

Invitation to Waitemata District Pony Clubs Members to attend

PONY CLUB HUNTS

hosted by Waitemata Hunt Incorporated



*Georgia - 11 years old
From Helensville PC*



*Brody - 13 years old
From Hakaru PC*



*Holly - 14 years old
From Whenuapai PC*

Looking for something special to do these school holidays? Come along experience the fun that is hunting to hounds. You can choose to join in the running in the main field; gate (follow the hunt, but not jump any fences); or ramble up the races and watch the hunt from afar. Hunting is a great day out with your pony, riding over some of the most spectacular scenery and countryside around.

**Each Pony Club riding member will receive a Certificate of Attendance.
The cost for a pony club member to attend for the day is \$25.**

Sunday 12 April

Messrs Houghton & Porter
171 Fletcher Rd, Muriwai
Meet un-mounted at 11.30am

Sunday 19 April

Mr Donald Scott-Thrust
Silverdale PC Grounds
Green Rd, Dairy Flat
Meet un-mounted at 11.30am

GENERAL INFORMATION

What to wear? Standard ODE pony club attire is suitable. A jacket, beige jodhpurs, white shirt and stock or tie, tall boots or short boots and chaps, and a safety helmet.

What happens on a typical hunt day? The Field (riders) meet un-mounted at 11.30am for a briefing. At 11.45am riders mount their horses and join the field. The hunt field is lead by the Master who wears a red coat. The hounds are under the control of the Huntsman who rides out the front with the hounds and whippers-in (other riders who help control the hounds). The hounds cast for the scent, and once they have picked up the scent they go on what is called a "run", each run lasts around 20 - 30 minutes after which the hounds, Huntsman, and Field have a break for 15 minutes, then repeat the exercise. A typical hunt lasts around 3 hours. After the hunt the Field meets for the "Hunt Breakfast" (a bit odd given it's the afternoon) - it is much like an afternoon tea.

What gear should I have on my horse? Horses naturally like to run in a herd and you may find your pony is a little stronger on the hunt field than they might be at home or out hacking so choose your bit with that in mind. Any standard riding tack is suitable for hunting, we recommend either a GP or jumping saddle on the hunt field, and also recommend using either a breastplate or martingale.

What to bring? A plate for the Hunt Breakfast, your horse, tack, your clothing, horse feed, hay, water for washing and hydrating your horse. Please leave your dog(s) at home.

If you have any questions about hunting please feel free to contact Secretary Julia Kennedy on mobile 021 638 113 or email info@waitematahunt.co.nz For more information visit our website www.waitematahunt.co.nz