

**SPRINGSTON PONY**



**CLUB.**

***February***

***2017***

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**Committee** (in addition to office bearers & delegates above)

### **Selectors**

Sharon Rayne (chief selector)

Christine Lewis

Kate Millar



## Welcome to 2016

Welcome to all our existing and new members. I hope that you have enjoyed riding over the holidays. We have had our AGM and a new committee has been elected. Please help where you can to make Pony Club a great place for all our riders.

There are a number of team events which you can put your name down for (included later in this newsletter). Please watch out for e-mails asking for you to put your name forward. Many of them require that you are competing at the required level before applying. You are likely to be asked for a list of the results at competitions on your horse/pony. Please start keeping a note of these if you have not already. Please remember that you need to include ALL competitions, even the ones where things didn't go so well and you would prefer to forget you even went out! This is so the selectors can get the whole picture.

## News and Info

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### NZPCA Dressage Championships 2017 (thanks Niamh for your report)

It was very last minute that I decided to enter the PC Dressage Champs Trials, it would be “good training for eventing” I told myself, and “I won't get in – we've only done level two dressage once, let alone level three!” As I tried and failed again and again to establish a nice sitting-trot, it seemed clear to me that it just wasn't meant to be. Yet on the day of the trials in early November, Smokey and I found ourselves finishing in third place overall and therefore making the team as a senior. At this point I was very confused and alarmed – oh dear... how could we possibly represent Canterbury for dressage? Not to mention that almost all of the talented riders who made the team were strangers to me at this point, and the whole concept was a little frightening.

As training begun with our coach, Jenny, I started to feel a little more optimistic that at least we wouldn't make a complete fool of ourselves and my sitting trot finally started to look semi-normal. In mid-January it was time to set off South on our journey to Mosgiel, Otago with fellow team mates Millie and Kirsty. Of course I was feeling very enthused to be travelling for 7 hours to compete in just three dressage tests... (and no jumping!) Everything ran smoothly; we arrived and checked out the grounds, tended to our horse's needs, I took Smokey for a stretch bareback, and bedded them down in their stables for the night. The next day before competition followed a similar routine but there was a bit



more hard work involved as we were schooling horses and cleaning, plaiting and washing for competition day. We then had skit night in which Canterbury provided the usual quality entertainment.

Nerves were running rather high on the first day of competition. Smokey tried really hard in our practice test, placing mid-field and giving us a good idea of what the afternoon held. Everyone in the team performed exceptionally that afternoon in their championship test, I was the last rider to go and Smokey knew his job well (though he as green to this as me), scoring a 64% and fourth place overall! Through to the next day our team was sitting in first place and so the pressure was on. All us riders were feeling a little tired thanks to our consecutively late nights where we would stay up chatting and tossing a ball around outside at our lovely accommodations until dark. Yet we all put in our best efforts and again some superb results emerged. Smokey pulled off a great test, scoring 65% and fourth place in the senior division again! The many 3rds, 2nds, and 1sts that our Canterbury riders had earned during the two days kept us well in the lead. The prize giving then followed, we were all stoked that our hard work had paid off and that our mounts had worked so tirelessly for us during our time in Mosgiel. We didn't know if we would be keeping our title as the North Island riders still had to compete - later we found out that we came second nationally, the best result for the South Island in a long long time! Though, sadly we had to part with our new rugs and trophy. It was very cool that Milly ended up highest placed junior in the South Island and 2<sup>nd</sup> junior overall in New Zealand, and for the South Island I was awarded the "highest scoring first time senior".



Overall I rate the whole adventure very highly; little did I suspect a few months ago that I'd be representing Canterbury as a rider for dressage. The skills I have taken away from this will be very valuable for the future, and seeing the clear improvement was well worth any struggle faced along the way. To anyone who hopes to achieve something like this, don't doubt yourself because anything is possible – as I have discovered. It's an opportunity to meet plenty of new faces who may end up being great friends of yours, just like the lovely bunch of

girls I'm grateful to now know. Thank you Springston Pony Club for all your support. ☺  
Niamh



## Teams events

### SISJ Champs

The South Island Show Jumping Champs were held in the school holidays on the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> of January. The Springston team consisted of Natalie (Senior), Max and Caitlin (Intermediates), and Katherine and Luci (Juniors). Amy and Gemma were part of an Amberley/Springston team.

Great time at SJ Champs over the last couple of days. This was a new experience for many of our younger riders and they were great! Overall the Springston team came 16<sup>th</sup> out of 28 teams so a good result for a new team. Congratulations to Natalie who was first and second in two of her senior classes and to Max who won the intermediate prize for style!! A big thanks to Pauline who did a fabulous job of coaching over the two days and to Sue for being team manager. (Thanks to Sharon R for this report written for facebook)



*Springston SISJ team, Amy, Gemma, Luci, Katherine, Natalie and Max (Caitlin absent)*



*Katherine*



*Caitlin*





*Natalie*



*Luci*



*Max*



*Amy*



*Gemma*



*Max being presented with the style award*

### **Huntley Cup (Scandal Trophy dressage day) 19<sup>th</sup> February**

Congratulations to the following riders who will make up the Springston PC teams for the Huntley Cup. Good Luck.

Millie, Katherine, Emily & Caroline

Izzy, Raewyn & Jaimiee

### **Zone Games 19<sup>th</sup> February**

Best of luck to the games team and pairs for the zone games

Team: Natalie, Gemma L, Amy, Jack H and Ellen

Pairs:

### **January Rallies**



*Road ride 15<sup>th</sup> January*



*One group riding to the beach*



*Ponies and riders on the Beach 29<sup>th</sup> Jan*

## **Upcoming team events**

There are a number of opportunities for riders to compete in team events representing Springston Pony Club. Please ensure that you are familiar with the selection policy if you are interested in gaining selection for any of these teams.

Don't forget if you want to be part of a team, you need to be a financial member and comply with the rally rules.

Team competitions for 2017 (or early 2018)

The following list of events for which teams are selected. Dates may be subject to change.

### *Eventing*

- Collier Trophy (28<sup>th</sup> May 2017)
- Springston Trophy (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> October 2017)

### *Games teams*

- Zone Games (19<sup>th</sup> Feb 2017)
- Christchurch Pony Club Games (22<sup>nd</sup> October 2017)
- Prince Phillip Cup (22<sup>nd</sup> October 2017)

### *Show Jumping*

- Windsor team Show Jumping (26th November 2017)
- South Island Show Jumping Champs (January 2018)

### *Dressage*

- Amberley Cup (10<sup>th</sup> September 2017)
- Huntley Cup - Scandal Trophy (19<sup>th</sup> February 2017)

### *Dressage and Jumping*

- Stringer Trophy (1<sup>st</sup> October 2017)



## Fees for 2017

The fees remain the same as last year (detailed below).  
Please could the Fees be paid by 31 March 2017.

Adult with a child (17 & under)	\$150
Adult with two children	\$270
Extra children	\$ 20
Any extra adults	\$ 30
Rider 18-24 years	\$120
Family membership	\$290

Account number (please document fees and name) 03 1588 0017480 00

## Team Gear

Please could team Managers Liaise with the team gear person, and sign out and in all team gear used for team events.

## SPC Events for this year

Please note that the SPC ODE is 22-23<sup>rd</sup> July 2017. We will need EVERYONE to help with BOTH the set up before and on these days. Please diary these dates now.

## Health and Safety

We are all responsible for Health and Safety.

There is a hazard register on the clubroom door. Please have a look at this and contact a committee member with any suggestions.

A fall register needs to be filled in for ALL falls (even if the rider lands on their feet and pops straight back on). There is a more detailed form if medical or veterinary treatment is required.



MOST CHILDREN MAKE VERY RAPID STRIDES AS SOON AS THEY GET INTO THE SADDLE.

## Saddlery shops

If you are buying gear at any of the local saddlery shops, please tell them that you are from Springston Pony Club. At the end of the year they donate vouchers to us relating to the amount our members spend. We use these for the end of year Christmas party, prizes etc.

## Grounds coordinator

We need a Grounds Person – someone who can co-ordinate what needs to be done on the grounds, they don't have to do all the work. This can involve working within a budget to pay someone to do what is required. Please contact Christine or Sharon R if you can help.

## Use of grounds

Springston Pony Club members are welcome to use the grounds free of charge (please ensure you have paid your subs!). The combination code is sent to members, please do NOT share this. Non-members need to pay for each visit (even if they come with you!). Bookings are available with Katie Meyer, ph 027 538 7277.

Please ensure that all horse manure is picked up from the arenas and the grounds before you leave. There is a wheelbarrow and rake available, so there are no excuses.

Please also ensure all show jumping rails are picked up off the ground. Even if you didn't drop them please pick them up so we can keep them in good condition for as long as we can.

Please keep an eye out for “happenings” at the grounds, if you see something which shouldn't be happening, please let a committee member know ASAP.



## Results and photos

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Please let me know what you have been up to and any results/photos you have (pauline\_jarvis@hotmail.com). If you don't send me the results, I can't put them in! Please also send a photo of you having fun with your pony!



*A group of Springston PC riders waiting for their turn and Roydvale SJ day*

## Birthdays

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN JANUARY and  
FEBRUARY TO.....**

Josie  
Yasmine  
Jack  
Laura  
Charlotte



## Classifieds

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Please let me know if you have anything for sale (pauline\_jarvis@hotmail.com)