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Presidents Update

Howdy Fellow Reiners,

So lovely to be talking and sharing with you all again. Honestly... it feels like it's been longer than a mare in foal. Apologies for the delay in getting this out to you, but it's been a busy wind-down since the Nationals, and what a whirlwind it was!

For those of you who were unable to attend our 2026 Nationals (you truly missed a whopper), we completely understand that life occasionally throws curveballs that stop us from getting there. Our hope is that, even without live coverage, we managed to bring the Nationals to you at home as best we could.

We really look forward to delivering that Nationals where everything aligns perfectly, sound bodies, strong horses, and a bank balance that lets us chase these dreams! There's absolutely nothing wrong with sharing a little prayer here so the stars line up and we can all play in the arena together!

I'm going to mostly talk about Nationals (mostly... because you know I love a wee story or two). I'm also thrilled that some of our competitors have shared a few words about their own journey, which you'll find in this Newsletter too.

★ A Huge Thank You to Our Sponsors ★

First and foremost, my biggest thanks go to our extremely generous and amazing sponsors. Without your donations, contributions, and ongoing support, we simply couldn't deliver an incredible National Show. Year on year, the event grows and so do we. We need you, we support you, and we're committed to supporting our own house within. Thank you so very much.

We hope you enjoyed the updates and photos as much as our competitors did! The competitor bags were a massive hit, and any sponsor willing to contribute receives 100% coverage to showcase how your products and services support performance, whether horse or human.

★ Thank You to Our Incredible Judge ★

A huge thank you to our amazing and incredibly helpful judge Lee Thomson from Australia. Lee shared so many insights, tips, and tricks during the Judges Discussion on Friday, prior to the show. This was well attended and extremely well received. But her support didn't stop there, competitors were blown away by the feedback they received during the show. That guidance allowed them to improve even more after each class. Lee, your generosity and kindness didn't go unnoticed. NZRHA truly appreciates you.

★ Competitors... Just WOW! ★

Now a massive congratulations to our brave, inspiring competitors... WOW! You are all incredible. You didn't just step into the arena, you stepped up as the weekend progressed. From the Fun Freestyle Reining (with its very own buckle for 1st place, sponsored by Molly's Custom Silver, our Preferred Buckle Supplier)... to the thrilling, show-stopping Run For A Thousand, proudly sponsored by our Platinum Sponsor Mick Taylor Reining thank you for helping us bring this class back to life.

★ Courtesy Ford Open Reining ★

Now... we have to talk about the Courtesy Ford Open Reining — if there was ever a show-stopping class, this was IT! This year we nearly doubled the entries (and yes... we love that). Having so many top-notch horses lay it all out, only to finish with a draw, was absolutely electric. And where there's a buckle involved... there must be a run-off!

And OH. WHAT. A. RUN-OFF. Owners and mothers were too nervous to watch. Nails were chewed to the quick, deep breathing exercises were happening in corners, and hairstylists everywhere would've been horrified. As we watched Catherine Ladd & Aimee Drake head back into the arena one more time, these two left nothing to chance. Guns blazing - no slide undone, no spin spared! Those ponies had the wheels absolutely ridden off them, the crowd was on FIRE, and the riders gave it everything... leaving nothing on the track! It felt so Run for a Million, the only thing missing was the million dollars!

★ A Special Peewee Moment ★

I absolutely can't sign off without mentioning our newest, youngest member in the brand-new Peewee Class, introduced for the first time this year and generously sponsored by Molly's Custom Silver, complete with the cutest buckle you've ever seen! Willow Campbell brought sparkle to the arena and nailed the highest score of the Nationals. Pink chaps, a sparkling top, and the sweetest photo poses you've ever seen, she is simply adorable. (Almost makes you want one of your own...) Riding Jazz with Aunty alongside, she rode like she stole him, leaving a huge crowd misty-eyed as she showed us all how it's done. She nailed every maneuver with a +1.5 score. It's fair to say... she stole the show. We hope to see this class grow and absolutely encourage borrowing (not stealing) some children to get involved in this wonderful family sport. Everything is better when you share the arena with friends.

★ Final Thanks & Looking Ahead ★

A big thank you to our committee, our helpers during and after the show, and every single person who stepped in at a moment's notice. The support, positivity, and encouragement shared around the grounds was contagious, it truly set the tone and made such a difference. You were seen. You were valued. And you were appreciated!

We were blessed along the way, I'm certain of that. The weather gods smiled on us, the food was fantastic, and the atmosphere was absolutely buzzing. We can't wait to see you all again for bigger and better in April 2027 you all know the location well. Set the goal, get the wheels in motion, and tick it off that bucket list.

Until then, keep warm, enjoy the break, and we'll see you soon.
Peachy Scahill



Introducing Your Vice President - Jeremy Croft

As Vice President of New Zealand Reining Horse Association, I thought it was a great opportunity to introduce myself to those who may not know me and share a little about my journey into the world of reining.

My name is Jeremy Croft, and believe it or not, I entered the western horse world around 15 years ago as a complete novice who had never even been around horses before. Like many people starting out, I began with a few well-bred pleasure horses, but it didn't take long to realise that pleasure riding wasn't where my passion lay... I wanted to go reining! The excitement, athleticism, and adrenaline of the sport had me completely hooked.



I started searching for my own reining horse and, after nearly a year of looking, my unicorn finally appeared. Ninja, also fondly known as the Ginger Ninja, and officially as Wimpys King Whiz. To say I was over the moon would be an understatement! A huge thank you goes to Catherine Ladd for breeding and training Ninja, and to Rachel Grady for allowing me to purchase such a special horse.

Before stepping into the reining pen, I spent a year riding and learning with Ninja, building confidence and setting goals for our first season together. My ultimate goal was reaching the Gold 777 Club - something we achieved in our rookie season, apparently unheard of! That same season at the NZRHA Nationals, we also won two trophy buckles along with the High Point Green Rider/Novice Amateur.

The following season brought even more success, with multiple Novice Amateur and Amateur class wins and the End of Year High Point Non-Pro/Amateur award - complete with a very fancy cover!

This year, work commitments meant I only made it to two shows, but thankfully one of them was the NZRHA Nationals. One of the highlights for me was having a relaxed, enjoyable run in the Open and placing 4th - something I was incredibly proud of.

Outside of competing, I ventured into business last year as the importer for Iconoclast NZ. I genuinely believe they are the best support boots available for reining horses, and I love seeing them out there helping protect and support our horses' tendons while they perform at their best.

I've now been part of the NZRHA committee for the past three years, and I've thoroughly enjoyed being able to contribute to the sport that has given me so much enjoyment, friendship, and unforgettable experiences. I'm looking forward to continuing to support and grow reining here in New Zealand and catching up with many of you at future events.



2026 NATIONAL SHOW

Wendy Bayley, Driver and Tiny

Two seasons ago I had just purchased Reckless Driver (Driver), already having Bills n Whizzels (Tiny) in the paddock for a couple of years. It was time to have my own horses again after decades of being without. As a youngster I trained racehorses with my Dad and showed ponies and hacks across English disciplines. I imagined hacking around, riding on the beach, doing some stock work, and maybe joining the trekking club. I went to the Taranaki Western show in Stratford and the NZ Reining show in Hawera to watch, aghast at the beauty and skill of this discipline in action.

The following year I got some help with my riding and joined a reining clinic. Moving from English riding to western was difficult for me and certainly didn't help Driver! I entered a handful of events at each of the local shows knowing nothing about 'how to' or 'what to' and I was terrified of forgetting 'the way'. The 25/26 season saw more coaching and another clinic. Driver and I travelled to Fielding for two western shows and to Taupo for the combined Paint and Reining shows where I needed to 'bite the bullet' and ride with one hand. This allowed Driver and I to enter more events and move away from the fear of forgetting. I learned the symmetry of reining patterns and gained more confidence. The generosity, acceptance, and guidance from organisers and competitors was truly overwhelming.

This season, being from Taranaki, it seemed convenient to enter both horses in the local National Reining show at Hawera. Two horses kept me busy. Competing was only possible with Barry's help during events. With more guidance we improved every run and we won an overall prize. A year ago, I had thought it might be a serious challenge to work towards winning a buckle one day. I told myself I could then hang up my spurs. Not happening! I am roped and tied and looking forward to next season with more coaching, more clinics, and more competing.

I don't think the smile left my face the entire show. Denise Flay photography offers carefully edited memories that demonstrate her knowledge of horses and western riding. Linley took a pretty good pic of the two amigos as well.

Reining is a wonderful sport. The camaraderie and genuine joy for the progress of others permeates every aspect. Everyone helps everyone. And, you get to go camping with your pony. I am very grateful to Catherine and Barry Ladd for breeding and training both of my horses.

Thank you to Catherine for your ongoing patience and expert coaching. Thank you Matt Charles and Hubert Huele for travelling to New Zealand to share your wisdom and enthusiasm.

To sponsors, committee members, judges, helpers, supporters, and competitors keep doing what you do, it is worth it. Thank you.

Wendy Bayley



2026 NATIONAL SHOW

Catherine Ladd

The NZRHA National Show is certainly a show on the calendar not to miss.

Right from the start you notice there has been attention to details when all competitors received a special gift bag with treats and information to help us get through a busy few days of reining.

Thanks to all the generous helpers the show ran smoothly and efficiently with amazing support and camaraderie from all the contestants. This show has such a special vibe amongst the competitors, and the vibe is helped along by the fun playlist of music to keep everyone entertained.

Once again we were very fortunate to have the lovely Lee Thompson from Australia come over and judge for us. All the competitors benefited from her interesting presentation before the show informing us on what she is looking for and how to get the most of our horses by riding an accurate precise pattern. The help from Lee didn't stop when the show started either and she was extremely helpful to all the competitors by giving small bits of advice during the whole show on how to improve our runs.

Each night we had some entertainment, the first night was the freestyle reining and it was awesome to see all the effort people put into their runs and costumes! The second night we had a social get together, build a burger night, and auction some products that were sponsored as fundraising for our association.

The NZRHA Nationals has an amazing range of classes so every competitor has their level they can compete on with similar ability competitors. Even our Green Reiners all had a chance to win a trophy buckle after competing in the 2 go-round event over a couple of days. So great to see our up and coming Reiners out there giving it a go!

A show at this calibre can't happen without a huge amount of effort and time put in by many people. I'm not going to mention any names, as I will for sure forget someone, so best not to try, however thank you all of you for all your work to make the show such a great success for all the competitors, some even had to step in at the last minute due to unforeseen circumstances so thank you for being so flexible and helpful.

Make sure you check out our list of hugely generous sponsors, they are all so appreciated!! It gives all the competitors something to be rewarded with.

Another mention must go to our special horses who all get nothing out of going out and trying their best for us, but help all of us to have the opportunity to try and achieve our own personal goals. Without them none of us will have an excuse to get together and catch up with friends and make new ones.

Looking forward to the next one next year and would love to see some new faces!



2026 NATIONAL SHOW

Emma Hastings

What worked well? I thought the whole show ran very smoothly and efficiently, especially with rolling through classes without any major hiccups.

The warm up area instructions were very helpful and clear, especially for new reiners such as myself.

Also loved the amount of fantastic sponsors you guys managed to get for the show.

I thought the judge that was chosen was wonderful, she had lots of great tips and tricks for riders and there ponys.

Over all experience was fantastic! Everyone was kind, friendly and respectful. Basically just a really lovely environment to be in



Kylie Hastings

How did we find the 2026 National Show? WOW pretty much sums it up!

After a few years of watching Reining Nationals pop up on our feed, we finally decided to take the plunge and give it a go - and this was our very first Nationals.

The Green Rider option felt like the perfect place to start, especially with both Emma and I being as green as grass when it comes to reining. From the moment we arrived, the atmosphere was fun, welcoming, and not nearly as scary as we'd imagined for our first big show.

The Nationals absolutely stepped it up to feel like a proper, big-atmosphere competition, but retained a friendly, down-to-earth vibe that makes the sport so enjoyable - especially for first-timers.

One of the biggest highlights for us was how supportive everyone was. Competitors genuinely cheered each other on, which created a real sense of camaraderie that you don't always see in the equestrian world, particularly at a national-level event.

The judging was outstanding. The encouragement and helpful insights were so motivating and really helped us push ourselves (we'd absolutely love to do a clinic with Lee one day!).

As first-time competitors, having a judge who took the time to engage with us newbies made such a difference and helped calm the nerves.

For our first Nationals experience, Reining Nationals 2026 made us feel like we were part of something pretty special - a top-class show with the warmth and support of a grassroots event.

Huge thanks to the show committee, volunteers, sponsors, and fellow competitors -you've all done the sport proud. There is definitely something special happening within NZRHA.



2026 NATIONAL SHOW

Angel Marsh

The 2026 NZRHA Nationals will always hold a special place in my heart, not just because of the results, but what they represented for me as a breeder, owner, and rider.

Watching CPH Chex Out My Brass AKA Nona (Sire Dunit Magnum Style – Dam GB Chexy Cotton Chic) step into the Open Futurity pen with James Hazeldine and take out the win was incredibly emotional.

To see a 3-year-old mare I bred and have believed in from the very beginning become the first 3-year-old since 2018 to win the Open Futurity title felt surreal.

James has done such a beautiful job with Nona, bringing out her confidence, softness, and natural ability while always keeping her happy in her work. Nona has always been a special mare to me but seeing her rise to the occasion like that on finals night was something I will never forget.

What made the week even more unexpected was stepping into the Non-Pro Futurity with her myself, especially considering I had never actually ridden her before. It was one of those moments where you trust the horse, trust the training, and simply try to stay out of their way.

From the first few circles, Nona gave me so much confidence and felt like she had been looking after me the whole time. Winning the Non-Pro Futurity aboard her is honestly hard to put into words.

There was such a genuine feeling of gratitude in that moment, for the horse, for the people around me, and for the journey it took to get there.

As someone who puts so much into breeding and raising these horses, moments like this mean more than ribbons or titles. They remind you why you do it in the first place. To see your horse, that you bred and watched grow from the very beginning, succeed at that level is incredibly rewarding.

I'm so thankful to James Hazeldine for the work he has put into Nona, and to everyone who has supported us along the way.

CPH Chex Out My Brass (Nona) has already given us lifetime memories, I'll treasure forever, I truly feel like this is only the beginning Nona.

Nona has started her next journey in Australia, watch this space.



2026 NATIONAL SHOW

Lee Thomson - Judge

Being asked to judge the NZRHA Futurity is the highlight of my judging career. Not because it is an international comp for me but because the people are amazing.

The NZRHA's enthusiasm is truly remarkable. Even when facilities can be trying everyone arrives ready to go and smiling. That said, the weather during my stay was absolutely perfect.

The competition is strong for such a small field, and I am constantly impressed by the effort and improvement from this cohort. You guys are so supportive of each other and seem to really have captured the spirit of competitive reining.

You have wonderful professionals who are inspiring in the work they do, just watching them with the young horses. At the same time, you have beginners trying their best and always ready to "hear a hint" and take it on board.

Such a huge congratulations to you all I thoroughly enjoyed my time there and wish each and every one of you a wonderful future in this amazing spot.

Kindest regards

Lee Thomson (Judge)



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Angel Marsh &
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**GREEN RIDER
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**5 YEAR & UNDER
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Jozette Hazeldine &
GB Brass In Pocket



**OPEN
NOVICE RIDER**
Kary Robertson &
Doc's Ballarena



**DERBY
5-8 YEARS**
Jozette Hazeldine &
GB Brass In Pocket



**MATURITY
9 YEARS & UP**
Angel Marsh &
Wimpys King Whiz



**FUN FEATURE
FREESTYLE**
Aimee Drake &
QXH Stylish Jazz



**SATURDAY
ANY HANDED**
James Hazeldine &
CPH ChexOutMyBrass



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FURURITY**
James Hazeldine &
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**NOVICE
RIDER**
Aimee Drake &
QXH Stylish Jazz



**NON-PRO
FUTURITY**
Angel Marsh &
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**GREEN RIDER
2ND GO-ROUND**
Kylie Hastings &
Justa Chance Of Silver



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RANCH RIDING**
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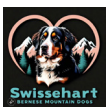
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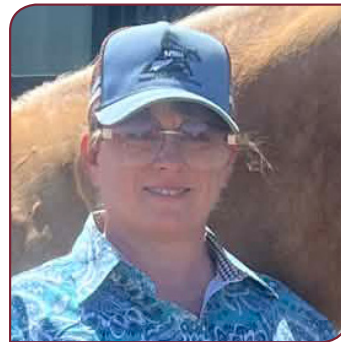


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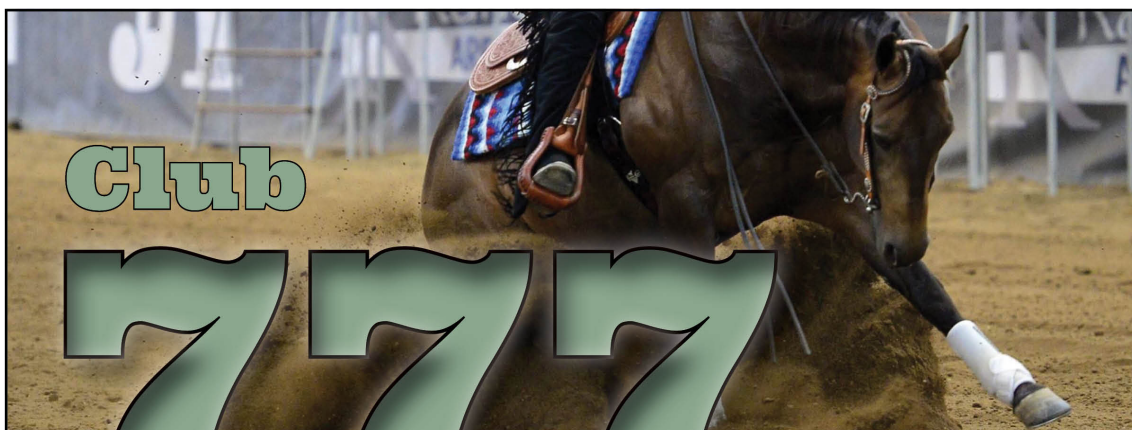
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To be eligible, North Island riders must submit 4 scores from throughout the season. Scores can be from NZRHA or NZWRF points approved show held in any region/island. One of your submitted scores is required to be from either the 'South Island Show'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