

Springston Pony Club

January 2009

“Celebrity of the Month”



**Maria Hendry and Toddy
aka Willow Spring Sir Prize
NZ Grand National Champion Led Rein Pony 2009**

Are you next issues celebrity?
Let's celebrate our members' success here each issue.

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From the Editor...

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Hi everyone,

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year and that the holidays were relaxing.

I decided to give the GG's a holiday too, so no doubt they are going to be enthusiastic on their first outing.

Please forward your pictures and results to me for the next newsletter. Who will be our next Celebrity on the front page? Don't be shy get your photos and results in, we need to celebrate our members' successes.

**Deadline is the Sunday before each first rally of the month.
(next newsletter deadline is the 01/03/09)**

The committee and I are looking forward to catching up with all our members this Sunday.

This Newsletter is under construction so any ideas/feedback is welcome.

A list of roster families will be available in the next newsletter, together with a list of duties that the roster families will be in charge of at each rally.

Debbie

2008 has been a busy year for Springston Pony Club with some real triumphs for our members and riders.

We sent a team to the South Island games where they performed very creditably and had a great time. Thanks to Mary Fitzpatrick for all the hard work she has done with games training over the year.

Our Collier Trophy team was a real "team" with the riders supporting and encouraging each other. They were well coached by Courtney Mehlhopt who put in a huge amount of effort in to training the riders, which was reflected in their result, 5th over all.

Courtney also trained our Springston Trophy team to a very creditable 17th over all. We have been lucky to have a senior rider who is so willing to share her knowledge and put in so much time with younger riders.

Due to unforeseen lameness and hail storms our team didn't make it to the South Island Show Jumping Championships at Mosgiel this month. The riders had trained hard with Jenny Brown and while they didn't get to Mosgiel, I am excited about the coming event season with the quality of jumping exhibited at training. Thanks to Jenny Brown for the time she put in to training these riders.

We have also had a number of riders pass their D, D+, C and C+ certificates this year. Jenny Brown put in a big effort with these riders and it is reflected in their results.

We have also had an influx of new members in 2008 and while our senior rider numbers are currently low, it's very encouraging to see so many up and coming children joining our club.

We ran another very successful ODE at Burnham with funds raised the foundation of our finances for the next 12 months. I don't think there was a single member who didn't help in some way to make it such a success and I sincerely want to thank all of our club members for the huge effort they put into this.

It's been a year of highs and lows within the committee with changes that have had the potential to seriously damage the club. However, gaps have been filled and the committee have worked very hard together to keep things ticking along. I want to thank them for the support, humour and loyalty they have shown to the club in, at times, trying circumstances. On a personal note I have really loved working with them all and have appreciated their support.

We are aware there have been some problems with the newsletter and communication in general towards the end of 2008 but I am sure the incoming committee are well aware of this issue and will work hard to rectify it for 2009.

I have one thing I would ask all our members to keep in mind in 2009, the people we are here for, the people we serve are not New Zealand Pony club, not Christchurch Pony Club, not our selves but OUR children. Let's support them to enjoy Pony Club on all levels and we can do that best by supporting each other.

Sadie Scott

Annual General Meeting 2nd February 2009

The Annual General Meeting was held down at the pony club clubrooms. There were a small number of people attending.

PRESENT:

Sharon Melhopt, Margaret James, Tina Johnston, Craig Johnston, Sadie Scott, Sandy English, Debbie Hendry, Peter Jarvis, Mary Fitzpatrick, Sue Robertson, Karen Nuttall

APPOLOGIES:

Anne Atkins, Linda Sevier, Courtney Melhopt

Congratulations to everyone elected into the following positions:

Patron Peter Jarvis
President..... Sadie Scott
Vice President..... Sue Robinson
Secretary..... Karen Nuttall
Treasurer Mary Fitzpatrick
Head Coach To be appointed
Rally Coordinator To be appointed
ODE Event Secretary..... Sharon Mehlhopt
Newsletter Debbie Hendry
Delegate..... Shared responsibility by committee members

As you can see we need to fill two VERY IMPORTANT positions. Can you help or do you know of someone suitable for the position that would be willing to apply.

South Island Show Jump Champs January 2009

Although we didn't end up going due to lameness and hail storm catastrophe it is still necessary to mention the team and their commitment.

Team:

Senior: Abbey Kelly and Punky
Intermediate: Anneke Kraal and Charlie
Junior: Kayla James and Polly
Junior: Stephanie Mathews and Bart

Trainer: Jenny Brown / Mary Fitzpatrick
Manager: Sadie Scott

There is a lot of talent coming through in these young riders and their mounts; it is indeed looking promising for 2009 competitions.

Let's Gloat

This is your chance to gloat about your successes.

This issues star's are –

Event – Okuku Show Jumping

Abbey Kelly and Punky

Second Place Hit and Hurry 90cm

Anneke Kraal and Charlie

First Place Hit and Hurry 90cm

I am told these two girls where entertaining to watch as they blazed a trail of precision corners and lines with the speed of Pharr Lap!

Megan James and Ally

First Place 60cm TAM5

Stephanie Mathews and Scooter

Third Place Hunter

Event – NZ Grand National Show

Maria Hendry and Toddy

NZ Grand National Champion Led Rein Pony

Champion Rider

Champion Paced Led Rein Pony

Third Best Presented

Well done all.

I apologise if I have missed any one or have incorrect info, I have limited information this issue and are happy to rectify in the next issue.

Events Calender 2009

FEBRUARY 2009

6 Waitangi Day

5 Term 1 commences

8 Rally Day

8 NZPCA Dressage Champs SI Final

14 Rangiora Pony Club Show

22 Christchurch Gymkhana

22 Rally Day

28 Kaikoura A & P Show

28 Canterbury Eventing Tui Creek

MARCH 2009 (newsletter deadline is the 01/03/09)

1 Glenroy/Windwhistle Lead Rein Assisted ODE

7 Amuri A & P Show

8 Balmoral Show Jumping Day

8 Rally Day

14 Cheviot A & P Show

14 Mayfield A & P Show

15 Area Eventing Trial TBC

21 Hawarden A & P Show

21 Methven A & P Show

22 Scandal Trophy

22 Rally Day

29 Hawarden/Waikari Pony Club Show

28 Canterbury Eventing Tui Creek

General

REGISTRATION RALLY – THIS SUNDAY 08/02/09

This is a registration rally for all members and prospective members. There will be no instruction but you can still bring your mount if you wish.

SUBS ARE NOW DUE.

Subs run from 1st February 2009 to 31st January 2010.

At the AGM the subs were reviewed for the 2009/10 season. It was carried that they remain the same. They are as follows:

Child rider	\$100.00
Adult rider	\$ 80.00
Family (for two or more children plus adult riders within the same family)	\$220.00

Members who fail to pay their subscriptions by the 31st March 2009, or haven't organised payment with the Treasurer (Mary Fitzpatrick), will not receive newsletters until subscriptions are paid. Members who are not financial are not eligible for team events.

Instructors needed for Pony Club

Either part or full time. If you are able to contribute in any way, please contact Sadie Scott.

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 \$10.00 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

Mainland Games, Waimate in April 2009

We sent a team last year. It is a lot of fun. Anybody interested in being available for this team please talk to Mary Fitzpatrick by **20th February 2009**.

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.

For Sale

If you have any items you would like to advertise please let me know.

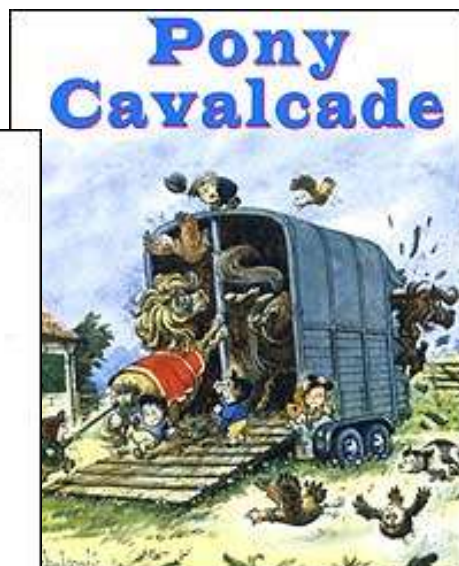
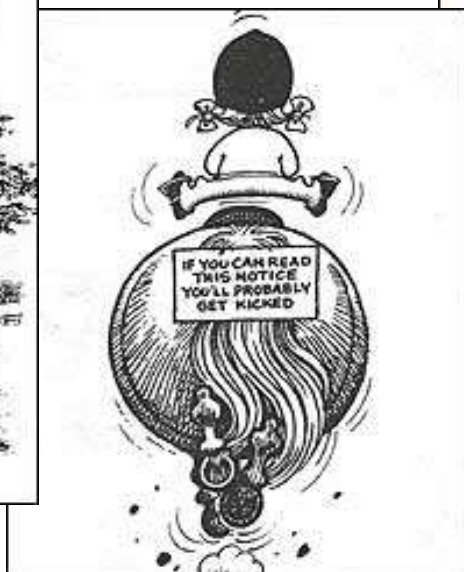
There is some second hand gear already available at pony club, please approach me if you would like to view it.

Pony Club Uniform – I have purchased our pony club knitted V neck jerseys at a cost of \$57.00 each. I have various sizes and these can be purchased at the next rally on the 8th February 2009. I'm sorry but I can not do any IOU's, no money no jersey.

There are also rugby tops available.

Comedy

If you have any funny stories, jokes or poems please send them to me.



Article of the Month

Please contribute; if you happen to read an interesting article that would be appreciated by others please forward it to me.
