

# Springston Pony Club

June / July Newsletter 2009



Michaela Mullen riding Polar Star  
at SPC ODE



Gloriann Mullen riding  
Wemberleybrook Mr Mac at SPC  
ODE



Back Rider 181 Going over last jump in Cross Country.  
Great looking jump!!!

## **Officers and Committee Members**

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### **Committee**

Marg James	Ph 347 4950
Glorianne Mullen	Ph 325 3219

## **From the Editors...**

## **Karen & Tina**

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Debbie Hendry has now resigned from doing the newsletter and has asked for someone else to take this on. If anyone would like this job, we would love to hear from you and in the meantime Tina and Karen will take this on.... temporarily. Perhaps a computer savy senior rider might like to give it a go with help from the committee.

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

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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](http://www.springstonponyclub.org.nz)

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Phew, that's our event for another year. Marg has pretty much said it all but just wanted to say thanks from me for every one's hard work. There were lots of positive comments on how well organized the event was and it is one of the bigger events in Canterbury, run by one of the smaller clubs. So, thanks every one.

One positive spin off from the event was that we have had two inquiries from new member families. Yay, more helpers for next year!!

There is a meeting coming up for all members to consider "the way forward" proposal for Pony Club. This is a comprehensive proposal, which will radically change the future structure of Pony Club forever. Details of this are on the Pony Club website. Please have a look at this and try to attend the meeting to have your say, it will definitely count.

Barry Matthews has been busy setting up our very own Springston Pony Club website... have a look and think about what you would like to see on there.

The nights are finally getting lighter, and you can almost smell Spring. These nights and days of heavy frosts are an ideal time for worming your pony, so get to it.

In the meantime keep warm and I'll see you all at our next rally - Sadie

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## Roster for Pony Club Rallies

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

### Roster

- 9<sup>th</sup> Aug**                    **Selwyn Equestrian Centre (SEC)** \$5.00 into hat.  
Ready to ride at 10am. Ring Sadie if you require a ride. (3479179)
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Aug**                    Home Rally – Jo to organize  
**Beattie** (3226132) and **Maxwell** (3738006)
- 13<sup>th</sup> Sept**                    **SEC** - Ready to ride at 10am \$5.00 into hat  
Ring Sadie if you require a ride (3479179)
- 27<sup>th</sup> Sept**                    **Lancer Trophy – All hands on deck please.**
- 11<sup>th</sup> Oct**                    **James** (3474950) and **M.Thompson** (3295060)  
2 Dressage arena's to be put up and jumping course.
- 25<sup>th</sup> Oct**                    Possible Hill Ride at Tai Tapu – **Sadie to organize.** Ring Sadie if you  
require a ride (3479179)
- 8<sup>th</sup> Nov**                    **Brown** (3229119) and **Mitchell** (3479732-021850355)  
2 Dressage arena's to be put up and jumping course.
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov**                    Derby Day – Mary to organize –30cm,50cm & 70cm  
**Clarke** (3296673) and **O'Brien/Thompson** (3442964)
- 13<sup>th</sup> Dec**                    **Pentathlon – All hands on deck!!**  
Prize giving and Break up – Fancy Dress  
**MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!**

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**

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Rally days are every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

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Hi all,

It has been a while since we have had a "normal rally" and much has happened! We have had a team compete at Collier Trophy and they won the Wooden Spoon!!

Also our big ODE at Burnham went very well

Now it is time to get back into our rallies, learn a bit of horsemanship, get some cards signed off, and have a bit of fun!

This Sunday we are at the SEC which is great as it means even if it is raining we will have a rally, with classes in the indoor arena as well as some time to learn horsemanship. But it will of course be a nice day so we will be rotating through the indoor arena, the outdoor arena and jumping or pole work

We will have a whiteboard up so everyone knows where they are meant to be!

Three of our riders will be tested for their D Certificates and these are Laura Maxwell, Holly Grassam and Maryanne Clarke. I am sure they will do very well

Also our trialists for Springston Trophy, Kayla James, Stanley Mullen, Stephanie Matthews, Abbey Kelly, Anneke Kraal, Courtney Mullen and Michaela Mullen will be at our home ground having a training session with Kate Cavenagh. If there is anyone else keen to know more or are wondering how to be part of this for next year, or who would like to be considered, please let me know

We are looking at developing a Dressage / Show squad so talk to me or Sandy if you are keen. It is just the early stage so all ideas are welcome

I attended an eventing evening a few months ago where many of the pony club eventing rules were discussed. It was very informative. Some of the main points to feedback were:  
New heights to be classified as Intro 65 cm, Pre Training 80 cm, Training 95 cm. Pony Club Events not using these heights just have state the heights on the entry rather than the level.  
Refusals around the Cross Country, 3 stops at one jump = elimination, 4 refusals over the entire course = elimination and riders must walk back to the float unless the event programme has stated they may continue. Be very careful about crossing your tracks near a jump or through a combination. If you need to pass another horse, you may do so as long as it is in a safe manner. Following too close to another rider could be penalised. Three stops in the show jumping is also elimination. For good etiquette, wear your full showjumping attire including your back number, helmet and whip when walking the showjumping course. Dangerous riding or abuse of the horse can be "Yellow Carded" and is not acceptable, and please remember to be gear checked for all phases.

It will be great to see you all again on Sunday and if you have any questions about anything, let me know

Linda

**SPRINGSTON PONY CLUB**  
**ODE 25 – 26 July 2009**

What a great weekend, weren't we lucky with the weather. Starting with the set up on Friday right through to the pack up on Sunday, no rain.

I would like to say a big thank you to our ODE committee:

Karen Nuttall: Food convenor

Sue Robertson & Paul Mullen: Show Jump convenors

Sandy English: Dressage Convenor

Sadie Scott: X/Country convenor

Sharon Mehlhopt: Event Secretary and overall dogs body

Craig & Tina Johnston: Ground Convenors and any other job that needed doing

Marg James: Overall convenor (in laymans terms gofer)

The amount of work that these people did behind the scenes was incredible, these jobs are not for the faint hearted but everyone was smiling on Sunday afternoon after the gear was all packed away and a few refreshments were being consumed, I even heard one or two planning next years event!!!!

Thank you to all of our members who assisted with the running of this event during the weekend, without this input our event could not go ahead, it was great to see so many new members coming along and giving us a hand, this is a great way to get involved with your club. As many Pony Club parents understand Pony Club isn't like a lot of sports clubs it needs parent involvement on a large scale so please give yourself a big pat on the back for getting involved. It was so great to see a lot of our members doing jobs over the weekend, runners for dressage, writers for gear checkers, x/country fence judges, assisting with back number. Seeing you all there made me feel very proud to be a part of Springston Pony Club.

I have had a lot of positive feedback about how our event was run. The excellent prizes and the food that was available for purchase. Our x/country fence judges enjoyed great lunch packs and pumpkins soup taken around to them just to keep jack frost at bay.

Once again Thank you for all of your assistance over the weekend and please start thinking about what jobs you would like to be involved in next year (yes planning is now underway).

Margaret James

**Results Springston ODE...**

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Brooke Johnston on Secrets Pumpkin pie – Brooke didn't have a good day and finished 23<sup>rd</sup> after dressage.

Charlotte Robertson on Te Peka Valentina – Charlotte was 20<sup>th</sup> after dressage and finished 8<sup>th</sup> overall.

Courtney Mullen on Wembleybrook Twilite – Courtney was 13<sup>th</sup> after dressage and finished 14<sup>th</sup> overall.

Jessica Robertson on Shogun Belle - Jessica was 22<sup>nd</sup> after dressage and finished 17<sup>th</sup> overall.

Stanley Mullen on Meek kan do – Stan was 20<sup>th</sup> after dressage and finished 13<sup>th</sup> overall.

Stephanie Matthews on Scooter – Step was 10<sup>th</sup> after dressage and finished 19<sup>th</sup> overall.

Jessica Robertson on Dude – Jessica was 12<sup>th</sup> after dressage and finished 13<sup>th</sup> overall.

Gloriann Mullen on Wemblebrook Mr Mac – Gloriann was 17<sup>th</sup> after dressage and finished 14<sup>th</sup> overall.

Courtney Mullen on Candy Time – Courtney was 22<sup>nd</sup> after dressage and finished 15<sup>th</sup> overall.

Michaela Mullen on Polar Star – Michaela didn't have a good day and finished 20<sup>th</sup> after dressage.

Georgie Bates on Springhill Ace of Spades – Georgie was 7<sup>th</sup> after dressage and finished 15<sup>th</sup> overall.

Anneke Kraal on Cheeky Charlie – Anneke didn't have a good day and finished 11<sup>th</sup> after the dressage.

Abbey Kelly on Supernova Punky – Abbey was 9<sup>th</sup> after dressage and finished 6<sup>th</sup> overall.

Congratulations to all of the above riders who represented Springston Pony Club well and helped out all weekend where they could.

## Events Calender 2009

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- [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](#)
- [Alize Ponies Show, \(5/9/09\) EF](#)
- [Roydvale PC ODHT, 85cm, 95cm, 105cm ODE \(2/8/09\) EF](#)
- [Halswell PC, 85cm, 95cm, 105cm ODE \(8/8/09\) EF](#)
- [Canterbury Riding Club, Non-Graded Dressage Day \(8/8/09\) EF](#)
- [Mill Creek PC Dressage & Show Hunter Day \(16/8/09\) EF](#)

Web site For New Zealand Pony Club Association : [www.nzpca.org](http://www.nzpca.org)

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## **General...**

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### **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 \$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

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## **For Sale**

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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.

### **For Sale**

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

## Article of the Month

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We have received some information from Daniel and Emmy Maxwell of Mt Sandford Farmstay and Random Rides.

Mt Sandford is located just over 1 hour north of Christchurch. Its is very easy to find. Turn left 20m after the Hurunui Bridge on State Highway 1, into Ethelton Road. Mt Sandford is approx 11.5km form bridge turnoff.

Please check out the website: [www.mtsandford.co.nz](http://www.mtsandford.co.nz)

If there are enough people interested the pony club will look to camp up there in the warmer months.

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

## The way forward....

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### THE WAY FORWARD

#### Planning Your Pony Club for the Future

Recently you have been sent an e-mail with the “**The Way Forward**“ proposal attached. This document is being discussed throughout New Zealand as the future of Pony Club is planned.

**Anne Atkins** a life member of our branch is travelling to all areas to present this proposal.

NZPCA welcomes submissions on any aspect of the proposal.

Unfortunately no-one from the Springston Branch was able to attend the meeting held in Christchurch. However the Committee has decided to hold a meeting/discussion on August the 10<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm in the Clubrooms. **Anne Atkins** will there to answer questions and explain any queries you may have. The branch will then decide what aspects their submission will contain. You do **not** have to be a current member to attend all past and future members most welcome. Also anyone can send in a submission.

It is really important that you all read the document as there are some very major changes proposed. It will affect all present, future and many past members. Some aspects you will agree with and some you won't. Some things may not impact upon you now but could in the future. So once again please read the document.

I will have copies at our Event this weekend and am happy to try and answer any questions you may have **BUT** better than that see **YOU** all at the meeting. I will bring the supper and the heaters will be on!

There is more information on the Website [www.nzpca.org](http://www.nzpca.org) and then click on “The Way Forward” If you would like to discuss any aspects of the document or how to submit a submission my phone numbers are 344 6370 or 021 329 576 I

Or e-mail me [Baroness@xtra.co.nz](mailto:Baroness@xtra.co.nz)

I hope to contact many of you so be prepared!

Thanks for your time.

Jane Bennett (member of SPC since the 80s)

## Reminders...

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- Next Rally is August 9<sup>th</sup> at Selwyn Equestrian Centre (SEC) on Kivers Road, Burnham 10am ready to ride. Cost will be \$5.00 in the hat. This is counted as a rally day, so please be in uniform as gear check will be done.
- The second rally of August will be on August 23<sup>rd</sup> and will be a home rally at this stage, you will be contacted if this changes.
- Next Committee meeting is Monday August 17<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm at Sadie Scott's
- "The Way Forward" meeting will be on Monday August 10<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm at Springston Pony Club Clubrooms. Anne Atkins will be there to answer any questions. Supper will be provided.
- Training day at Burnham on August 22<sup>nd</sup> 10am till 2pm, if you want any information please call Sadie on 3479179.

## Birthdays...

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*Georgina Bates – 2<sup>nd</sup> July*  
*Jana Brown – 17<sup>th</sup> June*  
*Maryanne Clarke – 16<sup>th</sup> July*  
*Stanley Mullen – 4<sup>th</sup> June*  
*Paul Mullen – 26<sup>th</sup> July*