREW WHO CAME ALONG TO
COMPETE, TO LEND A HELPING HAND & TO WATCH.



9-12 February 2011

(...under the leadership of a new trail boss)



Once a year riders embark on what must surely be one of New Zealand's best and most scenic rides...four fully catered days and nights to remember (one to three day options available)...culminating with a live band and hoe down...truly an Experience of a Lifetime!

Each year, the Muster rides a different route so riders who wish to make this an annual event, can know that the scenery will be different each time. The Muster is a walking trek, but even at a walk, it covers a lot of ground and the scenery is ever changing.

The Muster is led and supported by experienced crew...some of whom take part in authentic musters in this same landscape and know the country like the backs of their hands. You can be assured that the crew will ensure that all riders and their horses are kept safe. There is a travelling medic, farrier and on call vet. We also have a dedicated ground crew which is available to move vehicles and gear so riders can simply enjoy the ride! And the food, yummy and lots of it! Vegetarian and gluten free options are available.

Clean and tidy portaloos are provided at the nightly base. If you have a friend or partner who wants to join in the experience, but not ride, there is an option available for them as well.

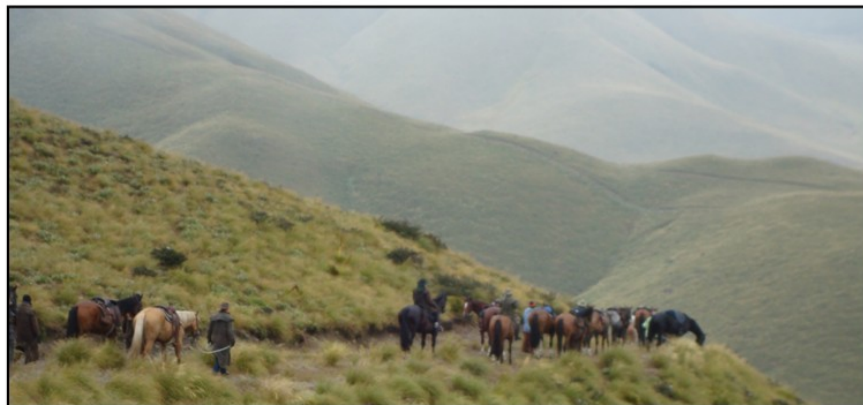
Due to other commitments, the old Trail Boss has resigned. The 2011 Muster will be led by a **new trail boss**, one who has ridden these hills for working stations for many years. We look forward to his experience and leadership.



For more information on the muster or to sign up, Contact Heather Doudle at 03-686-1747 or doudle@ihug.co.nz or visit www.awrc.co.nz and click on the Muster page.



(note the Mackenzie Country Trek organized by Tussock Journeys has no association with the AWRC)



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

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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

Dear Horse,

I love you very much, and I truly cherish your presence in my life. I would never wish to criticize you in any way. However, there are a few trivial details regarding our relationship that I think might bear your consideration.

First of all, I am already aware that horses can run faster than I can. ; I do not need you to demonstrate that fact each time I come to get you in from the field.

Please remember that I work long and hard to earn the money to keep you in the style to which you have become accustomed. In return, I think you should at least pretend to be glad to see me, even when I'm carrying a bridle instead of a bucket of feed.

It should be fairly obvious to you that I am a human being who walks only on two legs. I do not resemble a scratching post. Do not think that when you rub your head against me with 1,000 pounds of force behind it, I believe that it wasn't your intention to send me flying. I am also aware that stomping on my toes while you are pushing me around is nothing but adding injury to insult.

I understand that I cannot expect you to cover your nose when you sneeze, but it would be appreciated if you did not inhale large amounts of dirt and manure prior to aiming your sneezes at my face and shirt. Also, if you have recently filled your mouth with water you do not intend to drink, please let it all dribble from your mouth BEFORE you put your head on my shoulder. In addition, while I know you despise your worming medication, my intentions in giving it to you are good, and I really do not think I should be rewarded by having you spit half of it back out onto my shirt.

Sometimes, I get the feeling that you are confused about the appropriate roles you should play in various situations. One small bit of advice: Your stone-wall imitation should be used when I am mounting and your speed-walker imitation when I suggest that we proceed on our way, not vice versa. Please also understand that jumping is meant to be a mutual endeavour. By "mutual" I mean that we are supposed to go over the jump together.

I know the world is a scary place when your eyes are on the sides of your head, but I did spend a significant amount of money to buy you, and I have every intention of protecting that investment. Therefore, please consider the following when you are choosing the appropriate behaviour for a particular situation:

When I put your head collar on you, attach one end of a lead rope to the head collar, and tie the other end of the lead rope to a post or ring or whatever, I am indicating a desire for you to remain in that locale. I would also like said head collar, lead rope, post, etc., to remain intact. While I admit that things like sudden loud noises can be startling, I do not consider them to be acceptable excuses for repeatedly snapping expensive new lead ropes (or head collars or posts) so that you can run madly around the yard creating havoc in your wake. Such behaviour is not conducive to achieving that important goal that I know we both share – decreasing the number of times the veterinarian comes out to visit you.

By the same token, the barn aisle was not designed for the running of the Derby and is not meant to serve as a racetrack. Dragging me down the aisle in leaps and bounds is not how "leading" is supposed to work, even if someone happens to drop a saddle on the floor as we're passing. Pulling loose and running off is also discouraged (although I admit it does allow you to run faster).

I assure you that blowing pieces of paper do not eat horses. While I realise you are very athletic, I do not need a demonstration of your ability to jump 25 feet sideways from a standing start while swapping ends in midair, nor am I interested in your ability to emulate both a racehorse and a bucking bronco while escaping said piece of paper. Also, if the paper were truly a danger, it would be the height of unkindness to dump me on the ground in front of it as a sacrificial offering to expedite your escape.

When I ask you to cross a small stream, you may safely assume that said stream does not contain crocodiles, sharks, or piranhas, nor will it be likely to drown you. (I have actually seen horses swimming, so I know it can be done.) I expect you to be prepared to comply with the occasional request to wade across some small body of water. Since I would like to be dry when we reach the other side of the stream, deciding to roll when we're halfway across is not encouraged behaviour.

I give you my solemn oath that the trailer is nothing but an alternative means of transportation for distances too long for walking. It is not a lion's den or a dragon's maw, nor will it magically transform into such. It is made for horses, and I promise you that you will indeed fit into your assigned space. Please also bear in mind that I generally operate on a schedule, for wherever we are going, I would really like to get there today.

For the last time, I do not intend to abandon you to a barren, friendless existence. If I put you in a turn-out paddock, I promise that no predators will eat you, and I will come back in due time to return you to your stable. It is not necessary to run in circles, whinny pathetically, threaten to jump the fence, or paw at the gate. Neither your stable mates nor I will have left the premises. The other horses standing peacefully in adjacent paddocks amply demonstrate that it is possible to enjoy being turned out for exercise.

Finally, in closing, my strong and gentle companion, I would like to point out that, whatever might happen between horses and their people, we humans will always love you. In fact, our bonds with you help create new bonds among ourselves, even with total strangers. Wherever there are horses, there will be "horse people", and for the blessings you bestow upon us, we thank you.

Most sincerely yours, Your human (thank you Rebecca for finding this!)

---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

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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Steve Houston Clinic will take place on the 27th and 28th of November in Oamaru.

Cost will be approximately \$100 per day.

Please let me know some numbers for the clinic.

Have a great day and let me know regarding Clinic ASAP, if numbers are not confirmed by November 12th, it will be cancelled. Also, I cannot change the dates as this is Steve's only weekend until well into next year.

....Regards Tina Wraight Phone 432-6800

COTTAGE WITH GRAZING to rent - between Mayfield and Geraldine - quiet location on rural property. Unfurnished, 2/3 bedrooms, kitchen, bathroom, lounge, laundry - private garden. Grazing for 1 or 2 horses. Enquiries - tel 03 3036543
Lindsey Roberts

WANTED: double horse float

Ph Tilaya Pullar (03) 685-5741

WELL BRED HUNTAWAY PUPS

Ph Jodi (03) 614-7107



Congratulations to Niven & Julie
on the purchase of Ned.

We wish you all the best with him.

Thanks to Sheila for sending
through the classified.

INTRODUCTORY LEVEL I PARELLI COURSE

15-16 Jan in Fairlie

Ph Gary Joll

(03) 685-8938

UNSOLICITED ADVICE....



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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 Drake (Events Director) — (03) 614-8707

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

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

- Nov 20-21 Waikouaiti Beach Weekend**
Any questions to Keri please.
- Nov 24 General Meeting at the Wolsesley Hotel in Winchester @ 7:30**
Contact Maria Van den Bosch...686-1723 or bosch@xtra.co.nz
- Nov 27-28 Christchurch Show Weekend**
Any questions to Keri please.
- Dec 4 Club Day at Orari Club Grounds**
From 10:00 a.m. Any questions to Keri please.
- Dec 4 Club Christmas Social. Details TBA**
From 10:00 a.m. Any questions to Keri please.
- Dec 11-12 Christmas Club Weekend @ TBA *CANCELLED***
- Jan TBA Pre-Muster Trek**
Any questions to Keri please.
- 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 to Heather please...686-1747 or doudle@ihug.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!