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Newsletter

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Hi Everyone

Finally the season got underway with a fantastic ride at Waikawa Beach on Sunday 31 October! A great effort by all who organized, assisted, and participated. Read more about the event in Days of our Rides, contributed by Leslie Dolphin.

This newsletter contains lots of classified ads, a ride flyer for Wainui on Sunday 14 November, a reminder about the sale of club shirts and caps and information about the new club cell phone and number which we are encouraging all members to key into their own cell phone.

The WATRC cell phone number is: 022 0234914

Any content for the newsletter, including classifieds, please email me at chatbox@actrix.co.nz. Anyone who wants to contribute a story please just let me know – we want to hear from as many members as possible about their riding experiences at WATRC events. Fingers crossed for good riding weather for all scheduled events from now on.

Happy and safe riding
Nicky



Ride Calendar 2010/2011

Sunday 7th November 2010 - Pukemarama Station, Tangimoana (premier points)
Sunday 14th November 2010– Wainuiomata (new venue) (premier points)
Sunday 28th November 2010 – Foxton
Sunday 12th December 2010 – Battle Hill
Sunday 16th January 2011 – Pikarere Station, Titahi Bay (premier points)
Sunday 30th January 2011 – Brights Farm, Paraparaumu
Sunday 13th February 2011 – Manakau (premier points)
Sunday 27th February 2011 – Turakina
Sunday 13th March 2011 – Waitohu, Otaki
Sunday 3rd April 2011 – WATRC Champs, Waitarere

All rides are confirmed subject only to weather postponements which will be advised in advance by email and a message will be left on the club cell phone.

New Club Cell Phone: 022 023 4914

We are encouraging all members to key in the WATRC cell phone number into their own phones. The phone will be used at all rides as a safety contact point. In addition it will be used to advise members of any changes or cancellation of rides. A message will be placed on the cell phone the day before a scheduled event, or as soon as any changes are known. If you have any doubts about weather or general conditions you can call the cell phone for the latest information. In the event of a ride cancellation, any rider already pre-entered will be emailed with the cancellation information.

Club Shirts and Caps

A reminder that new club shirts and caps are now available to buy.

WATRC Black and Gold cool-dry shirt with embroidered club logo \$50 (range of sizes)

WATRC Black and Gold cap with embroidered club logo \$15 (one size fits all)

Update Rhona Fraser

Rhona is slowly recovering from a fall while rehabilitating from a heart attack. She is at home in Featherston and would welcome any visitors passing through. For new members who don't know Rhona – she is a long time supporter of the club and until her recent health issues has been present at most of our rides and assisting as a ride marshall. She has also placed an ad to sell two five month old female fox terrier pups. Check it out in the classifieds. Rhona's address is 2007 Boundry Road just as you go out of Featherston heading towards Masterton. Phone: 06 308 9160

Days of our Rides



It was like a dream ... no rain, no wind beyond a gentle cooling breeze. AND sun too! I viewed the alien environment with joy and disbelief, hallaleuia a ride day was going to happen at last. I had my new saddle and I was keen to put it to the test.

The beach ride is what I call a 'flat blat', (but with a 'surprise' as it turned out).

Goals for the day;

Have some fun

Don't screw it up

All of us get back in good shape

Dove and I had teamed up with Nicky and Beau to have a try at the Open. Beau is a much faster horse than Dove and I suspected we would see a lot of hoof prints and not much of Nicky and Beau. But, when we got onto the beach Dove cantered to Beaus big trot, no problem!

We sort of had a plan. It consisted of go like fury till we got to the sand dunes and then negotiate the sand dunes as conditions permitted.

All went well till we got to the dunes. Not far into them the sand got very heavy and Nicky, who was about 5 metres in front, got off and started to lead Beau. Good idea I thought, and so we stopped and went to dismount. Shock, horror, where Beaus soup plate feet must have kept him on top of the sand, Dove sunk like a rock. By the time my feet hit the ground, she was up to her belly with her hindquarters starting to disappear. I had a dreadful vision of a prehistoric tarpit. I hauled on the reins and she made giant lunges through the muck, going up to her shoulders as she landed. Thank goodness it was a relatively small piece and we got out as fast as our collective six legs could take us.

Going first has its downsides, because once we all recovered from that experience, we lost our way. Luckily we turned back early and met up with Sandy and Jackie who were following us and together we found the marker.

We needed to make up time after the dunes and so we rattled it along for the last 10kms to arrive back pretty much as planned.

Apart from our little 'incident' we had an amazing ride and I was so pleased with how Dove went in her new saddle.

Goals all met!

Thanks to Rae for putting us up and being chief ride organizer. Thanks to the ground crew and thanks to whatever divine force looks after the weather.

See you next time!

Leslie and Dove.



Wellington Area Trail Riding Club

Wainuiomata – **NEW VENUE**

Coast Road, Wainuiomata

Sunday 14 November 2010

HOW TO GET THERE

From Lower Hutt / Wellington: Go over the Wainuiomata Hill. Once in Wainuiomata, follow the signs for the Coast Road/Rimutaka Forest Park.

Ride base is on the right hand side of the road 1km past Rimutaka Forest Park gates.

DISTANCES & TIMES

Novice	16km	2hrs 30
Marton Brick & Tile	16km	2hrs
Junior	16km	2hrs
Intermediate	21km	2hrs 30
Open	21km	2hrs

Note – extra time has been allowed for in all classes as this is a new venue with a fair amount of hill work involved.

COURSE

A fun challenging course with a fair amount of hill work. Hill work is gradual and not long distances with undulating forestry track in between excellent for building horse fitness while admiring amazing views! Fairly stoney in places so not recommended for barefoot horses.

RIDE FEES

Non members \$25 (juniors \$18)

Members \$20 (juniors \$15)

ENTRIES

To enter, please contact Junior Vaele (email jvaele@clear.net.nz or phone 04-973-6522 (after 6pm) or 027-284-2052. Entries on the day from 7.30am. A reminder that Intermediate and Open riders must be pre-entered and be WATRC members. Pre entries close Friday 12th November at 8pm.

CAMPING & FURTHER INFORMATION

Overnight grazing available. Please contact Sharon on 04-564-3099 or email sharonnickless@xtra.co.nz



Classifieds

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For Sale: 2 Female Fox Terriers (5 Months)

Medium size, mostly black, fully vaccinated and obedient. Price \$300 each (no offers, firm price)

Phone Rhona Fraser 06 3089160 after 7pm

For Sale: Saddle

Stubben dressage saddle 30.5 (medium). Older style, brown, very good order, has been repacked. With 3 point folded leather Stubben girth \$250. With lovely brown sheepskin dressage numnah (as new) \$300.

. Email Leslie: leslie.dolphin@paradise.net.nz

For Sale: Saddle

18" Wintec Block Saddle. Medium to wide gullet. Very good condition.

The 'blocks' make it perfect for the nervous or beginner rider. Great safe feeling. Very comfortable.

Good for trekking/hacking out. Easy to brush or hose clean. Very lightweight. Has only had 1 year's use. It cost \$1500 unmounted new. Being sold fully mounted with a breathable girth. (also only 1 year's use).

Comes with free saddle blanket and saddle cover. photos available to email to those interested.

Phone Donna on 042931119 or 0211345327

For Sale: Saddle

Wintec Wide saddle, 16.5inch seat. Changeable gullet (comes with 3 gullet sizes). Brand new, only ridden in twice.

Contact Karen Nightingale 04 564 7761.

For Sale: Horses

Ella 9 year old mare 15.1 Gisborne bred.3 seasons of CTR. Lots of wins. Great heart rates. **\$3500.00**

Jet 10 year old 15.3 Anglo mare. Open endurance horse. Good heart rates. Lovely sensible horse.

Will make good allrounder. **\$6000.00**

Both horses are priced to sell and will go far. Good homes a must. Please serious buyers only.

Also 2 pure bred Arabian geldings. Imported from Australia 5 and 6 year old. Full brothers. **POA**

Contact: Braden Cameron 027 2321489

FOR SALE Registered Purebred Arabian Gelding

Sam is a very affectionate and cuddly 2yo. He has been raised on a variety of terrain and is extremely good on his feet. -Well handled from birth (hooves trimmed, floated, etc) -Hard fed since weaning to ensure he has the best possible start to life -EMH at least 15-15.1hh -Lovely solid body with straight legs & good bone

Sam would make a lovely Park Hack and/or Endurance and CTR mount. If he is anything like his older sisters, **he will only get better with age.** All offers considered. Flexible payment options negotiable.

Please e-mail margie.rob@ihug.co.nz or ring Jeanne on 021 216 7530.

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