

## South Island National Equestrian Centre – Membership and Fee review

Over recent months the SINEC Committee has undertaken a review of the current membership structure and fees associated with the centre.

The membership started a number of years ago with Eventing Canterbury, who funded with the help of NZCT two training arenas for Dressage and Show Jumping and a section of the Cross Country course. This was later opened up to Jumping & Dressage riders but the system has become complicated to understand and administer.

The NEC committee felt that the training ground could add more value to our riders and it was timely to undertake a review with new managers coming on site at the Centre.

The Committee agreed that we are aiming to provide the best quality facilities possible and increasing membership of NEC will assist in the development of the centre and to improve the present facilities. We are aware that good quality facilities for training are very important to the local equestrian community and, as resources allow, endeavour to keep improving what we have currently to eventually become World Class facilities for both competition and training.

As part of this it is needed to have a designated 'Training Area' so that when riders come on to the Centre, they know where they are able to go to train under the membership & casual user rules. We also recognise the need to protect our main competition areas from overuse to ensure first class surfaces for events. As such, **ALL main competition areas (Hampton Oval, NRM and all-weather dressage arenas, and the main cross-country course) will now be closed for use for training activities.** The Training Cross Country course will be subject to a restriction of no more than six private competition events using the area each year.

### Training Area Information:

The period of membership is 1<sup>st</sup> July 2015 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2016

The new training area will include:

- The large all-weather arena behind the stables
- The lunging arena behind the stables
- The two all-weather arenas behind the hedge
- The current 'training area' of the cross-country designated by the white tape, posts and the hedge near the water jump.
- The Ready Mix all weather dressage arena, will be able to be used for Dressage use only.

These areas are to be used for all training activities including clinics by professional trainers.

Hacking will be allowed around the perimeter of the NEC.

We are aiming to improve the quality of these training area surfaces and equipment as finances permit.

Signage is to be provided to make this clear to all training users.

All memberships are to be run and administered by the NEC and Centre managers. Funds raised will be used to improve and maintain present facilities and surfaces.

There are rules in relation to the use of training facilities at the NEC which must be followed by all members and casual users. This includes all members being asked to join as an ESNZ Community member (if they are not a member already). This Community membership is free of charge but will cover the rider and the Centre for insurance purposes as required by Health and Safety regulations.

### Membership costs:

\$200 per year - access to all Training Areas only **EARLY BIRD SPECIAL \$180 if paid before 14/7/2015**

\$15 per horse per day for all casual users - Training areas only

**Other Fees:**

- uncovered yards \$5 per day
- covered yards /stables \$20 per day
- camping \$20 per night
- Private Trainers who run clinics at the NEC, and require the training ground to be closed to allow them uninterrupted use of the facilities, will pay a \$100 per day fee.

PLEASE NOTE: Being a member of the NEC training ground does not entitle the member to be exempt from paying the ground fee at events run at the Centre. This includes ALL events.

**All of these changes are effective as at 1 June 2015.**

Training Ground Area is shown below (inside the green lines)

