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MATAKANA BRANCH PONY CLUB Inc. Members Handbook 2019/2020 Season



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2. WELCOME

Firstly we would like to say thank you for showing an interest in our branch, and offer a warm welcome to those who have recently joined.

This information handbook is for riding and non-riding members, parents and officials. It contains introductory information for those new to the Pony Club scene, as well as information for each member to have at hand throughout the season. We imagine that riding members will add to this manual the information, hand-outs, learning aids, items of interest and of course the certificates and show results that they gain along the way.

We wish you great experiences and many good times for the season ahead, and most of all lots of fun!

SAFE RIDING & BEST OF LUCK FOR THE SEASON!

3. INTRODUCTIONS

What is Pony Club?

Pony Club is a youth-based equestrian organisation aimed at people up to the age of 25 years old. There are over 9,400 Pony Club members throughout NZ and Pony Club exists in 30 countries around the world. The mission of the NZ Pony Clubs Association is:

“To promote and improve the quality of riding and horse management coaching for young riders and their coaches throughout New Zealand”.

You can find out more about Pony Club by visiting the NZPCA web site here: www.nzpca.org and looking at the Resource Manual, here: www.nzpca.org/rules-regulations/rules-regulations-1 which has the Mission Statement, Vision Statement and Fair Play Sport Charter in it.

About Matakana Pony Club (MPC)

MPC started in 1978. It is situated on Diamond Jubilee Park, Matakana Valley Road, which is a public reserve and only 5 minutes away from the heart of Matakana Village. Our clubrooms are situated inside the grounds and used as a gathering place for the start of our rallies. The season runs from October to April, dependant on weather and ground conditions.

The club has great facilities. There are a number of pens/yards available for use as well as X-Country jumps available to members as all times during the season, subject to ground condition.

MPC's members' capabilities ranging from beginners to advanced – and you do not need to be experienced to join. Throughout the levels there are those who are very keen to compete - and we encourage that the Pony Club structure easily presents those opportunities throughout the season. However we also do not lose sight of those who simply want to enjoy and be around horses – MPC caters to all levels and interests.

Club Culture and Philosophy

We aim to cultivate a fun learning environment, giving members every opportunity to enjoy, learn, improve and develop in a safe environment. Members will also encounter new experiences along the way which will bring new challenges to complement individual development.

Membership Types

'**Riding Members**' provide their own horses to ride and are classed as either Junior Riders (up to the age of 17), Senior Riders (18–25yrs) and Adult riders (25yrs and over).

'**Non-Riding Members**' pay a much reduced fee. One parent or caregiver of every rider under the age of 18yrs **must** be registered as a Non-Riding member; and a parent or nominated carer must also be present and responsible for that rider during the rally or event. Non-Riding Committee Members must also join as Non-Riders. This rule is part of the NZPCA Policy and is in place to protect the Club and the parent in the event of accident or injury.

Activities

MPC members take part in a wide variety of equestrian activities, including:

- Rallies - Which is the term for club organised instruction, both mounted and otherwise
- Fun Days, Evenings and Events
- Horse Camps
- Branch, District and Area Competitions
- Ribbon Day Competitions
- Show Jumping
- Show Hunter
- Dressage
- Mounted Games
- Private lessons are available through our Instructors.

Rallies

Rallies are the backbone of any Pony club. They are taught by qualified Coaches and include flatwork, jumping and games. During the season these take place on Tuesday's 5.30pm and / or Sunday mornings, 10:30 am mounted, where riders are taught riding and horsemanship subjects from the NZPCA curriculum.

Riders must complete a minimum of 5 Rallies in order to qualify for Certificates. For Five rallies rules refer to www.nzpca.org/riders-parents/certificates-and-badges and the General Regulations.

All riders **are strongly expected** to help with setup and takedown.

Rally calendar is available on the website – www.matakanaponyclub.co.nz.

Pony Club Structure

MPC is known as a '**Branch**' and, along with other PCs, forms part of the Warkworth 'District' Pony Club. The branches within our District are Warkworth, Ahuroa (in recession) and of course Matakana.

Our District is a member of the Waitemata Rodney 'Area' Pony Club, which happens to be the largest and one of the most successful of the 16 Areas in NZ. Other Districts within our Area are Whenuapai, North Harbour, Kumeu, Greenhithe, Wellsford and West Auckland.

4. OFFICIAL INFORMATION

Address: Diamond Jubilee Park
207 Matakana Valley Road, Matakana.

Branch Contacts

PRESIDENT	Alexander Longuet-Higgins	Ph 09 422 6193 Ph 021 487 066
VICE PRESIDENT	N/A	
SECRETARY	Cheri Wright	Ph 09 422 7795 Ph 021 517 504
TREASURER	Cheri Wright	(as above)
HEAD COACH	Kim Beazley	Ph 027 493 7182
PATRON	Chriss Farrand	
RIDER REPRESENTATIVE	Tayla Keon	

Other Committee Members-

Angela Roberston
Felicity Wyatt
Kari Meachin
Peter James
Rachael Lovelace.

DISTRICT COMMISSIONER	Kim Sterling	Ph 027 481 9655
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DISTRICT DELEGATES	Alexander Longuet-Higgins Angela Robertson Peter James Rachael Lovelace.
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We are always happy to welcome new members to the committee to help run the club.

5. PONY CLUB SYLLABUS

Overview

The Pony Club syllabus is structured to sit tests over the years in order to achieve a succession of '**Certificates**'. The syllabus and certificate structure leads MPC, and indeed other Pony Clubs, in 2 key ways.

1. It allows us to grade our riding members into separate groups with similar capability levels, referred to as '**Rides**'; and
2. From there we structure a season coaching syllabus to ensure riders learn the required aspects to enable them to progress and sit certificates as they wish and are encouraged to do so.

Manuals

Two manuals (books) contain the source of what is required at different Certificate levels.

- Pony Club Manual. No 1, which contains D, D+, & C Certificate Level information, and
- Pony Club Manual No. 2, which contains C+, B, H and A information.

We briefly describe the certificates here for ease, but you should try to get your own manuals in order to complete your certificate work and increase your equestrian knowledge

Certificates

- D** A simple test. Usually done in the first season when the Coach is satisfied the rider will pass. Recommended age is 8 or 9 years.
- D+** Introduced to bridge the gap between D and C. Recommended age is 9 or 10.
- C** A higher standard of riding, horse care and knowledge is required. This test would typically be taken two seasons after the D certificate. Recommended age is 11 or 12 years.
- C+** Introduced to bridge the gap between C and B. This Certificate is a step up the ladder from C; therefore members must show a good standard well on their way to B work. Riders must be able to feel and tell when they have achieved a movement. This certificate may be sat in two sections, 1) Horse Management and 2) Riding. Riders are assessed before sitting and the exams are arranged at District Level. Recommended age is 12 or 13 years and above.
- B** This certificate may be sat in two sections, 1) Horse Management and 2) Riding. On obtaining both sections the rider has his or her full B Certificate. Riders are assessed before sitting and the exams are arranged at District Level. Recommended age is 14 or 15 years and above.
- H** A horsemanship test requiring a high standard of knowledge. Mainly for candidates whose riding is not up to A standard. Minimum age to sit this is 16 years.
- A** The ultimate goal. Few reach this very high level. Minimum age is 16 years. Both A & H Certificate exams are done at National Level.
- O** The O grades are not referred to in the Pony Club manual but information about them can be found on www.nzpca.org.

You can find out more about Certificates and the rules applying to them here:

www.nzpca.org/riders-parents/certificates-and-badges

The NZPCA also has a programme for Riders without Horses.

6. COMMUNICATION

Primary Communication Method

Our primary method of contacting you will be via email. Our membership application forms give you the opportunity to advise if this isn't possible or practicable.

Email Policy

1. Group email is only for official use.
2. Group email is not to be used for selling personal items or group chat.
3. Email can be used judiciously to advise members of items that are of benefit to them, e.g. horse dentist dates.
4. Email lists are not to be distributed outside the club.

Club Notice Board

Members are encouraged to be aware of information posted on the board.

The committee may post:

- Notices
- Newsletters
- Upcoming events
- Key meeting information

The notice board can be used for members to:

- Advertise
- Advise show successes
- Circulate items of interest

MPC Web Site

Please visit our website www.matakanaponyclub.co.nz for information relating to our pony club.

7. GUIDELINES, POLICIES AND RULES

Spirit, Intent, Safety

The committee wants members to understand that all the requirements stated have come about for good reason, i.e. They are to ensure the smooth running of the club and to be of benefit to the members.

The 3 important factors that we found to guide us are **SPIRIT**, **INTENT** and **SAFETY**. Should members feel the need to question the validity or fairness of any requests you could consider thoughts such as:

- Are we asking for this item in the **spirit** of MPC? Is it there, for example, to make our branch activities fair for the members' different capabilities, to foster learning and a fun environment?
- What is the item actually **intending** to achieve? It may be that we've not worded something the best, so consider what is it we're trying to achieve. You are welcome to bring it to our attention and suggest better, clearer wording too.
- It is paramount that we run a **safe** environment and, whilst being around horses is never a zero risk situation, we do need to be sensible.

Two other factors guiding the committee in this section are **OUTSIDE INFLUENCES** and **COMMON SENSE**. Regarding outside influences, one example would be the NZPCA; they define the rules, again probably with the same considerations as above, so we have to comply. We have tried not to duplicate NZPCA rules in this manual.

Another outside influence we are trying to manage is consideration for the Matakana community, which affects riding etiquette outside our grounds.

General

1. MPC has its own policies, procedures and guidelines documented here. If there is a conflict, and should it be appropriate, the NZPCA rules will take precedence.
2. The Committee reserves the right to make exceptions to these policies, guidelines and rules in specific circumstances, where considered appropriate.
3. We encourage good practice, behaviour, courtesy, consideration for others and appropriate actions for the good of the horses and ponies. To these ends, the committee is not actively seeking feedback on all misdemeanours etc, but would like to foster a self help/policing/advisory situation where members work with each other to follow our club policies, guidelines and rules.
4. Should there be any inappropriate behaviour or action by a member, it will be referred to the committee for disciplinary action – which may extend to removal of membership.
5. Members, and their parents where appropriate, are welcome to attend Committee meetings for a right of reply in such circumstances.

Manners Etiquette

6. We expect all members to treat others with respect, be friendly and offer assistance.
7. Foul or obscene language by anyone is completely unacceptable.
8. Riders attending rallies must be punctual. It is rude and inconsiderate to keep coaches and other members waiting.
9. If you are unable to attend a rally, you should contact your Head Coach beforehand so they know that you won't be attending.
10. If something gets broken or damaged, let a committee member or coach know so we can fix it.
11. Please treat all club and other members' property with respect and as if you paid for it yourself. If someone lends you something return it in a better state than when you borrowed it
12. Consider how other horse or ponies will behave as if that rider is not as capable as you. Don't perform any action that could put them at risk - for example, do not canter past a person walking or leading their horse.
13. If someone is working their horse, don't ride through that area.
14. The MPC Grounds are **smoke-free**.

Assistance \ Working Bees

15. **All riding members must complete at least 3 working bees.** If you are riding in a Club event, you or a substitute must help set up and/or clear up after. The committee reserves the right to deny a rider entry in an event if no help is given (No Set up, no Ride). Set up and clean up for rallies is a weekly expectation by riding members and/or their parent/caregiver. This does not count as a working bee,
16. Any incident or accident on the grounds involving a rider needs to be reported to the Head Coach or other Instructor and, if a horse is involved the owner.

Gates and Security

17. The driveway gate must be hooked closed at all times.
18. Gates into paddocks must be kept closed at all times.
19. Please check the sign at the gate and obey gate instructions regarding "Closed for riding". This means no riding, or any form of exercising, schooling or lunging.

Tidiness

20. Keep the grounds and all buildings and facilities clean and tidy.
21. Do not leave tack and other items lying around.
22. Pick up and remove any and all rubbish found and place it in the bins or take it home.
23. Please remove manure from all pens/yards at all times.

Consideration for the Community

24. When road riding, it is most important that you and your mount are safe. If an unsafe situation arises, coming off the road to be safe is acceptable. Return to the road as soon as you are able to do so. Riders must dismount if the situation becomes very unsafe.
25. As a matter of course, do not ride on the grass berm or verge, the foot prints are not appreciated.
26. Do NOT ride on private property or driveways.
27. If your horse leaves manure, make sure you return and pick it up.

Dogs

28. Dogs are not allowed on club grounds during show or event days, or rallies.
29. Dogs must be under control at all times.
30. You must pick up your dog's poo.

General Riding

31. The Intent of riding membership is for that member to ride their horse at the club.
32. Helmets must be worn at all times.
33. Do not ride in a halter or head collar - use a bridle.
34. Whips and spurs should be used only when appropriate and not to excess.
35. If you are under 16 years of age, you must be supervised by an agreed caregiver.
36. Show jumps and moveable dressage arenas must be moved weekly to avoid ground wear.
37. No galloping unless you are under a Coach's supervision.

Clothing, Uniform and Turnout

38. Any clothing and footwear worn when handling horses and ponies must be safe. Parents, other guardians and visitors who are around horses should be in appropriate footwear with closed toes.
39. **Clothes for any riding:**
 - **Riding footwear** with a heel and only minimum tread must be worn.
 - **Hats.** A properly fitted, securely fastened, correctly maintained approved helmet must be worn whenever mounted. ***See Helmet standards below.**
40. **Club Uniform** is to be worn at rallies. This consists of a green long-sleeved shirt, club badge, jodhpurs and long or short boots with a smooth sole and a heel. A white long-sleeved shirt is optional. Boots and uniform should be clean, hair should be tidy. No jewellery should be worn, except a watch is optional.
41. **District Uniform** is worn for exams or when representing the District. It consists of a tartan vest, white long-sleeved shirt with red tie, with red jumper for colder weather, jodhpurs and long or short boots. To represent the club we would expect a very high level of turnout.
42. **Horse** – For rallies the horse's body should be clean, the mane and tail clean and well brushed, and eyes, nose and dock clean. Hooves should be clean and, if shod, the shoes in good order.
43. **TACK** must always be correctly fitted, clean and in good repair.

***Helmet Standards:**

PAS015:1998 or 2011 with BSI Kitemark (British Standard)

VG1 with BSI Kitemark

Snell E2001 with the official Snell label and number

ASTM F1163 2004a with the SEI mark (American Standard)

AS/NZ 3838 1998, 2003 or 2006 (joint Australian/New Zealand Standard)

BSEN 1384 (joint British/European Standard) – permitted until 31st July 2017.

EN 1384 (European Standard) – permitted until 31st July 2017.

Grazing

44. Members are permitted to graze overnight in the yards or the large fenced paddock overnight before a rally or event. Members must contact the Head Coach and request permission.

Ground Fee

45. Non-members must pay a ground fee of \$10.00 to use any of the pony club equipment. Permission is to be sought by Head Coach before using the grounds.

8. EVENTS, CLASSIFICATIONS, SHOWS

General Information

The NZPCA five rally rule applies to any rider wanting to sit NZPCA Certificate tests or to compete in NZPCA selection events for and competition at District, Area, Zone or National level. At District, Area, Zone or National level, the five rallies must have been with a Club within that District, Area or Zone.

There are events held within the branch (often called closed events).

There are events where the Branch puts a team forward to compete within the District (see District events below).

If you want to enter any PC events the Head Coach will be involved in selection

Equestrian events are advertised via email, notice-board and posted on the website.

Club Events

ORD - Open Ribbon Day

A competition open to all riders, with a number of "rings" covering various levels of horse/rider age or capability, i.e. Kindy ring is for young, novice riders; Open Hack ring is for experienced riders on full-height horses. The definition of these levels changes from Club to Club, so it is important that you check the programme you receive when entering. Normally entries are taken on the day and you can enter for a full day or a half day. The flat (non-jumping) classes are held in the morning and the jumping classes are held in the afternoon. Classes are set by the organising club and the competitors are told what to do by the ring steward and/or judge. Usually you stay at the same ring/level all day.

Matakana Pony Club definitions for each level are:

Novice – combination of mount and rider that has not yet won 3 red (first) ribbons in a corresponding event at any ORD in the Novice ring (excluding novelty events such as Best School Pony or Best Pony Club mount). If you get a new pony/horse, the combination has changed, so you can continue in the Novice ring.

Maiden - combination of mount and rider that has not yet won 3 red (first) ribbons in a corresponding event at any ORD in the Maiden/Open ring (excluding novelty events). Maiden mount/rider combinations must stay in the maiden ring throughout the day (i.e. cannot move up to the open classes, even after winning several reds on the day).

Open - combination of mount and rider that has won more than 3 red (first) ribbons at lower levels. Only open rider/mount combinations may enter events specified as open.

Novelty classes are fun classes, i.e. Best Pony Club Mount or Potato Race.

Dress - At Pony Club ribbon days, the rider's dress is generally only taken into account in the turnout class and Champion round. Correct dress is: Jacket, collared Shirt and tie, light coloured jodhpurs, boots and hard hat. Helmets must be NZPCA approved, however riders can choose to wear NZPCA Dressage Helmets for the flat classes.

Derby Day

A type of jumping competition. Classes vary from Pony Club to Pony Club. A derby class is normally a mixture of show jumps and cross country jumps. Judged by the fastest round with the least faults. May be other types of classes as well, but generally speed classes. All levels are catered for, with the exclusion of lead-rein. Back Protectors must be worn at Derby Day.

DISTRICT EVENTS

District events are held for Branches to put forward teams, from which a team will then be selected to represent the District to Area level. See Area Calendar on website.

If you are interested in trying out for any of these competitions, let our District Representatives know so that they know what information to get for you and will be able to tell the selectors to look out for you.

Interclub teams Showhunter

Interclub teams Dressage

Interclub teams Show Jumping

Interclub teams ODE

Cambridge North Island Show Jumping

Members from Matakana and Warkworth Branches are selected to represent Warkworth District Club.

AREA EVENTS

Showjumping at HOY

Dressage Champs

PC Champs ODE

9. SUBSCRIPTIONS, LEVIES AND FEES

Subscriptions are set by all members at the Annual General Meeting. Levies are set by the NZPCA at the Annual General Meeting and MPC incorporates these into the Branch's membership subscriptions. Other fees (Joining, Working Bee, etc) may be set at the AGM or by the Committee as appropriate.

1. Membership fees are:

Junior Riding Member (up to age 17years)	\$140
Second Junior Riding Member in same family	\$105
Junior Riding Member + Adult Riding Member in same family	\$205
Senior Riding Member (18–25years)	\$140
Adult Riding Member (over 25years)	\$140
Non-Riding Member / parent	\$30

It is compulsory that parents of Junior Riding Members join as Non Riding Members. This is NZPCA policy and as such allows you to vote at the Annual General Meeting.

2. The branch pays an annual levy to the NZPCA, District and Area, for each member.
3. The branch pays an event levy to District and Area for each competitor at any event - i.e. open to the public, not a closed event for members only.
4. The branch pays an event levy of \$4.00 per combination to Area for any event that the Branch runs.
5. If it is a District event, then District pays the event levy to Area.

10. FORMS

Membership – Riding and Non-Riding

Please register online via the branch website.

Competition and Other Entry Forms

Please contact your Coach, or the Head Coach if you wish to be considered for any teams competition. Submission of resumes will be compulsory.

11. FURTHER INFORMATION

NZPCA Manuals, rule books, dressage test books and other publications can be purchased through the MBPC Secretary or at local tack shops.

The NZPCA web site www.nzpca.org contains a wealth of information, including:

All the current Rules & Regulations, here: www.nzpca.org/rules-regulations/rules-regulations-1

Certificates & Badges: www.nzpca.org/riders-parents/certificates-and-badges

Pony Club Shop nzpca.mystorbie.com – you can ask the Secretary to order information from this.

12. ABBREVIATIONS, DEFINITIONS and GLOSSARY

Abbreviations

NZPCA	New Zealand Pony Clubs Association Inc
WRAPC	Waitemata Rodney Area Pony Club Inc
WDPC	Warkworth District Pony Club Inc
MBPC	Matakana Branch Pony Club Inc
MPC	Matakana Pony Club Inc
DR	Dressage
	B – Beginner Riding Test
	J – Junior Riding Test (series of dressage tests from the NZPCA book)
	I – Intermediate Riding Test
	S – Senior Riding Test
SJ	Show Jumping
SH	Show Hunter
XC	Cross Country
TD	Technical Delegate
YR	Young Rider
HC	Hors Concourse If you wish to enter/compete at an event out of your level (i.e. at a lower level) you may usually ride "HC", but this means you are not eligible for any prizes.
A&P	Agricultural and Pastoral (sometimes A & H – Agricultural and Horticultural) Shows. The next step up from Ribbon Days. A&P Show entries are taken in advance. You need to send for a programme and usually you enter by the class. Prize money is given. If you are planning to attend an A&P Show, it is a good idea to get advice from other A&P Show competitors as standards are high. Your pony will need to have a current height certificate.
RTR	Round the ring – a type of jumping done at A&P shows and some ORDs when there is no formal show-jumping course or competition.
ESNZ	Equestrian Sports New Zealand (formerly NZ Equestrian Federation and previously NZ Horse Society). The ruling body for dressage, show jumping, horse trials and endurance groups. ESNZ provides rules and regulations for their member groups for competitions from local to international levels. Rules sometimes differ from PC rules, therefore if you are unsure of a rule, ask someone more experienced, and if possible, look it up in the appropriate rule book. To compete at most ESNZ competitions, you must be a member of the ESNZ and your horse must be registered for that type of competition.
ESNZ Dressage	Tests are often used for Pony Club as well. Lowest level to highest: preliminary, novice, elementary, medium and advanced. Each placing obtained is worth so many points (for the horse) and after a certain number of points are gained, the horse is upgraded and can no longer compete at lower levels, regardless of who is riding. (unless downgrading permission is granted). Note: Pony Club dressage is usually ungraded so you can compete in any test. Dress - as for dressage phase of an ODE.
ESNZ Show Jumping & Show Hunter	All Pony Club members are welcome to attend these days. You do not need to have your pony or hack registered at the start, but if you win prize money you will not be able to collect it unless your mount is registered with NZEF. Show jumping is judged on clearing fences within a time limit. Show hunter is judged on the horse's style as well as jumping ability. Dress: Jacket, shirt, tie or stock, helmet, boots and jodhpurs.
ESNZ Horse Trials	The lowest level of horse trial is a training trial (this is similar height to a Pony Club training event). These are often open to non NZEF members and unregistered horses. After this you must be a member and your horse registered. The next level is a Novice Horse Trial-equivalent to Pony Club Area Trials. Dress: As for ODEs (Back protectors are compulsory).

13. APPENDIX 1

Matakana Branch Pony Club By-laws

1. Please be on time to rallies. If you are late, apologise to your Coach and ask to join the group. Weekend rallies start at 10:30 am mounted, twilight rallies at 5:30 pm. Remember, all our Coaches are here without payment.
2. All riding members must wear a NZPCA approved helmet while riding and competing on Club grounds. The club will check and tag all helmets at the beginning of each season.
3. Neat attire must be worn to all working rallies. Club green long sleeved shirt, or white long sleeved blouse in hot weather, and red Club tie (optional). Club badge, jodhpurs', boots, jodhpur boots or long black boots. If two-piece boots are worn, they must be of matching leather for competition only. Jewellery must be removed or taped. Suede chaps with Velcro will be acceptable for rallies. Everyone on the grounds, even those not riding, should wear covered footwear for safety reasons.
4. Bad language, unruly behaviour from riders, parents or horses will not be tolerated. Any member can and will be asked to leave. In serious circumstances they may be yellow-carded and suspended. All members will be asked to sign a Fair Play Charter.
5. Please take note of the grounds "Open / Closed" sign. If the grounds are set up for an event, there is no riding permitted under any circumstances. On the day prior to an event there is to be no riding over courses set up, e.g. show-jumps, dressage and cross-country.
6. No horses are to be tied to the pavilion fence.
7. Dogs are not permitted on the grounds on rally or competition days.
8. Diamond Jubilee Park is Smoke-free. Absolutely no smoking is permitted whilst riding, coaching, handling horses, or during rallies.
9. Subscription fees are required to be paid in full by the 3rd rally. A payment plan can be arranged with the Treasurer if necessary.
10. Junior members (up to 17years old) must not ride on the grounds without adult supervision. At least one Parent/Caregiver of a junior member must be enrolled as a Non Riding Member.
11. Please put rubbish in the bins provided.
12. Please remove all belongings from the yards after use and especially pick up any horse manure and move to the correct area. Remove manure from around your float before leaving the grounds.

All those who ride at Matakana Branch Pony Club are expected to adhere to the above rules.

Any rules broken will be dealt with by the Head Coach and the Committee.

DISTRICT RULE 42

Each member must attend a minimum of two District and three Branch working bees per season. Failure to do this will render riders ineligible to sit Certificates or represent District teams and, in the case of Matakana Branch, end of season trophies.

OBJECTIVES OF THE NZ PONY CLUB ASSOCIATION

1. To encourage the formation of pony clubs in NZ and to regulate the general line of instruction in horsemastership and horsemanship.
2. To subscribe to, become a member of, affiliate with, co-operate with and give donations to any other organisations having aims and objectives similar to those of the Pony Clubs Association.
3. To encourage young people to ride and enjoy all kinds of sport associated with horses and riding. To instil in members proper care of their animals, and to offer them the opportunity of receiving instruction of a higher class and on more orthodox lines than many can obtain individually.
4. To promote and conduct rallies, gymkhanas, competitions and hunter trials for young people.
5. To promote and encourage the NZPCA Fair Play Charter to create the highest ideals of sportsmanship, citizenship and loyalty, thereby cultivating strength of character and self-discipline.