

THE COMMITTEE

The committee meet twice a term and make the necessary decisions that need to be made, such as important issues of riders, horses, and what to do when we are rained off!! And also any coming fun events, we will keep you posted.

Below is a list of the committee members:

President –	Jill Stevenson
VP/Rep – Instructor-	Jenny Fegan
Treasurer -	Bill Clarkson
Secretary/ Privacy Officer-	Jo Price
Health & Safety Officer -	Carole Sanders
Horse Manager -	Elizabeth Roberts
Rep –Fundraising/Therapist -	Anne Chamberlin
Rep – Horses & Ponies -	Margaret Hansen
Rep – Riders -	Barbara Pritchard
Instructor -	Cilla Bell
Photographer -	John McKillop

A reminder for all the Committee that our next meeting is on Tuesday the 17th February. Place to be confirmed. See you all there, if you are unavailable then please send in your apologies.

Web site www.totraparkrda.org.nz Check us out!
Or you can use our alternative address that has recently been developed. This is www.tprda.org.nz



NEWSLETTER

January 2009

Jill's News – Last I checked Jill is still on Holiday, so sorry it's Jo again.

Welcome back to another fun filled year at Totara Park Riding for the Disabled, and thank you to each and every one of you for giving up your precious time and enabling us to give our riders the wonderful experiences

that they receive from us all, along with of course the therapy they get.

We hope that you and your families have all enjoyed your break, and have had a safe and happy holiday period, and you are now rested and ready to "give it your all" for 2009.

Our first week back we will be having a training day on both Monday & Thursday, this will be on Monday the 9th and Thursday the 12th of February, while the following week our riders will be starting. Please come along on the 9th and/or 12th as this is a time where you will be able to find out which riders you will possibly have, and it will be a time where you will be able to find out what these riders will benefit from the most.

Reminders ...

PLEASE make sure you ring **Jill** (Mondays) **or Cilla** (Thursdays) before 7.45am or, if after 8.30am - the **Clubroom 262 0426** if you are unable to come to the Rally.

Cancellations – If we need to cancel a Rally, we have been using the email system that has been working really well. So please remember to let us know if you change your email address.

Volunteers – We still need more volunteers, so if you know of anyone who you think may be interested in helping us, please give them our details, or they could look us up on the internet www.tprda.org.nz and from there they can find the necessary forms and send them to us. Alternatively they can give us a call.

A reminder again to please fill in the attendance book each time you come along. Also while you are filling things in... sidewalkers, **please** remember to fill in the riders file. If there is anything you wish to mention about our great horses then please fill this in also - ask Elizabeth where our horse files are kept.

Clothing – we will be putting another order in early on this year, so please talk to Jill about what you would like. There are some spare shirts and jackets that you can use to see which size fits you best.

Treasurer Position – Bill was looking for a 2IC, this place has been filled by Jeanne Clare, thank you Jeanne for stepping up into this busy role. However we are now considering the possibility of finding yet another person, who will be attending Rallies on both Mondays and Thursdays, who can collect the money from the riders and record it for Bill so that things can be kept running smoothly. So if you are interested yet again please can you contact Jill. Many thanks.

Training – Coming up on the 10th of February at Drury is another volunteers training day. So if you are a new volunteer or you would like to have a refresher, then please can you let Cilla know that you intend to attend this workshop so that she can put your name down. The course is a great way of meeting some other volunteers from other groups and also is a time to learn some of the reasons we are here, and how to make our riders gain the most from their time with us. Further to this workshop others will be coming up throughout the year, so if you are interested in further training please again talk to Cilla and she can give you the details you need.

Health and Safety – As we are in the middle of summer at the moment please make sure that you have your hat on and are covered with Sun block, you will find some is usually left on the table in the clubrooms if you are needing any. We don't want you getting burnt out there.

Also the arena will be rather dusty due to the dry conditions.

OUR AWESOME HORSES-

I recently heard a rather amusing story that I thought I must share with you all.

It's about the milkman!

Many years ago the milkman delivered the milk on horse and cart, he would stop at the end of the road and leave the horse to feed from the grass verge while he delivered the milk to the houses in the cul-da-sac.

This one day a young boy asked if he could hold the horse for the milkman while he went up the road. Knowing how the horse would stay there eating, the milkman said, "sure you can, but make sure that he doesn't get away", then the milkman carried on up the road to deliver his milk.

When he came back the boy looked most worried. The milkman said, "How was the horse"? The boy said, "he's good, but I don't think he will go any further", the milkman asked why and the boy replied, "Cause he's run out of petrol"!



Finally here is Ringo (one of our past ponies) who lives with Elizabeth and has done for some time now; he moved house just prior to Christmas with Elizabeth, and the rest of the family. He is looking great and loving his new lifestyle.

Here he's having a love from one of his many fans.