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The Waikato Equestrian Centre Riding School Newsletter

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## Kayleen's Spot

Now that we are on to our Second newsletter I thought it would be good if I put in article each month to review what's happened and the goals for the following month.

The big events this month have been the One star Show Jumping and The Ribbon day. The horses have all been up to the task and performed well at both events.

The lesson schedule has been getting busier and busier this last month. So please make a point to chat with me about fitting into a group or setting up time that suits you best. I have put in a new group lesson on Thursday eve-

We will be going back to 3 kids group lessons on Saturday. Also I would like to encourage Students to do follow up rides in order to prepare for upcoming shows and events.

With all these events and lessons I have been watching the condition of the horses very closely. For the most part all of them are doing well. Through the RDA we were able to start a new feeding program using *Fiber Pro*. This feed has been easier to feed out, the horses like it and it is a very good allround feed. I am also feeding horses small amounts on a daily bases rather than on a rotating feeds.

For this next month we will be getting ready for the colder weather and starting to change covers. There will also be 2 events on the Centre that I look forward to taking students to. We will also be having Representatives from Fiber Fresh come out and share their knowledge. Have great month! everyone and I look forward to receiving your feedback.



The Junior team ready to go down to the ribbon day.

## Upcoming Events

- 7 Mar 2010**, Pot Luck Ribbon Day, Jo Osborne, 027 288 4811  
St Peter's School, Cambridge
- 13 March 2010**, Summer Open Tournament  
Morrisville - Te Aroha Dressage Group
- 14 March 2010**, Waikato Area PC Trials  
Waikato Equestrian Centre
- 25 Apr 2010**, Pot Luck Ribbon Day, Jo Osborne, 027 288 4811  
St Peter's School, Cambridge
- 26 Mar 2010**, Fri, N.I.S.S. Dressage Championships  
St Peter's School, Cambridge
- 28 March 2010**, Te Awamutu PC ODE at WEC **CANCELLED** but  
having a Ribbon instead
- 28 March 2010**, Sun, Ngarawhaia Pony Club open Ribbon Day.

### Follow up Rides

Remember, those working towards ribbon days and events are encouraged to contact Kayleen and take advantage of the \$20 (per hour) follow up ride—rider to prepare horse.

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## Horse of the Year (HOY)

The Kelt Capital Horse of the Year is the biggest horse event of the year. This year it is to be held between 16—21st March 2010 in Hastings. Featuring at least 17 equestrian disciplines and a fantastic range of vendors, this years HOY will be a great day out. Kayleen Fooy, our Riding School instructor is heading out on the Sunday to watch the Grand Prix dressage and Show Jumping. This is the place to see a lot of top Australian and New Zealand riders. If you are interested in coming along on, if we can get together a group of people it could be worthwhile car pooling.

## 2010 Regular Lesson Prices

*NB: VIP membership takes 10% off all these prices!*

### Private Lessons

	<u>School horse</u>	<u>Own Horse</u>
45 minutes	\$47.00	\$40.00

**\*\* SPECIAL \*\*** Buy a 6 lesson block card on a school horse for only \$254.00—save \$28.00

30 minutes	\$35.00	\$30.00
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### Semi Private Lesson (2 Riders)

60 minutes	\$40.00	\$35.00
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### Group Lesson (3-6 Riders)

60 minutes	\$35.00	\$30.00
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**\*\*SPECIAL\*\*** Buy a 6 lesson block card on a school horse for only \$189.00—save \$19.00



*We cater for a variety of riding levels, on your horse or ours*

## 2010 VIP Lesson Prices

COMPARE THE SAVINGS!!!

### Private Lessons

	<u>School horse</u>	<u>Own Horse</u>
45 minutes	\$42.30	\$36.00

**\*\* SPECIAL \*\*** Buy a 6 lesson block card on a school horse for only \$228.60—save \$53.40

30 minutes	\$31.50	\$27.00
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### Semi Private Lesson (2 Riders)

60 minutes	\$36.00	\$27.00
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### Group Lesson (3-6 Riders)

60 minutes	\$31.50	\$27.00
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**\*\*SPECIAL\*\*** Buy a 6 lesson block card on a school horse for only \$170.00—save \$40.00

## Lessons at WEC

**Special Info Demo:** The Fiber Pro rep (Chris Good) has offered to come out on Saturday and talk to everyone about feeds and the purpose and uses of Fiber Pro. He has worked in the industry for many years so I would highly recommend coming if you are interested in horse nutrition, especially with winter coming on. Please bring me any questions as he would like to make it as interactive as possible. Keep an eye for a flyer when we have confirmed date and time. (This was made possible through Hamilton RDA).

## New Ponies

The WEC riding school is the proud new owner of 3 very cute ponies. Kayleen purchased Tonks, Shorttie and Gummy Bear from a lady named Alison in Cambridge. Tonks is 14 hand Dun 10 year old gelding. He has been out of work for the last year or so but has done pony club, shows and trekking. He proved his is worth very quickly stepping into the RDA program and lessons. He is finding his feet jumping but in another couple months he should be up there with Ace with his ride ability. Shorttie and Gummy Bear came with Tonks. They are the new eye candy and toys at the barn. We are using them for treks and small children. They both have gear and are very well behaved. They might always seem very hungry but they are very well looked after.

The WEC Riding School also has been leased Shadow. He is a 14 hand Dark Grey Kaimanawa owned by Gemma Griffiths.

### Correction to last month newsletter:

All the new horses feature Oscar, Finn, Basil and Jay were purchased by the RDA. And because we work closely with the RDA we are able to use these horses. A big THANK YOU to the Hamilton RDA.

## VIP Membership

A friendly reminder to all of our VIP members 2010 annual fee is now due. New members are welcome. We encourage riders that regularly patronize the Waikato Equestrian Centre to consider becoming a VIP member. VIP membership entitles riders to a 10% discount on all our prices—this includes the already discounted 6 lesson block cards and even the Adopt-a-Pony School Holiday Programme! Members are given the opportunity to enter riding school gymkhanas and ribbon days. This is the perfect introduction to equestrian competition in a supportive, social environment.

- ◆ Family Riding School Membership—\$150 for a family of 4.
- ◆ Individual Riding School Membership—\$100 for an individual.

# Hamilton Light Horse Club Ribbon Day

The Waikato Equestrian Centre Riding School had a wonderful turnout and great success at the Hamilton Light Horse Club Ribbon day. Below I have list all the students and their horses and their personal highlights:

## Senior Improver Ring:

Anna Cook (Her new horse Cruze)- 3rd place gelding  
Lisa Mcbrady (her horse Badger)- 3rd place trotting  
Hedi McMullen (WEC horse Striker)- 1st Best paced & mannered

## Junior Improver Ring:

Memphis Wright (RDA horse Ace)- 11 ribbons including Reserve Champion on Flat  
Emma Griffiths (Kayleen's horse Boxer)- 6 ribbons Including 1st best gelding and 2nd for rider over jumps.  
Victoria Christie (RDA pony Fin)- Champion Over Fences  
Jess Lee (her horse Ariabella) – Champion on Flat  
\*We had clean sweep for turn out in this ring 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> out 22 riders  
GOOD JOB GIRLS!\*

## Novice Ring:

Caroline Ingles (WEC horse Tonks)- 3rd in w/t/c jump  
Samara Simtpson (WEC horse Twinkle)- 1st in w/t/c jump.  
Jules Zylstra (WEC pony Brandy)- 2 ribbons on the flat  
Kayla(WEC horse Holly)- Spot prize smallest rider on biggest horse  
Codie White (her pony Annie)- 1st place rider on the flat

## Lead Ring:

Caitlin Spellman (her pony Polly)- 6 ribbons including 2 for most promising rider and 2nd for rider over jumps.

## About the Pony Trainee

The purpose Pony Traiee system is to offer students a working experience and training in the equestrian field. There are 4 levels of our Pony Trainee set up. In order to enter the program the children need to be physical fit and capable, have some riding and horse experience.

At the entry level of the program the students are rewarded with one credit for every 4 hours that they work. They can than trade in 4 credits for one group lesson or 30 min private on a week day. As the kids progress and get their manual's signed off. They rewarded by having a lesson cost few credits. Each student should have individual goals they are working towards whether it be gaining the confidence to have their own pony or becoming proficient enough to work professionally in the equine industry. I like to offer the Pony Trainees special opportunities as they progress, however they must out in the hard yards first.

Next month I we will have articles from both an experienced Pony Trainee and new Pony Trainee.

## Horse of the Month

Striker- 16 hand Dark Bay Gelding 20 yrs young. Good old Striker does not like people to know his age and he does a good job of fooling every one. Striker was chosen as horse of the month this month because many of his riders that had taken a bit of break have come to doing regular lessons.



I was very proud of all the riders and their hard work. I think fun day was had by most, even though the very large classes (20 plus riders in each ring) created changeling situations.

Here is a recap by one our riders Samara:

I really enjoyed my first ribbon day. The day before I had to wash and shampoo Twinkle for about an hour. When I tried to wash her face she got a bit upset and started panicing. When she calmed down and I had put her away in her paddock I had to take her tack home to clean it then polish my boots. The next day I woke up at 6:30 and got ready to go get Twinkle as we got closer I started to feel really excited and nervous. Once I got Twinkle out of the paddock I had to brush her, get Kayleen to plait her main and polish her hooves. Twinkle had to look perfect. As time crawled by it was finally time to go down to the ribbon day, we had a few group photos before we went down. I did the novice ring for my first time, it had so many people in that we were all really bunched up, but as the day went on less people were there because they didn't want to jump. After lunch it was jumping-my favourite. Im really proud of myself for coming first in walk, trot, canter, jump. I think Twinkle did really well and I can't wait for the next ribbon day. By Samara

Victoria, Memphis, Emma



Striker's regular riders are Barbara Goodman, Suzanne Wilson and Kendall.

Striker is a wonderful horse for helping students gain their confidence and also learn the basics of dressage such as connection and lateral movements. Heidi is also taking Striker to the Hamilton Light Horse Club Ribbon Day.

To the right: Hedi getting striker ready for



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Hannah Doughty

Kayleen 's Right hand during the week

Change over time on busy Saturday afternoon



## Contact Updates

We are currently updating our client records. If you are interested in receiving further emails or newsletters from The Waikato Equestrian Centre's Riding School please fill in the following information and post it back. Alternativley send us an email with the required information.

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Ph Home: \_\_\_\_\_

Ph Work: \_\_\_\_\_

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



**This month the WEC riding School would Thank and Show our appreciation to:**

**Hamilton RDA for there helping to set up business relationships with the following companies:**

**Fiber Fresh Feeds ltd– Chris Good area consultant**

**And**

**Caledonian Holdings Ltd– Debbie Suisted supplying high quality drenches (Fen-Iver Quantel)**

**A Special Thank You to Collin Liegh (Victoria's Granddad), for supplying us with all the photos for the news letter.**