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**Newsletter
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Editorial

Hi guys and welcome to the start of the season, some of you may have been out already to the early rides over in the friendly Wairarapa. I have had a busy winter myself recently purchasing a 3 year old Anglo gelding from up in Cambridge, bred by Pinelodge Arabians. He has been a new addition to the paddock of Ripper and Coffers. Ripper is turning into a fat pregnant mare and has got all the hormones that go with it! Grandparents Mark and Nicole and Aunty Caroline eagerly await the arrival of this offspring!

We are so lucky to have the fantastic opportunity of hosting the North Island Champs this year in our own back yard at Waiterere. The committee for that event have been organising profusely for a while already.

Note from Council Liason Officer – Jacqui Mason

Please access up to date information RE- rides on NZEF website, if you are unable to access please contact Nicole Munro-Johnson at NZEF and obtain a hardcopy at \$3.00 each.

WATRC Membership Cards

This year I we will be giving out WATRC membership cards. They will not be numbered, but will have your name and the dates of membership, which is a standard 1 August 2005 to 31 July 2006. They will be quite simple, but recognisable. Your cards should come out with your receipt for your membership fee, or you can present your receipt at the entries table at rides to get your card.



ENTRIES

The entries system has changed now that we are affiliated with NZEF. If you are an NZEF member, you would have received **Entry Form Stickers**. Pre-ride entries for NZEF members will now work like this:

Ring me as usual for a bib number and a time out. You keep your stickers and an entry form at home, (which I can email or snail mail to you, and you can print one off each time or photocopy the one I send you). Fill them out the night before, or whenever, attach a sticker, bring this paperwork to the ride, get your bib and pay, and you're done.

I will have NZEF entry forms available at the ride venue, if you forget to pre-enter, but please **remember to bring your stickers and your membership cards**. Cards are: NZEF, NZECTRA (for rider and horse), WATRC. No WATRC membership cards have been issued yet. They will be available at the ride venues. If you are not an NZEF member, you can pre-enter the same way we did it last season, and all your paperwork gets done by me, you get assigned a bib number and a start time. Everybody uses the same forms. Please make sure you fill out your entry forms in full. You will have plenty of time the night before to do this.

Or you can just come to the ride on the day and fill out all your forms then yourself.

I am still using vetting cards as they are very convenient for time-keeping and doing results.

Any questions please ring me. Ph (04) 237 8122. This is brand new, so bear with me please while I iron out the wrinkles in this new system.

Please find attached entry forms on email

Kath

Upcoming Rides

24th September – Parkvale (Wairarapa) 9am Ride out

2nd October – Maymorn

Directions – Go along statehighway from Upper Hutt to Featherston at Te Marua turn right where dairy is and continue up hill will be signposted with pink bottles. Parking in top carpark, bridge at top not suitable for large horsetrucks.

Terrain - is rocky foresty tracks, would be suitable to shod horses only, newly graded paths with rotten rock.

Distances – Open – no less than 30km
 Intermediate/Junior – 22km approx
 Novice – 15km

Vetting from 8am – first rider out 8.30am

16th October – Karapoti – Similar conditions as to Maymorn

Also other rides as attached to email.



Classifieds

Rider wanted to compete 7yo 14.1hh Kaimanawa gelding in 05/06 CTR season. Ideal for small capable adult or experienced young rider who can commit to riding for the whole season. DC has a fantastic temperament but is green under saddle so needs a quiet, kind rider to give him confidence. Placed 4th in Novice class at Waitarere last year at his first ever outing. Transport to events provided.
For further details please phone Catherine on 04 233 6333 or email catherine.nicholson@esr.cri.nz

Rider wanted to exercise 19yo semi-retired 15hh Quarterhorse x Appaloosa gelding several days per week or at weekends. Ideal for non-competitive rider wanting to enjoy quiet hacking, schooling, jumping etc on owner's property in Plimmerton. BlackJack is a fun all-rounder with a lovely temperament but he is not a novice ride.
For further details please phone Catherine on 04 233 6333 or email catherine.nicholson@esr.cri.nz

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>

Horsefloats for hire

Double Float for hire. \$60.00 per day. Conditions apply. Ph George 383 8407 or 021 760 847.

Single Float for hire. \$20.00 per day. Rear facing. Suit good loader only. Ph Kath 237 8122 or 021 656 326.

YOU KNOW YOU ARE AT CTR WHEN:

You have two small bags packed and your horse has a trunk of clothes and half a pickup load of equipment. You run a comb through your hair once in a weekend and call it good and then spend 2 hours a day brushing your horse's mane and combing out his tail. Your horse smells better than you. Your horse dresses better than you. Your horse eats better than you. Your horse gets more sleep than you. People know your horse's name, his parents' names, his heart rates, etc., but all they know about you is "Aren't you the person who owns (insert your horse's name)?"

You spend hundreds of dollars on petrol, entry fees, saddles, etc. and then can't decide whether you should buy large or small lemonade for yourself. You have a pocket calculator in your back pocket to decide the time for trotting/cantering/walking.

You can sprain your ankle, break 3 fingernails, get a mild concussion, sprain your back, have someone back into your truck, get food poisoning, heatstroke, sunburn, lose your dog, lose your kid, and still call it a successful weekend because your horse has had a good recovery rate.



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