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Presidents Update

Howdy Fellow Reiners,

For those who don't know me, which I'm sure many of you do, I'm Peachy Scahill, President of the New Zealand Reining Horse Association.

We're off to a great start with the warmer weather and sunshine, perfect for hitting the saddle and enjoying our sport. Our hardworking committee is behind the scenes preparing for our Regional Shows and Classes, leading up to the National Show in April 2026. We hope to see you all there!

We've got another exciting National Raffle Fundraiser coming up, filled with fabulous prizes. Keep an eye out and support it with your family and friends - your participation helps build a stronger National Show for everyone.

Don't forget to submit your registrations for the 777 Reining Jackets! It's a great way to earn points and be rewarded with a beautiful jacket for your dedication and hours in the saddle. It's easy, and it's a wonderful memento of your hard work.

We've also kicked off our High Point Series! Thanks to our fantastic sponsors, we have some stunning Buckles and Covers up for grabs at the end of the season. Be sure to register and follow the details inside this newsletter - part of being a proud NZRHA Member.



Already, many of you are attending clinics, tradeshow, and other events to upskill yourselves and your horses - or simply to enjoy some retail therapy! We look forward to seeing everyone out and about this season. If you have ideas or thoughts to share, please don't hesitate to email the office.

I've dusted off my boots - and there was a lot of dust! I've climbed back into the saddle. Nothing worth doing comes easy, and I ride with my wings spread like an eagle (to avoid being the turkey at Christmas dinner!). One day, I hope to have them wings like a Peregrine Falcon again, and enjoy myself in the show pen, without accidentally taking out my fellow Reiners in the warm-up pen!

There's plenty of work ahead, but we all have to start somewhere. It's not about how we get there, just that we begin.

This journey will be filled with entertainment and reunions. But I don't share this about myself to make it about me. I hope it encourages y'all to join us, knowing we're all battling something, facing challenges, and sharing a common love for horses and Reining.

Please send in your photos and stories to nzreiningassoc@gmail.com - we'd love to feature your journey in our next episode or on our Facebook page.

We want to get to know YOU!

Until next time,

Peachy Scahill



Jozette Hazeldine

On Saturday the 15th, Ida and I had an awesome one-on-one training sesh with Jozette Hazeldine in Kumeu, thanks to Reining and Versatile Horse Association-NZ! Luckily, it was undercover because the heavens opened up during the lesson - talk about perfect timing!

Since it was a last-minute session and I was the only one able to make it, I got to extend my lesson a bit without any rush or outside pressure. This gave me the perfect chance to work on my internal struggles with switching to a curb and one hand. I've been toying with which hand to use for months. Being right-handed, many told me to switch to my left, but guess what? It just wasn't sticking! So, the decision's made: it's gonna be the right hand.

With that sorted, I asked Jozette to help me polish my position - keeping my hands and rein length just right so Ida stays soft and relaxed without pulling her face. We started from the basics because, honestly, after a busy weekend at a show, Ida being in season, and my confidence taking a dip, we lost our way. I was so frustrated I almost cut the reins... (No worries, I didn't - reins are still intact!)

Most of the lesson focused on the walk and jog, so I could get a feel for how Ida should be working in a much better frame. It felt like I had no reins at all and needed to engage my legs a lot more. We practiced neck reining for the direction changes, keeping it soft up front. Then we moved onto some lope work - making sure we stayed in frame for the departure, which revealed just how much effort I need to put in to keep that softness.

Jozette's patience was incredible - her encouragement kept me sticking to my plan and holding steady on the reins (no death grip here!). We worked on sensing Ida's carriage and speed and correcting her gently with my hands. Once we got her in a nice, reasonable frame, Jozette had me ride the length of the arena, practicing square corner turns and getting her shoulder over to extend the lope down the long straights.

Honestly, heart in my throat moment - wanted to yank those reins up! But I trusted my amazing mare and sat deep, slowing for the turns. Ida was a superstar, as always! She picks up on me, so if I'm not confident, she's not either. We had some lovely straight lines and even a couple of really nice stops.

Overall, I finally have a clear direction to work on, and I followed it up a few nights later on my own with great results. Totally worth the time and travel for this one-on-one coaching. Huge thanks, Jozette! I'll be back for more - and I hope to show you just how much I've improved!

Joanne Carter & Ida



Herbert Heule Clinic

Approximately 18 months ago Peachy Scahill started to get the wheels in motion for getting Hubert Heule out for a clinic.

A bunch of us jumped at the opportunity to learn from an NRHA professional trainer/coach/judge. Hubert is a Netherlands native but moved to the USA and was heavily involved in the reining industry in the stallion management side and training reining horses. He now resides in Canada with his family and has a training business there and coaches many Non Pros.

In October Hubert made his way to Hawera for the 3-day clinic where he trained a bunch of our kiwi horses and riders. Hubert was hugely helpful for all our horses and riders ranging from young inexperienced horses, green riders through to getting another level of performance out of our older show horses. His patient and thorough approach was a game changer for everyone—riders and horses alike. Hubert was relentless in his quest for improvement, ensuring that everyone received ample riding time. Even when our session time was up, he kept pushing forward until we achieved results. (due to both his thoroughness with the horses but also his entertaining stories!) However, we all certainly got our money's worth of one on one time with Hubert.

A key takeaway for me was Hubert's focus on the horses' mental approach. He encouraged us to help them view reining maneuvers as rewards instead of forced tasks. For our older horses, he helped us unlock levels of performance we didn't realize they were capable of achieving

I'd like to give a huge thank you to Peachy Scahill for her initiative for getting this clinic across the line for us here in NZ, it was a huge undertaking, and it is so appreciated that she gave us the opportunity to learn from someone like Hubert and hope to see him back here again in New Zealand in the near future.

Catherine Ladd



CLINICS

Herbert Heule Clinic

I am beyond excited to share that I recently had the incredible opportunity to attend the Hubert Heule Reining Clinic in Hawera! After a two-year wait, having such a high-caliber trainer come all the way from Canada was absolutely worth every moment!

From the very start, Hubert pushed us all out of our comfort zones, and that was one of my personal goals! I bravely took on the challenge of standing in my stirrups during the fast work - let me tell you, it felt strange and intense, but I'm so proud I went for it! Plus, I was eager to find more speed, and wow, did we achieve that during the circles and spins! I was completely blown away by the results!

One of the absolute highlights was when Hubert rode my horse to demonstrate techniques. His expertise provided me with an exercise that has quickly become a game-changer in my riding routine, transforming both my skills and my horse's performance!

Hubert truly got to know us Kiwis and customized his approach to meet our needs perfectly. His commitment to our success was inspiring - he even extended our sessions to ensure each of us received the attention we needed!

I absolutely loved this clinic and can't wait for the next one - I've already signed up and paid in full! Bring it on!

Rachel Humphries



Matt Charles - North Island & South Island

Matt Charles held a clinic in the North Island at Argent Farms in January this year and was well received from both learner riders right through to the advanced riders and horses. Matt's approach to all levels of ability in both horses and riders helped everyone improve over the weekend, as well as taking away lots of homework.

"Matt Charles expertly & sensitively grew my confidence towards a more rewarding connection with my horse. He guided me at the right pace, to make my intentions clear to my horse and to patiently focus on one aspect at a time, reinforcing and clarifying expectations throughout analysis of mistakes. Sign me up for the next Matt Charles opportunity please." - Wendy Bayley

Much to the joy of our Southern Reining family, we held another clinic with Matt in Christchurch at Nooramunga Ranch. After a week of extremely bad weather it was a blessing to be under cover while it was snowing outside! Even though extremely cold, and Matt wearing just about all his clothes at once, everyone had a fantastic weekend, again finding Matt's approach to each horse and rider ability made learning easy, and a lot of fun to boot!

"Matt's recent clinic was an outstanding success, delivering measurable progress for every participant, regardless of their background or their horse's training level.

What truly set this clinic apart was Matt's exceptional teaching style. He possesses a rare ability to make complex concepts immediately relatable. His descriptions of exercises and the specific purpose behind them were crystal clear, ensuring that the material "just made sense" to everyone in attendance.

The clarity of his instruction allowed participants to not only understand the theory but successfully put it into practice with their horses. Participants commented on how Matt's program felt simple yet highly effective. We witnessed visible progress across the board, demonstrating the effectiveness of his straightforward approach. The clinic was a testament to how accessible and achievable high-quality training can be" - Kelly Reeves





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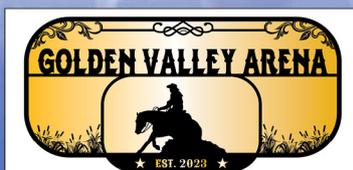
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Run for a Thousand

We are excited to present a wonderful opportunity to showcase the sport of Reining to our esteemed sponsors and inspire others to get involved. A special thank you to Mick Taylor Reining for stepping up as the sponsor for the 2026 competition, helping to promote Reining throughout New Zealand.

Scope of Competition

- a) The event will take place at the NZRHA Nationals in Hawera in 2026.
- b) The winner of the competition will receive a prize package that includes \$1,000 in prize money, a buckle, and exclusive winners' jackets and cap.
- c) Prize money will be awarded from 1st to 4th place: 1st place \$1,000, 2nd place \$500, 3rd place \$300, and 4th place \$200.
- d) Additional prizes will be awarded up to 6th place.
- e) The entry fee is \$100, which is non-refundable and must be payable by March 1st, 2026.

Conditions of Eligibility

To participate, horses and riders/owners must meet the following requirements:

- Horses must be 5 years of age or older.
- Horse and rider must qualify as a combination at two (2) or more nominated shows during the current season in New Zealand.
- Horse owners and riders must be financial members of the NZRHA before qualifying.
- All horses must compete one-handed in a curb.
- Approved shows include NZRHA Shows, AQHA, and NZWRF-approved events.
- Participants will need to indicate the show date and class they competed in on the entry form.

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SHOW DATES

Christchurch 14th - 15th March 2026

Christchurch will run some classes on behalf of NZRHA @ Christchurch Western Riding Association (CWRA) Ranch. We'll be sponsoring some great classes with prizes and cash for NZRHA Members. There are also some Perpetual Trophies up for grabs.

NZRHA North Island Show 28th February & 1st March

The NZRHA North Island Show will be held again at the National Equestrian Centre (NEC), Taupo, on the same dates as the PHANZ National & Open Show. Fiona Mapp will be our judge, and we'll be jackpotting some of the classes again.

NZRHA National Show 3rd - 5th April 2026

Egmont Showgrounds, Hawera

International Judge: Adrienne Thomson

More information to follow

CLICK HERE for our Facebook page, and don't forget to join NZRHA for a season of much excitement!

MEMBERS OUT THERE DOING IT



Tracey Millar



Johnny Scott



Joanne Carter



New Zealand Reining Horse Association

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Eligible Classes:

- Junior/Senior Horse and Open.
- In the event of a 2-Go-Round Open class, the highest score can be submitted.
- At any NZRHA Show, a rider class (Green Rider, Novice, Open Novice, Non-Pro) may also be submitted with Junior/Senior Horse and Open class scores.



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New Zealand Reining Horse Association

HIGH POINT SERIES



North & South Island Buckles Non Pro/Amateur Cover Green Rider/Novice Amateur Cover

Buckle/Cover Series Conditions:

To be eligible, members must be current financial NZRHA members.

One Horse/Rider combination for High Point series. You can only enter one buckle or cover series, depending on your rider status.

To be eligible, North Island riders must submit 4 scores from throughout the season. Scores can be from NZRHA or NZWRF points approved show held in any region/island. One of your submitted scores is required to be from either the 'South Island Show' or the 'NZRHA Nationals'. South Island riders must submit 3 scores from throughout the season.

Registrations must be submitted by 31st Jan 2026. All scores are to be submitted by the 30th April 2026. Members are responsible for submitting their scores to the NZRHA secretary.

The High Point Series form can be found on our website or email us at: nzreiningassoc@gmail.com

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