



CLUB NEWS
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Hello There Members,

This years show season is now drawing to a close, as are the length of our days to tend to our wee friends. Make sure you are well prepared for the forthcoming winter. Take a moment to check your covers and repair any that require fixing. Source some good quality supplementary feed in case it's a long winter and get your worming/feet all up to date so you can put your feet up and have some well deserved time to yourselves.

The Clubs February **Premier and B rated shows** that were run in conjunction with the **NZMHA Showcase 3** were a great success with horse numbers entered tallying 106 entries. The committee would like to thank you all for your support and to those of you who helped with the set up and break down of the show, your efforts didn't go unrecognised – we sincerely appreciate it.

The Club Raffle that was circulating has been carried over to our next Club day so we can try and sell some more tickets. The prize is a stool on wheels – ideal for clipping and also useful when washing the legs and bellies of your horses.

The Club is continuing to attract new members which is encouraging in the current economic times. Our **training clinic** that we held back in January was well supported albeit it rained on the day, it didn't dampen the spirits of those who offered their time to share their knowledge and products with you all. Thank you to our trade stalls who turned up and offered our membership an opportunity to top up on gear for the second part of the season.

Congratulations to you all who attended the February show – it was great to not hear too many grizzles from the sidelines. To those members who were financial members of the Waikato Club as at the closing date for entries for our November show, and who placed under our Premier Show judge – Beverly Richards, prizemoney has been calculated and the majority has been distributed. If you haven't received any and think that you should, give us a yoddlle and we can look into it for you. It could be that you placed under a different judge – don't sit back and grumble – talk to us so we can sort it out.

A bouquet to our big sash winners:

Category A:

Judge 1 – Supreme # 84 - Los Arboles Idols Rave Review
Judge 1 – Runner Up #2 – Bluegables Locomotion
Judge 2 – Supreme # 84 – Los Arboles Idols Rave Review
Judge 2 – Runner Up # 86 – Bluegables Miss Liberty Belle
Judge 3 – Supreme # 84 – Los Arboles Idols Rave Review
Judge 3 – Runner Up # 81 – Bluegables Monarchs Dream Catcher

Category B:

Judge 1 – Supreme # 82 – Bluegables Aloha Maverick
Judge 1 – Runner Up # 65 Ridgewood SE Fancy the Illusion



Judge 2 – Supreme # 82 – Bluegables Aloha Maverick
Judge 2 – Runner Up # 28 – Honeybourne Cheys Dash of Colour
Judge 3 – Supreme # 82 – Bluegables Aloha Maverick
Judge 3 – Runner Up # 28 – Honeybourne Cheys Dash of Colour

What's Coming Up... Winter Projects???

A number of you mentioned at our January clinic that we need more days like that, so the committee have put their heads together and are bringing you another day – although different in format, we hope to make it another great day for catching up with fellow miniature horse enthusiasts in a social environment, and a chance to tap into the knowledge that some of our membership are willing to share.

It is to be held on **Sunday 29th May from 10.00am to 2.00pm** and this time will be held at Cambridge Thoroughbred Lodge in the Parade Ring area. So rain, hail or shine, we will be under cover and the seating arrangement should make it easier for presenters to be heard and easier for them to deliver their session.

Everyone is welcome – this session will be free of charge to our Club members with a \$5.00 charge for non-members. Join up on the day and we'll refund your entry fee.

Whilst the format is still being finalised, it is envisaged that we will have a local vet along to talk about foaling which is just around the corner, a feed specialist to talk on nutrition – what to feed as a maintenance feed over winter and Judy has offered to talk on show conditioning your horse for the next show season. We will have Kay Dance facilitating a session on the correct way to approach trail obstacles and what to work on with your jump training over winter as your horse's fitness increases. To finish off, it will be back indoors for an informative session on colour – Judy will be speaking on Silver & Dilutes and Kay on Sabino's.

We require the loan of a couple of horses for the trail and hunter demonstrations. If you can help, please call Cathy 07) 3331699 or 021) 105 3038, or email me on twinpine@kinect.co.nz.

We are also hoping that we can get our trade people back offering you a range of products so you have a one stop shop. So start saving those pennies so you can shop till you drop.



Q & A: Once again, our demonstrators will be on hand to answer those questions that you've always wanted to ask.

FLUFFY FUN DAY – AUGUST – DATE still to be confirmed

A day to bring out your fluff balls, it will be a day to bring out your fluffy foals, yearlings that haven't seen a showing. We'll be running a fun show with recycled ribbons with classes for novice handlers, as well as classes for the more seasoned handlers with younger horses. What else do you want???? Give us your feedback so everyone is happy.

Food for Thought



In closing, give some thought to our upcoming AGM later in the year. The current committee is pretty thin on the ground and we desperately need another couple of people who are prepared and able to help with shows as well as training days. We all like to show our horses as well. If you know someone who can steward or announce or sell raffles or sort ribbons, and is thinker and a worker, come and talk to us, or better still, turn up to the AGM and get someone to nominate you. We would welcome you with open arms.

Keep an eye on Tiny Tales. We hope to have the final format for our May Club Day in the next issue. Stay safe out there.

Committee

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