

TMHC Survey Results – June 2009

Thanks to everyone who did our survey on club activities. We had a great response from 42 members, giving us lots of ideas and suggestions for the coming year. We also had many positive comments about the Club which is always nice to hear. Congratulations to Catherine Lord, the lucky winner of a free lesson or competition entry!

Below is a summary of your responses - there were too many to list every comment! Of course, you don't have to wait until we ask – if you ever have an idea or suggestion, let us know, we'd love to hear it.

You would like more training/lessons

Training/lessons were voted the most popular activity. No surprise, Camp is a big favourite. You liked the idea of evening activities and regular rallies (at Upper Hutt Pony Club) – which means lots more opportunity for training and lessons.

You want to keep our current events, especially the Winter Dressage

You are quite interested in trekking

We'll help members of the same ability get together in small groups for fun, safe treks!

Most like dressage, SJ and Show Hunter, some asked for Games and Le Trec

We're a keen bunch and pretty much want to do a bit of everything! Show Hunter, Games and Le Trec are things you said we could do more of.

You are keen for events without horses

Most common topics were:

- Veterinary/health/first aid/massage
- Saddle fitting
- Natural horsemanship/groundwork/behavioural/training young horses
- Feeding & Nutrition
- Hoof care/shoeing/trimming/lameness
- Social – meet members and invite new people

Other ideas and suggestions

- Low key, fun, informal events, "Have a go" days
- Classes for inexperienced riders separate from experienced riders on baby horses
- Encourage & support beginners and new members
- Allow non-members to some events
- Team event with another Riding Club
- Use the RDA indoor venue in bad weather
- Promotional flyer to advertise the Club

Use the Website

We'll be putting more information on our website [<http://www.tmhcnz.com/index.html>]. It's a great way to keep in touch about upcoming activities and report on past events. Another great suggestion was adding member profiles and contact details so you can get in touch with each other to arrange activities or meet up at non-Club events.

Grounds

You had a few comments about the size of the grounds (limited entry numbers, small warm up area) and the surface. Generally we have great grounds, especially now we have a shed and a toilet! The current priority is building yards to keep our horses safe. Topping up the surface is next on the list – we will need to fundraise or apply for another grant. We can't do much about the size but by using the Upper Hutt PC grounds for some events we should be able to get the best of both worlds!

Thanks again for your suggestions
We look forward to seeing you at the Club soon

TMHC Committee