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## JACKIES UPDATE - APRIL 2012

### Hello horse lovers,

I hope you have been enjoying the last month of the longer days and getting in as much play and ride time in as we now deal with the days getting shorter and shorter. This for me usually means it is not long until I will be heading away to a warmer climate, however, not this year! Yes, for the first time in 10 years, I will be staying in New Zealand for the winter. Part of me is wondering "what on earth was I thinking, I don't do cold weather!" and the other part of me is excited as this is a chance to experience 4 seasons, spend time at home with my own horses and my new husband to be! It's only 2 weeks until the big day when Lance and I will be tying the knot at a fellow Parelli students beautiful wedding venue Trents Estate Vineyard on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> April. Prior and Proper preparation beats 'P' poor performance is the Parelli-ism in my mind, lots of 'To do' lists and delegation! I am confident, it is going to be an amazing day we will remember forever. I've had hair and make up trials, dress fittings, bridesmaids fittings & accessories to find and all the other little details to arrange, even fitting in a few dance lesson with Lance! So not long now and be sure I will load up some photos on Parelli connect and Facebook for everyone to see (or I'll be in big trouble I've been told by all of my overseas friends!). Professionally my name will remain Jackie Chant to you all, but I will be Mrs Hasite after the 8<sup>th</sup> of April!

As I am sitting in Auckland airport writing this newsletter, I am thinking the past few months and how much has been going on! January I was teaching courses in Dunedin, Invercargill and Foxton as well as Focus groups and lessons at home in Christchurch. Then in February I had Elaine Knox, a student of mine of 9 years from the UK who is now a 2\* instructor staying with me to further her education. Focussing on the Game of contact and teaching in the field, Elaine was observing and assisting me with my very busy schedule of lessons and clinics. Elaine had a fabulous time (apart from the lack of summer weather) and to end her time here finished with the first South Island Super camp held at the National Equestrian centre at McLeans Island, Christchurch. I taught the Level 3/4 camp joined by 4\* Senior Instructor Russell Higgins assisted by Elaine and also by 1\* Junior instructor Sandy Stanway from North Canterbury. We had a fantastic week with 16 riders and 6 auditors with huge changes in everyone during the week of focussing on their relationships with their horses, fluidity and posture while riding 'Big Red' (fluidity seat builder simulator) and 'Steady Eddie' (Finesse riding simulator) and all of the ingredience and building blocks to achieving Level 4 in all 4 savvy's. We had 2 wonderful Camp Cooks – Barbara Martin and Margaret Richards (Parelli students from Nelson) who kept us fed very well for the week and a team effort running a very successful week of soaking in Savvy. Thanks also to Tanya Coles for doing such an awesome job coordinating and Kate O'Reilly for the behind the scene's help.

I am now here in the North Island for our NI Super camp being held at Waerenga. I'm sure this week will be as fantastic as the camp was in Christchurch and will have me busy enough to keep the wedding nerves at bay!

### Rocky's progress update

For those of you who have not been following Rocky's progress on Parelli connect & Facebook, Rocky has been making tremendous progress this season. He turned 5 at the end of November and has really started to mature nicely both mentally and physically now standing at approx 16'2. My plan for Rocky this season was to achieve Level 4 in all 4 savvy's and we are almost there! It has been such a rewarding journey for me developing my first clean unspoiled young horse from his first ride and then putting in a strong foundation using the Parelli patterns program. It is such a privilege to be able to offer a good feel, timing, savvy and experience to your own young horse and see the progress every session because you have had the Parelli principals in mind during every interaction and training session. The 10 qualiites of a

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horseman are in my mind constantly as I develop Rocky's foundation so that when we are ready, I can begin to specialize in my chosen sport which is dressage.

### **The 10 qualities of a horseman**

1. Heart and desire – does Rocky want to or am I making him?
2. Respect – Does Rocky respect me and my wishes as the leader? Do I respect Rocky
3. Impulsion – Does Rocky's Go=Whoa? Am I going too fast for him or not fast enough?
4. Flexion – Mind, Flexion, weight, feet. I need to set Rocky up to use his body correctly by getting his mind!
5. Attitude – am I being positive, progressive and natural in my

approach? Is Rocky's attitude one of loyalty for his leader? Is he confident as a learner? Is he happy in his training? Am I reading him in every moment?

#### **These first 5 are all for the horse and the human**

6. Feel - I need to feel of, feel fore and feel together when ever entering Rocky's personal space or touch the line or reins.
7. Timing – How much time does he need to get it? When should I quit? When do I move on? When do I need to wait?
8. Balance – I need to constantly work on my posture, position and fluidity!
9. Savvy – Knowing when to be, where to be, why to be and what to do when you get there!
10. Experience – Every day my savvy grows as every experience is a learning experience and I gain more savvy. I always think of Pat saying "I can't experience experience for you, but I can share my experiences with you, and second hand gold is as good as new". I watch as much as I can, listen to Pat and Linda's words of wisdom and store it away because I know there will be a time I need it!

#### **These last 5 are for the human**

Here are some of the great things we have achieved this season so far:

**Online** – zone 5 driving with long reins, patterns, simple and flying lead changes!!! Gorgeous walk – canter transitions, cantering on smaller circles and much more maintain gait & direction on the 45 (very hard for an active LBE who wants lots of change)

**Liberty** – 7 games at liberty is all now pretty solid in round pen, zone 5 driving with transitions (takes a huge amount of connection!) flying changes on figure 8, spins at walk, sideways towards at trot, back up from zone 5 and short liberty plays in the large paddock with obstacles!

**Freestyle riding** – completed all Level 4 patterns bridleless with steady rein and also 2 Carrot sticks in saddle, now riding bareback and bridleless with neck string and CS support in larger areas, flying lead changes!!! Been out trail riding with a group to the beach and a couple of hill rides!

**Finesse** – Our Game of contact is coming along so nicely. We are now playing in Stage 4 (collection) which involves lots of transtions, swinging shoulders, shorter – longer variations in gait, shoulder in on circles, keeping contact at walk and improving trot and canter with higher neck. This is a very exciting subject as I can really see where we are going, however, it takes an enormous amount of discipline not to go to fast or for too long as we need to develop the horses strength slowly (not to mention our own correct posture!)

I was so proud of how much Rocky's confidence grew during the Super camp. He has been a fairly herd boud little guy for most of the time I have owned him (since he was 2) and leaving his herd was challenging – and impossible to be on his own with no other horses around or in a float on his own. I am now able to play in the round pen with no other horses around and he stays connected to me! Play and ride in the large play paddock without his herd in sight and during the camp he realized he wouldn't die when other horses he had paled up with moved away from him! HUGE!!!!



Rocky & I playing the Game of Contact January 2012. See our link:

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zBzvlUBTPv8&list=LL0lgUZAxOqB7OuJe1zjyJKg&feature=mh\\_lolz](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zBzvlUBTPv8&list=LL0lgUZAxOqB7OuJe1zjyJKg&feature=mh_lolz)

## What's coming up in the Course schedule over winter

So far I have a few workshops scheduled which are now up on the schedule on my webpage with details of who to contact, and I will be adding more soon so check the schedule regularly. You can find it by going to <http://instructor.parelli.com/jackiechant> and clicking on schedule. You can also see courses coming up on Parelli connect. If you are interested in hosting a course in your area during the winter months please contact me.

### **April 28-29<sup>th</sup>      Introductory Level 2, 2 day clinic, Christchurch.**

This clinic covers advancing your Online savvy to longer distances (22' line) playing with more purpose with obstacles and patterns to gain more respect and harmony in your relationship on the ground, as well as beginning the Freestyle riding savvy. You will learn the safety aspects of riding with one rein, natural riding dynamics and setting you and your horse up for success in the saddle from Saddling, mounting and learning the neutral and active rein positions. There are still a few rider positions available and all auditors are welcome. There is so much to be learnt at this clinic that you can take away and put into practice at home with your own horse when you are ready, so don't miss this opportunity to come and participate as an auditor if you can't make it with your horse!

**Contact Tanya Coles [parellinz@gmail.com](mailto:parellinz@gmail.com) or call 027 471 7728**

### **May 20<sup>th</sup>      Christchurch Horseless Workshop – Freestyle riding & fluidity**

This will be the first of our Winter horseless workshop series. These workshops will cover a specific topic and you will come without your horse. Be ready for theory, simulations and demonstrations and question and answer sessions. It is guaranteed to be very educational and full of great stuff to take home and apply with your horse at your own level!

**Time: 10.30-3.30pm Venue: TBC**

**Contact Tanya Coles [parellinz@gmail.com](mailto:parellinz@gmail.com) or call 027 471 7728 Booking essential so we know numbers for choice of venue and can tell you what you need to bring with you!**

### **June 2-4<sup>th</sup> Nelson Workshops & private/group lessons & DVD evening**

**Dates yet to be confirmed**

To show your interest contact Margaret Richards on [c.m.richards@clear.net.nz](mailto:c.m.richards@clear.net.nz) or call 03 544 0501

### **June 17<sup>th</sup>      Horseless Workshop – Online provocative playtime and Parelli patterns**

If you are struggling with really knowing how to keep your play sessions fun for your horse, knowing how to use the patterns to develop a strong willing bond with your horse or how to build more trust and confidence in the relationship then this workshop will help you develop the 6<sup>th</sup> key to success - IMAGINATION!

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### **July 15<sup>th</sup>      Horseless Workshop – Creating a connection at Liberty**

You find out the truth when the halter comes off. If you would like to know how to create a bond stronger than any lead rope and really developing feel and timing with any horse you are going to love this workshop. Liberty is about causing your horse to want to be with you, not making him stay with you. With horsenality, we can understand what our horses needs are and use strategies to really have our horse want to play with us in a constructive way where it is fun for both of you! **Time: 10.30-3.30pm Venue: TBC - Christchurch**

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### **August 12<sup>th</sup>      Horseless Workshop – Understanding Horsenality and horse behaviour**

Understanding why horses do what they do at any given moment based on Pat and Linda Parelli's revolutionary Horsenality paradigm is truly the key to success with any horse at any level of his training. By understanding the different horse's behavioural tendencies and knowing what strategies we should use to accurately deal with them, we can then choose the most suitable path to keep any horse progressing effortlessly in their training. This is a fascinating subject and one you will want to know more and more about as you progress through the Parelli program! Everything means something! **Time: 10.30-3.30pm Venue: TBC - Christchurch**

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## Working student position available!

My current working student Kate O'Reily (who many of you have met) will be heading away this winter to begin her training to become a Parelli professional! This means I am now looking for a casual - part time working student. Duties involve mucking out daily, feeding horses am & pm and changing rugs etc when I am away teaching. Approx 1 ½- 2hrs per day. This is an opportunity to learn on every level whatever your horsemanship goals are. The successful applicant will need to be a confident and progressive Parelli student working in Level 2 (minimum) on the ground and willing to learn and use initiative in any situation of helping with general care of the horses at the Chant ranch. Grazing will be available for your own horse and use of all of the facilities. You will have private tuition with Jackie as well as being able to attend courses at the Chant ranch. If you would like to apply, please contact me either by email on [parellinz@xtra.co.nz](mailto:parellinz@xtra.co.nz) or call 0275 727 355 or 03 3493533.

## My experience during 5 weeks intense study with Linda Parelli

Last August I went to the Parelli Campus once again to continue my education. I was invited to ride with Linda in her barn and was allocated a very well known horse of hers, Allure to be my project horse for the 5 weeks. Allure was my test, Linda said and boy did he test me! After attending the Game of Contact Clinic in Sydney in May, and then again in the UK in July where Linda asked me to assist her teaching, I was really excited to be going to spend 5 weeks intense study with Linda in August/September to further my knowledge and experience with the Game of contact. It has been a dream of mine for some time to excell in dressage and one day to ride Grand Prix on a horse that I had trained from it's first ever ride. Having this opportunity to ride with Linda seemed to be the perfect challenge and the perfect time! I watched, listened and learned, asked a tone of questions and just tried to soak up as much of the knowledge from Linda and the wonderful people I was exposed to while riding with her. Allure has been a very challenging horse for Linda and I have seen his journey through magazine articles and video's just as many of you have so when Linda said, "Jackie you'll be riding Allure" I was excited and a little nervous! What an amazing teacher he was for me. When I got it right, he was awesome, but if I was a little off in my timing or position or even weighted my stirrups unevenly, he gave me all the feedback I needed to make changes and get it right. In the barn there were 4 of us looking after Linda's horses, Lindsey Fitch, Marion Oesch, Cezanne Christdeforo and myself. We were also helping with preparing horses for the film sets for The Game of contact and the Trail riding DVD packs (that were recently released) as well as a few Mastery DVD's we filmed during my time a the barn and also preparing Linda's horses for the Liberty and bridleless Summit. Some of the days were very long, up at 5am and to bed long after it had gotten dark but it always amazed me at how much Linda could fit into a day and how incredibly generous Linda was with her time with us. I always felt so supported and confident as a learner under her instruction and just wanted to try so hard to get everything right. A big part of advancing our GOC was working on our position on the 'Steady Eddie' simulator as part of our daily routine as well as working very hard at using my core muscles for everyday activities. Each night I made sure I stretched and used my Photonic therapy light to support my poor old body that was definietly feeling it! Here are a few highlights during my time at Linda's barn: The opportunity to observe 3 full days of lessons with Walter Zettl. What an amazing learning experience sitting beside Walter and hearing his wisdom over and over again. After riding with him last year, to be able to watch 3 full days of lessons, everything just sunk in deeper and I gained a much better understanding of how slowly we have to gently build our horses confidence in contact. Walter's book title sums it up completely "A Matter of trust". Another great highlight was having the opportunity to ride Linda's most magnificent horse ever, West Point. I will never forget how incredible he felt to trot and canter. WOW! Another great experience was riding with Colleen Kelly. Colleen is a rider biomechanics specialist who has so much to share! We all had the opportunity to film a Mastery DVD with Colleen which was a lot of



Me riding West Point, Parelli Ranch September 2011

fun, she was a real hoot! A strong Australian accent, and a very colourful way of getting her point across, much like Pat in many ways! There will soon be a new DVD release from Linda and Colleen on rider biomechanics so stay tuned for that! Then I would have to say after an amazing 5 weeks, the last hightlight would have to be when Linda announced to me that I was the 2<sup>nd</sup> in the world to be certified to teach the Game of contact!!! This means that I can teach the Game of contact 3 day clinics and private lessons with those who have attended a GOC clinic. I am very proud and honourd that Linda has trusted me to be one of the very few who will take this information to the many and help her teach this incredible key to collection. I am living my dream!

## The Game of Contact Clinics scheduled in New Zealand this year!

I am very excited to be bringing Linda Parelli's Game of contact to you here in New Zealand this year. I will be running one in the South Island and another in the North Island before the end of this year!

There is a limit of only 8 riders with the pre-requisite of Level 3 Freestyle or approval from me directly to ride in the course. All spectators are welcome.

### Who should come to watch?

Any time you pick up the reins, even briefly, you are making contact with the most sensitive part of the horse. Every rider should learn how to do that in a way that invites the horse to connect back rather than brace, resist or avoid it. If you are focused on going above Level 2 and advancing your savvy and grace, then this course is a must see, regardless of whether you are riding or spectating!

### What should I expect to learn as a spectator?

You will see the process of horses with problems overcoming those problems, you'll watch as horses that are behind or above the bit go confidently into the contact and move more beautifully and powerfully. You'll also see riders learn to ride better, improve their posture. You will learn why all of these things happen and come to truly understand riding with contact. As a spectator you will also take part in some of the simulations – so bring your thinking cap and a notebook and be ready for action!

## Game of contact 3day clinics:

### 14-16 September, Christchurch

Clinic coordinator: Sandy Stanway

Email: [info@sandystanway.com](mailto:info@sandystanway.com)

Ph: 027 680 4800

### 9-11 November, Auckland/Waikato

Clinic coordinator: Jane Cook

Email: [jane.cook68@yahoo.com](mailto:jane.cook68@yahoo.com)

Phone: 021 2574704

## Advanced Game of contact 5day clinic with Linda Parelli

### 1-5 October, NSW Australia.

Please see details on [www.parelli.com](http://www.parelli.com)

### The Key To Collection: The Game of Contact

A truly revolutionary breakthrough, the Game of Contact addresses several riding issues in a natural way. If your horse has inactive hind legs, tongue displacement, choppy stride or any number of other issues related to contact, this DVD is an essential addition to your library.

The DVD is packaged with the Study Manual that Linda gives to all riders in her wildly popular Game of Contact Clinics.

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<http://instructor.parelli.com/jackiechant> and click on shop, then click on education.

Regular Price

**\$302.97**

Member Price

**\$227.23**

All prices are in AUD





Me with Remmer and West Point at the Liberty & bridless summit 2011.



Linda on WestPoint, Lyndsey on Hot Jazz and me on Allure!



Me, Julie Renfro-Cross, Linda Parelli & Colleen Kelly



Me and Allure at Linda's barn.

**Please check my schedule regularly for the most up to date course details and contact information by going to my home page [jackiechant.instructor.parelli.com](http://jackiechant.instructor.parelli.com) and clicking on 'Schedule' or if you need to buy any Parelli Equipment or DVD's etc just click 'Shop' and you will support your instructor with the sales commission! Thank you!**



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**Happy horsing naturally, See you next season!**

*Jackie Chant*