WAINUI PONY CLUB HEAD COACH REPORT 15/05/201

I have been Head Coach at Wainui for over 10 yrs. I have always worked on the theory that if we can have the best coaches available we will get the best results for our members. So thanks to the great team of coaches that have helped our Wainui members achieve so highly this year, not only at District level, but also at Area level and Nationally in all disciplines. You will all be rewarded at the prizegiving. Thanks too to Sue Whiddett who has been our standby coach and given some wonderful showhunter coaching to our members.

This year it has been a wonderful help to have the use of the area by the clubrooms for the entire season. Thanks to the Lloyd family for making this available and mowing it for us.

We have had three sittings of certificates this

season, one prior to Christmas, one at the end of the season and our C+ ridden yesterday. Congratulations to all our members who passed. These days need a lot of preparation and thanks to the parents that helped when their children were participating. A big thanks to Judith Finch who took on the task of organizing yesterdays C+ exam. We now have quite a number of members who can start their B HM theory and it is planned to do our own training throughout the winter so that we can have a spring sitting for this exam.

This year the senior rides increased in size prior to Christmas and we needed to have an adjustment to the ride sizes. We decided to form a group for new combinations and young horses. This proved to work well as it gave our riders with two horses the opportunity to bring their young horse to pony club without holding up their ride. It also allowed the senior groups to focus on their certificate

curriculum. In past years the senior group has diminished throughout the season, so it is great to see this group so well attended.

I feel we now need to focus on the junior rides and encourage new members as this is the grass roots for the future.

It is always a task to manage each members evolving aspirations so I encourage all children and parents to take ownership of their own goals.

In the past the Head Coach roll was split between two coaches one to look after the Senior rides and the other to look after the Junior rides. Given the recent growth of the club, I believe it is time to return to this system. I would be available to take on the roll of Junior Coach co-ordinator and pass the

Head Coach roll to someone else.

It would be admiss of me to finish this report without acknowledging my great admiration for the culture we now enjoy at Wainui and look forward to another great season next year.

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