



Summer Newsletter

Summer is here...

We have a number of rallies, hacknix and of course our Team Dressage Quest and Freestyle Musical behind us. Well done everyone who has contributed and or participated in these events. Many thanks to those behind the scenes who gave their time and thought to helping us.

Coming up we have the Christmas Ribbon Day on Saturday 14th December at Oxford A and P grounds! Fabulous sponsorship with beautiful halter sashes and a garland for supreme and reserve in the morning and afternoon (See p..). Our famous sponsorship for champions from Greenacres of a bag of chaff and stewards choice a bag of barley, from Summerhill feeds. In addition, vouchers are up for grabs in each ring for goods or services of values between \$60 and \$200! (See p3). But wait there's more - first 50 entries receive a FMG gift!

You will see we have been busy with a note from the chair, Christmas Ribbon Day Sponsorship, Team Dressage Quest, Freestyle musical results, South Island Teams Event (SITE) October 2025, Members update, club shirt orders, from your committee including finances.

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From the Chair

We've had a delightful few rallies and dinners over the last few months.

As at 27th November our membership is 60. These are made up of 28 renewals and 32 new members. Most exciting is the range of horse disciplines represented by these people and the horsemanship they demonstrate. For example, did you know one of our members is the chief boss for Endurance Riding NZ in December (and can't make our Ribbon Day). Our West Coast member, Wendy, is also a photographer. Lots of skill and talent amongst us.

Our speakers continue to delight. It was fun to learn about some of **Jenny Rouse's** endurance and indeed her riding career. Who knew endurance riding was such a big business? It was interesting that since Jenny has spoken more of us have been out and about doing CTR which is the entrance level to endurance.

Pam Robson, with her background and experience in the thoughtbred world was also interesting. Funny how some of our riders also did track work in other lives (guess who those two people are) and Pam was quite straightforward and reflective on the impact of changes in our human population and young people in particular to more focus on technology. Getting young people who have had experience with horses is difficult these days. .

Sarah Dring from Bennington Park was also excellent and those who were there reported on the different types of therapeutic pools she has. We are scheduling a rally there in the near future.

Look forward to seeing you all again soon!





Christmas Ribbon Day Sponsorship and Vouchers.

With huge thanks to the following for their sponsorship of the Rings and the vouchers that apply to particular classes. We will be providing cards for you to thank Ring sponsors and voucher providers. Please sign them and help us keep sponsors.



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- Bennington Park
- StewartCivil - \$100 farmlands voucher
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The Mane Events



December 2024

Wednesday Dec 11th. Christmas Dinner @ Cantina 176 High Street. Bring your inner Mexican. Set menu \$45 to WRC account

Saturday Dec 14th. Oxford A&P grounds. **Christmas Ribbon Day**. Entries close Sunday 8th Dec.

Tuesday Dec 31st. **Hacknix**. Baynons Break 3pm followed by picnic

January 2025

Saturday Jan 11th. **VDS poles** -9.30. Mt Grey Equestrian Centre. \$30 to WRC account (club subsidy of \$20)

Friday Jan 24th. **Hacknix**. The Grange. 10.30 feet in stirrups.

February 2025

Saturday Feb 15th. **Games**. 677 Harts Road. \$20.00. 10am onwards. Walk or in hand groups

Saturday Feb 22nd. **Hacknix**. Channeys Forest. 10.30 feet in stirrups

Wednesday Feb 26th. Rangiora RSA. **Speaker**- 5.30. Emily Barton - Solid Foundation Equestrian. Dinner 6.30. Please arrive just after 5pm to order food.

So for new members our main method of gathering you for Events is to go to the FB Members only page and sign up in the event. So for our Christmas dinner, for example, Events are a tab. We do send out a monthly email for those who don't use FB so please check your junk or message waimakridingclub@gmail.com to get details of upcoming events.

Sponsor for class in Green horse ring

Overall supreme garland





The Mane Events

Dressage Quest.

With thanks for sponsorship from Bruce and Kat Chubb

On Sunday 10th November we hosted the inaugural Waimakariri Riding Club Dressage Quests and Musical Freestyle. We had 10 teams entered in the Dressage Quests. Some swift putting together of some teams, with rider or horse issues, meant riders did not necessarily know each other really well but this only meant the development of new friendships.

It was a fantastic day, with teams travelling from as far as the West Coast to compete. The hotly contested teams championship was won by "Stragglers in Harmony", made up of Becky Speed, Tracey Bayer, Monica Rietveld and Hess Vertogen. "Been to the Olympics" were a fraction behind with only 1.63% separating them.



Quest winners and runners up

'Stragglers' including Hess, Tracey, Monica and Becky

(on left)

'Been to Olympics' Kym, Helen, Gwen and Kathy.



Teams with fun including Karen, Leanne, Sam and Catherine Veronica, pretty in pink with Lynda and Molly





Freestyle Musical - sponsored by Andrea and Chris Marsden.

In the afternoon, riders showcased their Musicals showing a wide range of musical genres. In the Introductory our winner was Karen Dew on Brackenleigh's Standing Ovation, Preliminary went to Leanne Walker on Bombardier, Novice to Sue Ruston on Haken and Elementary to Gwen Gilmore on Don Cruz BH.

The overall winner of the artistic trophy was Sue Ruston with Haken. This was a wonderful result as Sue is returning to riding after hip surgery and just gained more and more confidence with her ride and horse over the event and time she has been with us.

The other thrill for the club was having the sponsorship, energy and enthusiasm of Andrea and Chris. Not only did Chris and Andrea organise the music leading up to the event, and several practices for nervous riders, they sponsored an amazing trophy and miniature for Sue to take home.

Sue Ruston - Overall artistic winner



We had wonderful feedback and comments from our riders: "Because I had developed the floorplan, and selected the music to suit my horse, riding the test made me feel at one with my horse and in totally harmony." Another rider had put together a freestyle to "Harry Potter", the music was meaningful to her as her and her son watched the movies together and she used songs that he would sing to her, making riding to the music even more special.

Spectators who had not previously seen dressage to music commented that they enjoyed it so much they would enter the show next year. We are delighted that we can grow peoples interest in Dressage and have them see it can be fun! Bring on 2025





South Island Teams Event 2025

SITE

How many of you know about the South Island Teams Event? SITE? Well do you know that Riding Clubs from across the South Island, from Nelson to Foveau Straight used to meet annually to compete in a number of fun events like pair dressage, CTR ride, Riding club mount, show jumping, arena cross and so on? For two days? There is a trophy somewhere - believed to be won last by the standardbred association!

A number of reasons including covid and some dispersal of key staff mean this event is currently only in the North Island. As a result of my natural curiosity about stuff, chance meetings with people who used to run these events and some previous contacts have meant I have held a preliminary meeting with four other clubs (Wakefield and Districts, Blenheim and districts, Canterbury Advocacy) and we have a secretary, Rosemary Lee-Oldfield, a treasurer, Robyn Moylan (both from Wakefield) who have run it before. We have agreed the following principles.

- Be held in this first year in Canterbury.
- Up to 10 teams accepted with 4-6 riders in teams
- Composite teams accepted...
- Two days - Labour weekend 2025

I am in charge of getting some venue options and our next meeting 18th December. Watch this space. Meanwhile if anyone else wants to help on this please let me know...





Members Enclosure

Welcome to our new Members

Jane Nuttridge, Penny Thomas, Mark Thomas, Liz Bishop, Coral Huggins, Kerry Helm, Fiona Conyers, Robyn Lewis, Sue Ruston, Sue Belligheimer, Ann Stewart, Jill Newman, Veronica Wedlake, Kirsten Higgenson, Jo Kirk, Christine Christian, Heather Anderson and Wendy Bennett and Beverley Massey-George.

Club Shirt Orders

Just a reminder these can be ordered at anytime but we order in batches of 10 for economies of scale. Order by email us your sizes etc, these range from Men's S - 5XXL and Woman's 6-24 - \$55 each. If you're not sure what size come to a rally and try check our sizes.



Membership from January to 30th June

Membership from 1st January will be half price! That is, you still pay the \$20 joining fee but only pay \$20 for the six months.

email secretary, waimakridingclub@gmail.com for membership link please

We hope you enjoy the content but if there is anything you would like to see featured in our newsletters either send us a PM on the FB page or drop a line to: waimakridingclub@gmail.com



Committee Matters

Your committee have met a number of times over the last six months. Minutes are available on request. I have generally attended to important matters in the FB or by email to you.

It is with much regret that the WRC committee accept the resignation of our fabulous treasurer, Kat Chubb. In her time with us Kat has refined our accounts, helped source our lovely club T shirts, supported me closely with the Rata fund application. She also did a stirring job at the dressage Quest and musical freestyle day holding things together. As a result we will be looking to fill this role as soon as possible please. Can you pm me, Gwen, if you are able to discuss this role.

Nicolette has tendered her resignation as the secretary to the club. Her husband is starting a new business and Nicolette is needed to support the back office of that work. Nicolette will continue in this role and is taking on the treasurer role until 31st December and thus enabling a handover to a new person. Nicolette similarly has performed a fabulous role pulling together the committee minutes, agenda and so forth, the administration of the Dressage Quest and Musical Freestyle events. Her organisation for the Ribbon Day is second to none. I personally am not a showie so appreciate the work that has gone on here. Getting a spreadsheet together to enable Quest results to be collated in a timely fashion was superb.

Non Committee Role

On a positive note we have had a lovely offer from Sharon Stewart to support sponsorship going forward which we as a committee accepted at our meeting last week. This is a most generous offer from Sharon considering her her busy professional life. Sharon has excellent contacts in the sponsorship world.



**Supreme Christmas
Ribbon Day Cup
donated by
Helen Bowler**

Thanks Helen Bowler



Committee Finances

Your previous committee have left us in a sound financial position for a new club. The Dressage Quest and Musical Freestyle have improved that position. The Christmas Ribbon Day will improve that. We still have to hear from the Rata Foundation application I made to support coaching. There is often a dilemma with spending and relative proportions of spend in which direction. Do we want facilities and things or to spend on members?

Our general direction has been to spend on members, supporting coaching and do some of the leg work ourselves. My own thinking is this approach, at this time supports developing a sense of community and engagement! Keeps us fit! We have also been very busy getting the Team Dressage Quest underway and now Ribbon Day so thinking about other things has had to wait.

Your committee continues to support coaching which varies depending on the coach and facilities used. Club subsidies for rallies to date are \$657.00 In due course, we may look at other options but the benefits for us and our horses are more than we might imagine.

My Money for Business - 000: \$3020.85
Bus First Oncall Account - 002: \$6331.19

Bus First Transact - 001: \$544.07

Transfer from 000 bank Acc to 001 bank Acc:

Guest speaker dinner payments (Sept & Oct): \$61.00 to reimburse 001 acc for these purchases using the bank card.

Dressage Quest: \$90.00 - Petrol Vouchers x 3

Dressage Quest: Prize Money \$400.00; Judges payment: \$210.00; Cash float: \$20.00

Withdrawals from Bank Account 001:

Dressage Quest:

- Gifts purchased for Chris & Andrea Marsden (two bottles of wine) - Liquorland 04.11.2024: \$43.98
- Petrol Vouchers x 3 purchased via bank card – Caltex Redwood 29.10.2024: \$90.00
- Prize Money \$400.00; Judges payment: \$210.00; Cash float: \$20.00 – cash withdraw 04.11.2024: \$630.00
- Coffee Cart purchased for Judges & Writers: Golden Brew Coffee Cart 10.11.2024: \$54.00

Transferred from 000 bank Acc to 002 bank Acc:

Total profit from Dressage Quest Event: \$1863.39

Petty Cash information:

Cash Float: \$50

Additional Cash – profit from DQ sausage sizzle: \$62.10

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