

SHOW HUNTER WAITEMATA – CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT 2010

With 17 Waitemata Show Hunter riders in the HOY 2010 results it has been a wonderful season for our riders and committee. We had riders in the top 10 for every Title class reaching our goal of lifting the results from the Waitemata area.

Special mention to Trudi Biggar, Steph Joustra, Tracey Page, Livi Hill, Maddie Bult, Jess Vokes, Catherine Gibson, Chelsea Mackie, Rosie Commons, all placing in the Title Classes . Emma Goddard, Maddie Bult, and Rosie Commons all winning the sought after 1st in a HOY classes. As well Samantha Bult, Jaime Campbell , Sarah Kraft, Caitlin Lally, Greta Darroch , Megan Joustra, Alissa Hutton, also gained class placings . In fact in two of the final classes for Pony Equitation and Junior High Points Waitemata riders took out 4 of the 6 placings. Brilliant results for which our riders need to be congratulated.

Trudi Biggar was our star of the national series as she swept the titles for both the Open and Junior High Points and the Junior Equitation rounding a stunning season for her and her stable of Meersbrooke horses.

Following a successful winter series, great entries in both registered shows saw a strong showing in both the registered and training rings. I would like to acknowledge the Waitemata committee for their cohesive teamwork this year; it has been a pleasure to share the summer season with everyone.

During the year Jenny Joustra and Jess Simone have worked hard to keep us in the news both local and national through the Bulletin, and successfully brought in sponsorship. Tony Bult outdid himself bringing in a number of the gardening fraternity as sponsors to bolster our income. Tracey Page has kept us under financial control and sourced Judges for all events. Jenny Joustra has won us money through Lion Foundation to fund our much needed new laptop, which in turn has saved Louise Blair's sanity and helped her achieve another stunning administrative year for the group. Julia Bockett has refreshed our website with a totally new look and up to date news and information. Let's not forget the people out in the field, literally, with Liz Vokes, Tony & Angela Bult on the pony gate hour after hour. Trudi Biggar turning up early before her full day of classes to help set up and Robyn Biggar taking charge of the Hack gate. My thanks to Michelle for taking an increasingly bigger work load as Secretary and working the rings when she hasn't been competing, and to Emma Goddard for nights pouring over the computer working with Rhonda churning out very successful and well received courses. To Louise Blair who is great to work with, who works tirelessly on our behalf and ensures the shows run seamlessly and under total control – our thanks.

This year has seen the first of our Youth Development programme at the Calypso gym in Albany where between 12 of our young riders are learning the importance of getting fit for riding, and combining their fitness training with learning about good nutrition, goal setting, and sports science. This programme runs through in two sessions to finish just before the summer season.

Lastly we have three well respected committee members standing down from the committee this year. Instructor Sue Whiddett takes time out to support her family in their pursuit of international competition in the world of sliding. Our thanks to Sue and we look forward to her continuing her judging and help in developing our riders. Kim Campbell is seen helping out many areas of the equestrian community and we have enjoyed her dedication, enthusiasm and professionalism. She trades her committee hat for that of chief groom as she supports her successful and strongly competitive girls.

Then how can we hope to thank Rhonda Goddard for the years she has spent building and then rebuilding Show Hunter Waitemata, for the hundreds of hours spent over courses both locally and nationally, for her superb talent in course decoration. Her guidance and determined dedication has helped make Show Hunter the success it is today. The Onehunga \$2 will miss her trade, but not half as much as we will miss her expertise. Sue, Kim, and Rhonda thank you for your contribution you may be coming off the committee but we will hold tight to your friendship.

THANK YOU TO COMMITTEE, COURSE BUILD HELPERS, RIDERS, AND SPECTATORS

FOR AN EXCELLENT SEASON