



## **CLUB NEWS**

August/September 2011

### **Complimentary Copy**

The purpose of your receiving this Complimentary Copy of our new Bi-Monthly "CLUB NEWS" is to give you an insight into what you could receive should you opt to join up with the Waikato Miniature Horse Club.

The new Committee agreed that it was worth a shot to do a bulk mailout to all North Island members of NZMHA inviting them to join our Club and become part of the fastest growing Club in N.Z.

### **WAIKATO MINIATURE HORSE CLUB MEMBERSHIP**

As part of our membership drive, it was passed at our recent AGM that there be no increase to fees for the forthcoming year.

**Membership Fees Are Due on 01 September 2011.** Attached to this newsletter, you will find either a membership application or membership renewal for completion depending on the current status of your membership with our club.

Forms are also available for download from the Club's website [www.wmhc.co.nz](http://www.wmhc.co.nz).

When completing, please make sure that you complete the option section of receiving Club information – either by email "E News". If no is selected, you will be added to our postal mailing list.

**SEPTEMBER SPECIAL** we are running a September Special – JOIN UP OR RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP BY 30 SEPTEMBER and go into the draw to win your membership fee back.

### **What's In It For You?**

By becoming a member of the WMHC, you will receive:

- A bi-monthly newsletter of upcoming events, & dates
- Prizemoney if placed under one of our selected judges at our February Show
- Membership priviledges with sales days, promotions and show stabling
- Affordable advertising on the Club's website "For Sale" page – [www.wmhc.co.nz](http://www.wmhc.co.nz)

### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

We had a great turnout for this year's Annual General Meeting, and we now have a new committee. Some old faces returned for another term, some new old faces & some new blood – a good mix to take the Club forward. A couple of our old committee have stepped down for a well deserved break but I'm sure will still be there to tap into their supply of knowledge when we need it.

So introducing our new committee:

*President:* Kirstie McGrail

*Secretary:* Cathy Kelly

*Committee:* Denise Russell

Ray Smith

Shane & Colleen Phillips

Michelle Van Bennekom

*Web Master:* Meaghan Lloyd

*Vice President:*

*Treasurer:*

Stu Mollison

Ross McGrail

### **Outcome of Remits:**

All three remits that were proposed, were passed with a unanimous vote. Once these rule changes have been filed with the Incorporated Societies, we will get an updated rule book out to all financial members.

### **NOVEMBER SHOW – SUMMER BONANZA**

*Planning is underway!*

Our show date has been approved – **Saturday 12th / Sunday 13th November 2011.**

Venue – Cambridge Thoroughbred Lodge, Cambridge.

Stu is already working with Lee at CTL with regards to the grounds. We want to make certain that the arena surface is far superior to what we had to deal with last year.

This show was changed from a 3 judge show to a 2 judge show at the AGM after a request from the membership. Not only will this make it a little more affordable for people with entry fees in the current economic climate, we are hoping that it will enable us to get through the programme in a far more sensible timeframe.

We are nearing completion of securing a couple of International judges from Australia, so as soon as they have been approved through the LOC, we will be publishing their names.

**Sponsorship** – We've had great response from sponsors, some of who have committed as Principal Sponsors for the forthcoming season right through to our February Show. We are forever grateful of the generosity of these sponsors who will be unveiled in our Summer Bonanza schedule. We will be able to offer prizes for lots of things – so even if you don't own a Supreme winning horse, you could still do very well with some of the prizes and products that are on offer.

**Trophy Recall** – The Club appears to have some perpetual trophies missing that haven't been returned for a couple of years. Can you all take a moment to check amongst your stash on the mantelpiece and see if you have one there. If so, please give either Cathy a call on 07) 333 1699 or Denise on 07) 333 7006, so we can arrange for its return.

**For those of you who remember “The Biggest Little Horse Show Ever” - this show is shaping up to be even BIGGER and BETTER... PUT IT ON YOUR SHOW CALENDAR NOW ..... IT'S NOT ONE TO BE MISSED.**

#### **\*\*\* NZMHA MEASURING DAYS \*\*\***

Cambridge – Sunday 25th September 2011 – 12 Noon– Cambridge Thoroughbred Lodge, Cambridge

Rotorua – Sunday 2nd October 2011 – 10.00am – PGG Wrightson, Cnr Marguerita & White Streets, Rotorua

*Measuring By Appointment Only – No Appointment / No Measure*

*Book a Time with Cathy 07) 333 1699 or 021) 105 3038*

### **A & P SHOW DATES**

Contact the A&P Secretary to see if they are running a miniature section and arrange for a copy of the schedule to be sent to you.

NOTE: You will also need to organise for an RAS measure as your NZMHA height certificate is not able to be used.

#### **Matamata – 9 October 2011**

Secretary – Jan McIntyre – Phone 07) 888 3565

#### **Waikato – 2011 Royal NZ Show – 28-30 October 2011**

Secretary: Jim Keyte – Phone 07) 855 4776

#### **Cambridge – 26 November 2011**

Secretary: Robyn Brettell – Phone 07) 827 5542 or Cell 027) 622 4184

#### **Te Kauwhata – 10 December 2011**

Secretary: Alison Davies – Phone: 07) 826 4002

#### **Rotorua – 28 January 2012**

Secretary: Pat Corcoran – Phone: 07) 357 979

**CLUB WEBSITE – “FOR SALE” SECTION**

[www.wmhc.co.nz](http://www.wmhc.co.nz)

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](http://www.wmhc.co.nz). Email your photo and details to [info@wmhc.co.nz](mailto:info@wmhc.co.nz).

**MINIATURE HORSE – SALES DAY / TRADE EXHIBITS**

While still in the planning stages, we are looking at running a sales day before the end of the year. In the interim, with the date still to be finalised, we are asking for expressions of interest to be registered if you are interested in receiving information updates, and have a horse or two to sell.

Please register your interest with Stu Mollison – either email – [twinpine@kinect.co.nz](mailto:twinpine@kinect.co.nz) or phone – Home 07) 333 1699 or Mobile 0275) 901 430

Depending on the number of horses, there may be a limit on the number of horses per stud. The Venue is planned to be the Parade Sales Ring at Cambridge Thoroughbred Lodge.

Costs are still being finalised along with final format for the day.

It is envisaged there will be a one off parade fee which will also cover an advert in the sales catalogue.

**REGISTER YOUR INTEREST NOW, PLUS JOIN THE WMHC CLUB AND YOUR MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS COULD START ROLLING IN WITH A DISCOUNTED FEE FOR CLUB MEMBERS.**

That’s about all for this issue, hope your horses are wintering well, foaling is underway for many of us and I bet you are all getting itchy hands to get that hair off those hairy creatures out in the paddock.

Time to sharpen up those clipper blades.

Take care and safe foaling.

*Committee*

WAIKATO MINITAURE HORSE CLUB INC.