

The Distance

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(Photo by Cathy Nolan)

Editorial

The Distance has been absent for a while. In the tumult of the past season or two our newsletter kind of fell by the wayside. Its been missed though and at the AGM people asked to have it back. So here goes. Our new Board have come in with a high degree of motivation to promote our sport and provide opportunities for people at all levels to enjoy everything that endurance has to offer, and part of that is getting our dedicated endurance newsletter back on deck.

This season has barely begun and already its been a busy one. South Island riders have enjoyed some awesome rides in August, and in the North Island its generally been about beaches and forestry. 'Old hands' have been out on course starting their campaigns towards their season goals, and there have been many new riders out discovering the joys of endurance as well. If you haven't done it yet its worth sitting down with the calendar and planning your weekends. My motto at home is that if its on my wall calendar everyone knows where I'm going to be so they can't plan anything else for me. That's the theory anyway. Good luck everyone with your early season training. See you on the trails.

Daryl Owen



ESNZ Endurance Board 2017

The new Board came into effect at the AGM in July, with the number of places available being the same as the number of nominees.

Alison Higgins remains as Board Chair, with Marie Wakeling as Deputy Chair. Also on the Board are Jenny Weston, Louisa Muir, Shane Dougan, Sue Billigheimer and Daryl Owen.

The Technical Committee is made up of Heidi Bulfin, Alison Higgins, Murray Smith

The CTR Committee is Jane Ferguson, Sue Billigheimer, Sue Drinnan and Heidi Bulfin

The next Board meeting is set for September 29. If anyone has anything they want to raise please let someone on the Board know ahead of time.

The rule book is currently being revised and simplified. The forums in each island in October are planned for everyone to discuss the revisions before being voted on at an SGM planned for November.

Upcoming rides

www.nzequestrian.org.nz/endurance/competition/ride-calendars

North Island 2017-2018

Upcoming this month:

Wairarapa's at Claireville,
Waikato in the Waiuku forest,
Ruahine at Scotts Ferry
Kohuratahi

In October:

Waikato at Pikowai
Wairarapa at Pirinoa, Ruahine
Ruahine

South Island 2017-2018

Upcoming this month:

Nelson at Rabbit Island,
Marlborough
Mt Nimrod at Mayfield

In October:

Nelson
Marlborough
Canterbury at Hororata

AGM and Prizegiving

The weather had a big effect on the AGM this year. Many were aiming to be there but were kept away by floods. Others (Sean Trafford) tried valiantly to be there, but best efforts were defeated by the elements.

Congratulations to all winners of trophies at prizegiving and thanks to all sponsors.

National Titles Trophies 2017:

David Marshall Trophy
Distance Rider Senior

– Sponsored by David Marshall in 2000
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NZECTRA Trophy Distance Horse Senior	– Sponsored by NZECTRA in 1990 AC Tigger
Rockwood Perpetual Trophy Horse & Rider points – Senior	– Sponsored by Gilbert Cooper in 1984 Jenny Champion and Barack Obama
Haywood Family Trophy Distance Rider – Junior	– Sponsored by A & S Haywood in 1999 Patricia Ireland
Gebela Arabians Trophy Distance Horse – Junior	– Sponsored by S&D Nielson in 1991 Mizraim Glamour and Glitz
National Council Trophy Horse & Rider Points – Junior	– Sponsored by National Council in 1988 Jayden Fowler and Mizraim Glamour and Glitz
Sandy Duncan Memorial Trophy ESNZ FEI Series Senior	– Sponsored by the Duncan Family in 2011 Jenny Champion and Barack Obama
Reid Family Trophy ESNZ FEI Series – Junior/Young Rider	– Sponsored by the Reid Family in 2012 Patricia Ireland and Sayfewood Oshaarna
K-Bar Arabian Stud Trophy Senior 40-79km Series	– Sponsored by Edwina Francis in 2012 Kerry Armstrong and ACE Prima
Barbara McGregor Award Junior 40-79km Series	– Sponsored by Barbara McGregor in 2012 Petria Haigh and Lonestar Donatella
Cosgrove Award Trophy CTR Open Distance Horse	– Sponsored by Cosgroves & AWEC in 2001 Colorado Skye
Aquila Al Navarr Trophy CTR Open Horse & Rider	– Sponsored by Sherrill Carswell in 1998 Jenna Underwood and Colorado Skye
Combined CTR Clubs Trophy CTR Intermediate Distance Horse	– Sponsor Unknown Mahakipawa Azeeza
John Irons Memorial Trophy CTR Intermediate Horse & Rider Points	– Sponsored by Irons Family Heidi Bulfin and Stonelea Sparkling Rose
Barbara Avery Trophy CTR Horse & Rider Points – Junior	– Sponsored by Silands Stud in 1998 Shaun Prangle and Euralea Esabella
CTR Junior Distance Trophy CTR Junior Distance Award	– Sponsor Unknown donated in 2000 FF Governor
McGregor Trophy Championship Series	– Sponsored by David & Barbara McGregor in 2013 Jenny Champion and Barack Obama
NZAHS Endurance Breeder of the Year – Sponsored by NZAHS & Arahi Arabians in 2014	

Horse & Rider Points

Miro Arabians – Mike Bragg

Equigear Trophy

– Sponsored by Sandy Rawlings in 2016

Most Kilometres by a horse of non Arabian breeding

Colorado Skye

Endurance Event of the Year

2017 North Island Champs,
hosted by Waikato Endurance Club

CTR Event of the Year

Canterbury Winter Series

Endurance Volunteer of the year

Karen Blyth

CTR Volunteer of the Year

Emma and Sooty

Fair Play Award

Tahlia Franke

Roll of Honour Endurance

Wolfgang Amadeus – 7000km
Glenmore Vixen – 3000km
Sharm El Sheikh - 3000km
Sayfwood Ashaarnna – 3000km

Kiwis overseas

Tom Quilty

This year we sent a team to the Tom Quilty in Australia. The team was made up of Ashley Cole and Ash Cole, who took their own horses, and Mark Tylee and Ross Hill, riding Australian horses. Nadine Barker also went as a reserve, and rode another Australian horse. Wendy Farnell took on the task of keeping them all in order as Chef d'Equipe and all members had a great time and learned a lot. The Quilty is a major iconic ride and, fittingly, its not an easy ride. As with any 160km distance there's a lot of luck involved in qualifying through for a buckle. Congratulations to Ash Cole and Zee Boy Rodney for a successful completion. Commiserations and better luck next time for the rest of the team

Competing independently Patricia Ireland and Georgia Smith also rode for Australian teams. Well done to Pip for getting her buckle – a fitting finale to a great few months in Australia. Georgia's horse unfortunately vetted out lame, meaning there are still goals to reach for.



TransTasman

And then it was another contingent of Kiwis crossing the ditch, this time contesting the resurrected Trans-Tasman Challenge. The composition of the teams was laid out as three seniors and one junior, one senior to contest the 120k and the rest in the 80km. The aim of this series is to help riders gain experience in overseas competition and in riding as part of a team. The New Zealand team deservedly comprised Amanda McConachy, Vanessa Tiffen, Tessa Wells and Ana Whitehead, with Kelly Haywood as Chef d'Equipe.

Ana, Vanessa and Tessa all lined up for the 80km, with Amanda entered in the CEI 2*120km ride the following day. All rode well, with Ana placing second in the Junior/Young Rider class, and Vanessa and Tessa completing the ride successfully along with her. Amanda unfortunately vetted out lame after 72km, but otherwise the horse was in great shape. Well ridden and congratulations to all our team.

The icing on the cake was being presented with the TransTasman team trophy. The pressure will be for the return visit to see which nation gets the trophy next time. Thanks to the owners who supplied our team with horses, Bullio Arabians for sponsoring the trophies and teams entry fees and to Sterling's Crossing Endurance Club who hosted the event.



Birketts in South Africa

Congratulations also to Peter and Rebecca Birkett for successfully completed the 120km at Fauresmith in South Africa. Commiserations to Teresa for not completing, but good horsemanship



Shazahda

Following on from the Quilty experience a number of riders were invited to return to Australia to compete for Bullio Arabians in the Shazahda. Ash Cole and Zee Boy Rodney headed to try for another buckle to add to the collection, but it wasn't to be, with a lameness on the third day. Braden Cameron also started the main event, but unfortunately went out lame as well. Taking the teams challenge though in the mini-Shazahda were the 'Bullio Kiwis', made up of Ashley Cole, Teresa Birkett, Nadine Barker and Jenny Chandler. Huge congratulations to all. What a great experience. Well done to all.

Rides around the country

Canterbury club - Canterbury Endurance and CTR Club have had a super start to the 2017/18 season, at our lovely Southbridge track which is just perfect for the time of year. We once again had plenty of happy new faces out enjoying the events the weekend had to offer. Following on from the success of the wonderful Winter Series it was great to see so many people back out competing for the start of the regular season.

The Endurance competition, run on Saturday attracted 25 entries. The 40km intermediate and part of the Intermediate National Series was won by Craig Middleton and the super consistent Sunny Brae Red Lace. Kelsey Gaiger and the fresh Dahman Al Zayd made good time winning the 40km intermediate junior section. All of the Novice classes had good numbers which was really encouraging to see.

Sunday was a busy one for the ground crew with 49 competitors over varying distances. The



Canterbury Club have really focused on providing something for everyone recently and with classes from 5km – 40km on offer over the weekend, there was no shortage of competitors.

The intermediate CTR was hotly contested with 1 point separating the winner Jo Forrester and Quasim who made the big trip up from Dunedin and second place getter Andrea Rigby Euralea Eva. The junior intermediate winner was Shaun Prangly on his new pony Just a Dream II. The novice sections were just as hotly contested which is awesome to see, I'd think there will be some serious competition out there come Championship time!

We are hoping to foster a few more kids into the sport and it has been fabulous watching the youngest of our competitors learning about CTR and getting pretty competitive too! We have a few lead

rein riders cracking the whip so to speak on their "leaders" with stop watches firing and rules a plenty in the friendly on track banter! We have lots to look forward to for the season and hope to have heaps more fun events on offer.

Thank you to the wonderful team behind the scenes that make these competitions tick along, you are all incredible and the sport is very lucky to have you!



Ruahine club – The beach was the venue for Ruahine's first ride of the season, with their annual August ride at Scotts Ferry. With the weather in the past few months leaving very wet and muddy conditions in the area many people have yet to get their horses back into work, but a dedicated group turned out to enjoy a day at the beach. A number also took advantage of the opportunity to introduce young horses with great footing and great company. The club's next ride is on Sunday 17 September back at Scotts Ferry.



Waikato club – had their first ride of the season in the Waiuku forest. The weather really turned it on for the weekend with perfect conditions and the footing was perfect. There was a good turnout of riders in all classes, with some being slightly more challenged than others in getting to the ride. Full marks for perseverance to the riders who had to negotiate a slightly later start time after being held up by an Armed Offenders blockade - both riders eventually had a successful ride. Several riders also took advantage of the recent change in rules allowing them to ride 40kms on a casual day membership, and if the smiles are anything to go by they may just be hooked. Emma Tunstall made a positive start to the season, winning the 40km event, followed by Jenny Chandler and Daryl Owen for second and third.



CTR riders turned out in strength as well. Keith McLeod stamped his mark on the 25km Intermediate CTR with Gemma Acton taking out second place. Kirsten Benson took the 25km Novice. In the 15km Intermediate CTR it was Judy Warren taking first place followed by Natasha Guest. Entering the Novice 15km CTR Aimee Warner took first place, closely followed by Brittany van Dijk-Turner in second place and Rachel Hills in third.



Thanks to Dunstan for their continued sponsorship of Waikato Endurance Club

Spotlight on sponsors

Pure Sports Hydration – One of the discussions I hear most in endurance around horse nutrition is about electrolytes – how much and how to administer. No matter what the answer to those questions nobody would dispute that electrolytes and hydration for our horses are vitally important. When it comes to human nutrition there is not so much emphasis on electrolyte intake.

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Thank you Pure Sports Nutrition for your continued support of ESNZ Endurance.

Last but not least



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