



FROM THE HORSE'S MOUTH

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A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT



Just want to say a huge thanks to everyone that was part of a great show season. A shame that it's over so soon! But now is the time to get to work and brush up on those skills fix what isn't working and seek help if needed.

Join in on club days and the winter training that's on offer or get in touch with one of our members who are always more than happy to help! Remember we all started somewhere.

Teamwork makes the dream work 🤝

Cheers and enjoy your ride, Fe.

WHAT'S NEW

PRESIDENTS WORD

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Sun 19th May, 2024.
12 noon, Kelly's Kitchen, Milton.**

**RSVP prior by email to
otagowesternridingclub@hotmail.com**

**Come and celebrate, enjoy a meal.
Be part of our Annual Awards and plan for OWRC's future.**

Please return any engraved trophies prior
or hand deliver on the day.

COMING EVENTS



Club Days.

TELFORD ARENA, BALCLUTHA.
12 NOON - 4PM

Sunday 5th May

Sunday 9th June

Sunday 7th July

Important : Please confirm you are coming prior and that Club day is still on. 12 people required to run this event. **Cost \$10 per person.**



Kelly Keenan Winter Training.

TELFORD ARENA, BALCLUTHA.

3rd & 4th Aug

24th & 25th August

21st & 22nd Sept

26th & 27th October

Cost : \$100/lesson for members.
\$120 for non members.

Booking : Please book through the OWRC Training Page where clinic availability will be announced.



PAST EVENTS

Amatuer Training Clinics.

This year there have been a small number or training clinics available to our Amateurs run privately and through AQHANZ in the South Island with Taj Carson and Matt Freiberg, Kate Elliott and Ian Loader. We hope to see more of these opportunities in future.

PAST EVENTS

March 2024 Show

Juanita Tresidder

The club rounded out the season with our final show in March enjoyed by all.

Due to the price of flights to get the judge down and entries being slightly lower, the show ran at a slight loss but was on par with recent years and still considered a great success for those attending. Thanks to our wonderful Club sponsors and fundraising efforts that mean we stay in the black!

The show atmosphere was supportive and enjoyable with many hands making lighter work. Whenever possible, riders and supporters are always encouraged to please help with show tasks, particularly setting up and dismantling the trail. Great to have Telford students lending a hand too!

Trying something new, members rallied to donate a range of prizes from caps and DVDs to Healthy Horses Inside Out supplements, lollies - something for every class, thank you to those who contributed.

New on the schedule was a Young-stock Versatility Class comprising of Halter, Lunge-line and In-hand Trail for youngsters not yet shown under saddle. Each youngster faced new challenges in the process which was a great way to introduce them to the show environment. Well done to everyone for braving the first-time jitters that come with showing a horse new to the ring and in a new class.

Congratulations to Jennie Clarke and OS Ovy Done It won with a consistent performance - a very promising combination. Thank you to Tara McConnell for donating the winner's rug.

Thank you also to Shirley Grant at Nooramunga Ranch for providing the beautiful garland for Supreme Halter Horse won by Arcoda's Naturally Invited owned by Morag Thorne.

A massive thank you to our Judge Fiona Mapp, Ring Steward Lindsay McPherson, Show secretary Emma Shaw and Day Secretary Kelly Nicolson and Gate Steward Fiona O'Donnell. We literally couldn't have done it without you!



PAST EVENTS

AQHA NZ NATIONAL SHOW 2024

FEILDING, NORTH ISLAND.

Millicent Ferguson-Wilson

The 2024 Quarter Horse Nationals was well attended by 64 combinations. Otago club members Diane Beattie, Millicent Ferguson-Wilson, and Lynda Henderson made the long drive up with their horses to attend the show. The show ran from the 19th to the 23rd of March, at Manfield park in Fielding. The show runs both New Zealand and American classes, this year judged by Jake Hartman from the USA.

The programme includes open feature classes, futurities, and a novelty trail. On the Wednesday morning, the show also welcomed English judge Debbie Hirini to judge the classical english classes for the show - dressage, paced and mannered, and rider classes.

Our team very much enjoyed the experience. The horses travelled and performed amazing, with all of us attaining personal achievements. I was fortunate enough to win two classes - amateur working western rail and open paced & mannered hack, as well as several other great placings, including 6th in a strongly contested open ranch riding. Lynda and Diane also achieved some great placings in the select amateur classes.



Lynda and I spent many nights constructing our costumes and had a great time showing around a tricky trail pattern. Neither of us placed, but it was a fantastic evening.

This year the show also ran an open walk/jog class in memory of the late Vicky Evans and Paula Hare, with proceeds going towards the Cancer Foundation.

The awards dinner on Saturday night at the completion of the show is always great entertainment, with a quiz, wonderful food, prize giving and raffle draw. Lots of laughs were had and it was great to catch up with the other competitors. We were also lucky enough to receive training from the judge on Sunday at the completion of the show. He has a wealth of experience and was eager to share his show ring and training tips with us.

All in all it was a fantastic week and we cannot wait for the next National show in 2025! Mils



PAST EVENTS

APHANZ NATIONAL SHOW 2024

WALLACE, SOUTHLAND.

Lynda Henderson

A few of the Otago team (Mils, Lynda, Diane, Tara and Rose) made their way south to the Appy Nationals to support Tara's "Super Horse" on her national show campaign.

Of course, Chev was the spotty star of show leading the line up in most cases. Was a great 3 day event with beautiful weather and we made the most of the shorter show days adding an impromptu twilight ranch trail class in the evening and the good-natured Gavin Warne was only too happy to oblige with judging the event, prize money sponsored by Equine Rewind and won by Tara McConnell!. Tara's other mount, the somewhat shorter and slimmer Lighting McQueen also made a guest appearance!

The first 2 days had the ground, hunter and western classes. The last day featured more traditional english classes. We had a great time and hope to have more Otago Club members there with us next season.



PAST EVENTS

AQHANZ SOUTH ISLAND SHOW & NZWRF SHOW 2024

CHRISTCHURCH, SOUTH ISLAND.

Lynda Henderson

These two shows were consecutive weekends. A 2 day show one weekend with the next 3 day show kicking off on the following Friday.

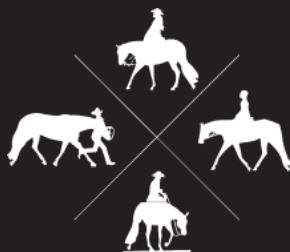
Some of our OWRC club members travelled to Christchurch for these shows. (Mils, Lynda, Stuart, Diane, Nicki, Tara, Emma, and Rose). Some making the decision to stay put and train rather than make the trip home and turn around and come back in 4 days, except for Rose. She did exactly that. Incredible commitment Rose!

Both where incredibly well run shows, thank you Lindsey, Ian and Sally McPherson (OWRC & AQHANZ) and the CRWA and your helpers for all your hard work.

The AQHANZ show was dedicated to Vicky Evans, Blue Lake Quarter Horse Stud, Turangi, who sadly passed away far too soon, The show was judged by Australian judges LeeAnn and Jeffrey Hall and competitors enjoyed the opportunity for feedback sessions with them.

The and the Federation Show was judged by Ian Loader. Some of the competitors were lucky enough to make the most opportunity post show and take up the opportunity for some lessons.





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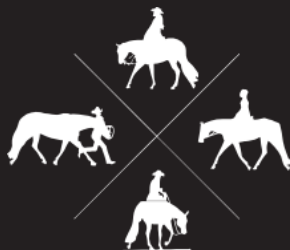
Happy Retirement Lace!

Leather and Lace has retired making the OWRC Summer show her last. Jennie and Lace took out the high point reining score on her seasoned mare Lace, winning a beautiful rug sponsored by the New Zealand Reining Horse Association (NZRHA).



Welcome to the team Bryll!

Bryll is a very cute Malamute. He belongs to Kelly Ann Nicholson our Show Administrator. He is her new show assistant, partner in crime and receiver of pats.



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