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# Springston Pony Club

September Newsletter 2009



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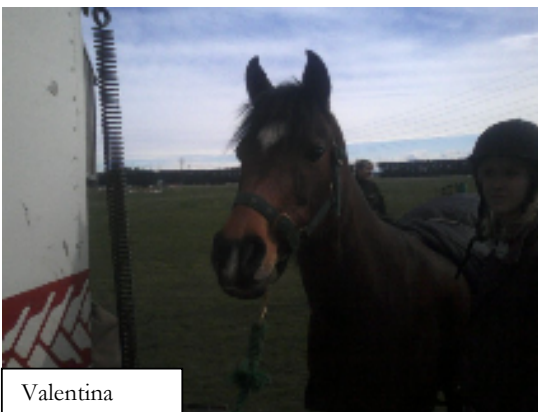
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Jana & Millie



Anneka and Melody



Valentina



Fly and Molly

Photo's taken on 23<sup>rd</sup> August Rally Day at Springston Pony Club.  
Brooke Johnston created this page.

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## **Officers and Committee Members**

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### **Committee**

Marg James	Ph 347 4950
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## **From the Editors...**

**Karen & Tina**

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Hi Guys,

Well here is your newsletter this month, sorry it's a few days late, but have been in the middle of shifting, our New Phone Number is above on the members list. It's great now that daylight savings has started we can look forward to riding in the early evenings, but remember to wear a safety vest when riding on the roads, so you can be seen clearly. Happy riding everyone.

Tina

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, 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](http://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 20<sup>th</sup> of each month.

Email: [johnstonclan@clear.net.nz](mailto:johnstonclan@clear.net.nz) or [mbshirley@xtra.co.nz](mailto:mbshirley@xtra.co.nz) or [cknuttallfamily@xtra.co.nz](mailto: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](http://www.springstonponyclub.org.nz)

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Hello there

Well, at last we have some very welcome rain.

There is a down side for our horses in that as soon as we have some warmer weather, the grass will take off and ponies, particularly, will need watching for founder. Be vigilant and make sure you have a "Jenny Craig" paddock to lock them in. You have to be cruel to be kind.

We have had another busy month with our rally at Selwyn Equestrian Centre and Lancer Trophy last weekend. Both were very successful and my grateful thanks to Marg James and her team for all the hard work they did for Lancer Trophy. They did a great job by all accounts. Springston Trophy is almost upon us and the team representing you has been finalised as Senior riders Anneke Kraal and Abby Kelly, Intermediate riders Stan Mullen and Courtney Mullen, and our Junior riders Stephanie Matthews and Kayla James. Unfortunately Michaela Mullen had to withdraw as her horse was sore but she trained hard and will be a very helpful groom on the day.

Try to get to McLeans Island over this coming Friday 2, Saturday 3 and Sunday 4 October to lend your support. They will love to see you and seeing all the Pony Clubs in the South Island competing together is an awesome sight.

Unfortunately our teams for Amberley Cup had difficulties and for various reasons didn't make it to the actual competition, but a dressage team is something we hope to establish and develop for the future.

On the Cross Country Course front, Marg James (STAR!!) has been working very hard to try to renegotiate with NZ Defence re our use of the course at Burnham. We are hopeful things may be retrievable, with conditions; we will keep you all posted.

For upcoming rallies Mary Fitzgerald is busy organizing a Derby Day, and we have horse dentist Gerard Treacy coming, see the rally list for details.

Debbie Hendry has been chasing the possibility of some charity funding to help us with some long overdue maintenance on our club buildings. Thanks Debbie.

We continue to grow with more new members this month. We welcome you all and look forward to getting to know you all better over the coming rallies.

That's about it from me, Good Luck to our Springston Trophy Team and hope to see you there cheering them along.

- Sadie

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# Head Coach Report...

**Linda Sevier**

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Linda's Newsletter blurb...

Hi All,

It's coming to the end of the year and things start to get even busier at Pony Club! Also many of you are out competing so best of luck to you all

Our Springston Trophy team is training hard with less than two weeks to go. It is a great event to go and watch and is at McLean's Island on the weekend of the 2, 3 & 4 October. Unfortunately Michaela Mullen has had to pull out, so Stephanie Matthews as our reserve is now competing. Go Springston!!

Vanessa O'Donnell has been doing a brilliant job coaching our riders for Amberley Cup Dressage, which was on Sunday. Unfortunately despite entering two teams we were not able to even have one team on the day. We mainly had injured riders and mounts, who I hope are soon to be back on deck. But other factors did mean we had two remaining riders all plaited and ready to go, and sadly had stand down, so thank you Jessica and India and also Courtney for being ready and not able to compete.

It is timely to mention about teams events and the commitment required to the team.

We will be organising the dressage development squad over the next few weeks as well. Good luck for Lancer Trophy Dressage and Carol Pearson Unity this weekend.

Can anyone interested in being considered for a Showjumping squad please email me [linda@tonix.co.nz](mailto:linda@tonix.co.nz) and I will also have a list so sign this Sunday at Pony Club. Jo Benison has agreed (thank you Jo) to be a trainer for this. There are a few jumping days coming up as well as Windsor Teams showjumping late November. January is also the South Island Pony Club Showjumping Champs

Have fun with your riding; it's what it's all about!!

Linda ☺

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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 342 5709

### Roster

- 27<sup>th</sup> Sept**                    **Lancer Trophy – All hands on deck please.**  
**Fitzpatrick/Matthews** (3472556) and **Mullen** (3253219)
- 11<sup>th</sup> 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.  
Equine Dentist: Gerard Tracey, demonstration.
- 25<sup>th</sup> Oct**                    Derby day/Games day, Mary Fitzpatrick to organize.  
**Bates** (347 6551) and **O'Donnell-Fluit** (329 6133)  
All parents to also help set this up.
- 8<sup>th</sup> Nov**                    **Beattie** (3226112) and **Mitchell** (3479732-021850355)  
2 Dressage arenas' to be put up and jumping course.  
Please all parents to help put arenas' and jumps up.
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov**                    TBA  
**Hadler/Jarvis** (3478181) and **O'Brien/Thompson** (3442964)
- 13<sup>th</sup> Dec**                    **Pentathalon – 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

## 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.

### 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.

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## Events Calender 2009

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

**Halswell Pony Club XC open day** – Tuesday 29th Sept 09  
Canterbury Park, Wigram Road, entrance opposite Haytons Road  
10.00am -2.00pm Heights Pre Intro to Open  
\$15.00 per horse, medical armbands and back protectors to be worn.  
Enquires contact Jose 325-3086  
For bookings on other dates contact Trace 322-7482

- Methven PC, Showjumping Day (22/11/09) EF
  - Roydvale PC, Show Cross Event (10/10/09) EF
  - Riccarton Fendalton PC, Annual Show (27/9/09) EF
  - Oxford PC, Showhunter Training Day (27/9/09) Notice
  - HAWARDEN WAIKARI JUMPING SHOW (NON-GRADING) OCTOBER 11TH 2009 AT THE HAWARDEN SHOW GROUNDS - EF
  - View Hill PC ODE (26/10/09) EF
  - Glenroy Windwhistle PC Derby Day (31/10/09) EF
  - Weedons West Melton PC, Show (18/10/09)
  - Amberley PC Derby Day (26/9/09) EF ) EF
  - Ellesmere PC, Non Grading Jumping Day (26/9/09) Schedule
  - Ellesmere PC, Non Grading Jumping Day (26/9/09) EF
  - Tinwald PC, Show (26/9/09) EF
  - **Canterbury Area Eventing Selection Criteria** **UPDATED**
  - **Canterbury Area Dressage Selection Criteria** **UPDATED**
  - **CANTERBURY AREA PONY CLUB INC. AREA TRIAL CONDITIONS 95cm CLASS, for 2010**
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# **General...**

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## **Springston Trophy**

Springston Trophy is being held at McLeans Island on the 2<sup>nd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> October. Please go along and support our team. Good Luck Guys!

## **Congratulations**

Well done to **India O'Donnell-Fluit** who came first with a late entry to "Spring into Action" Dressage and only learning the test that morning. Wow, and only 10 years of age as well. Good job India!

## **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

## **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

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## **LANCER TROPHY & CAROL PEARSON UNITY**

Lancer Trophy was set up in 1994 when the trophy was donated by Lucy and Alison Watkins to foster and promote excellence in dressage within Springston Pony Club.

- **IN HOUSE COMPETITION**
- **MUST BE A FINANCIAL MEMBER FOR ALL CLASSES**
- **FORMAL PONY CLUB UNIFORM**
- **MUST HAVE 5 RALLIES FOR CHAMPIONSHIP CLASSES RIDE 2 TESTS FOR EACH AGE GROUP**
- **FIRST PLACE GETTERS FROM EACH AGE GROUP IN CHAMPIONSHIP CLASSES (COMBINED) GO IN FOR RIDE OFF AND RIDE DESIGNATED TEST AGAIN.**
- **TESTS FOR LED REIN AND ASSISTED CAN BE CALLED.**

### **CAROL PERSON UNITY JUDGED ON:**

- **Suitability of mount for Pony Club work**
- **Riding and sympathy between rider and mount**
- **Mounting and dismounting and leading in hand**
- **Cleanliness of mount, including care of hooves**
- **Cleanliness of gear**
- **Turnout of Rider (emphasis on tidiness and cleanliness)**
- **General knowledge at appropriate certificate level.**

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### **What a wonderful turnout for Lancer Trophy and Carol Pearson Unity on Sunday 27/09/09.**

Horses/Ponies riders all looked lovely. A lot of time and effort had been put into their turnout. A big thank you to our Judges: Hilary Holstein, Anne Britten Mandy Blokland & Jacqueline Doolan-Tindall, they did a marvellous job and commented on the standard of our riders and mounts.

We set up the dressage arenas on Thursday in the drizzle many thanks to Glorriann & Paul Mullen, Sue Robertson, Debbie Hendry and Steve James who all came with their wet weather gear and just got on with the job of trying to remember how to set them up.

In all we had 19 entries on the day and with everyone helping out things seemed to run smoothly.

Karen Nuttal you are a marvel in the kitchen many thanks for turning up even tho Shannon wasn't riding due to her horse being injured, and getting the food sorted for our Judges.

Jane Bennett a big thank you for scoring without you I know I would still be there trying to sort out who won what.

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**The overall results for Lancer Trophy were:**

**Led Rein & Assisted Class (TEST A) Non Championship**

1st Katherine Hadler riding Charisma  
2nd Millie Thomson riding Exquisite Sarcen

**13 & Under (TEST N) Non Championship**

1st Laura Maxwell riding Silence in the Court  
2nd Georgia Hendry riding Bart  
3rd Megan James riding Ally Mae  
4th Stanley Mullen riding Mee Kan Do  
5th Sarah Thomson riding Zaffy  
6th Anneke Gerrie riding Melody

**14 & Over (TEST N) Non Championship**

1st Michaela Mullen riding Wembley Brook Mst Mac  
2nd Charlotte Robertson riding Valentina  
3rd Jessica Robertson riding Dude

**13 & Under (Test S & R) Championship**

1st Stephanie Matthews riding Scooter  
2nd Kayla James riding Chelton Claire rose  
3rd India O'Donnell-Fluit riding Delmar Rhinestone

**14 & Over (TEST S & R) Championship**

1st Abbey Kelly riding Supanova Punky  
2nd Courtney Mullen Riding Royal Park Aristotle  
3rd Anneke Kraal riding Cheeky Charlie  
4th Courtney Mullen riding Candytime  
5th Jessica Robertson riding Shogun Belle

**The ride off for the Lancer Trophy was between:**

Abbey Kelly & Stephanie Matthews Riding Test S again.

They both rode lovely tests and it was a close finish

**The overall winner:** Abbey Kelly riding Supanova Punky. Congratulations Abbey

**Results for Carol Person Unity:**

Led Rein & Assisted:

1st Katherine Hadler  
2nd Millie Thomspen

**13 years & Under**

1st India O'Donnell-Fluit  
2nd Georgia Hendry  
3rd Stephanie Matthews  
4th Stanley Mullen  
5th Anneke Gerrie  
6th Sarah Thompson

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### **14 years & over**

1st Courtney Mullen Royal Park Aristotle

2nd= Anneka Kraal

2nd= Michaela Mullen

4th Abbey Kelly

5th Jessica Robertson Shogun Belle

6th Jessical Robertson Dude

### **The ride off for the Carol Pearson Unity was between:**

Courtney Mullen riding Royal Park Aristotle

India O'Donnell-Fluit riding Delamr Rhinstone

Katherine Hadler riding Charisma

**The overall winner of the Carol Pearson Unity was:** Katherine Hadler riding Charisma.  
Congratulations Katherine.

Well done to all of our riders you all did an amazing job and I hope you had a good day.

Marg James

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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.

- 1 Saxon Pony Cover (usa) - Says 4' 9" on cover. \$20.00
  - 1 pair of leather gaiters (Jodz Gaiters) size XW/M – W43-H41  
Phone Tina 3425709
  
  - Sue Robertson has pea straw available for sale. Please call 32525055
  
  - 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
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## Reminders...

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- Next Committee meeting is 19th October, 7.30pm at Sadie Scott's.
- 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 or Karen.

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### Equine Dentist

**Gerard Tracey will be coming to speak to our riders on Sunday 11 October. It is a great opportunity to learn all about how and why we use an equine dentist**

It is advised that all horses have a routine dental examination performed each year. Gerard Tracey's contact details are Mobile 021 772 888. (Certified member of the International Associates of Equine Dental Technicians),



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## Birthdays...

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*Millie Thompson – 14<sup>th</sup> August (sorry missed you last newsletter)*  
*Mikayla Wycliffe – 9<sup>th</sup> September (sorry missed you last newsletter)*  
*Felicity Boyd – 3<sup>rd</sup> October*  
*Charlotte Robertson – 14<sup>th</sup> October*  
*India O'Donnell-Fluit – 16<sup>th</sup> October*

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