

Springston Pleasure Riding Club



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Hi from Vicky

We can hardly believe its time to write another newsletter. To me that means the end of the holidays, the end of the Christmas/new year celebrations and time to think about school again. With Caelan staying at Springston this year and Kiera hopefully starting a couple of mornings at preschool soon. It also means no grass, thinking about winter feed and everything else that goes along with that.

I trust everyone had a fantastic break. We had two family Christmas' days and went away to Picton and Woodville for a week. Great to get away and hopefully we can drag out the tent somewhere along the way before the light

wanes and the nights grow chiller. Speaking of tents Maggie, Lynda, Jan and I had the pleasure of going to Castle Ridge Station for a 3 day, 4 night trek. It was awesome and I think Maggie must have a cast iron butt to safely ride Cherekee jogging for 3 days straight! It was a lot of fun, the tracks were great and the food was lovely. The wind was annoying at night with 2 tents being lost but luckily (not including the flying veranda) the tent in which Lynda and I were sleeping held up pretty well. I can even say my team won the games night (not on horseback). So maybe we cheated but hey...

Heath also amazed me

with his walking skills and it was handy having a good bloke around when tent poles were flying and pegs were bending!

Topaz was a good boy and received a minor war wound from the battlefield protecting his "temporary" lady Cherekee. My thighs were sore on the Sunday night from riding and running and Topaz slept in the paddock for 3 days but we are rearing to go again now. We are missing Lady sorely who has turned into a bit of a slappa up in Loburn and not concentrating on her school-work!!

On the subject of school-work practices are well on the way for SITE's and the uniform has been ordered. Please remember to clean up your poo from the grounds. We are still waiting for the tests to come back and the sponsor I approached already rides for Canterbury.

Maxine's Corner

Harry was shipwrecked on a tropical island for twelve months. One day out of the surf came a stunning blonde dressed in scuba gear. Slowly, languidly, voluptuously she walked down the beach and laid down beside Harry.

"Would you like a cigarette?", she purred in his ear.

Are you kidding?, asked Harry.

She unzipped a pocket of her wetsuit pulled out a packet of cigarettes, lit one for Harry and put it in

his mouth.

Then she asks, "How about a nice, cold beer?"

"Yes, yes, yes!" cries Harry.

She unzipped another pocket produced two glasses and a bottle and poured them both a drink. She moved closer to

him whispering seductively in his ear, "How would you like to play around?"

"Oh God", says Harry disbelievingly, "don't tell me you've got golf clubs in there too!"



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Across

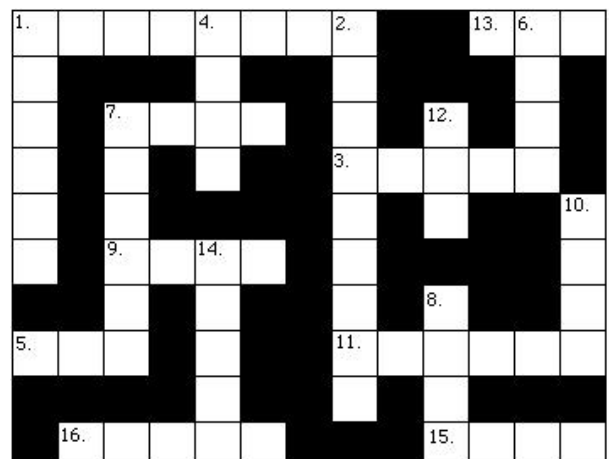
1. A horse with a golden coat and a flaxen mane and tail.
3. Long narrow straps attached to the bridle and used by the rider to guide the horse.
5. The name of the horse in *National Velvet* is The _____.
7. The father of a horse.
9. The bony part at the base of a horse's tail.
11. A gait in three-time, with a rocking motion.
13. A brown horse with a black mane & tail & points.
15. Another name for gait.
16. The Western term for a girth.

Down

1. A very collected trot on the spot, asked for in Dressage.
2. When the hindfoot hits the forefoot as the horse moves.
4. A female horse.
6. All the signals that a rider uses to communicate with the horse, includes legs, hands, and seat.
7. A piece of tack.
8. A small white marking on the horses face, down near the muzzle.
10. When a horse rises up on its hind legs.
12. A metal bar which goes in the horse's mouth.
14. Sharp pains in the horse's stomach. Causes include over-eating and eating the wrong foods.

Nag Nag Nag

ALL fess due before 31 March to align with NZ Riding Clubs, Bridleways etc
\$25 per year :)



Riding Dates 2008

26 January

Springston PC grounds

Practice \$5 per horse. Please remember to clean up your (horses) poo! And bring some lunch!

9 February

Springston PC grounds. Practice and instructor Jane will be available for 1/2 lessons at \$20. Please book in advance (plus ground fee)

23 February

Springston PC grounds

Lesson may be jumping combined lesson. We will know closer to the time. Please indicate numbers and preferences.

8 March

Springston PC grounds

Final lessons with Jane. Please do attend for practice or just getting together of horses and riders if you don't require lessons

22 March Easter

The big day has arrived! The Harris Teams Trophy and The Peegasus Trophy held at Rangiora A&P show-grounds.

23 March SITE's competition

We will need dressage writers and helpers on these days so please volunteer yourselves, friends etc. We need one for each team entered!!!!

5 April The Lake

Aah back to relaxation!!! Meet at Colin and Cherry's on Wolfes Road for a ride around the lake and back around the road. Please bring lunch to share and a drink.

19 April Iris Gardens

Continuing our therapy meet at the gardens in Ridge Road Motukarara for a ride out and Devonshire tea after. Cost approx \$10. I need numbers earlier that week!

3 May Tai Tapu/Greenpark ride

Meet at Marilyn's for a ride out. Please bring lunch to share.

17 May Prebbleton

Meet at Maxine's in Tosswill Road for a ride out. Please bring lunch to share and ya togs!

31 May Irwell

Meet at Kathy's in Hanmer Road for a ride out. Please bring lunch to share.

14 June Coes Ford

Ride out around the winter block and back for a paddle. Please bring lunch to share, a drink and a chair.

28 June Mid year dinner

Venue and theme to be decided closer to the time. Either potluck dinner or maybe dine out???????

12 July

26 July

9 August

23 August

13 September

27 September

Trail Ride

11 October

25 October

8 November

22 November

6 December

13 December

Christmas break up



Are You Smart?

Crossword From Dione

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We are back on line
check it out!

TO

Games Day Report by famous reporter Kathryn O'Halloran-Morse

Seven horses and riders, plus three ground helpers showed up for fun and games at my property in Irwell on a fine but windy October day.

We kicked off the day with an inspection of the "obstacle" course. The purpose of the course was to challenge the horse and the rider to do something different or new. It consisted of:

- A couple of low jumps
- Trotting poles laid out in a pattern that had to be walked-keeping within the boarder
- A keyhole exercise
- A dismount/mount exercise
- Carpet walking
- Bending poles
- Pick up/drop off items on to barrels.

Each rider set their own goals and competed to achieve them. It was great to see everyone having a go and we all did really well.

In the second game Dione and Reddy proved to be a formidable

pair and took the prize playing non musical chairs. We dared not get in their way as they dashed like lightning to a marker when the "music" stopped.

The final game was probably more fun for the horses than the riders. It was a team effort with riders having to help their horses chomp through their allocation of carrots. None were more efficient than the refined Mr. "Jaws" Phoenix and Miss "Piggy" Marilyn. What an impressive combination!

After that we all still had room for a light lunch and a cup of tea. A good fun day in all.

A BIG THANK YOU

To Vicky for unfailing enthusiasm and support she gives/has given to the Springston Pleasure Riding Club.

As a founding member of SPRC Vicky remains the longest standing member (or should that be longest "riding"?) While SPRC is not run by "committees", "presidents", "secretaries" and the like, Vicky is

the closest to a president we have (in an unofficial, non-bossy sense). So from the members of the club, we thank you Vicky for sticking with it, for all the rides you've organized, for sending out newsletters, for initiating fund raising days, for making things happen, collecting our subs, registering our club, drumming up new riders and for your encouragement and good humour.

It would be remiss not to mention Maxine also, who has been an unfailing support to Vicky in keeping the club ticking along in many ways.

The SPRC gives those of us who share a love of horses a chance to go for a ride on a beautiful day, a chance to get together and exchange ideas and stories and a chance to foster a supportive network and lasting friendships.

Thanks again Vicky, your efforts are well recognized and appreciated. Good on you!

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