



New Zealand Reining Horse Association

# NZRHA

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Presidents Piece,

Spring is finally here, the rain has slowed down and foals have started arriving. We recently received an update on Du -Rackular in Seattle and he is doing well in Reining (now an NRHA money earner scoring a 73 for 3rd place, in his last open Reining event in Canada) and he is also competing successfully in Reined Cowhorse events.

We are still waiting for the NZEquestrian Federation representative to visit to organize affiliation, I have used the time to create a Reining information pamphlet and video. Hopefully this will all happen shortly.

Our next clinic will be in November, unfortunately we were unable to obtain Jo Zett to take a clinic due to other commitments so I will be taking the next one.

Reining is making its debut at the World Equestrian Games in Italy at present which is exciting for the sport.

At the last NZRHA meeting an idea was put forward to move the Futurity from the Waikato December show to the March show to enable entrants to have more time on their 3 year old horses. We have looked into this extensively but this year the event will remain at the Waikato Western Riding Club's December show. Factors in this were as follows:

1. March show is a Ribbon Day with small entries so Reining would not get the exposure we are looking for.
2. Our sponsor, Watt Insurance Brokers, would be unable to provide sponsorship also due to the lack of advertising exposure.
3. December Show offers an Australian judge.

On the positive side, with the Futurity being open to both 3 & 4 year old horses there is always the option of waiting for the year if your 3 year old is not ready. The idea of changing to a later date is definitely a good one that we will keep looking at. If a show comes along that can offer all the elements required at a later date then we will be keen to shift to offer people the option of following more time on their young horses.

Regards  
 Ken Hawkins



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# FUTURITY 2002

To be held in conjunction with the Waikato Western Riding Club Show on December 8th. Change of venue this year to the Pukete Equestrian Centre, Hamilton. Total Purse \$1000 first prize \$500 plus Trophy Buckle plus the perpetual trophy (see front cover, donated by Harry Gordon)

Judge: Simon Meyers, Australia

The futurity is open to 3 and 4 year old horses.

Entry fee is \$55 for Non Members

Entry Fee is \$40 for NZRHA members

Prize Money:

1st \$500 and a perpetual trophy donated by Harry Gordon, and a buckle

2nd \$160

3rd \$125

4th \$100

5th \$75

6th \$50

There is also a trophy for the highest scoring 3 year old (donated by Ron Clothier).

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# Fund Raising Clinic

All proceeds from this clinic will be donated to the NZRHA

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For Weekend

Put your sliders on and spend the whole weekend dedicated to reining

On the 9th and 10th of December

Ken Hawkins will be your instructor for this weekend, spend some time with Ken and learn some of his secrets on how he gets his horses doing what they do.

We will have a NZRHA meeting on the Saturday night commencing at approx 5.30pm followed by a BBQ so please bring meat or salads plus your drinks for the BBQ.

Ring Ann Hawkins on 07 824 1008 for enquires or bookings. This clinic will be limited to Eight Riders only but there is always plenty of room on the rail for a small charge.

Congratulations to two of our Youth members, Jacob Ladd & Aaron Scobie who recently represented New Zealand at the AQHA Youth World Cup. Both Aaron & Jacob gained a 4th place in the Reining events. A great effort.

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# The No-Sweat Warm-Up

Nerves jangle. Tensions mount. Every little flaw seems magnified 10-fold. No question: The pre-class warm-up ring can be a pressure cooker. How do you push past the stress and put together the kind of warm-up that will help you make as solid a run in the show pen? Champion trainers Dell Hendricks, Todd Sommers, and Brian Bell share their strategies.

## Not the Time for Mr. Fix-It

Training is out of place in the warm-up pen. “Just touch on the maneuvers during your warm-up,” advises Hendricks. “You can’t fix them now, so make the best of them and go show. Things generally get better in the show pen than they were in the warm-up. But if you drill, they get worse.

Bell agrees. “It all should work before you get to a show, so you don’t need to practice there,” he says. “A lot of times, I’ll just trot the horse before a class to relax him and me both. I might turn him around maybe five minutes before the class, then trot him for five minutes and go in.”

## Save the Best for the Show Pen

Doing too much in the warm-up is a common mistake, says Hendricks. “People look so good in the warm-up pen, but by the time they’ve done the maneuvers 12 times, they get in the show pen and it’s ugly.” In fact, Hendricks will simply lope his older horses, makes sure they’re guiding, then go show.

Overworking your horse in the warm-up pen can also give the judges a negative first impression. “From the judging I’ve done, I know it doesn’t look good when a horse comes in sweaty and breathing hard,” says Sommers. “The judge may think he’s out of gas and won’t give a good performance.” Sommers makes sure his warm-up includes plenty of downtime.

## Prepare Early

Preparing a head of time reduces your stress level and helps you stay calm. “If I’m showing in the evening, I use that whole day to prepare for that one horse to show,” says Sommers. That includes everything from having the right bit on the correct headstall to having his show shirt picked out. In addition, Sommers leaves himself plenty of time to get his horse and equipment ready. “That way, I can make sure that everything is on the way I want it. Plus, if something goes wrong, it’s my own fault,” he states.

## Have a Plan

After 15 years of showing in the NRHA Futurity, Todd Sommers has pinned down a warm-up routine that works perfectly for him. Use it as a guideline for creating a warm-up that gets you and your horse into the show pen relaxed, focused, and ready to win.

### *One and a half hours before you go*

- Enter practice pen, walk around, stand in the middle.
- Ride left circles, large fast and small slow.
- Cool out and relax your horse by standing and walking for 15 minutes.
- Ride right circles, large fast and small slow.
- Cool out and relax.
- Go around the ends and straight down the sides several times, speeding up and slowing down, stop and roll back. Reverse direction and repeat the process.
- Cool out and relax.
- Go around the end a couple of times slow, ease your horse into the ground, and backup.
- Cool out and relax.

### *Eight or nine horses to go:*

- Lope circles in the direction you’ll show first; one or two large fast, and several small slows.
- Stop, let your horse stand.
- Get off and walk to the aisle way leading to the arena. Take care of last-minute details: wipe down your horse and tack, put on your chaps, and check the girth.

### *Four or five horses to go:*

- Walk or trot to loosen up.

### *Two or three horses to go:*

- Turn your horse around so he’s thinking about it when you go in.
- If your horse is relaxed, walk around, then head for the pen, maybe stopping and backing up a couple of times before going in. If the horse is nervous, trot or lope him a little to get him relaxed, then head for the pen.