

## THE WELLINGTON AREA TRAIL RIDING CLUB NEWSLETTER

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### Message from Ed...

Hi all

Another good turnout **Pikarere** – 48 riders in total, and a beautiful day. A special thanks to **George Theodorou** for organising this ride, and also to **NRM** who were our sponsors. Check out **Days of our Ride** on page 2 for everyone else who helped out on the day.

Our next ride is **Belmont** on 30 January, which is being organised by the **Deuss family**. There will also be a **40km endurance ride**.

This is aiming to help people who need to build up enough kudos to compete at the Nationals in the 40km or 80km Open ride. More details opposite.

For anyone who is interested in competing in the **Wairarapa**, I have included some dates of trail rides coming up (below), please contact Sharon Linton for further details.

Is anyone willing to take over the role of **newsletter editor**? Unfortunately I can no longer do it – if you are able to give up some time every fortnight (only during the trail riding season) and are good on a computer, please let me know. Alternatively, contact Gabrielle Deuss on 04 237 5085.

### Winners at Pikarere...

**Open:** Sandy McCuan – P&R Dust Lad

**Intermediate:** Tina Plastow – Dancing With Life

**Warehouse Grain:** Nicole Munro – Shonnie's Ramse

**Novice:** Jocelyn Laine – Nara King

**Junior:** Emma Mason – Cleo

### Groom & Turnout...

- 1st = Karen Spears
- 2nd = Emma Mason
- 3rd = Liz Antunovic
- 4th = Ashley French
- 5th = Leanne Moss
- 6th = Lynda Kessell



### Rides coming up...

- 6 February Matangai Tinui (Wairarapa)
- 13 February Wainuiomata
- 20 February Mangataere (Wairarapa)
- 27 February Wairarapa
- 13 March Makara

For more details on the Wairarapa rides, please contact Sharon Linton on 06 306 9566.

### Next ride – Belmont...

**Date:** 30 January 2005

**Start time:** Vetting starts 8.00am.  
Riders out at 8.30am  
Endurance ride 7am

**Directions:** Coming from SH1:  
Head over the hill towards Hill toward SH2. Just before the lights, turn right into Old Western Hutt Road, Belmont Park is about 30 metres on the right.

Coming from SH2:  
From Wellington there is a left turn to the hill towards Hill, then turn almost immediately left again.

From Upper Hutt, it is a right turn through the lights then left into the Old Western Hutt Road.

**Conditions:** The ride will be challenging as it starts with a long, somewhat rocky track to the top. There are great views of Wellington and surrounds.

**Distances:** Junior: 20km  
Novice (fun ride): 12km  
Warehouse Grain: 20km  
Intermediate: 30km  
Open: 40km  
Endurance: 40km

40km endurance ride:  
There will be a minimum time for Novice horses, about 10km p/hour, and a maximum time. It is an aiming ride so there are no prizes.

**Contact:** Gabrielle Deuss 04 237 5085

**Cancellation:** A message will be left on 04 3838 490 advising if the ride is still on – please do not ring this number before 6am on Sunday.

- Reminders:**
- Rugs **should not** be on your horse when vetting – only in extreme wet weather conditions.
  - Please remember to fill out your "time due" on your vet cards
  - **No smoking and no dogs!!!**
  - Please pick up your horse's poo

## Days of our Rides...

### Pikarere

Forty eight people arrived to tackle Pikarere, which George Theodorou had kindly put together. The novice were doing the usual 15km loop, and all other classes headed up to Colonial Knob before riding (sliding – Mammoth Snowy River styles) down to the valley and then up the hills on the other side and over to the coast. The Opens were faced with completing this challenging but fun loop not once but twice giving 40kms. It was quite testing so close after the NI Champ.

The bogs that usually raise a few hairs each year were worse than usual – the terms of late had completely wiped out one of the crossings leaving a deeply deep ditch that could only be jumped. Most horses seemed to cope with this just fine but it is definitely a test, perhaps more of rider than horse? It was certainly a test of George's quad bike manship, as he lowered the two wheelers to be more manoeuvrable in instances such as these.

The heat could be felt down in the valleys, but other than that the temperature was actually quite pleasant with a bit of a cooling breeze.

Two people suffered falls, but other than that everyone managed to make it back in one piece. The groom and turnout trophy went to a very clear Karen Spears, who has also in the past the trophy for turnout at the NI Champ.

We were treated to mustard with our sausages and bread from the BBQ, which was obviously popular as around 60 were consumed and we ran out of bread!

Shane Dougan and Jemy Champion came all the way from Eketahuna to ride over Shane's old jumping ground, but Sandy McCuan just pipped him at the post and he had to go home with the blue ribbon. This happened to him at the North Island Champs also, where Jemy and Feckles beat him into second and won the 100km CEI\*\* championship. Good work!!

NRM very kindly sponsored the ride, with bags of their new Endurance feed awarded to the grateful winners of each class.

The ride was a great success, and was helped by numerous people as always. Vet Des Bassett, heart rate monitors Terri, Jacqui, start finish Helen Percival, writers John, Wayne, Groom & Turnout Aimee Webber, Parking/directions at finish Anthony, bbq Mark, entries and results Kath & Se, the list goes on and apologies for forgetting names!

Nicole Murro

## Pre ride entries...

Ring me anytime before the ride, upto 9pm – 04 237 8122. I will take your entry and assign you a bib number and a time out. Please accept the bib number given, as doing results much easier if they are given out in order. Please also have your registration numbers ready.

At the ride, there will be a box with your bib in it, and in this a folder with your entry form, vet card, and ride certificate. Collect these, then go to the entry person taking payment, pay and you are all done. Entries now has a time frame. Entries open at 7:30am and close at 9am. For newcomers who do not know this, an exception will be made THE FIRST TIME if they arrive late.

Everybody please fill out all your forms IN FULL. You have registration numbers, PLEASE put them on the entry form. It makes my job much easier as I also type up the results afterwards.

When you have filled out your forms, you then 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.

Early start times from 8:30 to 9am is allocated to Opens and Intermediates only. They may start later if they want, but because they have the greatest distance and the longest ride time they get this first half hour to themselves. Warehouse Gains, Juniors and Novices leave from 9:05am. Any questions please phone me.

Kath Leves

## Classifieds...



### Horses:

- **Shonnie's Ramsey**, Drago x Rosine, grandsire on dark side is Lazy J Alman 500. Powerful well-boned dark chocolate roan, turned 6 on 6. 15.2hh, reg. APHANZ Appaloosa x TB. Was a working stallion until gelded July 04, has many foals on the ground. Beautiful conformation, excellent attitude and fantastic to ride. First season out 2004-05, has competed up to intermediate CTR and placed in every one. Huge jump. Brilliant to handle, shoe, flat etc. Would make excellent mares horse. \$4,000. Ph Shonnie for more details 04 232 5734
- **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 ODEs. Full sister to Bedazzled, promising hack Nelson/Marlborough area. \$3,000  
Ph Rhona Fraser 06 308 9160 (Featherston).
- **P&R Colidas Image**  
3yo gelding, he is P&R Colidas Hopeful lad and dam P&R Dustis Milindaw (as full sister to P&R Dustis Sowprint). He is very quiet to handle and has been broken into gait to Nick Van Der Sands (DBrought horses). Nick makes a top job of breaking in horses, and they are very settled when he has finished with them. He will mature approx. 15.2hh and is very athletic with good pace. Price is \$3,250 which includes breaking in fees (\$900). Phone Rae Mutch 07 847 5555
- **Relko Jafa**  
Granddaughter of Ngapa Joussif, 16yo chestnut Arab mare, pretty quiet, lovely fast walk. Has been around mares for years but did a 40km ride in youth. Suit confident beginner or child. No vice. Phone Gabrielle 04 237 5085
- **Arabian gelding**  
3yo, well handled, very good natured and good conformation. Phone Gabrielle on 04 237 5085
- **Ken the Confidence Builder - for lease**  
Ken has been leased out as a confidence builder in the past. He is very gentle and totally bombproof. 15.1hh. All gear included in lease including bit. No heavy riders please. Phone Kath on 04 237 8122
- **Fernhill Suriya** (Aurere Surzada x AA Katalina), rising 4yo pure Arabian grey gelding. Mature 15hh. She has fantastic nature and exc. endurance breeding (double Kbtan). Fantastic movement and conformation. Hill raised. Load of potential. Ready to break in. Owner overcommitted. \$3,000
- **Houston** 1/2 Arab, 1/4 standardbred, 1/4 TB, 16yo 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

### Saddles...

- **Wintec endurance pro / black / 17.5"**  
Good condition, used on Appys and Arabs, \$400 ono
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Excellent condition, little use \$350 ono  
Phone Annette 04 389 3081

## Hoofboots...

**Old Mac Multipurpose Hoofboots** and Therapeutic Saddle Pads – now available from Lynne Moore. Old Mac Hoofboots can be used where extra protection is needed on the unshod horse for all types of riding, or on the shod horse during transportation or breeding, or when poulticing is required. The ultimate in protection, shock absorption and comfort. See [www.oldmacs.com](http://www.oldmacs.com) for further information or phone or e-mail Lynne on 021 147 6081 or 06 354 7861, bootfitter\_nz@hotmail.com

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