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# Springston Pony Club

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March Newsletter 2010



George Bates riding Mr Silver who went to their first ESNZ event of the season at McLean's Island coming third. Well Done!



Brooke Johnston riding Arawa Ricardo at Glenroy-Windwhistle ODE. Her first ODE on Ricardo.

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# Officers and Committee Members

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President:	Sue Robertson	Ph 325 2055
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## **Committee**

Melanie Thompson (gear checker)	Ph 329 5060
Paul Mullen	Ph 325 3219
Sandy English	Ph 347 6230
Pauline Jarvis	Ph 347 8181
Debbie Hendry	Ph 347 7345

## **From the Editor...**

**Tina**

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Hi everyone...

Great to see riders sending in their results from shows, ODE's etc. Don't forget photos as well. We had a fantastic turn out last pony club rally. It was great to see everyone smiling and enjoying the sunshine even if it did get incredibly hot late morning. We are looking for a new Rally Coordinator; maybe someone new in the club would like to have a go. I would certainly help you get started and it is a great way to get to know everyone also. GIVE IT A GO! I am looking forward to the Hill ride this weekend. See you all there!

Happy riding.  
Tina

Please email me your results and photos through of any shows that you have been to.  
Email: [johnstonclan@farmside.co.nz](mailto:johnstonclan@farmside.co.nz)

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Welcome to everyone,

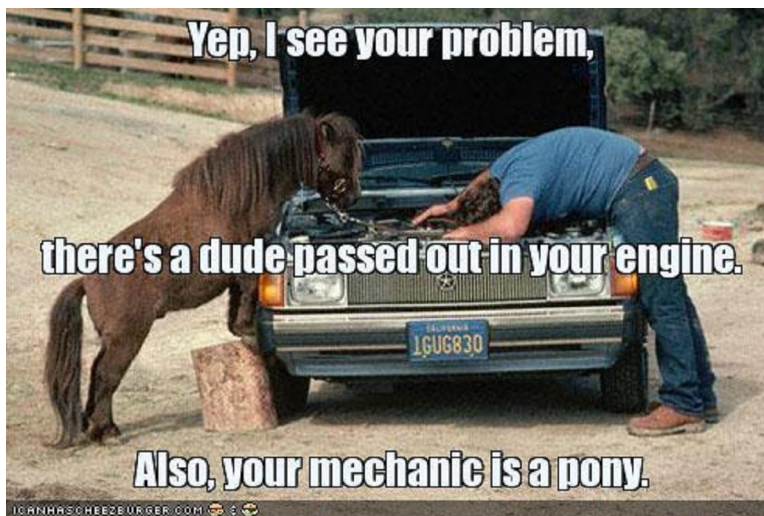
We have had 2 rallies since last month. On the 28<sup>th</sup> Feb we concentrated on certificate work and the 14<sup>th</sup> March was as usual, even with one instructor down.

On 21<sup>st</sup> Feb there were the zone games and the team did very well against TOP competition coming fourth by one point, so it's looking good for Waimate.

Charlotte was chosen to be the Canterbury Rep for the South Island games team, which travels north to Turangi on the 13<sup>th</sup> April. With 20 games being played over two days it will be full on!

It was great to see familiar, and new faces at Pony Club. We will look forward to the hill ride on the 28<sup>th</sup> March at Kaituna Valley where, hopefully there will be a great turnout.

Sue



# Head Coach Report...

Linda Sevier

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Hi all,

I have just come back from Hastings, Kelt Capital Horse of the Year, where I was both a groom for Courtney Mehlhopt, a past member of Springston Pony Club and also a spectator. Courtney came home with many ribbons including a 1<sup>st</sup> for one of her jumping classes with a very fast jump off and a 7<sup>th</sup> in the Amateur Rider Class. A fantastic effort. There were so many disciplines of riding, from jumping to miniatures to dressage to showing to bareback jumping and vaulting, Also lots of shopping on offer!! This is a fantastic trip and if you can get the chance to go and compete or just watch, I highly recommend it!

Now that we have had a bit of rain after some very dry weather, watch for behaviours that may be related to mycotoxins, and on the market there are many toxin binding agents. If you are unsure if your horse or pony may be showing the effects, let me know or have a look at these web sites <http://www.horsetalk.co.nz/health/109-staggers.shtml> and <http://www.calmhealthyhorses.co.nz/> . I always use a toxin binding agent at this time of the year and in spring

Have a fun rally ride on Sunday

Linda



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# 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

<b>28<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Hill ride.</b> Tai Tapu. Sue to Organise
<b>11<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Home Rally</b> Bates 347 6551 & James 347 4950
<b>25<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Road Ride,</b> David Marshall Endurance. Debbie to organise.
<b>8<sup>th</sup> May</b> <b>9<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Working Bee at Burnham</b> <b>Working Bee at Burnham</b> – ride in the forest afterwards
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	<b>Horsemanship</b> Grassam 347 4751 & Fitzpatrick 347 2556

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 (Tina). Please phone day before to find out what gear needs setting up. 342 5709



REMEMBER MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK

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# General...

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## **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.

## **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 some of the show jumps are currently.

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

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## **FUNDRAISING**

We are ordering Chocolates to sell again at \$2.50 a bar. 2 boxes per family to sell.  
Sausage sizzle will be available at the rally's for \$2.00 each.

Bring feed sacks to collect Pine Cones to sell. This is to help Charlotte Robertson get to the North Island for the National Games. Charlotte will sell these outside her Gate on Springston Rolleston Road. Thanks.

**KEYS:** Anyone with a set of Pony Club Keys please could you hand them back in so we can have a count up of keys. Please hand them back to Paul Mullen or Marg James. Thanks.

**THANK YOU:** It is with regret that we accept Karen Nuttall's resignation as secretary on the committee. Marg James has kindly stepped up to fill this roll. We would like to thank Karen very much for all her hard work and dedication to the club over the past years as secretary. Thanks Karen.

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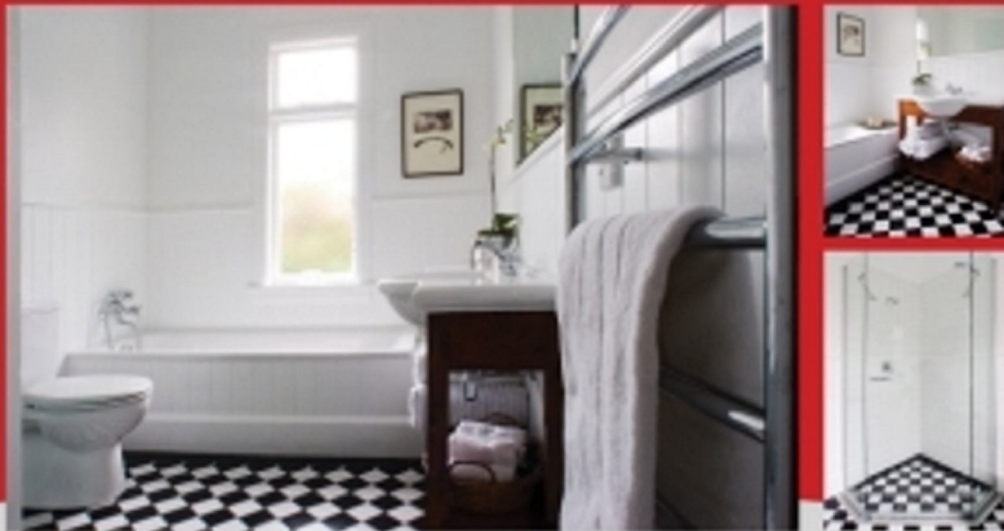
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# For Sale

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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 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 Hay for sale – Phone Tina 342 5709
  
- Meadow and Red clover Hay for Sale  
Medium Squares and Round bales of Meadow hay also available  
Phone Sue or Graham on 325 2055

## **WANTED TO BUY OR LEASE:**

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

## **Reminders...**

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

Pony Club Meeting Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April 7.30pm at the Pony Club Rooms.

## **RESULTS:**

**India O'Donnell-Fluit** - Glenroy-Windwhistle ODE –14 years and under 60cms  
2<sup>nd</sup> in dressage. 1<sup>st</sup> overall

**Brooke Johnston** – Glenroy-Windwhistle ODE 14yrs & under 45cms  
2<sup>nd</sup> in dressage.

**Millie Thompson**- Mayfield A&P Show  
Champion 1<sup>st</sup> Ridden

Congratulations to you all.

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# Birthdays...

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO.....**

***Katherine Hadler 7<sup>th</sup> April***

***Laura Maxwell 22<sup>nd</sup> April***

*Hope you have a great day!*

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## **A bit of Humour!**

You know you are a horseperson when:

- You cluck to your car when you go up a hill.
- Your horse's hair is in better condition than your own.
- You refer to your car as "my portable tack room".
- You are excited when your friend tells you that there is a huge sale at the bridle shop, and then you are disappointed when you realize they mean the bridal shop.
- You have the vet's number but not your kid's paediatrician on your speed dial.
- Your spouse can track dirt into the house all they want, but God help them if they muddy up the tack room.
- Your house is a mess, but the barn is as neat as a pin.
- Your nice clothes are the ones without horsehair all over them.
- You have to go to your friend's wedding in riding clothes because you took too long at the barn.



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