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OWRC

Friendship through Horsemanship

Hi all,



The OWRC show season is now done and dusted. We have been lucky to be able to run all three of our shows this season. It has been very trying times for clubs and members due to many shows being altered to accommodate for COVID restrictions and subsequently being cancelled. Please note there will be a limited number of shows next season that will count towards your NZWRF-SI Buckle Series points. We will let you know which shows these are closer to the time.

We have arranged a few training dates with Kelly Kennan at Telford over the winter months as shown in the Upcoming Dates section at the end of the Newsletter. There will likely be some more training organized following the Annual General Meeting and possibly a few Club Days for members to attend to keep you practicing over the winter months. Kelly's training costs have increased slightly and we will let you know the cost for her training sessions in due course. The training is subsidized by the club for members and very affordable, it is well worth coming along to improve your riding experience. The Training Coordinator will contact everyone by email closer to the dates to book times for everyone who is interested. Please put the dates in your diaries.

We are very fortunate with many of our members and friends coming forward to ensure that our shows run so smoothly. The shows would not be the same without all of your time and dedication. Thank you so much for everything you do for the club. It would be much appreciated if anyone who isn't riding at a show and is able to help out over a show weekend, whether it's helping cook the BBQ, or being a gate steward, or the announcer, it would also be helpful if everyone could help set up and put away the trail equipment as many hands make light work.

I hope you have all enjoyed riding this season and have had fun attending the shows.

Take care and kind regards,
Pam

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Notice of AGM and Prizegiving

The Annual General Meeting and Prizegiving will be held on Sunday the 22nd of May 2022, with lunch at 12 noon and the meeting starting at 1pm, followed by the prizegiving. We will confirm the venue to everyone shortly. Please add this date in your diary and we will send out the agenda and request numbers attending closer to the time. It is always a great day out, so come along and have some input into your Club. Everyone is most welcome to attend and it is a great chance to have a nice meal and a chat.

Please remember to get your trophies professionally engraved and cleaned. It is important for everyone to return their trophies in time for the prizegiving. Those not able to attend please arrange to have them returned to a committee member prior to the AGM.

Not all trophies have been returned and we are looking to replace missing trophies. However, please check to see if you have any trophies received at previous prizegivings. It is important that the members who receive prizes enter their name into the notebook at the end of the prizegiving. We have some trophies that were donated some time ago that can be used to replace the missing trophies.

We have located the Hi Point Awards Rules & Trophy Criteria Guidelines which is ***attached*** near the end of the Newsletter. You may like to have a read of this and keep the criteria in mind during the next show season.

Central Otago Western Riding Club Donation – Ranch Riding Hi-Point Buckle

We have been very fortunate to receive a wonderful donation from the Central Otago Western Riding Club on the winding up of their club. The Committee arranged to purchase a Ranch Hi-Point Buckle with the funds received. Laura O'Brien kindly arranged for her mum to courier the buckle to us. We have now received the stunning buckle as shown below:





We have contacted the Central Otago Western Riding Club to thank them for their very kind donation and sent a photo of the buckle for them to share with their members.

OWRC Summer Show

We had an excellent show with high attendance and lots of great comments. A big thanks to Olivia for doing such a great job with the announcing and keeping everything moving along, and to Lindsey McPherson for doing an excellent job as the ring steward. Also, thanks to all the helpers including Kelly, Emma, Sarah, Debbie and Juanita.

Rose Voice kindly donated some OWRC mugs for us to sell as a fundraiser. Most of the mugs were sold at the January Show, with only a few left over which were snapped up at the March Show. Rose, thank you for your wonderful donation to the club.

Having the trough was great and it was well used, the carpark layout was excellent with plenty of room. Thanks to Emma for the lovely planter boxes. Emma suggested we could make some permanent timber boxes for the club and maybe use them within the arena for certain classes.

We did receive a few complaints which included the arena surface and a lack of salads for the Saturday night BBQ. This was discussed and the arena resurfacing will happen in due course and more salads would be provided at future shows dependent on the number of entries received indicating attendance. We also decided to provide bottled water for drinking as the water at Telford is not that good for drinking.

There was also mention about a need for training regarding show etiquette when riding around the rail. It was noticed riders were moving in circles instead of across the ring to a clear space. There were also concerns regarding the number of horses in the classes when riding on the rail. We discussed the possibility of the Judge picking the 6 riders with the highest points to go around the rail when the class entries are very large.

We had some issues with a competitor not cleaning up their areas prior to leaving at the end of the show. This member was contacted as it is a violation of our club's rules and unacceptable. We discussed changing the club rules at the Annual General Meeting to enable us to charge a fee for this violation in future.







OWRC Autumn Show

Our Autumn Show went really well with some good comments including that the class order was great and competitors enjoyed us mixing the classes up a bit, it was lovely to see so many young children out there having a go, and also that the lollies were a great hit with everyone. We also received many comments saying the sound system was excellent, with a speaker outside so everyone would know exactly when things were starting and how long breaks were for and it was also great for the music.

The Judge raised a couple of matters including regarding the arena surface and that the accommodation was of a poor quality. We discussed this and it was decided that in future if we are unable to book accommodation at Bate's Beach at Kaka Point then we will book at the Highway Lodge Motel in Balclutha.

It was noted that some of the yards need repaired and the forks and wheelbarrows were not in good working order. It was discussed that in the past we have repaired the yards, but as this would be an ongoing cost, we believe future repairs should be completed by Telford. It was also decided we would request Telford to purchase some new forks and new tyres for the wheelbarrows as most of them were flat.





Club Training

Training in December with Kelly - It was fantastic to have some more training from Kelly in between our shows, everyone enjoyed the weekend and it was very well supported. Thanks to Koriana for having Kelly stay overnight and for dropping her to the airport.

Koriana suggested Rachel Carr may be keen to come down for some training with us and it was discussed that this would be a great idea. The training would be in smaller groups, the same as our usual training sessions. Koriana is going to check with Rachel and advise of possible dates that may suit her.

Diane has penciled in winter training with Kelly in July, August and September and these dates are included in the Upcoming Dates section of the Newsletter. These dates work in with her attending CWRA for training. It was discussed that members need pole work. We could also book training with Ian Loader in the holidays.

Kelly's fees have increased slightly but she has given us a good rate due to the many training weekends we have booked with her in the past. We will send details of the training to members and also everyone who attended our shows.

It was discussed that we could do a survey of training ideas to see what people would like to work on, or if there are any other suggestions.



Johnny Tresidder

We are very sorry to advise the sad news that Johnny Tresidder has passed away. We wish to offer our sincere condolences to Irene, Juanita and family in your loss. I am sure all of our thoughts and prayers will stay with you over the coming months.

We received the following email from Juanita in thanks for the gift baskets that were delivered to Irene and Juanita:

I want to say a big thank you to the Club for the very thoughtful gift baskets that were hand delivered in the weekend. It was so great to have goodies to share with visitors without worrying about bare cupboards, when there was so much else going on.

I'm pleased to say Dad was still doing well enough in the weekend prior to his passing, for me to video call from the show and share how it was going. The biggest highlight being that Chip was so relaxed into the show routine (sour face at other horses notwithstanding!) and delivering things that we had been working on. And the cherry on top being the lovely surprise of some ribbons to take home, along with a "wow" from the judge and one of my highest ever scores (HSE pattern), the Versatility win, and our first ever reining patterns. The smile on Dads face to hear all this news was huge.

The committee may be pleased to hear that he had a very cowboy send off. His last meal before he couldn't eat anymore was baked beans. His body was taken home from Hospice in the horse truck which of course he built with Mum all those years ago.

We had no reception or service as he didn't want a fuss and we were in private frame of mind, but he stayed home in his usual place sittin' place in the barn for a couple of days in an understated wooden box, on which we affixed various photos of his life, much dominated by horses of course. His cowboy hat was on top with boots at the foot. And his farriers tools laid on top. No embalming or anything artificial, he was handsome as ever, natural and peaceful.

He went to the crematorium for his last ride in the truck, carried by close friends and lead with a lead rope by Isabella. The small group shared stories of him against a backdrop of country music in an intimate circle around him as we said our goodbyes. We shared whiskey and sausages sitting on hay bales back at the barn and listened to Neon Moon by Brooks and Dunn.

My hope now is that there is a Heaven, and that he is on his horse once again, with his Dad, sending me advice on the wind when I ride.

Thank you once again, and to those who have passed on such lovely messages. Friendship through horsemanship brought to life.

Juanita

Committee Meeting Highlights

The Sound System

The club has now purchased the sound system and the final version was used at the Autumn Show. We have had amazing comments regarding the sound quality and information provided over the system, also that it was excellent to have the speaker outside to advise everyone about upcoming classes and the times frames for lunch and breaks.

A huge thank you to Juanita for all her work in advising Taff Hewton of our requirements and bringing the various versions of the sound system to Telford and also setting everything up. It has been wonderful to try the systems out to see what would be the best options for the club. Taff attended at Telford multiple times to set everything up and ensure that we have the best system for our club's purposes. We had borrowed a headset from Taff for the March Show and he has ordered one for us, also his travel costs were very reasonable. It is fantastic to have a quality system that will be easily set up.

We are now looking at secure storage options for the sound system to be stored at Telford.

Updating the Club Logo

The Committee have voted unanimously to change the club's logo (which was designed in 1985). It was discussed that the current logo is not a very good design and it could be greatly improved. This discussion was brought about by Diane entering a competition to redesign your logo. Lynda Henderson has kindly offered to design some options for us to review. It was discussed that we should discuss this further at the Annual General Meeting.

Health and Safety

The following health and safety concerns arose during the show season:

- There was an accident at the Summer Show due to a spooked horse trampling someone who was taking a photo. It was discussed that we need a separate quiet area to take photos away from other horses to ensure this kind of accident doesn't happen again. The person had been sore for quite a while following the accident and was given an accident record report form to complete.
- Diane had put a post on Facebook that the arena was hard and in poor condition and that shoes or boots would be required for all horses to attend our shows.
- Julie checked the arena prior to the commencement of the shows and filled in a few rabbit holes.

Health & Safety Reminder:

- In the past rabbit holes have been a problem in the arena and it is a good idea to check the arena prior to riding.
- Please ensure no obstacles are left in the arena or warm up area.
- The mounting block should not be placed near the gate as this may cause an accident.

Website

Pam has been updating the website as required and taking any old information off the site. You can view the website at <https://otagowesternriding.wixsite.com/my-site>

Constitution/Charities Funding Application

We had the intention of get funding in place to pay for the sound system. The constitution had been amended with marked up changes and was emailed to the committee for review. There were concerns raised about removing the clause regarding our affiliation with the NZWRF and due to these concerns the document was not finalised. The Charities Service had also asked some questions that we are required to answer. This will need to be considered by the new Committee following the Annual General Meeting.

Resurfacing of Arena

Diane has advised that Telford have earmarked \$70,000.00 to upgrade the arena. We are hopeful this could possibly be completed over the winter.

Firewood Raffle

We are holding a firewood raffle and some members have been posted raffle cards to sell. If you have received a raffle card we would appreciate if you could please send your completed cards to Pam either by messenger or email ASAP. Thank you to everyone who has already sent in their cards. Also please transfer the funds raised as a lump sum to the club's bank account. A big thank you to Casey Boland for the donation of this load of blue gum.



Otago Equine Expo – 2 October 2022

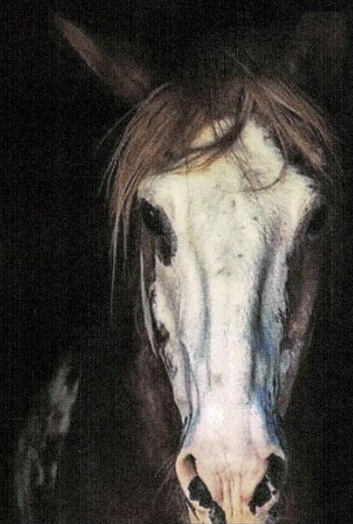
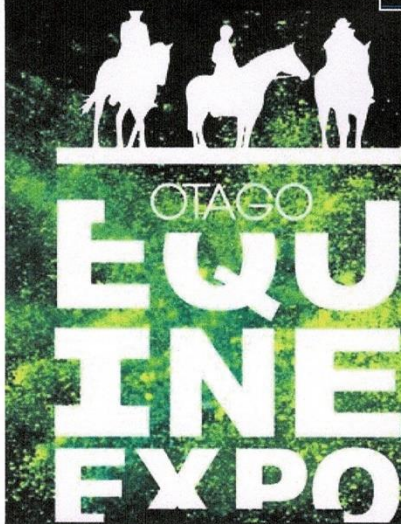
We received a message from the Equine Expo Committee requesting if we would provide a horse and rider demonstration of Western Show Riding at the Expo to be held on 2 October 2022. There will also be a dressage demonstration. We discussed who might be a good member to do the demonstration. We have replied saying that we have a couple of riders in mind and asking them to contact us closer to the time.

www.otagoequineexpo.com

OTAGO EQUINE EXPO '22

Another year, another great show. We would love to see you.

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SUNDAY 2ND OCTOBER 2022

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Trust us, this day is packed full of excitement whether you've been on a horse or not! Our event is family appropriate and provides an excellent day out.

OTAGO WESTERN RIDING CLUB HI POINT AWARDS RULES & TROPHY CRITERIA

1. One horse one rider for all combination for all classes and age divisions.
2. To be eligible for any trophy each horse/rider combination must compete in a minimum of 2 OWRC shows each season. Exception: Freestyle Reining.
3. The Executive Committee reserves the right to exercise discretion in any instance where the awarding of a trophy may not be merited.
4. Must be a financial member by 31st October each season.

Youth Under 14 (Murray Duncan)	Youth under 14 with the highest points (includes games)
Youth Rider (Rona Grant)	Highest youth rider points in any youth division ie. Showmanship, Horsemanship and Hunt Seat Equitation
Youth Overall	Highest youth points in any youth division (includes games)
Senior Youth	Highest senior youth points (includes games)
Junior Youth	Highest junior youth points (includes games)
Youth Horse	All youth events except Showmanship
Led Line	All led line events
Walk & trot	All walk and trot events
Quarter Horse/ Appaloosa/ Grade/ Arab	All events EXCEPT Rookie, Novice, Maiden, Beginners, Showmanship and Games
Breed Halter	Highest individual horse points over halter events
Senior Horse	All Senior Horse events ie. Pleasure, Trail, Hunter Under Saddle, Reining, Riding, Hunter Hack
Junior Horse	All Junior Horse events ie. Pleasure, Trail, Hunter Under Saddle, Reining, Riding, Hunter Hack
Senior Horse Trail	Highest points in Senior Horse Trail
Junior Horse Trail	Highest points in Junior Horse Trail
Senior Horse Versatility	Highest points in Senior Horse Pleasure, Trail, Hunter Under Saddle, Reining and Riding at the Versatility Show ie. March show
Junior Horse Versatility	Highest points in Junior Horse Pleasure, Trail, Hunter Under Saddle and Reining at the Versatility Show ie. March show
Adult	Highest points in Adult classes ie. Showmanship, Horsemanship and Hunt Seat Equitation
Amateur	Highest points in all amateur events.
English Horse/Rider	Highest points over all English events ie. Hunter Under Saddle, Hunt Seat Equitation and Hunter Hack
Games	Highest points over all games EXCEPT youth division games
Rookie	Most points in Rookie events or an Executive Committee decision
Freestyle Reining	Highest points in Freestyle Reining
Horse Overall	All events EXCEPT Rookie, Novice, Maiden, Beginners and Showmanship
Kingsland Trophy	Member showing enthusiasm, motivation and dedication who has contributed to the Club. Not necessarily a trophy winner or rider. Both youth and adult are eligible.

must do
all
classes

Upcoming Dates:

22 May 2022	Annual General Meeting (Venue to be confirmed)
9 & 10 July 2022	Kelly Keenan Training
13 & 14 August 2022	Kelly Keenan Training
10 & 11 September 2022	Kelly Keenan Training
2 October 2022	Otago Equine Expo (Otago A&P Show Grounds)

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