
Springston Pony Club

May Newsletter 2010



Georgia Bates riding Mr Silver at McLeans Island 3 day event, class 7 (pre-training) 3rd

Well Done!

Officers and Committee Members

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Committee

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From the Editor...

Tina

Hello everyone

Looks like winter has finally arrived. Remember to make sure your horse/pony cover is waterproof, as I have found that with some water proofing products, they may only last one season. I have found that Mitre 10 Silicon spray works well, just make sure you air it out for a day before putting your cover back on your horse. Some equestrian shops have a service for re water proofing covers also. Just ask next time you visit.

I would like to wish the Collier teams good luck for this weekend at Waihora, I just hope the weather is a lot better than this week.

Any items you want sold or wanting to buy please email me and I will put in the next newsletter.

Keep smiling.

Tina

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

Hi everyone

Well the last month has been a busy one again and I would like to thank all those that came out to help out at our Burnham working bee. It was great to have so many there and the jobs got done really quick.

The course is coming along well and the kids all enjoyed their instruction around the cross country afterwards.

Also a big thank you to Alan Curruthers for tidying up around our clubrooms and sheds, it looks really Good!!!!

The C cert is going well by all accounts, so it will be good to have the exams coming up.

The two Collier teams have had many practices which went well and I am sure they will have a lot of fun this weekend, just hope the weather is nice and sunny. Good luck to both teams.

Our web site is updated and cared for by Barrie Matthews who is doing a fantastic job with this. Thank you very much Barrie, from everyone. Looks Great!

Regards Sue

Molly Curruthers
riding Fly at
Rakaia in March.



Hi all

The rain has arrived!!

I hope all your covers are mended and waterproof!!

Our C Certificate riders are very lucky to have Chris Fitzsimons offering evening sessions on their theory for their certificates so soon they can be tested and move onto C+.

Our current C+ riders will be next with Chris.

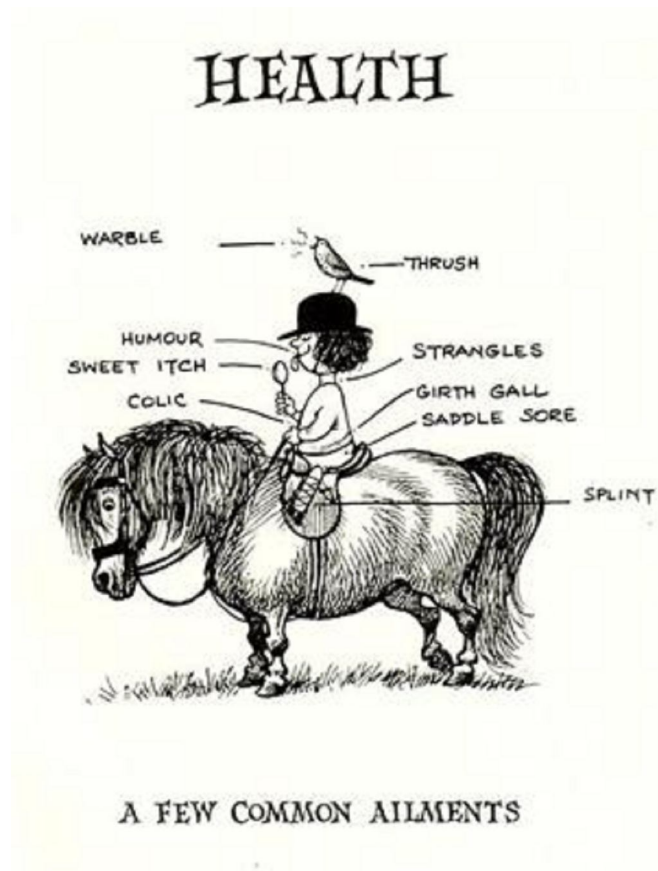
Meanwhile at pony club our last rally we focussed on certificate work and horsemanship and we have a small group of Ds nearly ready to be tested. We had a fairly full rally with lots of new faces, some unmounted having a look

This Sunday 30 May is Collier Trophy and we have two great teams entered. This is a team ODE and is being held at Waihora. Good luck to both teams!!

Our next rally is on the 13 June, we have Stephanie Ashleigh teaching us about saddle fitting and also some cross country instruction. The rally on the 27th June, Mary Fitzpatrick is organising a beach ride

Keep warm

Linda



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

- 13th June **Home Rally**
Mitchell 021850355 & Parrish 3479272
- 27th June **Bottlelake Ride** – Mary to Organise
- 11th July **Working Bee** - Burnham
- 24th & 25th July **OUR ODE** at Burnham – **All Hands On Deck!!!!**
- 8th August **SEC – Bring your own Morning tea.**
- 22nd August **Trip to Stables** – Horsemanship

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

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.

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.

Anyone with a Springston Pony Club team Rugby shirt can you please return them to Margaret James ASAP. They will have a number on the tag inside the shirt, thanks. Ring Marg 3474950.

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

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.

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 rallies for \$2.00 each. Lollies: 50c per bag.

Springston Pony Club Postal address: PO Box 19
Rolleston 7643

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 and Round bales 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

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 21 June 2010, 7.30pm at the Pony Club Rooms.

MEMBERSHIP FEES

There are still some families with outstanding membership fees.

You will now receive an account from our treasurer for these. Please contact Mary Fitzpatrick if you have any questions on this. 347 2556.

Upcoming events calender...

- **Inaugural Stringer Trophy**, Combined Training (Dressage & Showjumping) Teams Event (25 July 2010) EF
- Canterbury Dressage, Winter Series (30 May, 13 June, 11 July 2010) EF
- Okuku PC, ODE (20 June 2010) EF
- Kaiapoi PC, ODE (12 June 2010) Conditions *******NB Dressage Tests changed*******
- Kaiapoi PC, ODE (12 June 2010) EF
- Rangiora PC, ODE (6 & 7 June 2010) EF
- Collier Trophy Teams Event 2010 ODE (30/05/10) Rules
- Collier Trophy Teams Event **Amendment to Collier Rules as set by Springston PC**
- Collier Trophy Teams Event 2010 ODE (30/05/10) EF

COLLIER TROPHY TEAMS

YELLOW TEAM - 😊

Senior:

Michaela Mullen
Megan James

Int:

Stephanie Matthews

Jnr:

Olivia Mitchell
Molly Curruthers

BROWN TEAM - 😊

Senior:

Courtney Mullen
Charlotte Robertson

Int:

Brooke Johnston
Katie Silcock

Jnr:

Stanley Mullen
India O'Donnell-Fluit



Brooke riding Ricardo at Waihora. She was 1st on at 8.30am. The sun is just starting to come through. Look at the shine!

GOOD LUCK!!!

BREED OF THE MONTH

The Arabian Horse

History of the Arabian Horse in New Zealand

It would appear from old records that the first 'arabs' arrived in the South Island, usually imported from New South Wales along with Merino sheep and destined for some of the larger sheep stations in the south.

New Zealand has always been closely linked with Australian Arabian activities and the establishment of the first stallion (**Hector**) in Sydney in around 1795 was followed by a steady importation of horses, predominantly stallions, over the next 40 years, and naturally some of these horses found their way across the Tasman to New Zealand.

Up until 1970, the New Zealand bred Arabians were registered either with the Australian or English breed society. However, a meeting on September 16, 1970 changed all that and on that date the New Zealand Arabian Breeders Society was born.

Characteristics of the Arabian Horse

The skin of an Arabian is sleek and supple, the legs and jaws clean of long hair and the mane and tail is soft. Whilst Arabians have virtually covered the colour palette, the most common colours are bay, chestnut, grey and brown. The height of an Arabian is traditionally within the limits of 14.1 and 15.1 hands.

Perhaps the hallmark of a purebred Arabian is his head - short and tapered, jowls deep, with eyes that are dark and large. In profile, the characteristic 'dish' is best represented and the small and finely shaped ears are often tipped slightly inward. Ears on a stallion, incidentally, are often smaller than those on a mare.

Arabians represent speed and lightness in their movement. The walk should be fast and free with the hind feet overstepping the front track by some 8 to 12 inches. The trotting action is free with the feet reaching out and seeming to float at full stretch before touching the ground. The canter is smooth and elastic whilst the gallop is free, yet light, covering even rough ground with a big stride and smooth ride.



For more info on this months breed please click on the link below:

www.nzhorses.co.nz/breedofthemonth/arab.htm

Birthdays...

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO.....

Stanley Mullen 4th June

Hope you have a great day!

