

This calendar is the best I can do with the information I have available. If anyone has any ideas, please contact me. These events are for you to enjoy, so it is important that the dates and type of events are what you want.

Calendar of events 2010/11

- October 10 Bunny quiz drive
 October 23 Achievement Certificate Test Day at Bulls
- November 6-7 Manawatu A & P Show, Fielding, Contact Andrea 06-328-9812
 November 6-7 Combined Drive, Reporoa
 November 27-28 Wairarapa Xmas Weekend, Clareville, Contact Pam 06-378-6486
- December 4 Feilding A&P Show, contact Laura 06-356-8707 wk
 December 11-12 CDDA Combined Drive, Tangimoana (Bulls)
- January 8-9 NZCDS Dressage Champs, Hastings
 January 23 Carriage Driving Show, Central Districts
 January 29-30 Wairarapa Combined Drive, Masterton
- February 13 POD, Feilding
 February 19-20 Western Bays Combined Drive, Katikati
- March 5-6 Auckland Combined Drive, Waerenga (Te kauwhata)
 March 13 CDDA Allen Show, Feilding
 March 18-19 Horse of the Year, Hastings
- April 2-3 Waikato Combined Drive
 April 16-17 Combined Drive, Makotuku (Dannevirke) Liz Louk 06-374-1882
- May 7-8-9 NZCDS North Island Championships, Taupo
- June 10-11 NZCDS AGM

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Centipede or millipede

Out and about.

Firstly, our club day in August went off very well and the "Pony Pals" seemed to enjoy themselves. Pam Nathan deserves a giant pat on the back as she managed to judge the dressage with the children taking turns, two at a time, to write for her. As well as judging she also managed to explain what was going on to the children. It was really great to see at least a dozen children and about six mums with their eyes glued on what we were doing. When it started to rain, they drove their cars as close as they could get and carried on watching. We only did one test each as the weather wasn't the best. First was Colleen McGuinness, second Patricia Gilmour, third Bronwyn Carruthers-Beattie. We then drove the cone course. Colleen M did a brilliant round but managed to eliminate herself! First Colleen Rebay, second Patricia G. The children all had a turn at driving the cone course, with an extra set of reins and seemed to enjoy themselves, so hopefully we have some budding writers and grooms.

The weather didn't look good for Bronwyn's farm drive, so at the last minute we changed it to a harness fitting day. New member Fiona Gray brought her gorgeous haflinger mare down from New Plymouth and we fitted her newly modified harness, so she will be in to the long reining as soon as the weather improves. A couple who live not far from Bronwyn have recently bought a carriage, so they came to meet us and see what we got up to. Also got to have a peep at Bronwyn's new marathon carriage, very nice. Unfortunately only Bronwyn and myself stayed for lunch and then managed to find plenty to talk about until well into the afternoon. A really enjoyable day!

Irene has found two more trophies. Both were donated for the Driving Trials we used to host about twenty years ago. I have spoken to a couple of members and we thought of giving one to a club member completing their first Combined Drive. In the case of two starting out at the same event, the best score would win. The other one is for a team and we thought of having a ribbon day in the summer and inviting teams from other clubs and hopefully making it an annual event. What do you think?

I have had some feedback about classes at the Taranaki Welsh Show but can't make a decision until I hear if Boyd Excell is coming in early February. If he does come, I am hoping to get a lesson with him, so I may not be here. If anyone else is interested in organising classes at the show please let me know and I will put you in contact with the secretary.

Central Districts Driving Assoc. are holding an examination day for the NZCDS Achievement Certificate, Level 1, on October 23rd at Bulls. If anyone is interested in doing this, let me know and I will send the requirements.

Now for the exciting bit! I registered our club on the "Milo Win Sports Cash" page and because we were amongst the first ten to register we got a big box of goodies, including twenty four tins of Milo, twenty five "Player of the Day certificates and lots of \$1 off vouchers. Consequently, "MILO" are sponsoring our Combined Driving Practise Day. So don't miss out! Enter and receive your FREE tin of "MILO". This day will be run as close as possible to the real thing and for those of you who have never done it before, I will enclose a copy of an old booklet that the NZCDS brought out years ago. It is not 100% accurate but it will give you a good idea of what it is all about. Your entry form is enclosed with this, so get it back to me asap! We will also need helpers. The more helpers we get, the closer to the rules we can run the event, so twist a few arms and see what you can do. Thanks.

Now lastl but definitely not least, I would like to welcome our two new members. Patricia Gilmour from Eltham amd Fiona Gray from New Plymouth.



Left; Bronwyn Carruthers-Beattie driving Colleen McGuinness' "Peonie".
Right; Patricia Gilmour driving her mini who's name I have forgotten!