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Hi Everyone

Congrats to all the prizewinners at the recent AGM. We have some changes to the committee (see above) as well as some new faces. Planning for next season is well underway. Only 8 weeks to the first ride at Waitarere.....winter is nearly over already!! Happy riding.

Catherine

Membership Fees and Application Form for 2009/10

Membership fees for the year 1 August 2009 to 31 July 2010 are:

Families - \$35

Individuals - \$30

Non-riding members - \$15

Non-riding members requiring hard-copy newsletters by post - \$20

Please print and complete the membership application form and send it with your cheque to WATRC. Please provide an email address for newsletters to be sent to if possible - it helps keep costs down for the club.

PRIZEGIVING RESULTS FOR 2008-2009

Best open rider:	Joy Bentley	
Best open rider runner up:	Sandy McCuan	
Best open horse:	Al-Awwal	
Best open horse runner up:	Mizraim Silver Gym	
All classes senior rider:	Judy Edginton	
All classes senior rider runner up:	Joy Bentley	
All classes horse:	Yahtzee	
All classes horse runner up:	Al-Awwal	
Most consistent combination:	Judy Edginton and Yahtzee	
Most overall points:	Judy Edginton	
Zarina Trophy donated by Rhona Fraser for most intermediate points:		Karen Nightingale
Tweedale Cup for most novice points:		Jasmine McNijel
Taman Points trophy for most junior points:		Anna Hartendorp
Trophy for most points in MBT		Judy Edginton
Greatest distance:	Joy Bentley	
Closest to time:	Alison Pirimona	
Groom and turnout:	Kim Vaele	
Groom and turnout runner up:	Nicky Chapman	
Pikarere groom and turnout:	Kim Vaele	
P&R Appaloosa trophy:	Kokutus Call of the Dove	
President's Trophy:	Aimee Merrick	
Most Valuable Rep:	Eunice Tyler	
Most supportive family:	Merrick/Webber families	
The Copper Trophy for most improved horse:	Zhench'is Khan	
Most Improved Rider:	Stephen Hughes	
Horsemanship Trophy:	Nicky Chapman	
Fittest horse:	Yahtzee	
All breeds other than arab or appaloosa:	Yahtzee (Standardbred)	
Rookie of the year:	Kim Vaele	

Draft Ride Calendar 2009/10

(All dates subject to change)

<u>DATE</u>	<u>VENUE</u>	<u>RIDE ORGANISER</u>
27 September 09	Waitarere	Tyler/French
11 October 09	Maymorn	Jacqui Mason
18 October 09	Waikawa Beach	Rae Macrae
8 November 09	Wainuiomata	Sharon Nickless
22 November 09	Bright's Farm	Judy Edginton
6 December 09	Battle Hill	Liz Antunovic
January 10	Manakau Dairy Farm	Rae Macrae
January 10	Karapoti	Mason/McCuan
February 10	Pikarere	Denise Best
21 February 10	Belmont	Walsh/McLachlan
March 10	Bulls	Aimee Merrick
March 10	Waitohu	Rae Macrae
April 10	Foxton <i>(New venue!!)</i> (Possible Champs venue)	Tyler/French/Macrae

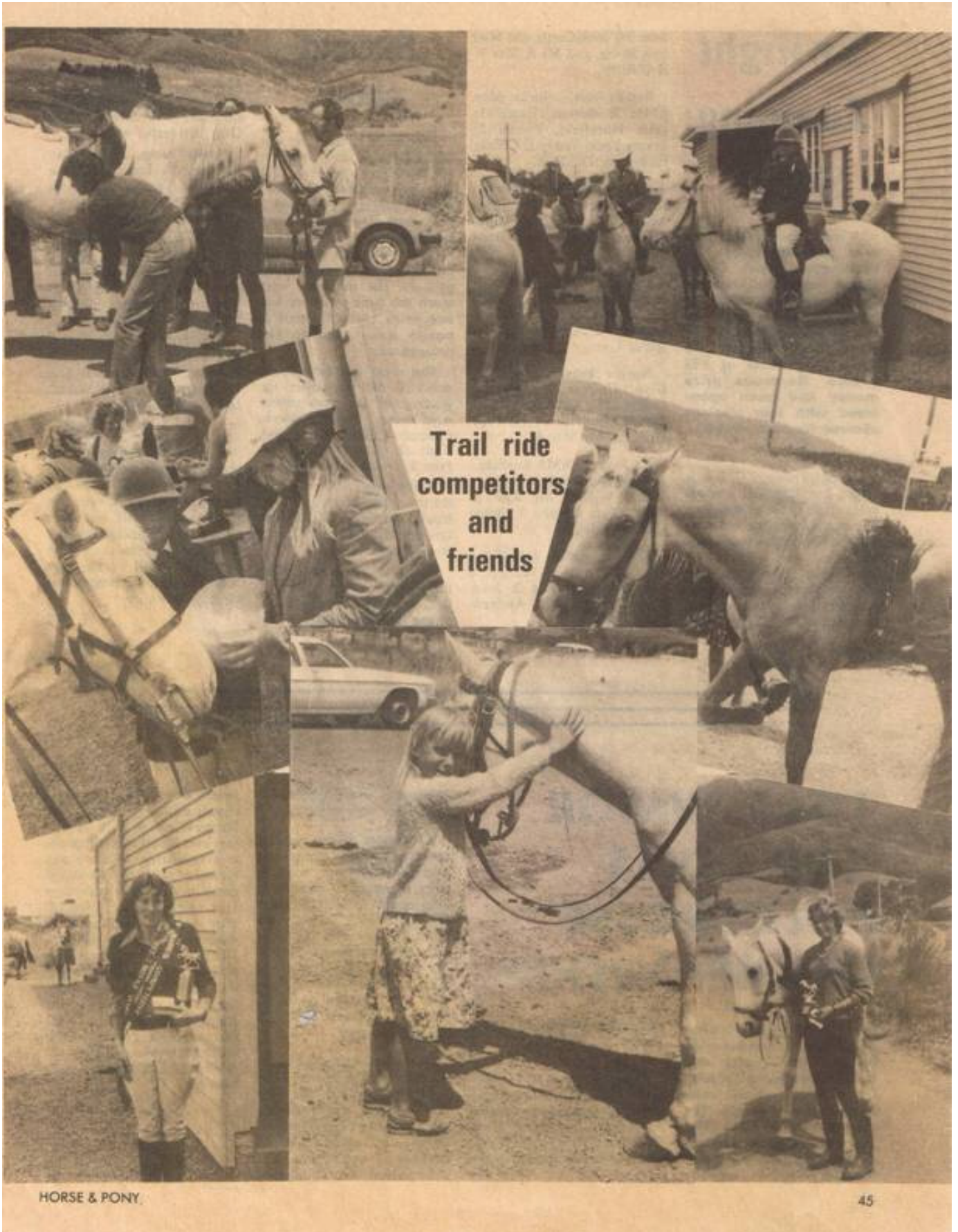
Wanted: ride entries person.....

We are still on the lookout for someone to do ride entries in the new season – please see the ad attached with this newsletter.

If you are unable to commit to the whole season, or maybe can't stay around for the whole day, please get in contact anyway, as it may be possible to work in with someone else and "job share".

A blast from the past!

Thanks to Rhona Fraser who found this article in Horse & Pony magazine from 1981!



'Marius' *Trail Ride*

competitive trail ride

G A MATTHEWS

On Saturday, January 31, 1981, Miss Rhonda Fraser organised the Marius Competitive Trail Ride, over a ten mile course, commencing at Maymorn Hall over the regional waterboard land between Maymorn and Kaitoke.

It attracted many riders from the area from the young and not so young, both from riding organisations and individual entries. There were 23 junior riders, 7 novice and 3 in the open class.

The day started at 7.30am when the children arrived with ponies and horses and started grooming. There was a prize for each class, for grooming and turnout.

This completed, the vetting took place by two vets, Mr Roger Gillett and Mr Paul McHugh. This cursory examination revealed poor shoeing of some of the junior entries, but on the whole the standard of fitness was reported as being good overall. However, three horses were withdrawn from the competition, two being lame and one with a saddle sore.

The competition commenced with the juniors setting off, five at a time at five minute intervals while the novice and open class horses were vetted.

Parents of the riders were co-opted to act as stewards and were positioned at regular intervals over the 10 mile course, checking times and safety of the riders.

The Marius Riding School was well represented by 14 girls who had spent the previous two weeks at Kaitoke training for the ride. For most of the younger riders it was their first experience of competitive

mornings, and transported to Kaitoke. After their day of riding and learning about the care of the pony and other disciplines associated with horse riding, they are transported back to the station in the evening to be collected by their parents.

During the school holidays, pony camps are arranged in the Wairarapa. The children ride "over the hill", stay there for the week or weekend as appropriate and ride back, having shared a wonderful experience.

The community spirit is always very obvious amongst the children, perhaps one of the advantages of spending time working, living and riding together at these camps. Also very obvious is the happiness of the children and love for the pony they are looking after. They really enjoy every aspect of riding and appreciate there is more to riding than just getting from A to B. These children take their pony club certificates through the Marius Riding School, coached at every stage by "Auntie Rhona". The culmination of their year is an annual Christmas Party, which has to be seen to be believed.

During this competitive ride the Maymorn Hall was used for refreshments and a rest area for those taking part and spectators, which proved a great success.

As each section finished their ride the horses were again vetted, their riders availing themselves of refreshments to wait the 20 minutes before the second vetting after the ride.

After the riding was concluded the prizes were awarded to the then anxious young riders.

The first in each class received a trophy, to be held for one year, the first six riders were awarded sashes, and all those qualifying were given a rosette.

Results were—Juniors: Tanya Collins, Mohammed Ali 1; Karen Franklin, Gingernut 2; Tiffany Young, Selina 3; Rhonda Harvey, Solo 4; Judith Tarr, Shiree 5; Sandra Delahave, Malick 6.

Others qualifying: Samantha Matthews, Penelope Darke, Wendy Piercy, Angela Clegg, Jo Ann Schager, Amanda Cunningham, Ruth Wheeler, Kim Cheeseman, Natalie Valentic, Debbie McLaughlin, Glenda McLaughlin, Lee Delaney.

Novice: Rowena Murphy, Winsong 1; Carolyn Ross, Twinkle 2; Christine Caeleton, Realm 3; Anita Thompson, Gay Ladd 4; Andrea Murphy, Red Sallie 5; Ronnie Falloon, Jack 6; Justine Coombridge, Prince 7.

Open: Christine Waleck, Solar Eclipse 1; Lianne Delahave, Mikardo 2; Jeffrey Coombridge, Red Signal 3.



Classifieds

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ABETTA SADDLE. 17inch, light weight long distance riding saddle. This saddle is in new condition, fully mounted with thick western saddle blanket. Made in America - see their website for more details & pictures. Unfortunately I bought this saddle and it doesn't fit my horse, so I ended up having to buy a Mackinder instead. Sadly this saddle is now for sale. \$500 firm. Phone Annette 477 38 50 or email uptown@xtra.co.nz

Wintec Pro Endurance saddle. Broken in and ready to ride but still in brand spanking new condition. Currently with medium gullet and unmounted. Would suit hunting, endurance or trekking. \$2495 new price, any reasonable offer considered. Phone: Richard (021413875) or Hilary (0212277127) or home (063228429) evenings after 8pm. Email: richard.takurua@downer.co.nz or Hilary.Webb@horizons.govt.nz

Pessoa flat-seat jumping saddle 16 1/2in. Older model but in good condition. Brown, med gullet. Fits a wide variety of horses. Worth 700 will take 550. Contact Judy 9024166

Ranvet electrolytes. We had an order cancelled on us and the stock was on its way from Australia so we have excess stock to move. Which we are offering WATRC members at cost price of \$18.00 incl GST. Courier extra. 2kg tubs of Ranvet Electrolytes, contains Sodium, Potassium, Calcium, Magnesium. For further tech specs go to www.ranvet.com.au Dosage 15gm per 112kg horse weight. Good value electrolyte. Contact Robert Best on 4789-091 or email bestequine@xtra.co.nz

2007 Horsefloat (rebuild). Big strong sturdy double float, 5 stud mag wheels, new warrant, current rego, braked, new pads, metallic purple/blue, wood and steel frame, head separator in front. Only selling coz I want a truck. \$7000 ono. Ph: Jess 0212553065

5ft Kiwi Kix cover 18oz. Used in two mild winters, selling on behalf. Still waterproof \$100 o.n.o. Contact Judy on 04 9024166.

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Top quality rye/clover mix hay. Due to be cut mid January. Really nice horse hay, \$8 per bale. Pickup from Marton (approx 10km north of Bulls). Please phone Aimee on 06-327-5232 or email merrick@infogen.net.nz

Arab Gelding 9yrs old 14.1hh. Basic schooling. Competed in show ring with some success but scars now prohibit. No lasting damage. For sale, or lease option available. Contact Jen Bowley on 04-5866091 or bowley@xtra.co.nz

Classifieds (continued..)

Helderberg Kalahari Sunrise (pending). Born: 11 Dec 08. Sam is a lovely, upstanding purebred Arabian colt by Dundevale Fire n Flare and out of Dantes Affair (imp AU). EMH 14.3 - 15.1 hh. Kind, smart, confident, well-natured and easy to handle. Good conformation with extravagant movement. Raised on gentle hill country. Available once weaned and gelded at end of September 2009. \$3,000-00 neg. Flexible terms available. Please refer to our website for more photos and information: <http://www.freewebs.com/helderbergarabians>
Contact: 021 216 7530 (Wgtn), E-mail: helderberg@xtra.co.nz

7 yr old gelding by Vigar Riffal (Shane Dougan's stallion). Grey, 15 hh. Needs confident rider. Broken in by Kim Evans. Suit CTR/Endurance. Contact Angela Hunt on 06 3726744 (evenings) for more info.

APPALOOSA MARE (see pic below). Unregistered rising 5yr old mare, from pedigree parents: Sire: Buddys Ambassador, Dam: Twin Oaks White Rose, dark roan with white blanket, 13.3h, sensible & quite, floats well, good with traffic, fully broken & used for pony club, started jumping over poles, been to gymkhanas, would suit person capable of taking her to the next level. PRICE: \$3,000.00. CONTACT: Phone: (06) 3670225, Mobile: 0274182376, Email: abfan79@xtra.co.nz



Arabian Gelding 14.3 hh. Pretty, bright chestnut, with lighter coloured mane & tail. CTR and endurance experience. Good HR. 13 years. Basic schooling, shows dressage promise. Athletic. Good on roads, beach and rugged hill and bush country. Great to catch, shoe, float, etc and handling in general. Reluctant sale due to health problems – have had him for 8 years. Price negotiable to right home. All gear available and rugs included in price. Might consider swap for very steady horse of similar height and age. Best suited to experienced rider. Could suit teenager. Contact Lesley: phone 06 3640041 or email: lacollins@xtra.co.nz

3 Thoroughbreds for sale (see pics below). Bill (Our Ensign) is a 9 year old 15.1hh gelding. He won 3 races & has a great personality/temperament and is a solid build. He has done limited showjumping and hacking and would suit trekking or any discipline. Pearl (Tranquility) is a 5year old 15.2hh mare. She has retired from racing, has great personality and is ready to advance into any discipline. Frisk (Elles a Belle) is a 6 yr old 15.3hh mare. She too has retired from racing, is willing to please and to advance. \$2000 each. Contact Judy and Scot Preston (Pauatahanui, Wellington), Tel 2376111 or email scotep@xtra.co.nz

Bill



Pearl



Frisk



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