



CLUB NEWS

June/July 2011

Hello There Members,

Things have wound down a bit with both our horses and ourselves enjoying a well deserved break. It's looking like winter is finally beginning to arrive, with the recent cold snap. I guess a lot of you have had enough of the continual rain drenched weekends that we have been experiencing in the Waikato/Bay of Plenty, and surrounding districts.

A good time to get all your bookwork up to date in front of the fire – check your registrations and attend to any upgrades that need doing before foaling. Don't forget your annual horse returns and stallion returns need to be lodged with the Registrar before 31 July 2011.

If any of you need assistance with any of your forms, please do not hesitate to contact the Association's helpful Registrar, our Regional Delegate or one of the committee who will do their best to help you where they can.

Hopefully you have all your winter feed sorted, and no doubt those of you who have foals due, will be waiting with anticipation to see what is within that big round belly that is growing out in the paddock.

The Club had a very successful information/trade display back at the end of May. We had a good turnout with members attending from Regions 1 through to Region 5, so it was fabulous to see so many of you.

We also picked up some more new members, so that's always great to see the Club continue to grow. We had a couple of our new members express an interest at coming onto committee which is really neat as we always struggle for numbers at meetings. Believe me, its not as scary as it sounds, a nice relaxed session over dinner with fellow miniature horse enthusiasts.

Hopefully our trade exhibitors had a good day, we appreciated them turning up to support our day and offer our membership the opportunity of a one stop shopping experience. The small fee paid by our trade exhibitors covered the cost of the venue hire, so this was a great day at no cost to the Club. Our thanks to our exhibitors – **AWOL Photography, The Horsewear House, Moo's Mini Covers, Showtime Imports, Breeder Alert Foaling Alarms & Superior Horsewear**, and special thanks to our guest speakers who gave up their time to share some of their knowledge with us.

Although it's winter, we do have things underway for a couple of things over winter.

W.M.H.C. – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Sunday 31st July commencing at 11.00am

This year we are holding the meeting at **Harcourts, 305 Alexandra Street, Te Awamutu** for the purposes of:

- Adoption of the Presidents Report
- Adoption of the Financial Report
- Minutes of the Previous AGM
- Election of Officers
- Membership Fees
- General Business



We need you at this meeting – this is your club, so come along and tell us what we can do better, or tell us what you would like us to do for the membership.

There's morning tea on arrival so **RSVP to Kirstie 0272) 703175 for catering purposes by 24 July 2011.**



“COME AS YOU ARE FUN DAY”
Sunday 21st August – 10.00am

Indoors at “Little Valley Farm” arena, 67 Douch Road, R D 2, Ohaupo

A fun day designed for green horses OR novice handlers. NO CLIPPED HORSES, but horses must be tidy and clean. Full show attire not required, but handlers must be dressed in a tidy manner.

\$10.00 per Horse – Entry on the Day – Ribbons Only to 4th Place

Classes for Rookie Handlers, Rookie Horses, Heads N’ Tails, Fluffiest Colour Horse, Trot Poles (with a twist), Cone Relay Race

Horses must be registered with NZMHA.

Proof of registration will be required when entering

‘BUY, SELL OR EXCHANGE CORNER’ – for Waikato Club Members Only

There will also be a section set aside indoors at the Fun Day to buy, sell or exchange your second hand horse gear. This will be available to Waikato Club Members only and will be free of charge.

PROBLEM HORSE?

Got a problem with a horse that you have been unable to solve. Bring it along and I’m sure one of our members will be able to assist with solutions

Further information is available from Kirstie 0272) 703175 or Cathy 021) 105 3038



CLUB RAFFLE – CLIPPING STOOL

The Club Raffle was drawn at the Info/Trade Day and we are pleased to advise that the winner was Carolyn Green from Ngaruawahia. Congratulations Carolyn, we’re sure you will find it useful for clipping and washing.

CLUB WEBSITE – “FOR SALE” SECTION

Just a reminder that the Club’s website is again being regularly updated by our Webmaster Meaghan Lloyd.

There is a “For Sale” section available for Club Members to use.

An affordable alternative option – a photo advert with details of your horse for \$10.00 or a text only ad for \$5.00. Check it out www.wmhc.co.nz. Email your photo and details to info@wmhc.co.nz.

That just about concludes things for our year. On behalf of the committee of the Waikato Miniature Horse Club, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support and encouragement throughout the year and look forward to a bigger, busier, brighter year next year.

Keep warm over the forthcoming months and safe foaling to you all.

Committee

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