



## Cambridge RDA Newsletter – End of Term 3, 2009

Hi again to all Riders and Parents/Care-givers, Volunteers and Members.

Well done to all riders this term – we have had some excellent progress made, and the confidence boost is apparent with the number of our riders who have decided to enter the Dressage competition in Napier on October 11<sup>th</sup>. We have already had several practice sessions, and George has already learnt the Trot Test off by heart – makes it so much easier



to practice!  
Portia, Eve and Lachie are hot on their heels, though – keep up the great work everyone!

### New Ponies

This term we have welcomed two new “members” in our new ponies:

Trixie and Sassy. Both ponies have excellent manners – otherwise they wouldn’t be with us at RDA!

Trixie is 13.2hh, 15 years old, a bay with a white stripe on her face, and is cute as a button! She is a lovely pony, and has already helped a few of our riders with confidence at trotting! (Sam and Portia love her to bits!)

Sassy is 14.2hh, 24 years old, a lovely dun/roan with gorgeous big dark eyes. She



is perfect for those riders who like an even walk while doing exercises, but don’t need to trot: Sassy’s two walk speeds are slow (person amble speed), or fast (almost jogging speed!).

The “boys” (Rolly, Appy, Paki, Nordy, Paddy, and Larry) are all well, and beginning to appreciate the new spring grass and warmer weather – shedding of hair is well underway – watch out for the “summer-look” horses next term!

### New Arena Project Update

We have **Resource Consent** for our new arena! Congratulations to our President and the hard-working committee – it’s only taken

two years of constant work (after six years of 'will we or won't we?') to get to this stage...! We are waiting to see if there are any appeals to the decision before having a '**Ground-breaking ceremony**' to celebrate getting this far. We hope to have some special guests like the Mayor, Sir Patrick Hogan, and our Patron, Norm Todd, to turn the first sod. We will be having an afternoon tea, and bubbles (kindly contributed by Rachel & Rob Wood), after the ceremony. So **BOOK Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2009, 4pm** in your diaries now!



#### **Ride dates for Term IV:**

##### Saturday rides:

October 17, & 31  
November 14 & 28  
December 12

##### Thursdays:

Weekly from October 15<sup>th</sup>

#### **Other Dates to Note for Term IV**

**October 11<sup>th</sup>** – Napier Dressage Tests. We are taking 4 riders (Portia, Eve, George and Lachie) and two of our ponies (Trixie and Paddy). There has been some very hard work done for this, and we wish our riders well.

**Oct 17<sup>th</sup>** - riding day – but we need to have a big clean up for the ground breaking ceremony, so everyone to please bring a shovel and fork and dig in!

**October 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Ground Breaking Ceremony 4pm.

**November 21-22<sup>nd</sup>** – Cambridge Charity Car Display: hosted by the Stragglers Rod and Kustom Car Club: Proceeds to Cambridge RDA again. Last year we raised \$6,000, plus \$1000 from the Lions food stall. We again require lots of willing people to help collect donations from the generous public who attend this festival of cars. Tee-shirts will again be available, and stickers to give to those lovely people who donate to our worthy cause. We will be in touch early November to organise the collecting rosters.

**November 28<sup>th</sup>** – Cambridge A&P Show. Yes - a riding day with a difference: there will be four classes:

**Class : Recreation Rider, 10yrs and under.**

**Class : Recreation Rider, 11-14yrs**

**Class : Recreation Rider, 15yrs and over**

**Class : Independent Rider, open age.**

plus Best RDA Pony, Best RDA Horse and a cup for Supreme Champion.

Watch out for exciting news about our special Christmas celebration this year – all will be revealed in the next newsletter.