

Springston Pony Club

August Newsletter 2009



Photos of last Pony Club Rally at Selwyn Equestrian Centre on Aug 9th 2009.
A great day had by all!!

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From the Editors...

Karen & Tina

Well another month has gone past very quickly... it soon will be Christmas! Wow!
The newsletter will now be available on the on website (see below for web address).
You will get an email advising you when newsletter is posted on website, but please check 1 week after our committee meetings as we will do our best to have it on ASAP after meeting.
If you do not have access to the web, we can post you a copy or bring you a copy next pony club rally. Please advise Karen or Tina.

We now have a link through New Zealand Pony Club Association website as well.
www.nzpca.org

Go to Areas, Christchurch, then go to Spingston Pony Club, and the link should be there.

Don't forget to forward any photos and results you would like published in the next newsletter.
We need the information by the 20th of each month.

Email: johnstonclan@clear.net.nz or mbshirley@xtra.co.nz or cknuttallfamily@xtra.co.nz

Our Pony Club Web Site is now up and running and just awaiting more information to be added soon. Web address is www.springstonponyclub.org.nz

Hi every one

I want to start today with some bouquets. A huge thank you to Tina and Karen for the last newsletter, they did a fantastic job. They are both very hard working members of our Pony Club with other busy roles so if some one is keen to put their hand up for the newsletter, please let them or me know. You don't have to be horsey or a computer whiz, just have a bit of spare time. And a bouquet to Mary Fitzpatrick, Barry Matthews and Debbie Hendry for our fantastic new website. It is now linked to the NZPC web site and will be updated regularly. Newsletters will now be on this website and an email will be circulated when it is updated so enjoy. Please contact Mary or Debbie if you have anything you want to go up on the website, photo's, news or views.

Thanks also to Sue and Graham for organising our tree hedge to be trimmed and topped. It has been a big job and will improve our grounds immensely.

We have had a bit of a shock this week. We have been advised by the NZ Defence Force that they will not be renewing our lease on the land at Burnham, which contains our Cross Country Course. The Defence Force are using the land increasingly for training and they feel the two activities do not mesh well.

We have had the use of this land for 13 years now and it's going to be difficult to find something to replace it with. On the positive side, our course there was getting a bit tired and needing a revamp, so hopefully once we can find a piece of land we can build a flash new course. We will be having a HUGE working bee at some stage in the next 6 to 8 weeks to salvage as much timber as we can from the jumps at Burnham, so please, all hands on deck.

The ideal piece of land for a new Cross Country course would need to be about 30 to 50 acres, with a flat area suitable for dressage arenas, not too far from Springston and available for a long term usage. If any one hears of anything, please contact me.

Riders Holly Grassam and Laura Maxwell passed their D certificates at our last rally. Well done girls!

Our Springston Trophy team has been selected and they are training hard with Kate Cavanagh. We are lucky to have a trainer of such calibre and the riders are learning lots. Thanks Kate.

We will be spending some of our hard earned money from our ODE on much overdue maintenance and painting of our club rooms and storage shed. If anyone knows someone in the paint industry who may want to donate or sponsor some of the maintenance, do let me know.

We can offer advertising and media coverage once it's done.

Welcome to new members Charlotte Smith who has transferred to our club from Sandow, and to Mikayla Johnson who is joining our club.

It's very exciting that we are continuing to grow but we need more instructors to keep our groups at a reasonable level. Please speak to Linda Sevier or me if you are interested in helping out. There are Pony Club instructors seminars run reasonably regularly and we are happy to pay for our instructors to attend these.

Well, that's more than enough for now. I look forward to seeing you all at next rally.

- Sadie

Linda's Newsletter blurb...

Now we are over our big event we can focus on our rallies and try to get some more riders finishing certificate cards and moving up the ranks! This Sunday, 23 August, we will be splitting the rally into 4 groups, 2 unmounted initially and then swapping to go outside. Jo and Sandy are organising the outside activities and Sadie and Linda will be working with the unmounted section. I will advise which group will be unmounted first

The rally on the 13 September is again at SEC and we may be rearranging the groups a bit

When we are back to our usual home rallies, can we please work to these guidelines:

- Rally to start at 9.45, unmounted for 30 minutes horsemanship. Ponies to be groomed and saddled with a loose girth, and tied with halter only. 10.15 riders mounted. Remainder of rally will be divided into various zones including dressage, games, jumping and other challenges which riders will rotate through
- If a rider is more than 30 minutes late, they will be asked to return pony to float and attend unmounted. It is too disruptive to have riders arrive late once the group has started
- Riders must stay and ride with the rally group and can only ride elsewhere, independently if permission given by instructor
- After rally riding, permission must be given by instructor and a parent must be present
- Fair Play charter must be adhered to with regard to both other riders as well as the instructors

Lancer Trophy. I will have the dressage tests, senior, non champ and lead / junior decided and copies will be available for the rally on Sunday

There is a bit happening with dressage so I will gather all those interested in the dressage / show squad so we can make some plans

Spring is on our doorstep, so please lock up those ponies, use remedies such as Tox Defy, Founderguard or other magnesium based supplements if your pony is prone to the effects of founder or staggers.

We have a wonderful team for the Springston Trophy event at McLean's Island in early October, they are:

Abbey Kelly

Anneke Kraal

Courtney Mullen

Michaela Mullen

Stanley Mullen

Kayla James and

Stephanie Matthews

They are training hard and I am sure will be a great team

I have been really proud of all our riders, being enthusiastic, trying hard and giving all things a go. We have a great club with lots of keen new members

All the instructors are here to help you so please just ask us if you aren't sure about anything

Roster for Pony Club Rallies

Below is the roster for the year, any questions please ring Tina on 347 8910

Roster

- 23rd Aug** Home Rally – Jo to organize
Beattie (3226132) and **Maxwell** (3738006)
Parents please help to put up some bending poles for games
- 13th Sept** **SEC** - Ready to ride at 10am \$5.00 per rider
Ring Sadie if you require a ride (3479179)
- 27th Sept** **Lancer Trophy – All hands on deck please.**
- 11th Oct** **James** (3474950) and **M.Thompson** (3295060)
2 Dressage arenas' to be put up and jumping course.
Please all parents to help put arenas' and jumps up.
- 25th Oct** Derby day, Mary Fitzpatrick to organize.
Bates (347 6551) and **O'Donnell-Fluit** (329 6133)
All parents to also help set this up.
- 8th Nov** **Brown** (3229119) and **Mitchell** (3479732-021850355)
2 Dressage arenas' to be put up and jumping course.
Please all parents to help put arenas' and jumps up.
- 22nd Nov** TBA
Clarke (3296673) and **O'Brien/Thompson** (3442964)
- 13th Dec** **Pentathalon – All hands on deck!!**
Prize giving and Break up – Fancy Dress

Above are the families that are responsible for setting things up on each rally day, as specified. If you can't make it on your day **YOU MUST ORGANISE A REPLACEMENT**. When on duty please be at the Pony Club Grounds to set up gear at 9am.

Duties include:

- Do the dishes, if any
- Fill the zip and turn on,
- Sweep club room floor,
- Bring milk and biscuits,
- Take home rubbish,
- Take home dirty tea towels to wash and return,
- Refill tea, milo, sugar and coffee containers from stores in the cupboard,
- Clean toilets and put out toilet paper,
- Remove toilet paper from toilets at the end of the rally and put in clubrooms. Lock Toilets.
- Set up gear as required by Rally Coordinator (Tina). Please phone day before to find out what gear needs setting up.

REMEMBER MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK

Rally Days and Times

Rally days are every 2nd and 4th Sunday of every month. Start time is 9:45am; Finish time is 12:00pm. Often there are games for those who want to, from 1:00pm to 2:00pm, this is organised by Mary Fitzpatrick.

A few new rules/messages:

Please be early so that you are ready on time and parents are able to help set up anything needed for the days Rally, (jumps, Dressage Arena, games equipment).

NOTE: Change of meeting when bell rings.

Have your horse ready by 9.45am, groomed, saddled (loosely girthed) and tied up by the halter and lead rope then assemble to Club House straight away for briefing on rally, **no horses at the club house.**

Please **No dogs** at Rallies.

Badges are to be worn at each rally, if you do not have one please see Debbie Hendy.

Please at the end of the rally if you want to keep riding your pony/horse you must ask your instructor first if this is okay (just in case your horse/pony has been worked enough during the rally), and you must have a parent supervising you.

Events Calender 2009

Web site For New Zealand Pony Club Association: www.nzpca.org

- **Springston Pony Club** Cross Country Training day 22 August 2009 at Burnham Cross Country Course 10am to 2pm. \$10.00 per horse, no dogs allowed on grounds. Contact - Sadie Scott Ph.3479 179
- **Waihora Pony Club** will not be holding its ODE on the 6th September. There will be a Training Day instead for 85cm 95cm and 105cm. The hill will be in use. \$15 a horse. 10am-2pm

- [North Canterbury PC - Amberley Cup Teams Dressage \(20/9/09\) EF](#)
 - [Amberley PC Derby Day \(26/9/09\) EF](#)
 - [Fun Day @ Glenroy Windwhistle PC Grounds \(20/9/09\) Flyer](#)
 - [Riccarton Fendalton PC, Annual Show \(27/9/09\) EF](#)
 - [Showjumping Canterbury, Training Day \(29 August 2009\) Notice](#)
 - [Ellesmere PC, Non Grading Jumping Day \(26/9/09\) Schedule](#)
 - [Ellesmere PC, Non Grading Jumping Day \(26/9/09\) EF](#)
 - [Kaiapoi PC, Annual Show & Jumping Day \(12/9/09\) EF](#)
 - [Tinwald PC, Show \(26/9/09\) EF](#)
 - [Ferrymead PC, ODE \(30/8/09\) EF](#)
 - **Canterbury Area Dressage Selection Criteria EF**
 - **CANTERBURY AREA PONY CLUB INC. AREA TRIAL CONDITIONS 95cm CLASS, for 2010**
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General...

Springston Trophy

Kate Cavanagh is the trainer for our squad for Springston Trophy.

Burnham Course

Our course at Burnham is no longer available after this weekend as they are no longer going to lease it to us for our event each year, so we are now on the look out for a new venue/area we can use. If anyone can help with this, please contact Sadie Scott. We will need to have a working bee to collect all our jumps from there, you will be advised when this is to happen, so please come along and help.

Instructors needed for Pony Club

If you are able to contribute in any way, please contact Sadie Scott or Linda Sevier

Hiring Pony Club Grounds

Any pony club member can use the grounds free of charge, as this is included in your membership fee. The grounds are also available to people outside the pony club at a cost of \$5.00 per horse. So if you bring a friend who is not a member, yes they will need to pay.

There are a good range of cross country jumps set out around the grounds now, together with the dressage arena (which has lights available for night use), and the some show jumps are currently out, although the ground is very hard!!

A key is available from Karen Nuttall, 604 Springston Rolleston Road, Ph 347 9114

Thinking of You

Our condolences go out to the Hendry family on their recent sad loss of Willow

For Sale

If you have any items you would like to advertise please let Karen or Tina know.

There is some second hand gear already available at pony club, please approach Debbie Hendry if you would like to view it.

Pony Club Uniform –Our pony club knitted V-neck jerseys are for sale at a cost of \$57.00 each. There are still a few left, mainly larger sizes. There are also rugby tops available. Contact Debbie Hendry on 347 7345.

1 Saxon Pony Cover (usa)

Says 4' 9" on cover.

Belonged to a very old pony that was put down earlier this year.

May need re water proofing... was leak proof right up to the end of pony's life. Been hanging up in barn for a few months. \$20.00 Phone Tina 3478910

Sue Robertson has pea straw available for sale. Please call 32525055

Reminders...

- Next Committee meeting is 21st September at 7.30pm at Sadie Scott's
- 1st rally in September (13th) is at Selwyn Equestrian Centre (SEC) on Kivers Road, Burnham 10am ready to ride. Cost will be \$5.00 per rider payable on the day to Tina or Karen.
This is counted as a rally day, so please be in uniform, as gear check will be done
- Training day at Burnham on August 22nd 10am till 2pm, if you want any information please call Sadie on 3479179. – Last chance to ride at Burnham!!!!
- If you change your address, phone number or email please let Karen Nuttall know so we can keep your records up to date.

Birthdays...

Michaela Mullen - 25th August
Saskia Brown – 6th September
Kayla James – 8th September

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The image shows a business card for C H Johnston Builders. On the left side, there is a photograph of construction tools including a yellow tape measure, a red spirit level, and a yellow power drill, all resting on a set of architectural blueprints. The right side of the card contains the following text:

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