

OTAHUNA NATURAL HORSEMANSHIP CLUB

Get inspired to achieve a more rewarding partnership with horses and be recognized for it !!!!

What is the Otahuna Natural Horsemanship Club?

This club is designed for people who want to get officially acknowledged for the time and effort they put into a horse they play with. It does not matter if you are starting off on your natural horsemanship journey or you have some skills already, this is open to anyone with a passion for horses and Natural Horsemanship. You will learn how to create a long lasting partnership using Natural Horsemanship techniques and have lots of fun with each other and our four legged friends !!!

What will happen at a typical club session?

During a session we will spend a half or full day working through the PNH or ANH programmes on a certificate of your choice. I will be there to advise you on how to start your official certificates, and coach you drawing on my own learning from clinics.

Where will we meet and how often?

We will meet once a month at Otahuna Horse Riding in Tai Tapu, at a time that suits everyone. There will be opportunities to have extra lessons, riding weekends or treks by arrangement, in between the club monthly sessions.

Fees for the sessions

Club practice days \$90.00 per half day or \$180.00 for all day. You can use the Ride to the Maxxx card for each half day. This will reduce the fee to \$60 per half day. See the website for details and conditions: <http://katetapley.co.nz/maxxx.html>

Assessment Days

At various points throughout the year I will arrange an official instructor to come in from Parelli Natural Horsemanship and/or Australian Natural Horsemanship to assess the people that want to be tested for certificates. For all official certificates you do there are opportunities to resubmit tasks that you do not achieve on the initial attempt. You do not fail a certificate if you don't achieve a task on the first try. A copy of all the official Natural Horsemanship certificates can be viewed at our containers and spare copies are available to take away.

How do I get involved ?

Phone 03 329 0160 to book. Alternatively you can e-mail Abi abi@ricketts.gen.nz. Places will fill fast so contact me soon to book your spot !!

Parelli Natural Horsemanship (PNH)

I have found this is a good place to start. In total there are 10 levels, the first three are the main ones then after that you can start to specialize in say eventing or show jumping, etc. The first level is all about learning the seven games and forming a partnership with your horse/pony with a minimal amount of riding required when doing the assessment. The second level is all about being more creative with the seven games when the horse is further away from you as well as a bit of riding and being in harmony with the horse/pony whatever you do wherever you are. The third level is all about refining what you have already got (from levels 1 and 2) and improving your horse/human relationship by taking it as far as you can go. Level 10 - the ultimate test where no human can assess you only the horse/pony, this is about how they consider you as a natural horseman/woman, who better to judge than the horse/pony themselves !!!!!

To find out more about PNH look on their website <http://www.parelli.com>.

Australian Natural Horsemanship (ANH)

In ANH there are 4 main certificates in total. They vary in the amount of Natural Horsemanship needed but can all be achieved by riders that want to be rewarded for the time and effort they put in. All these certificates contain equal amounts of groundwork/ridden work and only have two parts to them whereas PNH has four (2 ridden and 2 groundwork).

To find out more about ANH look on their website

<http://www.australiannaturalhorsemanship.com>

The Assessors

I have asked Russell Higgins (PNH) and Jenny Paterson (ANH) if they could assess people for the various certificates and they have both agreed.

Russell Higgins is based in the North Island but travels all around NZ taking individual/group lessons, clinics and assessing people for their various levels. He visits Christchurch a couple of times a year and has a website where you can find out more about him. I also have an information sheet which details how he found out about natural horsemanship and his journey with it so far, these are available on request. His website address is

<http://russellhigginsparellinet.net>.

Jenny Patterson is based near Christchurch but travels nationwide taking individual/group lessons and assessing people for the various ANH certificates. She divides her time between the two islands and has many people using her regularly in the North Island. Her website is

<http://www.horsemanshipnz.com>

Assessment Costs

These are paid for by the individual taking the assessment and are on top of the cost of the club sessions. Please contact Abi if you would like to know the costs in more detail.

Please note that I am not an official instructor for Parelli Natural Horsemanship or Australian Natural Horsemanship but you will be assessed by someone who is.