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Newsletter

Hi everyone

Remember our website address is <http://watrc.wellington.net.nz/>.

Reminder Notices

The Annual General Meeting and Prize Giving will be held at the Plimmerton Boating Club at 7pm on 23rd July. Put it in your diary now. We are hoping to have dinner for around \$25 per head. This will have to be prepaid. Contact Liz Antunovic for further information (04 233 8968) □ During dinner, the annual prizes will be presented to those successful riders, those who have shown much promise, and to people in the Club we all admire and respect for their sportsmanship and contribution. So come along and enjoy the fun.

After dinner the AGM will be held. This will be a short meeting at which we elect the new Committee and set the fees for the forthcoming season. At that stage we will have some idea of what is happening in "Head Office", ie progress on Endurance becoming the 4th Discipline of the NZEF.

We would like to encourage anyone who has an interest to consider joining the Committee. We are a small focussed group with a wide range of experience in CTR and endurance, by that I mean, some are very experienced, and some of us are pretty new to the sport. New people always bring new ideas and enthusiasms and they are very welcome.

The committee for 2004/5 was

Gabrielle Deuss
Sharon Nickless
Liz Antunovic
Jacqui Mason
Nicole Munro
Mike McCuan
Leanne Moss
Claire Barsdell
George Theodorou
Susan Iorns
Mark Johnson

George, Leanne and Claire will not be available for 2005/6.. However George will run the Pikarere Ride which is really nice.

Trophies Please return all your trophies to a member of the Committee as soon as possible. If you are unable to return it please phone one of the contact numbers above and we will arrange to pick it up.

Important Notices

HORSES REQUIRED FOR TRANS TASMAN EXCHANGE

For the first time ever, an Australian CTR team will be competing in the Intermediate class at the North Island Championships in January, 2006. These riders require experienced, reliable, successful and sound horses to ride.

If you have a good horse who will be fit to compete in the 40km Intermediate class, and is between 14.2hh and 15.2hh (approx), please let Nicole Munro-Johnson at the National Office know. Email: nicole@nzequestrian.org.nz or phone 04 499 8994.

Your contribution will be hugely appreciated, and you will be helping the first ever CTR Trans Tasman exchange!

NEWS

The AGM for NZECTRA was held at the Russley Hotel in Christchurch on 18th June 2006. There are probably 60 different views of the outcome. Here are mine.

Endurance has now become the fourth discipline of the NZEF. I am not at all sure where this leaves CTR, but suffice to say that CTR people will now need to come to the fore to show leadership and develop a direction for the sport. Endurance will be focussed in the near future on Sports Foundation funding, grooming our top riders to get medals and thus keep the funding source alive. The key people in the sport will have their hands absolutely full moving ahead in this area, and if CTR wants to have a role it is going to have to get up and go for itself. Far from securing a future for CTR, this situation leaves it in an at risk situation. But where there are risks, there are opportunities. For CTR the world is its oyster. Nicole has organised some Australians to attend the NI Champs, they run CTR differently in Australia. There is an opportunity to learn from them.

Brief notes from the meetings

Nearly 60 members attended all up. The Endurance forum was well attended with well over 40 people. The issues discussed included yarding at rides, vetting, finances.

While these discussions were fulsome, the issues were left to the AGM to be voted on.

The CTR forum became rather pressed for time as the endurance one went of for its full time. The numbers attending were disappointing. And, because of the time pressure, and the lack of a snack of any kind, AND everyone was slightly worn out from the morning discussions, AND some people had left very early in the morning, and it was lunch time, the discussions were also less energised than they could have been. In particular some remits were quashed because of minor wording errors, which I feel should be able to be amended so that an acceptable remit is available to vote on. However, because of these errors, the remits become invalid. The three Marlborough Club remits were lost, two were dealing with the level required for NZEF membership and one was recommending that all rides including Novice rides (our 15km rides last season) be levied. Council had already determined that all rides from 0 upwards should be levied. This will have big implications for our finances next year.

The Waikato Club put forward a remit on yarding which was lost and one recommending the NI Championships be held on either Auckland or Wellington Anniversary Weekend and this remit was passed.

WATRC put forward a number of remits most of which were simply seeking a clarifying of the rules, or removing duplication. None of these received much support from the other Clubs.

In particular our suggestion that if it could be confirmed that riders were NZEF members and they had forgotten their cards, the confirmation would be enough. Most Clubs admitted that this is what they do anyway so the current rule is often honoured in the breach but they did not want that written in the Rules. So in future, it would appear, that if our Entries person knows someone has an NZEF card,

they may using common sense, allow them to ride in the ride of their choice. If I were a rider I wouldn't however rely on this. Your entry clerk might be in a very bad mood one day !

Common sense seems to be the overriding factor.

Our recommendation to align the loop distance with endurance was not supported by CTR people but got voted through at the AGM. I think Council may now have a problem with an inconsistency in the rules.

We had to make a few adjustments to our ride calendar due to others clashing with our events but the ride calendar for 2005/6 looks very exciting especially if you want to take in a few Wairarapa rides.

At the AGM dinner trophies were awarded.

Emma Mason again won all three junior awards,
Sharon Nickless won the Intermediate awards
Sandy McCuan won the open awards

The full results are listed for those of you who cant find them on the nzequestrian website.

Final CTR Horse & Rider of the Year Points, 2004 – 2005 season

Emma Mason	Cleo	31
Ashley French	White Eagle	25
Jordyn Piripi	AH Starlight Express	25
Tessa Deuss	AA Sierra	23
Shelly Nightingale	Johnny	18
Hayley MacWilliam	Stormy	18
Brent Holden	Magnum	17
Jordyn Piripi	AH Moonshadow	10

INTERMEDIATE		
Sharon Nickless	Twin Oaks Titania	59
Tina Plastow	Dancing With Life	40
Liz Antunovic	Nirvana Firefly	40
Denise Best	Kilkarnas Smudge	33
Lynda Kessell	Champ	31
Trudi Thomas-Morton	Lorien	31
Ruth Best	P&R Dusti's Spotted Ace	31
Cherry Brown	Peter Dillon	26
Rebecca Rabson	Sting	26
Tracey Holden	Waitakere Flyer	25

OPEN		
Sandy McCuan	P&R Stardust Lad	108
Shane Dougan	Vigar Riffal	58
Julie Watson	Desert Journey	39.5
Keith McLeod	Tahira Saracen	34
Jenny Champion	Freckles	32
Taieri Hore	Kizzi	26.5
Brent Stringer	Bal Fyre	26
Kay Holder	Belle	24
Kate Ferry	AA Teena	23
Tessa Deuss	AA Sierra	22

Final CTR Distance Horse of the Year Points, 2004 – 2005 season

RIDER	HORSE	KMS
OPEN		
Sandy McCuan	P&R Stardust Lad	692
Shane Dougan	Vigar Riffal	328
Julie Watson	Desert Journey	319
Keith McLeod	Tahira Saracen	292
Brent Stringer	Bal Fyre	257
Taieri Hore	Kizzi	237
Jenny Champion	Freckles	226
Tessa Deuss	AA Sierra	204
Kate Ferry	AA Teena	190
Brian Keenan	Willowvale Khamal	180
INTERMEDIATE		
Sharon Nickless	Twin Oaks Titania	411
Liz Antunovic	Nirvana Firefly	375
Tina Plastow	Dancing With Life	272
Lynda Kessell	Champ	267
Trudi Thomas-Morton	Lorien	229
Denise Best	Kilkarnas Smudge	247
Rebecca Rabson	Sting	223
Ruth Best	P&R Dusti's Spotted Ace	229
Cherry Brown	Peter Dillon	197
Lorraine Stratford	Amber	166
JUNIOR		
Emma Mason	Cleo	252
Ashley French	White Eagle	195
Hayley MacWilliam	Stormy	173
Shelly Nightingale	Johnny	132
Brent Holden	Magnum	118
Jordyn Piripi	AH Starlight Express	115
Tessa Deuss	AA Sierra	112
Jordyn Piripi	AH Moonshadow	82

Congratulations to all those Wellington riders who did so well. We understand recognition of your success will be coming in the mail. Didn't you do well ?!

Some of our riders also did well in endurance.

**Tessa Deuss was 8th in horse and rider junior, Natalie Bickerton 12th,
Tessa Deuss 7th Junior rider and Natalie Bickerton 12th
AASierra 4th = in Junior horse, JA Katerina 12th
AA Kalico (Maureen and Les Davie) 9th Distance horse Open**

Wairarapa AGM: Gabrielle Deuss will attend the AGM of the Wairarapa Club to inform about the NI Champs and to plan for the Wairarapa – Wellington Challenge which Wellington won last year.

Other News

North Island Championships.

Remember the NI Championships. If you have any ideas on fundraising, or have a caravan you can lend us please get in touch. The classes are:

Saturday 21st January 2006 160km Open (FEI***)and Junior
Sunday 22nd January 2006 CTR only. Open 70, Intermediate and Junior 40km.
Monday 23rd January 2006 100km Open(FEI**) and Junior
Monday 23rd January 2006 50km (FEI *) Open and Junior

Condolences

Mrs G Gray from Gray's Road, Pauatahanui passed away in early June 2006. While she was not much involved in CTR of recent times, we have ridden over the Gray farmland on occasion and the family have been very helpful.

"Granny" Gray as she was known, was an icon in the area. Whether you had horses or not, you had heard of her. She provided grazing for many horse lovers in recent years, including for members of WATRC, In fact so many people were coming and going it was like Picadilly Circus.

She knew my grandparents and said she really enjoyed visiting them because they talked about things other than horses ! Our condolences to her grand daughter Toni Gray who provided much care for her in recent times, and to her son Allan and other grand children.

Hall of Fame

This issue's Hall of Fame recognises our successful CTR Riders in the National Distance and Points awards.

Sandy McCuan
Sharon Nickless
Emma Mason.

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For Sale Colt foal (to be gelded) by Whitestones Silver Flame (sire of Butch Haggard's successful endurance horses and full brother to Kevin Jame's outstanding mare Whitestones Crystal Princess (160km winner, international rep), Dam Eclipse by Shalom La Ish, sire of Bint La Ish, Endurance distance horse of the year, 7th in 160 km National event 2005, Granddam by Echolade, sire of AA Jupiter 2nd Junior 100km, and AA Beau also placed at the Nationals 2005. Bred for endurance, this attractive boy has a friendly inquisitive nature and wonderful movement \$1250
Ph Gabrielle 04 2375085

For Sale: Polish bred Arabian horses, ready to be trained in. Excellent riding types.

If you would like to continue your advertisement please let me know. If anyone wants to check the existing advertisements please go to the website where you can find offers for horses, grazing, horse boots, horse massage, heart rate monitors, saddles.