
Springston Pony Club

September/October Newsletter 2010



Kayla James – 26/09/2010. Darby Day at SPC

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From the Editor...

Tina

Hi there everyone,

Hope you all made it through the earthquake with very little damage, and coping with all the annoying after shocks.

It was great to see the turn out at the last two Rallies. Well done to our younger riders having a go at the jumping, it was very rewarding to watch.

A big **thank you** to Peter Jarvis for helping out and giving great advice to our riders.

I would like to thank everyone for there support over the last 5-6 weeks with my recovery after my operation. This newsletter is covered for Sept/Oct as I have been a bit behind from my op, so hopefully this will put me back on track to get a month ahead again.

Remember to make our new members welcome.

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

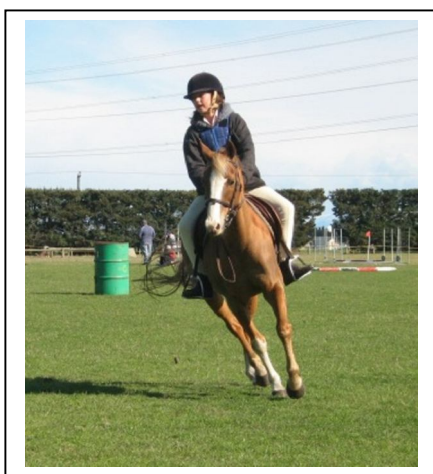
It always seems to be so busy... I think maybe the older we get the busier we are, got something to do with the fact we don't move as fast anymore! There was a fabulous turnout at pony club last time, which was great.

Congratulations to Mollie, Tessa and Lauren for achieving their D cert and all passed very well. We are waiting to hear when our five C cert members will be sitting their's hopefully early November. We also have Courtney working on her C+ and hope to get an exam date soon for her as well. Thanks to Chris for her time and all her Thursday nights working with our Cs.

Was an interesting delegates meeting last week we are all going to have more forms to fill out for our membership you will get these on Sunday so please fill out and return ASAP to Marg or myself thanks.

We have Windsor S-Jumping coming up in November and South Island Champs at Waimate in January so get out competing we would like as many as possible to have a go!! These are both team competitions and are great to have a couple teams having a go.

Please remember to keep an eye on the grass your ponies are eating because I no of one pony nearly founded already, hay and exercise are the best with little or no grass for at risk ponies!! It good to see some wearing their fluoro vests while riding on the road you might think you look a bit silly but better than a hood ornament on someone's car PLEASE wear your Vests and be safe while riding on the road. Till next month take care of your ponies and happy riding Sue.



Hello Everyone

Well it has been a month and a half with earthquakes, winds and frosts!! And more rain!!

Congratulations to Lauren, Molly and Tessa for passing their D certificates. They passed with flying colours!! Well done

Again keep an eye on the grass and the effects on your ponies, and also that if it's a nice day to throw off the covers and let them have a wee roll!

For the 10 October we are having a double rally, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. The morning is talking about show grooming and there will also be a working bee and parents will be advised what they may be able to bring to help. The afternoon rally is riding and is an extension of the morning and is only available to those who have been there in the morning.

We are still desperate for more instructors and parent help with the riders. Please let me know if you can help, even if it's tagging along with an instructor, helping and learning

Happy riding

Linda

Back Protectors

Sue Batchelor from the Saddlery Barn has the Tiperary youth back protectors on special. If you purchase one from her you will also receive a \$10 voucher for your next visit if you mention you are a Springston Pony Club member.

www.saddlerybarn.co.nz/product_cid_164.html

Tiperary youth

Saddlery Barn Equestrian & Country Outfitters

25-33 Shands Road, Hornby, Christchurch, New Zealand

Linda at SPRC
Jumping Day



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

- 10th October** **Home Rally - Double Rally**
Moore 325 3144 & Mullen 325 3219
- 24th October** **Grooming for Show day- TBC**
Brien 347 9639 & Robertson 325 2055
- 14th November** **Home Rally**
Maxwell 0274778830 & Jones 347 2489
- 28th November** **Lancer Trophy – Everybody on deck to help.**
Pickens 329 5780 & Robertson (Fiona) 3253244
- 12th December** **Pentathlon – End of year break up, bring a plate.**
Everyone to help.
O'Donnell-Fluit 329 6133 Bates 347 6551



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.



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

VACANCIES:

We are looking for a new Rally Co-ordinator straight away, so please step up and have a go, as Tina would like to step down from this. Please contact her if you are interested in this position.

Also Next year the Head Coach's position is to be filled as Linda is stepping down from this. If you are interested in this position please contact Linda, and she will help you with this.

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.

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

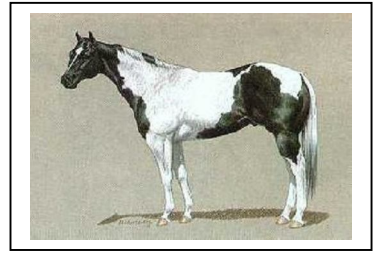
Pony Club Meeting Monday 18th October 2010, 7.30pm at Sue Robertsons = 304 Springston Rolleston Road.

Remember to have your correct uniform on for Pony Club and also your long hair should be in a hair net, not just tied up! Thanks.



BREED OF THE MONTH

The Paint Horse



The Paint Horse Association of New Zealand, formed in 1995, has been established to develop the Paint horse as a colour breed under strict guidelines as to quality, conformation and type with the result that the Paint Horse signifies far more than just coloured.

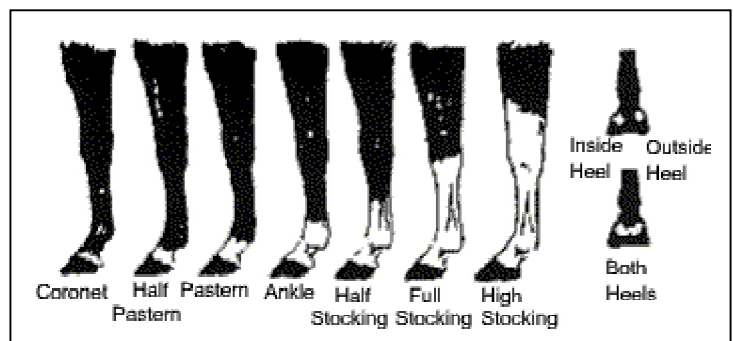
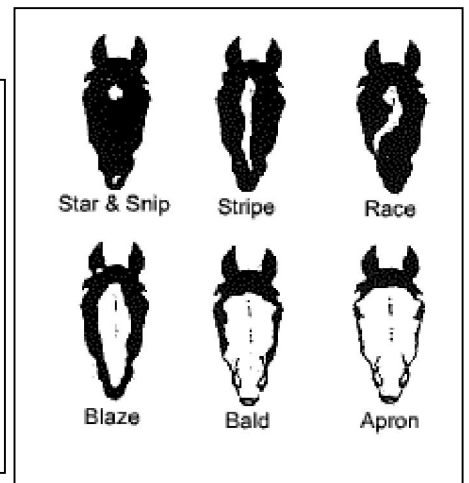
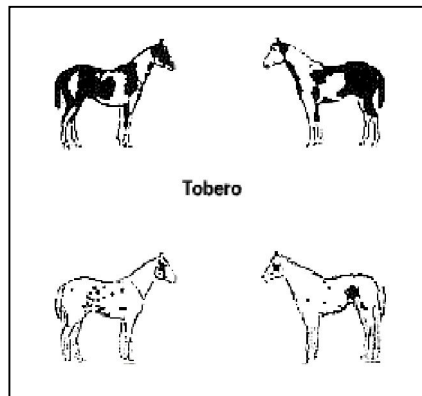
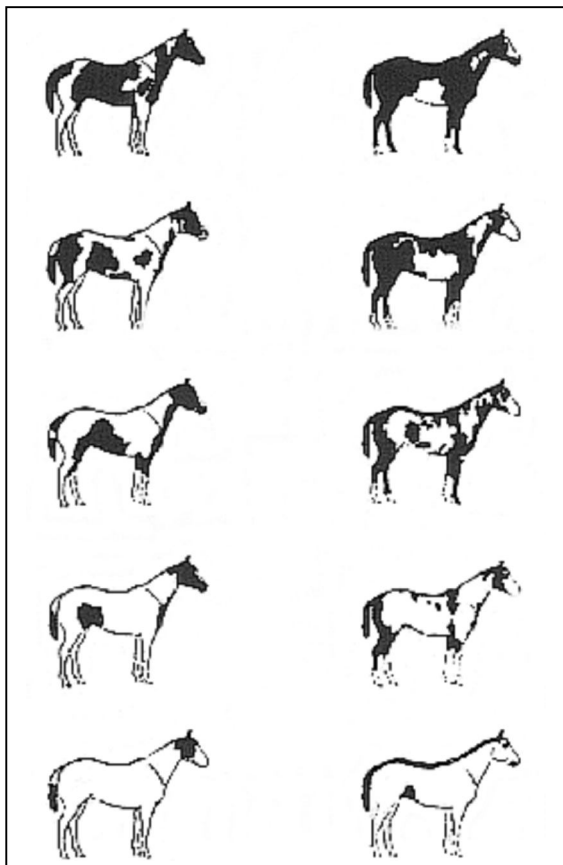
Because of the out-cross restriction to only QH and TB, these horses have become known as athletic horses with good temperaments and are popular in many fields in addition to the western arena. They "stand out from the crowd" in Dressage, Showjumping, Eventing, Hunting and Pony Club. Many are bought just for the enjoyment of hacking and being seen on a colourful individual.

The Paint horse is a horse with a height restriction of over 14 hands and is of Quarter Horse, Thoroughbred or Paint bloodlines only. That is, a Paint Horse is the result of a mating between a Paint x Paint, Paint x Registered Quarter Horse, Paint x Registered Thoroughbred. Paints come in all colours and patterns and can have blue eyes (not to be confused with wall eyes). Blue eyes are a colour trait and can appear on a horse whose parents, and grandparents do not have blue eyes.

Paint Horse Colour Patterns

Tobiano

Overo



As you will see on the identification guide, the two main patterns are known as Tobiano and Overo. Tobiano is a dominant common pattern seen on Pintos throughout N.Z. and Overo is a recessive gene rarely seen in N.Z. as there are very few being bred so far, and the Tobero which carries both genes is the progeny of a tobiano and overo that displays both colour patterns.

Another pattern which is emerging is the Sabino pattern which has started popping up from Quarter Horse and Thoroughbred matings. These Cropouts as they are known were usually hidden in the back paddock, but now are recognised as Paint horses. Sabinos have white extending above the knees and hocks, small belly patch and bald faces, excessive white to be registered as a Quarter Horse but enough to qualify for registration as a Paint.

Identification Guide

Tobiano

1. Head marked like a solid-coloured horse (either solid or will have a blaze, stripe, star or snip.)
2. Generally all 4 legs will be white, or at least white below the hocks and knees.
3. Spots are usually regular and distinct, often coming in oval or round patterns that extend down over the neck and chest giving the appearance of a shield.
4. Horse will usually have the dark colour on one or both flanks.
5. Horse may be either predominantly dark or white.

Overo

1. White will rarely cross the back between the withers and the tail.
2. Generally at least one, and often all 4, legs will be the dark colour.
3. Head markings will often be bald, apron, or even bonnet-faced.
4. Irregular, rather scattered or splashy white markings on the body, often referred to as calico patterns.
5. Tail is usually one colour.
6. Horse may be predominantly dark or white.

The amount of white on a horse required by the Association for registration purposes must extend outside a two inch diameter circle with pink underlying skin. This can vary from a loud flashy pattern to a discrete tiny belly patch. Unfortunately, breeders cannot order how much white they get on their foals and one of the delights and occasionally frustrations of breeding Paints is the foaling season and how much "colour" is produced each year.

Paint breeders have known for some time that they need to be careful when breeding Overo to Overo as occasionally a Lethal White foal can result. These foals are born white with an incomplete bowel system and will show signs of colic within a few hours of being born and if not put down will die. There is no cure for this problem, but research is being carried out in the USA to see whether all Overos carry this lethal gene or only certain bloodlines.

For more info got to: <http://nzhorses.co.nz/breedofthemonth/Paint/>

NZPCA Canterbury Calender

- West Melton Weedons Pony Club Show - 17 October 2010, Schedule
- West Melton Weedons Pony Club Show - 17 October 2010, EF

- View Hill Pony Club ODE - (25 October 2010) EF

- Hawarden Waikari Pony Club Jumping Show (9 October 2010) Classes
- Hawarden Waikari Pony Club Jumping Show (9 October 2010) EF

- Glenroy Windwhistle Pony Club - Jumping & Fun Day - 31 October 2010, EF

- Qualifying Dressage evening @ Ferrymead PC - 14 October 2010, EF

- Ellesmere Pony Club - Annual PC Show - 6 November 2010, Schedule & EF

- NZPCA Casual Members Agreement -All non-PC Entries must also fill this form in and send back with Entry Form.
- NZPCA Membership Regulation - Schedule 3
- NZPCA Questions and Answers regarding the Membership Regulation - Sept 2010



Birthdays...

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO.....

Maia Gerard 7th October

Charlotte Robertson 14th October

India O'Donell-Fluit 16th October

Mollie Carruthers 22nd November

Miniature Horse



Really just an oversized vegetarian dog.

Hope you all have a great day!
