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I am sitting at my desk listening to the wind whistling around the building and hoping, like we all do at this time of year, that my horse is warm, that his cover hasn't leaked and he isn't too covered in mud when I have that small window after work to ride.

I am sure there are riders and breeders all over New Zealand today that have donned their gumboots, trudged out in the mud and/or snow and checked horses, fed out hay, changed rugs and wondered perhaps why they don't have an easier passion.

Foals look fugly and furry and perhaps not quite the Grand Prix horse(s) we imagined... then as the days get longer and the fluff and mud disappears they emerge looking like perhaps they could be the next super star in the making.

Please enjoy the latest newsletter.

I would like to thank Matamata Vets for providing me with some informative articles - there are a few more already written for upcoming newsletters.

Also thank you to our wonderful Committee to behind the scenes are working hard to make our Society a great one.



NEIL FOX OBITUARY

Neil Fox – passed away on June 27th 2021 – by **Graham and Judith Wear**

We regret to report the death of Neil Fox, who with his wife Rita was an influential senior member of the Hanoverian Society.

Neil and Rita, Southland farmers, imported the licensed Hanoverian stallion Genius (Garibaldi/Discus/Cyperm) from Germany in 1984. He stood at their property Te Peka Stud and produced 111 registered Hanoverian and many registered Warmblood foals.

Genius became a top broodmare producer with 21 Studbook mares. He produced top horses in all three disciplines, with Gabana possibly the highest achiever as New Zealand's dressage competitor at the Athens Olympic Games, as well as top GP Show jumpers Guinness and Godfather, and the 3* eventing horse Winter Gingko. Many horses competing today have Genius in their pedigree.

Rita Fox, who died three years ago, served for several years as a Hanoverian Society committee member, together with her and Neil's daughter Marlene Parkinson.





UPCOMING AGM

NZ Hanoverian Society – AGM at The Lodge, 181 Khyber Pass Rd, Newton Auckland.

It is that time of year again when we all get together and “talk horses” at the Annual General Meeting of your Society on **Saturday August 21st 2021** at the above venue (there is plenty of parking underneath the building).

Morning tea from 10.30 am and commencement of the **Annual General Meeting at 11.00 am.**

This year the format for the day will be as follows:

10.30 am Doors open for tea and coffee and a light snack.

11.00 am AGM Meeting commences.

1.00 pm Talk named:

“*Broodmare and Foal Management – how to breed the next Champion*”.

By MVS Equine Breeding Specialist, Babiche Heil DVM (Hons)

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2:30pm (approx.) Awards presentation along with complimentary drinks and hors d'oeuvres

At the AGM, the Committee annually run a **Photo Competition** of Hanoverian branded horses, with three categories – Best Foal, Best Action and Best Studbook Mare pictures. If you have a stunning shot, please bring it along for all to see. These will be displayed at the AGM and the winners will be announced at the Awards presentation.



JULIE BROUGHAM RETIRES VOM FEINSTEN FROM COMPETITION



I am sure I was not the only spectator at Lake Takapoto for Steiny's last ride who had a lump in their throat and a teary eye as they watched Julie and Steiny come to that last square halt. I have enjoyed watching their journey and wish both Julie and Steiny the best.

Vom Feinsten was officially retired at Dressage by the Lake where the pair won the Grand Prix with 71.812%, they also won the Grand Prix Freestyle with 74.706%.

A special ceremony was held in which Vom Feinsten was un-tacked and celebrated for his achievements.

Steiny's Last Post by Julie Brougham

I don't think there is anything left to say about "Oro Dressage by the Lake". It showcased our dressage to perfection. And similarly, praise for DNZ, the organisers and volunteers - what a stand-out job you did for which we are so grateful.

For David and me, Steiny's retirement ceremony was very special. Wendy, Andrea, Debra and Kerrin - thank you for making it happen and being such a memorable occasion.

Steiny - what a wonderful horse you are! We hadn't competed since NZ Nationals back in October 2020. Never before have I felt so under-prepared and not match-fit going into a major show. I anticipated (hoped!) experience would carry us through and we would be competitive. But Steiny - did you think you were once again in the Deutsche Bank Stadium at Aachen CHIO under the lights? - you were foot

perfect and danced your way on to the top of the podium and not just once but twice! What a dream finale you gave us.

Andrea - you have fulfilled multiple roles during Steiny's international career. You are one special lady and friend and a true team player.

David - without you there wouldn't have been a Steiny, let alone everything else! You are my rock, and so much more.

I cannot do a final Steiny post without mentioning two other people. Bennet Conn who sent us off to Germany to buy a horse. Ton de Ridder who enabled that purchase to happen and indeed, subsequently played a huge role in our competing in Europe and then the Rio Olympics.

Finally, to all of you who have supported us over Steiny's lengthy career, thank you. It's been a great journey. We feel blessed at being able to end it on





RIVER PARK FARM SASH AWARDS FOR 2021 - 2022

THE RIVERPARK FARM HANOVERIANS NEW ZEALAND HANOVERIAN SOCIETY SASH AWARDS FOR THE 2021-22 SEASON			
Event	Name of Horse	Name of Rider	Name of Owner
Gisborne Dressage Championships			
Winner Levels 1 - 4	HSP Soe	Henrike Puketapu	
Winner Levels 5 - 9	Santana MH	Cindy Wiffin	
Canterbury Dressage Championships			
Winner Levels 1 - 4	Dulcet	Cherie Pearson	
Winner Levels 5 - 9	Wisdom WDS Rhein.	Amelia Greening	
Wellington Championships			
Winner Levels 1 - 4	Dance Hit SW	Susan Tomlin	Andrea Raves & Susan Tomlin
Winner Levels 5 - 9	Aphrodite	Cooper Oborn	Belinda & Emily Stuchbery
Dressage Otago Championships			
Winner Levels 1-4	Denzel MH	Mary Davis	
Winner Levels 5 - 9	Sartorial Hit SW	Jackie Thomas	
North Island Championships			
Levels 1 - 4	Archie	Betty Brown	
Levels 5 - 9	Andreas	Vanessa Way	
Bay Of Plenty Championships			
Winner Levels 1-4	Archie	Betty Brown	
Winner Levels 5 - 9	Ardmore	Lucarne Dolley	Tina Dolley
Dressage Hawkes Bay Championship			
Winner Levels 1-4	HSP Soe	Henrike Puketapu	
Winner Levels 5 - 9	Santana MH	Cindy Wiffin	
Taihape Dressage Championships			
Winner Levels 1 - 4	Zambesi PSH	Natalie Page	
Winner Levels 5 - 9	Redwood Furst Afair	Megan Beere	
Wairarapa Dressage Championships			
Winner Levels 1 - 4	Dance Hit SW	Susan Tomlin	Andrea Raves and Susan Tomlin
Winner Levels 5 - 9	Aphrodite	Cooper Oborn	Belinda and Emily Stuchbery
Southern Hawkes Bay Championships			
Winner Levels 1 - 4	HSP Soe	Henrike Puketapu	
Winner Levels 5 - 9	Laila Dawn	Nicki Sunley	
Dressage Waitamata Championships			
Winner Levels 1- 4	Wonderlust	Jayna Dineen	
Winner Levels 5 - 9	Decadance MH	Wendi Williamson	Matthews Hanoverians
Dressage Southland Championships			
Winner Levels 1 - 4	Denzel MH	Mary Davis	
Winner Levels 4 - 9	Sartorial Hit SW	Jackie Thomas	
Youth Festival Championships			
Winner Levels 1 - 4	Archie	Caitlin Benzie	Betty Brown
Winner Levels 5 - 9	Ardmore	Lucarne Dolley	Tina Dolley
Central Districts Championships			
Winner Levels 1-4	Griffindor MH	Molly Lumb	
Winner Levels 5 - 9	River Jim	Vaughn Cooper	
Taranaki Dressage Championships			
Winner Levels 1 - 4	Sinatra SW	Amy Sage	
Winner Levels 5 - 9	Timbermill Prequel	Vanessa Way	

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Nelson Dressage Championships			
Winner Level 5 -9	Stoneylea Lord Locksley	Harriet Redmond	
Northland Dressage Championships			
Winner Levels 1-4	Georgia MH	Reece Downham-Smith	Matthews Hanoverians
Winner Levels 5 -9	Fanfare MH	Casey Burton	Matthews Hanoverians
South Island Dressage Championships			
Winner Levels 1 - 5	Denzel MH	Mary Davis	
Winner Levels 5 - 9	Kinnordy Gambado	Kirsty Schist	
Young Rider Dressage Championships			
Levels 1 - 4	Archie	Caitlin Benzie	Betty Brown
Levels 5 - 9	Ardmore	Lucarne Dolley	Tina Dolley
Bates National Championships 2019 version			
Levels 1 - 4	Dance Hit SW	Susan Tomlin	Andrea Raves & Susan Tomlin
Levels 5 - 9	Timbermill Prequel	Vanessa Way	
BatesNationalChampionships 2020 version			
Level 1 - 4	Dance Hit SW	Susan Tomlin	S Tomlin & Andrea Raves
Level 5 - 9	Timbermil Prequel	Vanessa Way	V Way & Brooke Hughes
Auckland Dressage Championships			
Levels 1 - 4	Georgia MH	Reece Downham-Smith	Matthews Hanoverians
Levels 5 - 9	Stoneylea Lancelot	Jen Sim	Pauline Robinson & Jen Sim



Photos Left to Right Denzel MH - Mary Davis, Georgia MH and Fanfare MH at Northland and Sartorial Hit SW with Jackie Thomas

LATE PREGNANCY AND PERINATAL CARE OF THE MARE AND FOAL



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As winter really sets in, many of you are counting down the days until your mare foals. Others may just have started their first EHV vaccination at the five month mark. This period of mid to late gestation is a key time to make sure that you and your mare are prepared for your imminent arrival.

If your mare is not in foal but you are thinking of breeding this year now is the time to start planning your mating and breeding programme to ensure a successful breeding season. Check in for more about the breeding process in the next issue of this newsletter.

Pregnant mares – vaccination, worming and feeding

As we talked about last time, it is important to ensure your mare is sufficiently vaccinated and wormed before she foals down. Detailed vaccination, anthelmintic and feeding schedules can be found in the previous issue of this newsletter.

Pregnant mares – monitoring

Approximately 8% of mares lose their pregnancy between their final scan at 42 days and full term. Of these, about 20% are a result of placentitis (infection and inflammation of the placenta). Although we cannot prevent every pregnancy loss, we can save many of those who develop placentitis. The most useful tool we, as veterinarians have to diagnose this condition is our ultrasound machine. Clinical signs to prompt evaluation by your veterinarian include premature udder development (before the final weeks of gestation) and vulvar discharge. This condition is more common as mares age and so, if your mare is 14 years old or has a history of pregnancy loss, “red bag” foaling or difficulty breeding monthly ultrasound examination to evaluate the placenta and foetal wellbeing is recommended from five months of pregnancy.



Foaling

The average gestational length of the mare is 340 days with the exact time of foaling determined by the foal. This can vary quite a bit between mares (with “normal” ranging from 330 to over 365 days for an individual) but, luckily, mares tend to be quite consistent with gestational length from pregnancy to pregnancy.

Foaling is a rapid event in the mare in comparison to many species (including humans!) and so attending the foaling is of utmost importance. Close observation (through the night) foaling alarms and milk tests can be used to predict imminent foaling and ensure that someone is there to help if necessary.



The process of parturition (foaling) can be divided into three distinct stages.

·Stage 1: restlessness, “nesting”, preparation and positioning; this can last between 1 and 4 hours (sometimes even more).

·Stage 2: Rupture of the allantochorion (“breaking water”) and delivery of the foal; this should only take 20 – 30 minutes

·Stage 3: Passing of the placenta; the foetal membranes should be passed in their entirety within 3 hours of foaling.

Once Stage 2 begins delivery of the foal should progress rapidly. A lack of progress is a cue to call your vet as every minute counts if there is a problem. Remember the earlier you call for help the better the chance of a successful outcome for both mare and foal.

The placenta should be passed within a couple of hours of foaling. It is a good idea to keep the placenta in a bucket for your veterinarian to assess the following day. He or she will examine the placenta to make sure it is complete. Retention of the foetal membranes is a serious, potentially life-threatening, problem and it is important to never skip this step.



The Neonatal Foal – is my foal normal?

The best way to answer this question is to ask yourself if he is meeting these initial milestones:

1. Within 5 minutes of birth: The foal is sitting upright without assistance, reacting to stimulation, and responding to the mare

2. Within 1 hour: The foal is standing without assistance

3. Within 2 hours: The foal is nursing without assistance – check the foal has latched on to the teat and is suckling and swallowing well.

4. Meconium – The foal should begin to pass this dark, tar-like manure within a few hours of birth. Within 24 hours the manure should have transitioned to a lighter, pastier consistency.

The Neonatal Foal – Veterinary check

Because seemingly small problems can progress quickly to life-threatening conditions in newborns, a failure to meet any of the behavioural milestones above should prompt an urgent visit from your veterinarian. Foals are born with very limited energy reserves and an immature immune system and so succumb quickly to disease and dehydration.

Assuming all looks normal, routine evaluation of both mare and foal within the first 24 hours provides assurance that all is well. Your veterinarian will carry out a full examination of both mare and foal, focusing particularly on the heart, ribs, lungs, eyes and navel. Congenital problems such as deformities of the limbs and soft palate are excluded or assessed.

Arguably the most important reason for a vet check within the first day is for assessment of IgG levels. Immunoglobulins (IgGs) are antibodies that the foal needs for protection against disease. Unlike humans, the foal is born without any antibodies and instead absorbs them from the mare’s first milk (colostrum). This process can only occur while the foal’s gut is “open” and while the mare is producing colostrum (typically the first 12-24 hours of life). A foal with low IgG levels is at high risk of disease, especially septicaemia with all its sequelae (septic joints, pneumonia, intestinal or umbilical infection) Your veterinarian will assess your foal’s blood IgG level at 24 hours to ensure that it is high enough to protect him against disease and provide appropriate treatment if necessary.



Hanoverians and Rheinlanders were shining as bright as the stars in the clear night sky last night at Oro Dressage by the Lake, Takapoto Estate.

Hanoverian sashes were presented to the winners of 3 of the Zilco North Island Finals - Novice went to Mandy MacPherson with her imported horse Freiden Star (Fidertanz/Wolkentanz I) B. Audrey Kirchner Aus.

Inter I went to Wendi Williamson with Bon Jovi MH (Bonifatius/Weltmeyer) B. Matthews Hanoverians

The Grand Prix Freestyle - under lights in the very chilly evening air - provided the large crowd with quite a spectacle of possibly the largest GP field in recent times. Eight of the 13 entries are Hanoverian or Rheinland. The crowd favourite, Olympic and WEG contestant Julie Brougham riding Vom Feinsten (Fidermark/Weltmeyer) won with a very smooth test and 74.706%, B. Rude Henn.

There were three overall Zilco Series Winners crowned too.

Both Freiden Star and Bon Jovi won their levels and Sarah Morgan riding Cate Wilson's Reuben CHS (Rascalino/ Worldwide PB) won the Advanced Medium Series. B. CHS Hanoverians

Take your hats off to Dressage NZ and Dressage Waikato for organising the show at a most amazing venue - and at very short notice. Remarkable achievement - and enjoyed by many who attended.

President Renai Hart and VP Angela Smith were on hand to make the ribbon presentations



Mandy MacPherson and NZHS President, Renai Hart



Zilco Inter 1 Series winner Wendi Williamson and Bon Jovi MH



TAKAPOTO



Vanessa Way and Furst Rock DW (Rhein.)



Henrike Puketapu and HSP Soe Imp.



Lucarne Dolly and HPH Sir Wolkentanz

TAKAPOTO - DECEMBER 2021

Dressage NZ and the Organising Committee of Debra, Lisa and Kara are pleased to confirm the support of both Oro Equestrian and Takapoto Estate in bringing you ORO Dressage by the Lake – Summer Edition on 3-5 December 2021.



By Robin Potter

As reported in February, this has been our best foaling season ever – with over 100 foals on the list. So far there have been 50 registrations completed, 57 out in the community to be completed or to be processed.

Renai has been busy with brand distribution – as already noted, about 50% still wish to brand their foals. The remainder are using microchips and DNA.

Angela and I have completed our mini tours – the statistics are below.

Of the two definite stallion candidates – the Waikato one for Furst Hit EDH (Furstenball/Sandro Hit Jazz) is nearing completion. Further X-rays were required due to not having the latest protocol available initially.

This went well. It was conducted at Victoria Wall's property in Whatawhata with Angela and me heading the commission along with the discipline expert Margs Carline who was well engaged during the process – as was test rider Nicoli Fife. The result sheet plus the required paperwork and videos of the static presentation, in hand triangle, riding test and test rider were gathered and sent to the Verband committee along with the X-rays and vet report – for final analysis.

The jumping stallion Glennara Kannaball (Kannan KWPN/Heartbreaker KWPN) has also been put through his initial licensing process at Cheleken Equestrian (the Free jumping lane, static examination and correctness assessment). John Cottle has been added to the Commission as the discipline expert. He was exceptionally knowledgeable and helpful to all. We complete this process in June with the riding test now that the colt has been taken back to their trainer for further flat

work education.

It was requested that I report on the following statistics for this most unusual breeding year that we have just experienced.

Areas visited: Auckland region, Waikato and Taupo, Gisborne and Hawkes Bay, Upper Hutt, South Wairarapa, Kapiti Coast, Christchurch, Mosgiel. This involved a lot of driving plus a few air miles were clocked up as well. Thanks again to Helen Williamson for her very generous hospitality in Christchurch – driving us and feeding us.

Mares assessed: 41 (Hann 24, Pre-Studbook 3, Rhein 12 – this includes 8 TB mares and 9 jumping bred mares)

Premium Mares: 18 (Hann 13, Rhein 5)

Elite Mare Candidate (on completion if the MPT): 1 (Hanoverian mare Stoneylea Windsong) Plus potentially 1 further Hann and 2 further Rhein mares could achieve EM through the MPT.

Stallion licensing: 2 (1 Hann and 1 Rhein)

Foals: 107 (Hann 81, Rhein 26 – including that are 31 Jumping bred – 21 Hann, 10 Rhein)

Members: 24 new or renewing plus 6 further for 2021 with 2021 foals due.

Mare services for 2021: well over 80 services that I have noted from various sources – and a further 9 mares for classification already from that list.

Imported Mares: 4 further Hann mares were added to the studbook from Australia - 3 are 8 mares and the fourth is a 7 mare. Two have done MPT and two are Performance Mares. Binnalong Wolkensomm (Wolkentanz I/Winterkoenig) has achieved this here in NZ in PSG Dressage. (her 2 foals are ET's).

NEW LICENSED STALLION

Announcing our newest Licensed Stallion -

Furst Hit EDH Rhein. (Furstenball Old/Sandro Hit/Jazz)

Initial licensing achieved - Lifetime License to be achieved through Performance.

Bred, owned and produced by Victoria Wall - of Elite Dressage Horses.

Congratulations on this achievement.





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Rheinland - Bravado Ego Z



Rheinland - Furst Hit EDH



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