
Springston Pony Club

November Newsletter 2009

Windsor Showjumping teams



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From the Editor...

Tina

Hi everyone...

Well it looks like summer is just about here so remember to make sure your Pony/Horse has plenty of water and some shade.

Ricardo and I had our first show on Saturday at Halswell Pony Club. Very wet miserable day. We ended up having a good day with placings. We got 1-1st, 3-2nds, 1- 3rd and reserve champion. Wa-hoo... Was very pleased to get home afterwards as we were soaked to the skin and frozen to the bone. And they say summer is here?

I would like to thank Katherine Hadler for her lovely smile and her encouragement for me to get out there on the day. Great to see the little kids out there on wet miserable days as well.

Please email me your results and photos through of any shows that you have been to.

Email: johnstonclan@clear.net.nz

Tina



Hello every one

It's been a busy month with some of our members showing at Christchurch A&P Show, and we have just had Windsor Show jumping at Rangiora.

Well done to all those who competed at Christchurch Show, it's a tough competition made all the more difficult this year by rotten cold weather.

Windsor Show Jumping has special meaning for me as Windsor was my Pony Club when I was a young thing. I am so glad that with Windsor folding, North Canterbury took up the Windsor Show Jumping competition and has kept it running. We had a fantastic day with two teams entered, ribbon winners were Kayla James, Megan James and Courtney Mullen and our more experienced team finished 6th overall. Great work everyone.

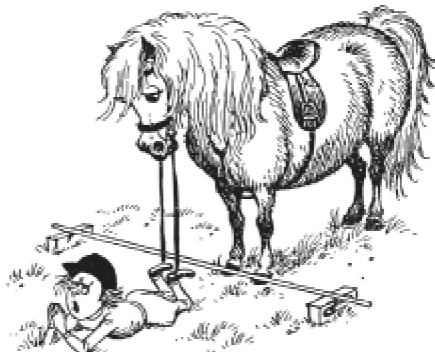
Well done to our games team too. They competed at the Prince Phillip Cup and while we didn't have a team in the main competition, our assisted team was placed and our senior team blitzed their competition and won. Looking good for the Mainland games next year!

Our next rally is our last rally for the year with our pentathlon, sausage sizzle lunch, fancy dress, presentations and Santa.

A note to parents, we have our AGM at the beginning of next year and we really do need some fresh enthusiasm and ideas on our committee. Please have a think about what you can offer the club and don't be frightened to put your hand up. You don't have to be horsey, all you need to be able to do is give some time and have a laugh.

See you all next month.

- Sadie



Endless patience is required to reach perfection.

Endless Patience is required to reach Perfection!

Hi there riders and families

It is wonderful to see so many new faces and also all the familiar faces around pony club. We also have few new instructors, or those learning to instruct, Felicity and Gina. Thank you for coming along and helping out. If any parents are keen to help out with some of the groups, or tag along with an instructor to learn, please let me know. Mel and Vanessa have also been imparting their special knowledge of showing and dressage at our rallies. This has been wonderful. Thank you

We have been trailing a new way with our groups, where riders will be a in certificate group for the first 30 minutes of a rally, and your instructor will be working with you through your cards, then riders can chose which area they want to participate in for the next two 45 minute time zones. This gives the riders the chance to pick their areas of interest and ability. This is in the early stages but I am hoping to have up on the web next year the zone options before each rally so riders can pick before they come to rally what groups they will do and can be prepared with gear etc. Certificate groups will also be reorganised next year, and I will let you know in February what group you will be in and who will be your certificate instructor.

Please let any of us know if you need any advice or help, it is what we are here for.

See you at the Christmas break up! Start to plan your, and your pony's, fancy dress!!

Linda



Scissors and Pony

Christchurch Games - Teams



Georgia, Charlotte, Stephanie and Jessica



Mollie, Lauren, Katherine and Anneka

Christchurch Games Day 1 November 2009

This year our club entered 2 teams in the annual Games day at Canterbury Park.

The senior team was	Jessica Robertson	riding Dude
	Charlotte Robertson	on Valentina
	Stephanie Matthews	on Scooter
	Georgia Hendry	riding Trinket

The junior/assisted team was	Katherine Hadler	riding Charisma
	Lauren Jones	on Pandora
	Molly Carruthers	on Fly By Night
	Anneke Gerrie	on Melody

Unfortunately Melody went lame a few days before the event so had to be replaced on the day by Heather from Bangor pony club.

There were 5 games played on the day: first up was the Pony Club Pole race where the riders had to pick up and place letters on a pole to spell PONY CLUB. Sounds easy but they had to spell it backwards ie the B went on first, then the U etc... and the letters had to go on the right way up. One of our teams had a little trouble with that!

The next two races were the Stepping Stone Dash and the Hi Lo Race. In the Stepping Stone Dash riders have to dismount and lead their pony while running across a line of stepping stones before mounting up and racing to the end to tag the next rider. In the Hi Lo race each rider races up to a hoop at the far end with a ball and has to throw it through the hoop. On their way back they pass a row of cones with balls on top and they lean down and pick up a ball and take it back to the next team member. This was a challenge for riders on taller ponies/horses as the cones were only 45cm high.

This was followed by the Balloon Pop. The object of this game was to pop a balloon while riding past with a sharp stick. Not the easiest of tasks on a calm day. It was a little windy so the rows of balloons were bobbing around a bit and some of the ponies thought they looked pretty scary!

The final game was the three legged Sack Race and the Springston senior team really rocked at this one. In fact they showed everyone how to really play games as they won every game convincingly and had the other riders and spectators going "Wow!"

The junior team had a lot of fun and we saw a whole new side of Charisma but Katherine still had a smile on her face.

Our aim for next year is to have at least one team competing for the Prince Phillip Cup which is only open to riders 14 years and under. So if you think it sounds like fun, have a go at the games next time you are pony club.

Thanks to all the parents and supporters who helped out at team practices and as stewards and judges on the day. We couldn't do it without you.

Mary Fitzpatrick

Important Messages

AGM

Our AGM is being held on the 25th January. Drink and Nibbles to meet everyone. Starts at 7pm. Committee meeting first then onto AGM at 8pm.
Come along and get involved with Pony Club there are benefits! Be part of a great committee.

Trophies

Please hand in all trophies to Karen Nuttall - 604 Springston Rolleston Road. If Karen has to come and collect these off you, there will be a cost involved!
These are desperately needed for the Pentathlon on the 13th December.
So PLEASE get these back to Karen ASAP! Ring Karen on 03 3479114

Pentathlon 13th December

Please bring a plate for a shared lunch. There is fancy Dress, Santa, Games and 6 bar jumping. Also prize giving of trophies. A great day had by all family members.
So come along and have a fun day out. Starts 9.45am.



Megan James



Stephanie Matthews



Charlotte Robertson



Kayla James

Photo's from Windsor

Roster for Pony Club Rallies

Below is the roster for the year, any questions please ring Tina on 342 5709

Roster

13th Dec

Pentathlon – All hands on deck!!

Moore (3253144) and **Hendry** (3477345)

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



Brooke Johnston playing Polo at Sefton.

If you are interested in finding out more about Polo please speak to Brooke.

Brooke has her first tournament this Sunday 29th November. Good luck Brooke!

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.

We are now getting quite a few new members, so please make sure you park, making 2 rows instead of 1 when arriving at Pony Club.

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.

The newsletter will now be available on the website (see below for web address).

You will get an email advising you when the newsletter is posted on website.

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 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.

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

Events Calender 2009

- [Halswell PC Annual Show \(28/11/09\) Programme](#)
 - [Halswell PC Annual Show \(28/11/09\) Map](#)
 - [Canterbury Area Dressage Trials \(12/12/09\) Reminder Notice](#) **NEW**
 - [Canterbury Area Dressage Trials \(12/12/09\) Entry Form](#) **NEW**
 - [Canterbury Area Dressage Selection Criteria](#) **UPDATED**
 - [Amberley PC Jumping Show *PGG WRIGHTSON SHOW JUMPING CIRCUIT* \(6/12/09\) EF](#)
 - [Bangor PC Annual Show \(5/12/09\) EF](#)
 - [Waihora PC Annual Show \(19/12/09\) EF](#)
 - [Canterbury Area Eventing Selection Criteria](#) **UPDATED**
 - [CANTERBURY AREA PONY CLUB INC. AREA TRIAL CONDITIONS 95cm CLASS, for 2010](#)
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General...

Uniform

Formal Uniform:

Brown V neck Jersey
White shirt
Brown tie
Jodphurs (Beige, Cream or White)
Boots
Hair tied up or in Hair net
Badge
No jewellery!

Pony Club Rally Uniform:

(Formal Uniform may be worn as well)
Brown V Neck Jersey
Yellow Skivvy or Yellow Polo Shirt (with no Tie)
Pony Club Ruby Knit Jersey
Badge
Jodphurs (Beige, Cream or White)
Boots

WELCOME!!!

A big welcome to new members over the last few months! Please make yourself known to everyone, and help yourself to tea, coffee etc in clubrooms on Rally Days. It is great to have you in our Pony Club. Any questions etc, feel free to ask anyone on the committee.

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 as well.

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

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 and there are full ranges of sizes available. There are also rugby tops available. Contact Debbie Hendry on 347 7345.

- Sue Robertson has pea straw available for sale. Please call 3252055
- One set of weatherbeeta pony float boots. Good condition. \$10
- Cream show sheepskin, 16" half numnah. As new. \$50 ono
- Maxam 14" saddle fully mounted. \$100 ono
Phone Janet 329 5385

Reminders...

- Next Committee meeting is 7th December, which is our last Committee meeting for the year! This will be held at 604 Springston Rolleston Road (Karen's House).
- If you change your address, phone number or email please let Karen Nuttall know so we can keep your records up to date.
- If using the Club rooms, please ensure you clean up and wash dirty dishes, thank you.
- Any results, photos or for sale items please send email to Tina.
- Remember to check when you are on duty as it is your responsibility to replace or swap with someone if you are unable to do your turn.
- Check out our WEB SITE!! www.springstonponyclub.org.nz
- Clean up your horse poo and hay when tied to float or in a yard. Thanks.

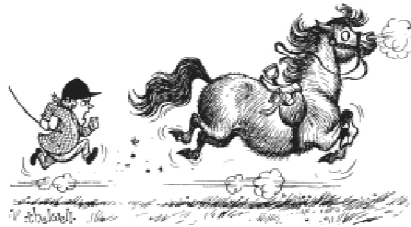


Birthdays...

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO.....

Olivia Mitchell 2nd December

Hope you have a great day!



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