
Springston Pony Club

July/August Newsletter 2010



Break out the drinks... We are done!
Springston Pony Club ODE

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From the Editor...

Tina

Hi there everyone,

Well what a busy weekend we had with our ODE. I must say it ran very well. As the above photo shows, we all had smiles at the end of it!

Big thanks to everyone that helped out at this event.

I also would like to thank the man from above for giving us fine weather over the two days.

Now we look forward to next year's event, wherever that may be!

You will notice there are no horse photo's this newsletter, thought I would dedicate it to the hard workers!!!

Happy riding everyone!

Tina

Please email me your results and photos through of any shows & ODE that you have been to.
Email: johnstonclan@farmside.co.nz

Well needless to say it has been a very busy past 2 months. Thank you to all the helpers, workers and organising committee for our ODE, you have done an excellent job once again. There was a huge amount of effort before and after regarding the cross country and even with dismantling of our permanent jumps at Burnham. Thanks team!

Well done to all our members for helping out too as well as riding at the event, good on you!

Hopefully everyone has there chocolates sold and money back to Mary, I know they were pretty good around the lambing season when we needed a little extra energy.

We have had 2 Christchurch Pony Club Meetings and these are quite interesting so if you would like to come along one night with me, please give me a ring. Our newest committee member came along with me last time.

The grounds have got plenty of jumps up so hope you enjoy them. We had the hedges trimmed again as it is difficult to get help with the clean up when they get to long. Some of last years are still there!

We have had quite a few people hiring the grounds so that is great and Springston Pleasure Riding Club are having a clear round Jumping Day on 4th September, so it will be good fun for everyone who wants to enter.

So till next report please ride your pony/horse safely and make sure you are seen on the road; WEAR YOUR HIGH VISIBILITY SAFETY VESTS PLEASE! Also watch out for the spring grass which is now starting to come through.

Sue



Craig with a cup of coffee on the run!



Marg and Sue at our ODE! All Smiles!

Hello Everyone

Safety is one of the most important aspects of horsemanship and with new grass coming through and frisky mounts, or if you have a horse you just aren't sure about, the I fully recommend using a neck strap. The following is a really good article on neck straps. I use one all the time when riding, especially when jumping

Neck straps are one of the most versatile and useful pieces of equipment all riders can have yet are rarely seen. It's time for a radical overhaul for the humble neck strap and here's why:

1. A neck strap trains the rider's hands to be in the correct place either side of the horse's neck for jumping, not on top of the mane.
2. A neck strap will save the horse's mouth from being pulled, especially if he is young and in training. Who hasn't seen a horse balloon over a jump, hesitates then changes their mind, or jump just plain awkwardly.
3. Neck straps can prevent falls. All horses are capable of unseating a rider when jumping no matter what level.
4. A neck strap can be tugged on for a horse who rushes in or races off after a fence. A few good tugs save the mouth and cools a hot headed rider.

A number of riders in Europe training Olympic hopefuls do not leave the yard to train XC without one and in the United States neck straps decorated in club colours are commonplace at Pony Club. So next time rally day rolls around take a couple of spare stirrup leathers and start educating riders. If it helps, in order to change the rider's view of neck straps, let them 'bling' them up and give them a different name: lifeline, training aid etc. There can be nothing 'beginnerish' about a piece of equipment that saves a horse's mouth, prevents a fall and trains jumping hands.

At the first rally in September we will look at all our riders and groups. We have a group just about to sit D as well as another group sitting C Certificate. And Jo one of our senior rider instructors will just about have had her baby!!

So see you then, wearing back protectors if you have one, and a handy neck strap as well

Linda



Sharon and Peter in deep discussion.



Linda flew in on time for the clean up (much appreciated) then drinks.

Roster for Pony Club Rallies 2010

Below is a start to the roster for the 2010 year, any questions please phone Tina on: 342 5709

Roster

8 th August	Cancelled due to weather conditions.
22 nd August	Trip to Bottlelake Forrest – contact Mary 347 2556
12 th September	Home Rally – D Certificate exam Silcock 3295771 & Mitchell 3291677
26 th September	Derby Day/Unity day – Mary to organise Joanna O'Brien 3442964 & Carruthers 329 5884
10 th October	Home Rally Moore 325 3144 & Mullen 325 3219
24 th October	Grooming for Show day- Brien 347 9639 & Robertson 325 2055

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, fill jug and turn on,
- Sweep club room floor,
- Bring milk and biscuits,
- Take Rubbish out to Roadside for Collection.
- 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 (to be filled). Please phone day before to find out what gear needs setting up. 342 5709



REMEMBER MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK

When you join Pony Club you are asked to do 1 or 2 duties a year. Also you will be asked to help out at Pony Club when needed as well as at working bees.

General...

Uniform

Formal Uniform:

- Brown V neck Jersey
- White shirt
- Brown tie
- Jodhpurs (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
- Jodhpurs (Beige, Cream or White)
- Boots

Mary Fitzpatrick is now the person to see for your uniform requirements. Mary has a few second-hand items also.

Mel in her Sunday best!



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**. (*note new rate*) 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 some of the show jumps are currently.

A key is available from Sue Robertson, 304 Springston Rolleston Road, Ph 325 2055

Springston Pony Club Postal address: PO Box 19
Rolleston 7643

We have three riders going for their D certificate on the 12th September at Pony Club, they are Lauren, Molly and Tessa – Good luck guys!

The Rally this weekend is going to be a forest ride at Bottle lake. Please ring Mary if you are going on Ph 347 2556. An email has gone out for this already.

Keith calling for next number!



For Sale

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

There is some second hand gear already available at pony club, please approach Mary Fitzpatrick 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. Mary is ordering more of the rugby jerseys so please contact her if you require one. Phone Mary Fitzpatrick on 347 2556.

- Meadow and Red clover Hay for Sale
Medium Squares of Meadow hay also available
Phone Sue or Graham on 325 2055

WANTED TO BUY OR LEASE:

Safe 1st Pony for 4-year-old girl. Good home assured.
Phone Jo Benison 329 5323



Sadie and Tina

Reminders...

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

Pony Club Meeting Monday 20th September 2010, 7.30pm at Sue Robertsons = 304 Springston Rolleston Road.



Paul and Gloriann stealing a quiet moment.



Peter Jarvis happy at the end of the ODE!

BREED OF THE MONTH

The Friesian Horse

Friesian Characteristics and Versatility

The Friesian is a noble animal possessing a kind and willing character, intelligence and strength. The horses are always black, with a long wavy mane and tail, and feathers on the leg. The Friesian is a purebred horse, and is regarded by the FPS Holland as being a warmblood by nature. No white markings are permitted except for a small white star on the forehead. They possess a high neck carriage and powerful hindquarters. Their movement is forward and elevated with a high knee action.

The Friesian is a show horse! - this is why many European circuses such as Zingaro use them for high school work. The Friesian horse is now gaining further respect worldwide as a elite performance horse in the areas of driving and dressage. In Europe and America Friesian horses are competing at the highest competitive levels of dressage with outstanding results and many international driving events are won by teams of Friesian horses.

The Friesian horse holds the world record for the largest amount of horses harnessed to one vehicle (40) and driven at walk, trot and canter. This is testament to their willing and tractable natures.

For their size, the Friesian horse is surprisingly agile and light on their feet, and many thoroughly enjoy jumping. Due to their nature and personality the Friesian is fast becoming the around family horse. The size and rideability makes them the perfect choice for the whole family to be involved with and their temperament is consistent to the patient nature they are renowned for. However many people around the world, will agree that the Friesian is not perhaps the right horse for beginners or novices due to their intelligent nature. They learn very quickly.

The modern day Friesian has enjoyed its share of publicity regularly being seen on Walt Disney and big screen productions such as the lovely Othello, the Friesian stallion who caught the eye of so many in "Lady Hawke". Music film clips such as "Jewel" have also used the Friesian to add that unforgettable effect.

More Info please visit:

<http://www.nzhorses.co.nz/breedofthemoth>



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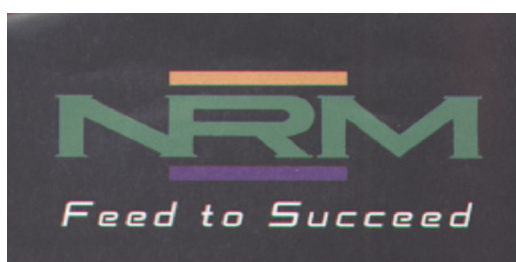
A close-up photograph of a horse's head and neck. The horse is wearing a red equestrian glove on its right front leg, which is raised. The horse is also wearing a red hood and a white fuzzy trim around its mouth.

No other glove offers the grip performance like a MacWet glove.
Regardless of all weather conditions, MacWet gloves offer grip confidence with no slip.
Available in Short Cuff and Long Cuff styles, in Black, White, Brown, Hunting Green, Navy and our jockeys favourite, Black/White.

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NZPCA Calender

Halswell Pony Club Training Day,

Saturday 4th September 2010, 10.00 - 3.00pm, (gates locked at 3pm)

Main Wigram Entrance only. Heights 65cm - 1.05cm,

Backprotectors and Armbands compulsory.

Any Enquiries phone Rochelle on 349 6704.

- [Sandow PC, Derby Day \(22 August 2010\) Schedule](#)
- [Ellesmere Pony Club Dressage & Jumping Day - 25 September 2010 EF](#)
- [Amberley PC Derby Day Entry Form \(5 September 2010\)](#)
- [Kaiapoi PC Show Schedule & Entry Form \(11 September 2010\) \(Please note change of Venue\)](#)
- **Inaugural Stringer Trophy**, Combined Training (Dressage & Showjumping) Teams Event (25 September 2010) EF

Learn from the best...Blyth Tait Clinic

Two day course at...

Hororata on the 28th/29th August.

28th Showjumping

29th X Country

Pre Intro and Intro Level

5 people per group for 1 1/2 hour sessions

\$100 per day or \$180 for two days

Blyth is amazing with all levels of riders, very encouraging and lots of fun.

Don't miss this wonderful opportunity!

For more details please contact

Lesley Whellans 03 318 0020 - lesleywhellans@yahoo.co.nz

- [Ferrymead PC, ODE \(29 August 2010\) EF](#)
- **EYRETON PONY CLUB XC OPEN DAYS**
Saturday 31st July. Jumps up to/including 75cm. Course will still be set out as for the event.
Saturday 21st August. Aimed at 75cm and higher.
Water jump will be filled for both days.
10am - 3pm (everyone out).
\$15 per horse.
Medical armbands and legal helmets to be worn.
Hot and cold food and drinks will be available



Megan and Brooke all thumbs up!
Karen hard at work in kitchen!

Birthdays...

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO.....

Millie Thompson 14th August

Michaela Mullen 25th August

Kayla James 8th September

SHETLAND PONY



A large hairy attitude on sturdy little legs.

Hope you all have a great day!
