

KAI PARA HUNT NEWSLETTER

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FUNDRAISING

Did you realise.....that the money we raise by working at Woodhill Sands and the Kumeu Show help keep our subs down by approx \$200!!!!

Kumeu Show - Mark it on your calendar in **BIG RED LETTERS** – **March 13 & 14**. This is our biggest fundraiser for the year and requires **ALL HANDS ON DECK!!!** The more helpers we have the easier it is on everyone. Please txt Inga if you can help out. We had two very successful weekends at Woodhill Sands with a great group of people who worked **extremely** hard. We were very lucky to have outside help from good friends including my army boys – Pte PK Lawson and Pte K Pilcher of Victor company 1st Battalion. Also many thanks to many other non-Kaipara members who toiled in the heat to help us - Vlado, Bowen, Monty, Rosemary, Jessica, Rebecca... I hope I've got everyone. Thanks to all the dedicated Hunt members who worked hard too. Workers were kept well fed and watered by Scotty and Sarah on the first weekend and Brian & sister in law Nicky and Nomes on the second. Even one day of your time made a difference.

Those of you who were unable to help with the showjumping weekends should consider donating at least one day of your time at the Kumeu Show. If we are unable to pull enough people together to work at these fundraisers we will lose the contractconsider whether you can afford up to another \$250/year to hunt. (approx. \$1100/member to run the Hunt)

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HUNTING TIME IS HERE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Wayne, his family and his trusty whips have been working the hounds and they are jumping out of their skin to hunt and give us another great season.

Big news at the kennels is a litter of pups out of our lovely Yoda by the handsome hound Forrest.

Other kennel news is that our Jamie is broken!!! However his fractured collarbone is healing and he will be fit enough to hunt this season.

Hunt Website

Check this out

www.kaiparahuntinc.yolasite.com

All credit to our Sue Bragg for creating this lovely website. She put a lot of work into this and it's an awesome website of our very own!! Please visit and sign the guestbook.

Hunt Properties

There are people assigned to look after each of our hunt properties and as hunting draws closer, they may need help to tidy up spars etc. Please be prepared to offer a helping hand even for an afternoon to make hunting more enjoyable for us all. This is a small hunt and we all need to pull together to make it work and have some fun!

Our preseason **ride** start out at John and Jan Hargreaves property in Oneriri road on the 28th Feb. Please note the later **start time of 1pm** at Hargreaves due to duck shooting in the morning. First preseason **hunt** starts out 3rd March at Hames/Wintle properties. Dress code is **NOT casual** this year, out of respect for the property

owners we will be dressed in **Ratcatchers**. i.e. Tidy white shirt with collar, pref the wrap around collar type for the ladies, and of course beige jodphurs, boots and black safety helmet. This is part of our pride in our hunt and respect for the farmers who generously allow us to hunt over their property.

On March 7th there is an 'Introduction to Hunting' day at David and Michele Oliver's property. The purpose of this day is to encourage those curious about hunting to come along and find out about it. It is proposed to have a short ride around the Oliver's property, then a play over small spars in the gateways and the larger spars in the fences. Ideal for newcomers and for getting your horse back in hunting mode! So come along and bring someone new - they may like it so much they'll join!! Ha ha.

Hunter Trials

Hunter trials is carded for the 25th April at David and Michele Oliver's property. Dave has had some exciting new ideas for competitions to appeal to all... even the non jumpers, so along with traditional events like 'handy hunter' and 'ladies hunter', there will be 'pass the flask' and 'trotting race' etc. So come one come all and have a go - its a great day out and it is for us adults... not just the kids! By the way... the 'pass the flask' contest is for the over 18's and winner gets to keep the flask!

Think that's all for now - see you on the hunt field!!

Love Linnie and Norm

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