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Social Members  
Most welcome  
\$20 per season

**Forth Coming Events**

End Feb  
NPA rescheduled to  
Kihikihi

March 2-7 Savile Cup  
@ Rangitikei  
(16, 6, 3, 0 goal)

March 13-14  
Waikato Open  
Kihikihi

March 16  
Ambassadors @  
Waimai

March 17  
Zambia v Waimai

March 18  
Ambassadors @  
Willow Park

March 20/21  
Zambia visit Kihikihi  
& Cambridge

March 20/21  
Brinks Tournament  
@ Auckland

March 27/28  
Llanherne 0-40 goal

We are in the midst of our 09/10 season and it is very hectic.

- Cambridge Polo Club had its Keyte/Watson Tournament 6 - 7 February and hosted 14 teams at their new grounds which were a great success.

- After all the rain the week prior, Llanherne was not used. All the games were played at Lamb Street on the new couch ground and the other grass field.

- There were 3 grades        - low (6 teams)  
   - medium (4 teams)  
   - high (4 teams) and all went very well

- The finals were all held on Sunday, and there was quite a crowd on the side lines both Saturday & Sunday. The sponsors all had tents/gazebos and entertained their clients.

**High Goal** winners: Geoff Taylor Goldsmith 9 - 5 – (Vicky Griffiths -1, Missy Browne 1, JP Clarkin 8, Gary Vickers 4) to Ooby Ryn (Arthur Morgenstern 1, Kit Brooks 3, Tom Hunt 4, Ed Hitchman 4)

**Medium Goal** winners: Kildaire Stables 9 1/2 - 3 (Mark Brooks -2, Nick Pepper 2, Kit Brooks 3, Guy Rutland 2) to Tyre Traders (Michael McPherson -2, Thomas Nicholson 2, David Brown 3, Hamish Ormond 3)

**Low Goal** winners: Cambridge Equine Hospital (Michael Kay -2, Chloe Kay -1, Duncan Parrott -2, Paul Kay 3)

Also Cambridge Polo hosted the English team for games with the Northern District (Saturday) and Central Districts on the Sunday. Each NZ player had to provide horses for the English riders, which can prove difficult sometimes.

- The English team consisted of James Beim (6) (Cowdray), Mark (7) & Luke (8) Tomlinson (Beaufort), Malcolm Borwick (7). Total 28 goals.

- The Northern District team: Robert Watson (4), Ross Ainsley (5), Andrew Parrott (5), Cody Forsyth (6). Total 20 goals.

- The Central Districts team: Michael Henderson (4), Aaron Vowles (4), Angus McKelvie (5), Cam McKelvie (4). Total 17 goals.

Many thanks to Paul Kay for organizing these games at Cambridge Polo Club. It was a good opportunity to see the UK team practising and trying different horses before the test match at Kihikihi on 13 February.

The grounds all looked great and the weather was perfect. There was food on site and refreshments and the sponsors were all enjoying themselves. There were lots of happy people!!!

## Prizes

Limmer Lodge Best Pony (high goal) 'Jimmy' – Missy Browne – home bred by their Col. Stallion.

Garrards Best Pony (medium goal) 'Nice One' – Gavin Reynolds by Pupil (ridden by Kit Brooks)

Wentwood Grange Best Pony (low goal) 'Tammy' – Stephen & Chloe Kay's 6yr old homebred.

Baden Jordan – Best Groom – Gus (Browne's)

Soelle Shoes – Best Player (high goal) Missy Browne

Aspire – Best Player (medium goal) Kit Brooks

Country Polo – Best Player (low goal) Duncan Parrott

Keyte Family & Watson Family – High Goal winners – Geoff Taylor Goldsmith

Cambridge Grain – Medium Goal winners – Kildare Stables

IRT – Low Goal winners – Cambridge Equine Hospital

Cambridge Polo had wonderful support from many local businesses. They are so very grateful and many thanks to all of them and we hope they will all be back next time!!

Stables Bar & Grill was open for meals and drinks till late and everyone was welcome.

## Kihikihi Polo Week 10 - 14 February

They had 3 grades (14 low goal teams, 8 medium, 4 high). The International Test match was played at the Nga Rakau couch ground on the Saturday 13 February. The day was perfect – supporters and sponsors were all parked along the sideline with tents, gazebos – the atmosphere was great and the weather fine.

The curtain raiser was a NZ Colts team (Glen Sherrif, Roy Higginson, James Worker & Hugo White) against an English Colts team (Nick Pepper, Marcus Beresford, Lanto Sheridan & Ollie Cudmore). It was a good game and NZ won very well 9 - 4.

The NZ test match was fast & furious and great to watch the top players. NZ managed to win by 11 – 7. The test match was wonderful to watch and the field looked like magic – Paul Kay certainly has a world class polo field. The crowd loved all the hype of the test match and were going to party whatever the score was going to be! The atmosphere was amazing.

The programme for the day was -

- 1) Curtain Raiser
- 2) Young Children Polo
- 3) Official Welcome
- 4) Test Match
- 5) Presentations

The finals of other games were held on Sunday.

Final winners – 2 goal Rangitikei B (S. Hamersly 1, Ben McKelvie 1, James Rome 2, Nathan Schimanski 1) from Waimai (Andrew Richi 1, Sheena Robertson 0, Shane Boyd 2, Richard Seavill 1)

10 goal winners – Goldpine (Fiona Alexander 1, Ben Turner 4, James Watson 5, Nick Pepper 2) from Farmlands (Rod Cameron 0, Kit Brooks 3, Cody Forsyth 6, Brad Lillyman 2)

16 goal winners – Morningstar (Arthur Morgenstein 1, Tom Hunt 4, Sam Hopkinson 6) from Kihikihi – (Hamish Ormond 3, Robert Watson 5 (new father of twins!), Andrew Parrott 5, Lenny Kay 3)

The NZ team is to play UK for the Coronation Cup at Guards Polo Club Windsor Park in July 2010.

## **BMW NZ Open at Auckland February 16 - 21**

- A very busy week on 4 fields (Smith's Lawn, Hilversum, McNicol, Fisher) and the Ladies Tournament at Hololio.

There were 8 low goal teams (played on McNicol), 8 medium goal teams (played on Hilversum), and 6 Open high goal teams on Smith's Lawn and the final Fisher Field on the Sunday.

### **Teams for the Open High Goal were:**

Mitavite: Rod Cameron (0), Nina Clarkin (4), John-Paul Clarkin (8), Cody Forsythe (6) – (18 goals).

BNZ: Kit Brooks (3), Johnny Wade (4), Tommy Wilson (7), Ed Hitchman (4) – (18 goals).

Rodd & Gunn: Ross George (1), Ross Ainsley (5), Sam Hopkinson (6), Tom Morley (6) - (18 goals).

Stella Atois: Aaron Vowles (4), Dave Miller (4), Mark Tomlinson (UK) (7), Simon McDonald (3) – (18 goals).

Mumm Champagne: Guy Higginson (2), Dave Allen (UK) (5), Guy Kirkpatrick (5), Ollie Tuthill (UK) (4) - (16 goals).

Bess Blundell Electrical: Cam McKelvie (4), Johnny Coddington (4), Angus McKelvie (5), Michael Henderson (4) – (17 goals)

The high goal teams all had 2 games and the winners of each division went to the semi-finals, then the finals went from there. The weather was high summer & scorching hot!!

The finals of the High Goal played on Sunday was against BNZ & Rodd & Gunn; it was nail-biting stuff, with everyone on the edge of their seats. But finally Rodd & Gunn came out the winners by one goal in extra time. Score 12 – 11.

**Low Goal Winners** – Ben Lomond team (Michael Weston (1), Gaelene Wade (1,) Peter Wright (4), Hette Wright (2).

**Medium Goal Winners** (8 goal) – Chapman Tripp – (Fiona Alexander (1), Henry Fisher (3), Ben Turner (4), Nick Pepper (2).

**Most Valuable Player of Tournament** – Kit Brooks

**Best Playing Pony** – Johnny Wade's pony

Also at the Open was the inaugural 'Fashion in the Field' award, sponsored by About Town (Sunday Star-Times). The winner gained automatic entry into the finals of the Mercedes Prix de Fashion at the Auckland Derby Races at Ellerslie on March 6. The winner wins \$100,000 package!!

Now everyone has gone to the Savile Cup Tournament which is being held at Rangitikei with 16, 6, 3, & 0 goal teams. (March 2 – 7).

Shortly after this, there will be a visiting Zambia team coming here to play around the country. They will be hosted also by Kihikihi and Cambridge 20 – 21 March.

There will be a Ladies Open Tournament at Auckland March 13 – 14.