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### The Prez Sez . . .

Welcome to our new 08/09 season. Those of you who attended the AGM will know there has been a bit of a change of the guard. Angela felt it was time to step back and concentrate on other things in her life, and I have now taken on the president's role for the club. Angela has left some rather big shoes to fill, but has definitely put in more than her fair share of years for the club - a decade!! I would like to thank Angela for leading the club so ably and congratulate her on the amazing growth and changes the club has undergone under her leadership. We hope that we can continue to grow and improve the club for the future.

I am very lucky to have a great committee with a few new faces this year. You will find our "profiles" in this newsletter so you can be familiar with us when we see you at events.

This year we plan on being very busy, not just with our normal events, we also plan to run some training days in dressage, XC, showhunter and show jumping, also our Xmas ride and our CTR's with a training/fun day to start also. We hope that you will enjoy our events, and if you would like to help out on the day we would love to have you! Organisers always need lots of helpers to run these days so don't hesitate to put your hand up - we are happy to give you training. Every little bit helps!

We are also looking to make a few changes to how we communicate with you. We will be utilizing our website much more and would like to recommend that you all keep your eyes on it. All our events will be advertised there, results, photos, a list of membership numbers for your reference, newsletters and news briefs.

You will be able to download and print the newsletters and news briefs if you wish as they will be in PDF format. We also plan on posting the draws for our shows there as well which should make it easy for you to find out your times. There is a forum section which you can utilise for queries, goods for sale etc. and anything else you would like.

Membership renewals are now due and attached as part of this newsletter is an updated form. Please fill this out and send in with your membership fee so we can ensure all our details for you are correct.

We hope to see you all at our events this year. Happy riding and roll on Spring and Summer!!

Your new Pres  
Amber

### The WRC Committee

**Club President**  
Amber Disley

**Vice President/Winter Dressage Convenor**  
Candice Webley

**Secretary**  
Anja Borchardt

**Treasurer**  
Christine Keating

**Membership/Database**  
Sue Jones

**Newsletter Editor**  
Heather Reid

**Points Table**  
Debbie Crawford

**IT/Website**  
Jody Paddy

**CTR Convenor**  
Tracy Holden

**Showhunter Convenor**  
Debbie Crawford

**Summer Dressage Convenors**  
Amber Disley and Candice Webley

**General Committee**  
Yvette Vievorka  
Michelle Beaver



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Who are the WRC Committee . . . ?

### **Amber Disley - President**

I have been a member of the WRC for (I think) 9 years, and on the committee for most of those. Over the years I have had a go at organising all the different types of events and fun days that we run, and I really enjoy the relaxed atmosphere and the fun that our members have at these events. I own 2 horses, one of which is leased out. My current horse, Lockie, is a warmblood mare and we have mostly concentrated on dressage. We have competed at Medium and I am currently concentrating on our training rather than competing at the moment. We both enjoy getting out into the forest for a change of pace, and I try to fit in a forest ride every weekend (rain, hail or shine!).

In my day job I work for The Warehouse as Executive Assistant in Marketing, working with two very busy managers and a large team of 50. I also manage all the Intellectual Property and Trade Marks for the company. A very busy role!

### **Candice Webley - Vice President**

Mother of one human (Ryan) and one horse (Gadget). I have been riding since I was 8 years old and you would think I would be a lot better at it than I am. I joined the riding club when I got back into riding after bubby was born and through the club got the nerve to start competing again. Not much else to say - love my horsey, love my family and would love a job of some description sometime soon.

### **Anja Borchardt - Secretary**

My name is Anja and I am the Secretary for the Club this year. I have been a WRC member since 2005 and this is my second year on the committee.

I ride mainly dressage or just hack out on my fabulous old horse Joe who knows a lot more about dressage than I do.

When I'm not out riding I work as a barrister in town and that leaves little time for my other interests like painting and photography but I try my best.

### **Christine McArthur - Treasurer**

I also go by the name of Christine Keating just to confuse myself. I have been riding for years but never really progressed with my riding ability however I have finally found out why. Apparently you need to have fallen of a horse at least 100 times to be a good rider. I am happily married with 3 kids, we have two dogs and 2 horses - one for me and one for my daughter. We live on a lifestyle block and my keenest wish would be for an arena and stables. The best I can hope for is a car port with a concrete pad!!! Yahoo a place to keep the farrier dry in winter and I might even be allowed to park my horse float in there as well. My other interests are gardening, reading, and fun with the family and friends.

### **Sue Jones - Membership / Database**

Hi, my name is Sue Jones and I'm currently the committee member in charge of the database for WRC. It's a bit like being the office lady.

I've been riding now for about 11 years (started up when in my 40s and my first and only child in tow) so horses have always had to be down the line in terms of priority. I love to try my hand at everything that the club offers and recently have focused more on dressage with my lovely horse Kahui (grey and very clever), who also loves to try everything the club has to offer!

I also split my time running 35 acres, a pure bred Dexter Cattle stud, a flock of pure bred Suffolk sheep, gorse spraying, an old villa do up, primary school teaching, tree planting on our once bare block, fencing (I'm only the helper) husband and son and try to have a clean and tidy house! My great loves are horse riding and gardening and have just taken up painting (not the house this time - art!). Oh! and nearly forgot; I'm also the current president of that other wonderful horse club WAR (Waimauku Adult Ride).

I think WRC is fantastic and quite rare in this busy day and age. We all muck in where we can and try to keep it going against all the odds. And what better part of the world to have it in!



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### Heather Reid - Newsletter Editor

I joined WRC a year ago with the intention of competing on a regular basis not too far from home & meeting some more horsey people. I've ridden pretty much most of my life with horses and riding being my passion. This season my goals are to become a better dressage rider with scores to reflect it and along the way I want to get into Show Hunter. I have two equine family members. Paris is a 9 yr old part Andalusian & Warmblood with a smidge of Thoroughbred (as they all do). She's very precious and you would think she's named after Paris Hilton as she's such a madam. And I have a naughty little pony called Roddy. He is a little 10hh fat Welshy. He's Paris's boyfriend and in his mind, height isn't an issue! I'm setting myself a challenge of snazzy new look newsletter so keep an eye out for the next issue (fingers crossed).

### Jody Paddy - IT / Website

I joined WRC around 4 months ago because I wanted to meet more people in the area who were like minded (Loved horses) and I to get out and about compete my horse in a relaxed environment. I have a 15.3 Bay mare called Prada and have been her 'mum' for a year now. We are just starting to get out and try our hands at everything and have developed a real love of showhunter.

This year I am looking forward to trying a few new things with Prada including CTRs, working on improving my dressage scores and of course as much showhunter as I can fit in. My main goal however is to learn to tow my own float!

### Profile - Tracy Holden

I have been a member of WRC for 22 years. In early 1986 I was coerced into joining a small group of Albany based riders who had banded together to form a group of like minded enthusiasts seeking to promote the growth of dressage in the area. As the group got bigger so did the ideas and the areas of riding and as a result Waitemata Riding Club was launched in early 1987. I was on the committee for almost 13 years and was offered life membership when I stood down in 1999. I still competed with the club regularly for a couple of years, but then as my boys got older I became chauffeur and groom/strapper for them and didn't get to do much else myself apart from endurance for a few years. I came back on the committee last year to help with the CTR's, and this season hope to become a fully fledged member and actually get out and compete. My particular interests are dressage and show hunter and I really enjoy endurance also. I have 3 horses - my beloved Thomas, a grey 3/4 Arab who has been with me for 19 of his 22 years. And two Station crosses, Oatis (bay - 4 years) and Clay (black - 9 years). Apart from sounding like a bluegrass band they all give me much pleasure, each having their own unique qualities and quirks! I am really looking forward to the coming season and hope to meet many of our members along the way.

### Michele Beaver - General Committee

Have been a member of WRC for two years.

I feel a good place to start young or new horses in to competition and getting them out and doing something in a casual atmosphere. My main interest is Dressage but would like to do more in the Show Hunter field.

A few WRC photos from the archives . . .





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### WRC PRIZE GIVING 2007/08

#### Dressage

Training Cup: Janet Pearce - Huckleberry  
Runner-up: Mimi Olds Spence - Gypsy

Prelim Cup: Elspeth Nicoll - Classic Symphony  
Runner-up: Jill Benzie - Shadow

Novice Cup: Liz Lauder - Primo  
Runner-up: Tania Vennell - Juventa

Elem Cup: Sarah Baker - Smarten Up  
Runner-up: Chris Beach - Ella

Medium Cup: Michelle Beaver - Harrison Junior  
Runner-up: Amber Disley - Lockhaart

#### CTR

Open: Yvette Vieviorka - Skippo  
Runner-up: Sue Jones - Kahui

Novice: Anja Borchardt - Catch & Release  
Runner-up: Beth Spence - Callis

#### Show Hunter

Winner: Yvette Messman - Gibson  
Runner-up: Deborah Crawford - Crackerjack

#### Flat High Points

Winner: Liz Lauder - Primo  
Runner up: Elspeth Nicol - Classic Symphony

#### Jumping High Points

Winner: Yvette Messman - Gibson  
Runner-up: Maree Green - Jetstar

#### Young Horse Cup

Liz Lauder - Primo

#### Amateur Rider

Sandra Stains

Presidents Cup - Candace Webley \$50 voucher awarded (Candace has been a fantastic organiser of events, picked up a lot of organising and helping out when others were unavailable and has been available at almost every single one of our events this year. We couldn't have done it without her!)

Tamara Sportsmanship Award - Christine Longton \$50 voucher awarded (Christine has been an amazing helper for many of our events this year, giving up the chance to ride in these events herself to help organise and run the days. We really appreciate the time she has given and know that all the members who got to enjoy riding at the days appreciate that others gave up that to help organise.)

Bannerman Memorial - Millenium Mayhem \$50 voucher awarded (Millennium Mayhem (Millie at home) was nominated by a club member for this award. We felt Millie encompassed the great "all rounder", able to turn her hoof to anything. Her nominee said:

"Millie does dressage, show hunter, show jumping and eventing. She has been super successful as you probably know. But - you can go to the race track, forest or beach for fun. She is only 7 or 8 and super stable. I am a nervous rider yet feel safe on Millie. There is no bad intent ever".





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### WRC Events

#### What's coming up with WRC?

Kicking off the new season for WRC will be the Spring Dressage series starting in October. So you've got some time to scrape off the mud and start getting your trusty steeds in shape.

#### Spring DRESSAGE Series

Dressage Day 1 - October 5<sup>th</sup>

(entries close 29 Sep 08)

Classes: Tests 0.1 & 0.3, 1.1 & 1.3, 2.1 & 2.3, 3.1 & 3.3, 4.1 & 4.3

Please send registration on WRC Entry Form and post to: Spring Dressage Day 1, WRC, PO Box 156, Kumeu

Dressage Day 2 - November 9<sup>th</sup>

(entries close 3 Nov 08)

Classes: Tests 0.2 & 0.4, 1.2 & 1.4, 2.2 & 2.4, 3.2 & 3.4, 4.2 & 4.4

Dressage Day 3 - December 13<sup>th</sup>

(entries close 7 Dec 08)

Classes: Tests 0.2 & 0.3, 1.3 & 1.5, 2.3 & 2.5, 3.3 & 3.5, 4.3 & 4.5

Please check the website for further details on all upcoming events [www.wrc.org.nz](http://www.wrc.org.nz)

#### In the pipeline

We are also planning lots more, including training events so keep a look out on the website for these. To start off with the following is in the pipeline;

**Mini Dressage Camp**  
Early Sept (TBC)

**Ribbon Day**  
TBC

**Show Hunter Training Day**  
TBC

**Cross Country Training Day**  
TBC

### WRC Event Rules, Regulations & Guidelines

#### RULES

1. All riders must wear safety-approved hard hats when mounted at all WRC events.
2. All riders must wear a medical armband when competing at any WRC event.
3. Stallions are to be clearly identified with an 'S' tag.
4. There will be no gear checks. Please be responsible for having legal and safe gear - remember if you are unsure check with the organisers.
5. Cruelty to horses will not be tolerated under any circumstances. Cruelty may be considered but is not limited to excessive use of the whip and spurs, lack of appropriate care and poor condition.
6. All members and their guests are required to behave in a sportsmanlike manner at WRC events. Abusive, derogatory and unsporting behaviour is not tolerated.
7. Refunds are only given to riders who scratch up to and including the day of the event, by phone message, email or text.

#### REGULATIONS & GUIDELINES

Please be courteous to other riders. Always assume the horse riding nearby is green. Never ride up close behind another horse and always look up and watch where you are going.

Please ride to your level - be fair to other members. No-one except yourself is allowed to warm your horse up for a competition.

Entry fees are to be paid prior to competition day unless stated otherwise.

Please ride only two tests per combination in dressage events; only three rounds per combination in show hunter events.

Be prepared to ride five minutes either side of your dressage draw time.

No NZEF registered horses in training classes please. You are not permitted to enter the dressage arena prior to the judge's bell/horn.

Dressage tests may be commanded, and your caller is the only person allowed to stand close (within 1m) of the arena while you are competing. All horses and spectators must stay within 3m from the arena where possible.

Please be consistent with your horse's name when entering events - otherwise your horse may miss out on winning a cup!

Dogs are not often welcome at venues we use - if in doubt, leave them at home.



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### A Bit of Fun . . .

#### Dressage: Hobby or Obsession?

Take this quiz to get a humorous look at your dressage habits and see how driven you are.

1. You have a horse to ride because

- A) being in competition gives you goals and lets you know how your horse stacks up against others.
- B) you find it mentally stimulating to think through training issues and work on them with your horse.
- C) riding your horse provides companionship, exercise and time away from work/family/house.
- D) you enjoy the occasional lesson, being around the barn and talking about your horse.
- E) ride? I thought I had them to be exhausted by horse chores and broke.

2. Your idea of a "hard lesson" is

- A) a 40-minute longe lesson with no stirrups to improve your seat.
- B) an intense one-hour lesson in which your horse and you perfect a movement or learn something new.
- C) any 40- to 60-minute lesson
- D) 20 minutes of riding and 30 minutes of mounted chitchat.
- E) anything that involves trotting, using your legs or engaging your brain.

3. You would pay or have paid top dollar for a clinic with a really famous person because

- A) of the insights that only the best can provide, even if he is hard on you.
- B) you are thrilled just to be in the same arena as these people.
- C) all the other people at your barn went, so you went, too, and were mostly mystified.
- D) you mistakenly thought he would yell at you less than your regular instructor.
- E) they provided a nice place to sit down with snacks.

4. If your horse were going with a "strong connection" and you found it tiring to ride him, you would

- A) have your instructor ride him for a while to get him up off the forehand.
- B) work on upper-body strength at the gym.
- C) practice a lot of shoulder-fore, lateral movements and other exercises to lighten him.
- D) get a more serious bit.
- E) explain that you ride a [insert breed] and have no idea what you are talking about.

5. The 20th time your instructor says, "More leg," you think

- A) I will increase my reps at the gym.
- B) I wish I were 20 years younger and had the strength to do this work.
- C) maybe I need bigger spurs.
- D) these are all the legs I have.
- E) that's it. I'm going to ride saddle seat or maybe buy a cow pony and a big hat.

6. In order to be physically fit to ride, you

- A) go to the gym, do Pilates, get massages and see a sports psychotherapist.
- B) go to Curves sometimes.
- D) unload hay, clean stalls and jog around pasture in pursuit of horse.
- C) do housework, which exhausts you.
- E) do bicep curls with wine glasses.

7. If your instructor said your horse needed massage, chiropractic, acupuncture and Adequan®, you would

- A) just do it. All high-level competition horses need these things.
- B) think, What? No appointment with the kinesiologist, Chinese medicine expert and psychic?
- C) ask why he needs each (or any) of these things and do those deemed most important.
- D) decline all of the above, buy a pack of supplements online instead and hope for the best.
- E) feel deprived (He's not the one who can hardly walk after a 20-minute ride.)

8. If you couldn't ride anymore, you would

- A) be in a box, six feet under.
- B) volunteer as a scribe, audit clinics, support riders with Olympic ambitions and maintain your interest in the sport.
- C) get a tiny pony and drive him, do Parelli ground work and anything to be around horses.
- D) take up golf; watching other people ride would be way too depressing.
- E) secretly feel really, really relieved.

9. If your instructor told you that your horse will never compete successfully at the level to which you aspire, you would

- A) sell the horse and move on to the horse that can do the job.
- B) keep the horse and buy a second one for competition.
- C) keep working with this horse, because you never know.
- D) feel really, really relieved, because now you can stop trying.
- E) feel cynical, a little disappointed and really angry.



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10. If your coach/instructor told you that your horse was too talented for an amateur (i.e., you) and needed to be ridden by a pro (i.e., her) you would

- A) develop a nine-point plan to be able to ride up to the level of this particular horse.
- B) be happy that he had so much talent and suggest she ride the horse with the idea that you can ride him later.
- C) think, Well, I'm sorry about that, but he's my horse and he can just go at my level.
- D) wonder if your instructor's horse was currently lame.
- E) See "E" above (in number 9)

11. If your coach/instructor told you that you had more ability and ambition for dressage than your horse and you would learn more from a more talented horse or schoolmaster type horse, you would

- A) bask in having your achievement validated and buy the "big" horse.
- B) ride a schoolmaster and buy a young dressage prospect to "bring on."
- C) work out a program to explore what you could achieve with this particular horse.
- D) be pretty sure that anyone who thought you had "ability" or "ambition" was smoking crack.
- E) wonder if your instructor is planning to sell you her horse.

12. You think spending \$20,000 for a horse is

- A) not nearly enough to buy the horse you need.
- B) a reasonable investment in a nice young prospect that you can bring along.
- C) reasonable, given that your husband just spent twice that on a Bass boat.
- D) not worth thinking about, as \$20,000 should stay in an investment account.
- E) a moot point, as you don't have \$20,000.

13. You think borrowing \$20,000 to \$50,000 to buy a competition horse is

- A) a reasonable investment in the sport to which you have dedicated your life.
- B) a lot of money but reasonable to follow your dream.
- C) something you fantasize about and might actually do if you didn't have to worry about mortgages, retirement, kids in college, parents in care facilities, etc.
- D) insane.
- E)...sorry, still laughing at anyone who puts the words "horse" and "reasonable investment" in the same sentence.

14. Your instructor/trainer/coach

- A) trained in Europe, has an interesting accent, travels around the country to give clinics and competes on a regular basis.
- B) trained with the guys who trained in Europe, has a regular accent, competes and teaches a lot.

C) does not have an accent, has worked hard to acquire riding and teaching skills by taking lessons herself, studying, attending selected clinics and observing the "best" at work.

D) read some books by the guys who train in Europe, fakes an interesting accent and has worked hard to learn German swear words.

E)... Instructor?

15. How many saddles do you own for this horse?

A) I have one custom made to fit both of us, and the saddle fitter adjusts it every three months.

B) four right now: one the saddle fitter said had the wrong tree, so he sold me #2. My instructor said #2 didn't fit and I should buy her saddle. The chiropractor said #3 didn't fit, and the saddle fitter she uses told me to buy #4. I'm thinking of getting #5, but a friend has a treeless saddle, and...

C) 2.5--one for dressage and one for jumping and the one I am bidding on in an eBay auction.

D) one, which I bought to fit this horse and isn't too bad.

E) one, which I bought in high school and have used for all my horses.

16. You went to Dressage at Devon

A) to judge.

B) to ride.

C) to watch upper-level work and learn.

D) to shop and watch the Kür.

E) because a friend had a box right behind "E" and showed up with wine and snacks.

17. If you were to buy that talented 4-year-old for \$25,000, you would

A) plan for a lot of hard work and input from your instructor/coach to keep you on the right track.

B) send him to your instructor/coach until he was a talented 6-year-old or maybe 8-year-old.

C) be concerned about your ability to bring him along without ruining him.

D) buy more life and disability insurance in case he is planning to ruin you.

E) watch him grow up and talk about what he could have done had he been broken to ride.

18. When you sit the trot, you

A) feel your horse round up under you and enjoy the feeling of "oneness" with him.

B) work hard to go with the flow and usually manage not to annoy the horse too much.

C) grit your teeth and do the best you can.

D) are just sure you would do this better with a different saddle, and schedule an appointment with that saddle-fitter guy.

E) start thinking that a Walking Horse is a really good idea.



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Bonus question!

When you think about Schwung,

A) you get a deep body memory of you and your horse moving forward as one.

B) have never really felt it but can recognize it in other people's tests.

C) you hope someday to have this feeling with your horse.

D) you pretend to know what people are talking about.

E) ...You swung once with your college boy/girlfriend and decided never to do it again.

### ANSWERS:

If you chose mostly A answers: Go get the horse that gets you to Devon and be done with it. It's your life, soul and dream and, if you get to 60 years old and have never had the "big horse," you will be impossible to live with. We wish we had your discipline. We wish we had your dedication! We wish we were like you! We admire you from afar, because, actually, we are afraid of you--probably with good reason.

If you chose mostly Bs: If you can swing this without ending up in receivership, divorce court or the orthopedic ward of the hospital, go for it. Cancel the country club, give up the yearly cruise, pay your health insurance and go get as nice a horse as you can manage.

If you chose mostly Cs: Maybe you should get off the fence! Are you sure you're not a closet A? Or maybe you REALLY want to be a D or E? Tell the truth now!

Mostly Ds and Es: Welcome to our world!



from Beijing . . .



UP AND OVER: Mark Todd and Gandalf clear another fence on their way to clear round in the showjumping section of equestrian's team eventing in Hong Kong.

The New Zealand eventing team finished fifth behind Germany, Australia, Great Britain and Sweden; the same result they had in Athens and on which they'd hoped to improve. And in the individual contest Caroline Powell was 14th and Joe Meyer 24th.



Anky van Grunsven of the Netherlands scored 78.68 points to get the Olympic dressage gold medal.



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Now for some educational stuff . . .

### Improve Your Horse's Adjustability over Fences

This top equitation and jumper trainer's figure-eight exercise will increase adjustability and responsiveness, making for smoother rounds.

Here's a great warm-up over fences, whether you're getting ready for a regular jumping session or preparing for an adjustability exercise.

By riding a continuous figure-eight over a "fan" made of two low verticals 36 feet apart on a bending line, you'll improve the coordination of your inside and outside aids, balance and suppleness of your horse, and fine-tune communication between the two of you.

1. Olivia began the figure-eight pattern by approaching the first fence on her right lead. By not giving a long release, she's already thinking about having her horse in control for the coming left turn.
2. And as she begins that turn, she is deep in her saddle and already trying to push her horse out into her outside rein so he doesn't cut in.
3. As she completes the turn and begins her approach to the second jump, she clearly shows that she's comfortable with her horse's recovery and rideability by getting light in the saddle.
4. And here's the payoff for riding the first jump and turn well. As Olivia's horse prepares to leave the ground, he's in good balance, which allows her to assume a position and release that are a little more "with" his movement.

By Frank Madden with the editors of Practical Horseman





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### WRC - FAQ's

#### Where do I find my membership number?

When you join the WRC you will receive a letter confirming receipt. The membership number is on the address form at the front of the letter. It's also on the address form on your newsletter envelopes. Failing that, email our database co-coordinator [info@wrc.org.nz](mailto:info@wrc.org.nz). Each season, you will have a new membership number and you will be advised of this after the AGM by post.

#### Where do I find the dressage tests?

All dressage tests from Training through to Medium are from the latest NZEF Dressage Book (A5 size). These books are available to purchase from your local feed and saddlery shops if you do not have one.

#### What do I wear to an event?

We don't require formal wear – you don't have to wear a jacket, a stock or tie, or even white jodhpurs. Just wear what is comfortable and tidy. We do require a safety-approved helmet for all events, and appropriate footwear. You must also wear a medical armband for **EVERY** WRC event.

#### Do I have to plait?

No, and hardly anyone does. But feel free!

#### What is a medical armband and where do I get one?

It is an armband folder containing contact information and basic medical information, eg. blood type, about each rider, in the unfortunate event of injury. It enables us to contact a member of your family, or a friend, and/or someone who can take care of your horse, in the event of you being injured and unable to drive home. The information contained within the armband is private and confidential – it is only used in case of an emergency. You can purchase a medical armband from the NZEF, from most saddlery stores, or directly from the WRC on event days (at cost) for \$10.

#### How often will I get my newsletter?

The newsletter will come out quarterly at the start of each season. It will be available on the WRC website to download. If you don't have access to the internet please let us know so we can post it to you.

#### Who do I ring if I'm not sure if an event is on due to weather?

Newstalk ZB (89.4FM, 1080AM) carries cancellations on the hour. Or, phone 411 5360 and listen to the messages.

#### Who do I ring if I need to scratch from an event?

Call the organiser of the event, who will be listed under each event on the website.. Please do make an effort to scratch – even if you leave a message on the day of the event we will refund your entry fee. No message – no effort – no refund.

#### Who do I contact if I want to put an ad in the newsletter?

The newsletter editor. Contact details are on the website. Please send your payment, your ad and details on what size and duration you require.

#### Do I have to pay to put in an ad?

Commercial display ads incur a modest charge. See newsletter for details. Classified ads (personal) are free to members.

#### Am I allowed to bring my dog to a WRC event?

It's best not to, and dogs are banned from Woodhill Sands.



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**Questionnaire**

What is it you want from your club?

As part of our development of the WRC as a fantastic club that members enjoy being a part of, we would like to find out what you currently like about what the club does, and also what other things you would like us to include in our programme.

Please take a couple of minutes to fill out this questionnaire, your time is appreciated!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (optional)

What do you like/enjoy about being a member of WRC?

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Are there particular events we already do that you enjoy and would like us to run more often?

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Are there other events/training days/seminars you would like us to run?

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With other venues offering similar events to WRC, where do you see the future of the club?  
 i.e. continuing in current format, running more training or lesson days etc.

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Any other comments?

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# WAITEMATA RIDING CLUB

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### MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: Hm ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ wk ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ mob ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Horse's Competition Name: \_\_\_\_\_

How did you find out about the club?  
*(circle)*

Past Member	Friend	Word of Mouth
Advertising	Website	Trade Stand

Newsletters and Brief Updates - these will mostly be emailed or posted on the website. Please advise if you do not have access to the internet or email.

I don't have access to internet or email

I am interested in...

Dressage	<input type="checkbox"/>
Showjumping	<input type="checkbox"/>
Showhunter	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ribbon Days	<input type="checkbox"/>
ODE's/Cross Country	<input type="checkbox"/>
Training Days	<input type="checkbox"/>
Endurance / CTR	<input type="checkbox"/>
Beach / Forest Rides	<input type="checkbox"/>
Seminars	<input type="checkbox"/>

I can help with...

Organising Events	<input type="checkbox"/>
Writing / Scoring	<input type="checkbox"/>
Catering	<input type="checkbox"/>
Setting Up	<input type="checkbox"/>
Clearing Up	<input type="checkbox"/>

Register for:

Amateur Rider Cup <i>(First year of competition)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Young Horse Cup <i>(Horse 6yrs &amp; under)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please post this form with your cheque for \$35.00 made payable to: Waitemata Riding Club

and send to:  
WRC Database Co-ordinator  
Waitemata Riding Club  
PO Box 156  
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