

# Newsletter



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## Waitarere Ride

### Wellington –Wairarapa Challenge

The Wellington Wairarapa Challenge for CTR has been long awaited as last year it was cancelled largely because of the devastating floods. This year it was planned for Waitarere, which is a straight forward ride with few traps for riders. It is always well marked with good footing. This weekend promised rain, but apart from a few drops the rain held off, and the ride was held in mild temperatures and an overcast sky.

As usual the Tyler and French families put on a great ride, with good vetting and friendly officials. BJ sponsored the ride and all the winners received prizes. Thank you for that.

Our Taumaranui members Les and Maureen Davie were welcome competitors, as were the 6 riders domiciled in the Wairarapa.

There was a little hiccup in the preparation for this ride, the Trophy was stolen 10 days out along with a car. (Not sure which the thieves were after). So a new trophy had to be found rapidly, this was kindly sponsored by Warehouse Grain which incidentally sponsors classes both in the Wairarapa and in Wellington.)

The teams for the Events were:

**Wellington:** Open – Sandie McCuan, Joy Bentley, Tessa Deuss, Brent Stringer. Intermediate – Susan Iorns, Linda Kessel Warehouse Grain: ..... Nightingale

**Wairarapa:** Open – Sharon Linton, Nita Edwards, Chrissy Ferry, Kate Ferry Intermediate: Cherry ..... , Denise Barlett. Warehouse Grain Denise Best. Wellington won the trophy this time so congratulations to all those in the team. You did us proud. I am sure you all put in that extra little effort to keep your scores down. And a big thank you to the Wairarapa for making the effort to come over. It is so nice to host another Club from time to time.

**Gabrielle Deuss**

### Winners at Waitarere

**Open:** Sandy McCuan – P&R Stardust Lad

**Intermediate:** Lynda Kessell – Champ

**Warehouse Grain:** Nicky Chapman – Cannon

**Novice:** Ron Weller – Legs

**Junior:** Shelly Nightingale – Johnny

### Groom & Turnout at Waitarere

1<sup>st</sup>: Ashley French . 2<sup>nd</sup>: .

3<sup>rd</sup>: Liz Antunovic . 4<sup>th</sup>: Emma Mason .

5<sup>th</sup>: . 6<sup>th</sup>: Sharon Nickless .



Waitarere Rider Les Davie on AA Kalico.

### By-Law Voting

The Special General Meeting to vote in the new by-laws for Endurance NZ will be held in the NZEF Offices in Wellington on 12 March 2005. All NZEF members who are also members of an affiliated club (e.g. WATRC) are eligible to vote.

**Please note that NZECTRA Clubs can only Proxy vote at the SGM, they cannot postal vote. Please ensure that only the proxy vote form is returned and not the postal vote. Individual NZEF members can proxy or postal vote.**

The new By-laws are for the running of Endurance NZ and Competitive Trail Riding, the fourth discipline of the NZEF.

You do not need to be at the meeting to vote. On 18 February the by-laws, notice of meeting and the postal and proxy voting forms were sent out to all NZEF members. You can choose to post your vote, or send a proxy with someone who is going to be there on the day. It is really important that everyone votes, don't just sit on your thumbs because you're happy or can't be bothered, the Council wants to hear from you all. **Please vote!!**

### Reminder

All NZEF members should have received their By-laws and voting papers in the mail. It's important that you return your postal vote, or organise a proxy vote as soon as possible. The votes must be in by 11 March, so don't leave it too late. Council really wants all of you to have your say, so **please take the time to vote.**

## ***THE BLONDE REPORT***

Well, having borrowed my landlords' van for the weekend, I picked up our newly warranted trailer from Gabrielle. The members needed the BBQ and various other bits and pieces that were in it, and I didn't have anymore room to take the bits in the van, so I brought the whole trailer with me instead.

Everything went very smoothly until I got to Foxton. Having sailed merrily past the turnout for our ride venue, (a first time ever blonde moment duly witnessed by Mike and Sandy following in their truck) I had a notion that I had to go over the two bridges then look for the turn off. (Having skimmed over the instructions in the newsletter – which I wrote!)

Passed through Foxton and looked for this turn off. Must be after Orua Downs me thinks..... Went past that and decided to turn around. Just about to do the U-turn and checked the temperature gauge – the van was boiling. Oops. Got to the other side of the road and parked. Hopped out of the van to see brown and boiling water pouring out the overflow and steam everywhere. A nice man stopped to help – and he happened to be a mechanic, so said it was ok to take the cap off and put more water in.

I rang Sue and got the correct directions. Oh yes.....I remember now..... Duly watered up again, we set off. I watched the temperature of the van soar, and after five minutes I knew I had to stop again. While looking for a place to stop I felt a jerk and a pull, then the van seemed to be working extra hard, and I could hear a very loud scraping sound. Having thought the engine had cooked and finally spat the dummy, I pulled over to the side of the road as quickly and as much as I could. As I was coasting off the road, I looked in my rear vision mirror and saw the van roof was on a lean, then looking in the wing mirror, I could see the wheel on it's side trapped under the trailer. I realised that the trailer tyre must have blown and briefly wondered if there was a spare.

However, when I got out of the van, I realised that this trailer wasn't going anywhere. The wheel had completely broken off the axle and had been caught under the body of the trailer, and was being dragged along the road with the trailer on top of it. That accounted for the noise and the dragging sensation of the van. This was very fortunate because the tyre being under the trailer protected the trailer from any major damage, and it stopped the trailer from jack-knifing and turning us all over. (By this time my 10 year old daughter was hysterical and it took her about an hour to calm down. So in between calls and people stopping and trucks winning, I had her on my knee pretty much the whole time.)

One car stopped and checked we were ok and I said yes I've got someone coming. After that a nice policeman stopped and gave me the name of the local motors, whom I called to come get the trailer.

By this time, it was getting onto 5.45, and I knew that everyone at the venue was waiting for the BBQ. I rang Sue and said to please bring water and lots of it for the van, and some extra hands to empty the trailer of what we needed for the ride. Sue turned up about 20 minutes later with her float and Ebi, and we got what we needed and Sue and Ebi left for the ride venue, while Bobby-Sue and I waited for the man to come and take the trailer away. He finally arrived about 7pm and loaded it up. So off we went again and arrived two hours late in a pretty un-fit state.

I got on with sorting out the pre-entered riders under dark conditions, (as well as some who wanted to enter that night, which made it hectic, of course). As you can imagine, when my entries system was called ridiculous by someone, I was pretty much beyond reacting. (Not sure who it was – couldn't spare the five seconds to lift my head to identify her and thank her for her very helpful advice.) Sue very kindly fed me salad, and I got out my mini bottle of champagne, and then had a very nice social time with everyone.

But do you want to hear the worst bit? I have already been to this ride venue three times before!! God is good! So there!

I wish to sincerely thank Sue Iorns and Gabrielle and Ebi Deuss for all their help, and for especially making space to take my horse to Waitare so I could ride, and get a ribbon, even if it was the Tail Ender, it's still a ribbon!

**Kath Leeves**

## ***Pre ride entries...***

Ring me anytime before the ride, up to 9pm (and up to 5pm Saturday before the ride) – 04 237 8122. You can leave your entry on my answerphone, or send me an email.

I will take your entry and assign you a bib number and a time out. Please have your registration numbers ready.

At the ride, there is a box with your bib in it, and in there is a folder with your entry form, vet card, and ride certificate (Novice and Junior only have certificates). Collect these, then go to the entry person taking payment, pay and you are all done. Entries close at 9am. Please fill out all your forms IN FULL. If you have registration numbers, PLEASE put them on the entry form. When you have filled out your forms, go to the person taking payment. Go there first and pay and get your bib. THEN bring your vet card to the time out person (usually me) to get your time out. Make sure it gets written on your vet card. Your time due is your own responsibility to work out. Please write your time due on your vet card.

Early start times from 8:30 to 9am is allocated to Opens and Intermediates only. Warehouse Grain, Juniors and Novices leave from 9:00am. **Kath Leeves**

**NOTE: This ride (Waitare) is an earlier start time than usual.**

**LOG BOOKS:** if you leave your log book at a ride, it will get put into the trailer.

IT WOULD HELP THE RESULTS PERSON A LOT IF YOU WROTE UP YOUR LOG BOOK BEFORE THE RIDE. THANKS

**PLEASE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

**Write your time due on your vet card.**

## ***Funding for Riders going to the National Championships***

The committee is now taking nominations of interest for those wanting funding to go to the National Champs. This year we are giving \$50 per rider. If you are interested in getting some financial help, please ring Liz Antunovic (secretary) on 233 8968. The funding for this money comes from our raffles and BBQ at each ride, so please support it. What goes in comes back to you.

## ***NEWSLETTER EDITOR REQUIRED***

We're still looking for a newsletter editor. I am just temporary. It's simple, this is just a word document. All the layout is done, just got to tweak it for each newsletter and send it to Lisa who puts it into PDF and sends it out. Just let Lisa know if you get another email address to add to the list.

***RIDE DATE CHANGES***

16/17 April is now Waikato, Endurance Training.  
30 April/1 May is now Waimiha, Endurance Points.

***Belmont Petition***

At Makara ride, we are going to have a petition at the Entries Table for the Belmont Regional Park (which is for sale) to be purchased by the local government, in order to keep this as a public facility. If this property gets sold to a private buyer, not only may we lose it as a ride venue, but everybody else that currently uses it will also lose it. This is a well used area, and well worth keeping, open for the public. So please sign the petition.

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***Next Ride***

**PLEASE NOTE  
THE MAKARA RIDE**

**Scheduled for**

**Sunday 13 March**

**HAS BEEN CANCELLED**

**NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**TAUMARANUI**

**EASTER 26 /27 MARCH**

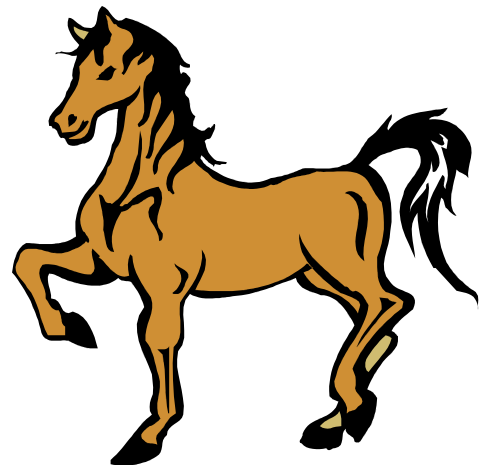
**NEXT WATRC RIDE**

**BRIGHT'S FARM**

**SUNDAY**

**17<sup>th</sup> April**

**FURTHER DETAILS TO BE ANNOUNCED  
IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER**





Ashleigh Mason and Little Egypt vetting



Liz Redmond and Celestial waiting to vet



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Lynda Kessell and Champ



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# Classifieds

## Horses:

- **3yo Appy/TB X**  
15.1hh, black dun gelding, broken in and going forward, good natured. Suit any discipline \$2,000  
Ph Rhona Fraser 06 308 9160 (Featherston).
  - **Anglo Arab**  
6yo chestnut mare, 15.1hh. Willing, did well at Foxton, Battle Hill and Solway Park ODE's. Full sister to Bedazzled, promising hack Nelson/Marlborough area. \$3,000. Ph Rhona Fraser 06 308 9160 (Featherston).
  - **Relko Jaffa**  
Granddaughter of Ngapa Joussif, 16yo chestnut Arab mare, pretty quiet, lovely fast walk. Has been a brood mare for years but did a 40km ride in her youth. Suit confident beginner or child. No vices.  
Phone Gabrielle 04 237 5085
  - **Arabian gelding**  
3yo, well handled, very good natured and good conformation. Phone Gabrielle on 04 237 5085
  - **Fernhill Suriya** (Taurere Sunzada x AA Katalina), rising 4yo pure Arabian grey gelding. Mature 15hh. Sire has fantastic nature and exc. endurance breeding (double Khotan). Fantastic movement and conformation. Hill raised. Loads of potential. Ready to break in. Owner overcommitted. \$3,000
- Houston** 1/2 Arab, 1/4 Standardbred, 1/4 TB, 5yo grey gelding 15.1hh. Broken in but green, heavier build, good heart rates. Very honest, absolute character. Approved home only. Ph Tina Moore 06 322 9800

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## Grazing available...

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## Website...

BJ has started up a website where everyone is free to put their thoughts/photos on recent ride/s, horse ailments, horses/tack for sale or lease etc. Have a look, the link is:  
<http://groups.msn.com/Head2TailHorseProducts>

### Heart Rate Monitors

I have a couple of Brand New G Pulse Heart rate monitors for sale. They have 9 features here are some of them, current H/R, Maximum H/R, Average H/R, Stopwatch, Display of week day, 12/24 hour clock, replaceable batteries.  
I will also include an adjustable elastic band which will convert your H/R transmitter to fit around your horses belly.  
Please note: Not all horses can be read with a H/R monitor, especially wide heavy set horses, so if you want to try before you buy, just send me an email. Price is \$65.00 including GST  
Ph BJ Tyler 06 3299 733

# Head2Tail

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Please contact me by email [head2tail@xtra.co.nz](mailto:head2tail@xtra.co.nz) or phone 06-3299-733 if there is something that you would like more information on, or if there is something that you want and can't find it in the shops, maybe i can make it for you.  
I also break in horses, so if you are wanting young ones broken in drop me a line. I only take on a couple of horses at a time so they get the maximum benefits.

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