



PARENTS NEWSLETTER

August 2009

Several things I want to mention but first and foremost I must mention that Jill our President, has been very unwell and has now had surgery. I'm sure you will join me in wishing her a speedy recovery. Many of our wonderful committee and volunteers have stepped in, taking on extra responsibilities and from my observations everything is running very well.

Some of you may have seen in the local paper, or heard, that Bill our Treasurer and trusty helper in the kitchen making the tea was presented with the 'Volunteer of the Year Award' This is an award given out every year by Riding for the Disabled national body. Isn't it wonderful to think that our Bill was the 'lucky one' chosen from all volunteers throughout the country. Congratulations Bill.

I want to remind you once again that should riding be cancelled you will be notified and if something should arise that prevents a rider from coming **PLEASE** inform RDA. There is an awful lot of preparation that goes into the rally before a rider gets on their horse. The horses have to be brought from out in the fields into the stalls, washed and brushed down, get all the gear out for each horse, plus much much more. All this is carried out by volunteers, without whom we wouldn't be able to offer this therapy to the rider.

If a Rider is able to walk, please can the driver park along the drive and then walk up to the club house. With horses being exercised before the ride cars coming up to the club house, some at quite a speed, the risk is too great.

Please close the front gate after you have entered or left the park

Parents/Caregivers must not enter the horse areas but remain on the club house deck.

A Fundraising Committee has been formed with parent, Rachel Groenestein, and Kim Rossiter coordinating this committee, thank you Rachel and Kim. They are really keen to have some support so do consider offering to help with this group. We have to make the Indoor Arena more than just a dream. Pick up the phone and give one of them a call. They would be delighted.



One area of fundraising in which Rachel and Kim have already set up so Totara Park Riding for the Disabled can receive revenue is online shopping. Check the site out and select as it says below

SUPPORT OUR FUNDRAISING –

- Go to www.yourfastshop.co.nz and browse over 85 online stores.
- All shopping helps raise funds when you select: Totara **Park Riding For the Disabled.**
- Save money and time by shopping online.
- Please pass this on and your continued support is much appreciated.

With such inclement weather this time of the year I advise you to always have some warm clothing and a rain jacket.

Thanking you all so much

Barbara Pritchard

To inform RDA that a rider is not coming please phone before 7.45am

Monday: Anne Chamberlin

Thursday: Cilla Bell

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