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AREA TRIALS

Waitemata/Rodney holds one Area Trial with the aim of selecting a team to represent them at Pony Club Champs. The Team consists of 3 DC's (16 & under) and 3 A1's (17 & over).

To enter these trials you must have competed at three qualifying Open events and achieved a score of less than 60 penalty points. Your entry forms must be signed by the District Commissioner who certifies that you have reached the required standard and attended five working rallies. Pre Novice Horse Trials can be used as qualifiers.

PONY CLUB CHAMPS

The Waitemata/Rodney team selected from Area Trials go to test their skills against 17 other Area Teams from New Zealand. What an achievement. This is the ultimate for those who enjoy eventing. Pony Club Champs can be held anywhere in New Zealand and if selected you and your pony are taken to wherever this prestigious event is held. In 2006 it is to be held in Whangarei. This is a life long goal for many young pony club riders and the entire club should get behind any member who makes it to Champs! It is common for the branch to buy a representative at this level the official Waitemata Rodney Wool show rug they are required to purchase. The honour to a club getting a member this far is fantastic and it is necessary to honour our members who make it to this level. It is only with hard work and dedication that this level is acquired.

AREA ZONE DRESSAGE

Waitemata/Rodney holds one Trial with the aim of selecting a team to represent them at Zone Dressage Champs held in Taupo on the last weekend of January. The Team consists of 3 DC's (16 & under) and 3 A1's (17 & over).

To enter you must have competed in three Dressage Competitions at Novice level and have achieved a score of over 60 %. Your entry forms must be signed by the District Commissioner who certifies that you have reached the required standard and attended five working rallies.

ZONE DRESSAGE CHAMPS

The Waitemata/Rodney team selected from Area Trials go to test their skills against all other North Island Teams. The Judges at this competition then Judge the same competition in the South Island and an over all winner is declared. The Waitemata Rodney team have had the honour of winning this exclusive dressage event for the last 5 years. For those selected to represent at this level what an achievement. This is the ultimate for those who enjoy Dressage. Dressage Champs are always held at the Taupo National Equestrian Centre if selected you and your pony are taken to this prestigious event to compete. This is a life long goal for many young pony club riders and the entire club should get behind any member who makes it to Champs! The honour to a club getting a member this far is fantastic and it is necessary to honour our members who make it to this level. It is only with hard work and dedication that this level is acquired.

Last year Staphanie Thompson represented us and was on the winning Junior Team. She was truly one of our up and coming young stars....

AREA TEAMS DRESSAGE

This is a great event for those wanting to improve their dressage. Tryouts are held at a local district branch. This year Henderson, and a team of 6 riders is chosen. 2 x 16 & over, 2 x 14 & 15 year olds and 2 by 13 and under. To be chosen for this team recognises you as one of the best dressage riders in your district and you then go on to compete at the Area competition. This year the Waitemata Rodney Area competition is to be held in Kumeu and we encourage all our members to try out for this team as it is a great experience to compete at this level and you can often be surprised by your achievements. It is customary for West Auckland to send an A & a B team to this event and is an excellent way to get to know other riders in your District and greater Waitemata Rodney Area. To do any thing at this level is a commitment but certainly one worth working towards.

TIMBERLANDS

This is an open ODE event held over two days at Tokoroa. Teams of six members from clubs all over the North Island compete against each other. The teams can be made up of any number of A1's or Dc's. The West Auckland Team will be selected on merit and performance of members over the current season. They should be good Pony Club members and will be required to fill in forms as regards their performance at training and open ODE's over the preceding season.

Remember to be eligible for Timberlands selection, you must have completed five rallies on the mount you are taking to Timberlands.

We hope to be able to select a team from people competing at the open ODE level. Often grooms are taken to Tokoroa to help team members and to experience the fun atmosphere of Timberlands. It is certainly a great way to end a season.

AREA TRAINING AND PRE TRAINING ODE

This event is run along the same lines as Timberlands but over a training level course and is limited to teams from within our Area.

Riders looking for selections must have attended three pre training or training ODE's. They must not be competing at Area Trials in the current season and the combination must be eligible to compete at Pony Club pre training or training level competitions. Six riders make up each team, a maximum of two teams per District can be entered. Teams with a minimum of four riders are eligible. The best four scores count for the overall placing. West Auckland have held the training cup for the last three years and we plan to continue for some time. It is always fun to be selected for District events and the friendly rivalry between branches for these places is always exciting.

The five rally rule applies, pony Club uniform is to be worn in all phases - no jackets for dressage or show jumping.

CAMBRIDGE SHOWJUMPING

West Auckland District sends a team to represent us in this wonderful Show Jumping Competition. The Team comprises of 2 x 13 and under riders 2 x 16 and under riders and 2 x over 17's. This is a highly competitive event where teams from throughout the North Island compete. The Jump heights are 1.5 for the under 14's 1.10 for the 14 , 15 & 16 year olds and 1.15 for the over 17's. This level of show jumping is spectacular and like any Champs team the honour to get onto these teams is huge and exciting. We need to honour our young riders that are achieving at this level and encourage them and support them. Those that get to these events are already self driven and committed we need to respect these efforts and acknowledge their extreme skill.

Last year Chelsea Ryan and Shannon Lilley represented us and we know both girls will continue to excel in their chosen fields of riding. Well done girls and good luck this season.

WEST AUCKLAND RIDER EVENT HELD AT THE WEST AUCKLAND DISTRICT RIBBON DAY:

Sashes will be competed for at Branches' Closed Ribbon Days and the winners of the sashes will go forward to the Ribbon Day at a Branch to be advised. Ages are 15 years and under and 16 years to 21 years. To win this event is always exciting and to be chosen to represent Massey always a great honour. It is good to have as many of our members attend this finale ribbon day, usually the last of the season and support our young riders who have been selected to ride for our own branch. This year this event will be held at Massey.

ZONE GAMES:

Our own Branch select a team to compete in the greater Waitemata Rodney Area competition for six places that go onto to Wairanga and compete in our Zone. Our Zone consists of the upper North Island down to Waikato. These events are huge fun and it starts at our branch tryouts to be on the team. Massey Pony Club have had a second place at Zone and this is against some of the very hottest competition in the country. Usually the laughter starts at the 1st day of competition and ends only at

the nail biting finals, where the very fastest compete in some of the most amusing antics ever. Our most famous horse and pony photo from Massey is of one of young riders vaulting at full gallop right over the top of her pony! only to get on 2nd try and still win the event. Games are not for the faint hearted but for those who have courage and guts and a great team spirit. These games have given many of our members some of the most truly amazing memories.

INCA CUP

Again a team made up from our Branch compete in games to secure a place in the Competition held between Franklin /Thames, Auckland and Waitemata Rodney. The Teams compete at two different levels; one team of 6, which has a rider who has ridden at Zone finals, or a completely novice team. This competition is a very new adaptation of an older competition and is still being developed. However our two teams who went last year had a huge amount of fun. Riding at Area Level this competition rewards those that make it into this final competition with their own sweat shirts stating their achievement. These are very sought after Sweatshirts and hoarded by those who own them.

There are other competitions held on a team level but these are a taste of the exciting things in front of you in Pony Club, I think it is important for every child to set a goal at the beginning of the year to compete in a district event and try to stretch your achievements for each year. So see your goal and go for it Kids!!!! I know we have several who are trying for the Area Trials this year and several who want to be on the District eventing teams, and District dressage teams, so good luck to you all with your goals for the year and play hard, ride hard but always play FAIR!!!

CAMBRIDGE SHOW JUMPING

These are five show jumping events. The team is made up of two riders from each of the following age groups:

13 years and under (starting height of jumps is 90 cm)

14 - 16 years (starting height of jumps is 100 cm)

17 - 21 years (starting height of jumps is 110 cm)

West Auckland would like to think that any member wishing to trial for this team will show jump regularly, eg the Horse Society Mini Circuit.

Riders looking to be selected must attend three rallies from the beginning of the season. You will be advised of the Show jumping days for selection. Children do need to get out and experience jumps with both spreads and height (with a variety of fill). This event at Cambridge is the North Island Show Jumping Teams Championship).

DRESSAGE CHAMPIONSHIP

All competitors should be competing at dressage regularly. This championship is to dressage as Pony Club Championship is to eventing. The senior group (16 to 21 years) is often asked to perform an elementary test and the junior group (15 years and under) a novice test.

SHOW HUNTER

Another aspect of riding West Auckland wishes to encourage members to try is that of Show Hunter. This is a show jumping which does not require speed and the jumps are not high, importance is placed on both rider and horse, eg strides between related fences, etc.

Symbols relating to each jump are put on a chart to help the child improve next time they compete. It is amazing to see each child improve. NOTE to be eligible for any of the above events, you must be a financial member of West Auckland District Pony Club.

TEAMS CROSS COUNTRY EVENTS/DRESSAGE TO MUSIC

For both events, teams must be made up of 1 C+ rider, 2 C riders and 1 D certificate rider. The same teams do not necessarily have to compete in both competitions.

For the Teams Cross Country the team is expected to do the cross country course together, jumping some jumps individually, some in pairs and some all together. The show jumping phase is run as a relay. Riders may only compete once in each phase.

Teams in the Dressage to Music can choose their own music and movements for the test. Anything goes as long as it is under five minutes in total.

DISTRICT CAMP

A fun three day camp held at one of our District Branches, this is a time to make friends from within your whole district and share a wonderful riding experience. This year we will be the hosts at Massey Pony Club and we will have some wonderful fun adventures. The day begins with morning instruction and then a break for lunch followed by an afternoon of workshops or demonstrations or just plain old fashioned fun, water fights, vaulting instruction and games. A sleepover on the first night, followed by a second day the same with some help for your dressage to music competition for the next day then home for a good sleep. On the third day we will be having the dressage to Music and teams xcountry and show jumping competition. This is for a very coveted district cup. Always a wonderful fun camp and especially exciting at our own club.