

SPRINGSTON PONY



CLUB.

*December*

*2018*

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## Rally information

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### Christmas break-up rally

It was a great day for the final rally of 2018. Not too hot, not too cold and no wind! We had around 27 riders in the end. I think a very fun day was had by all. Thank you so much to everyone who helped make it a successful and well-run event. It really was a team effort. Thanks so much to Grayson who cooked our sausage sizzle for us, to all who showed up to help set up, even if their



kids were not coming (which was AMAZING!), those who cleaned, did dishes, took rubbish home and helped run the games on the day. The feedback we had from the riders was that they loved it and really appreciated all the effort that went into the day. The focus for the day was all about having a good time, getting to know other club members and learning about doing games for those who haven't has much experience with them so far.

We put then kids into teams of three and mostly with those they didn't know well. This seemed to work really well and I heard lots of kids cheering their teams members on and being supportive of them, no matter what the level of riding ability was. This was fabulous to see.

We started with a fancy dress competition and we did have ribbons for the top three. All the costumes were so colourful and inventive. I hope you all had fun deciding what to wear!

In the 10 and under:

1<sup>st</sup> Georgia Lewis  
2<sup>nd</sup> Courtney Ashton  
3<sup>rd</sup> equal were Lauren Etheridge and Daniel Benison

11 and over:

1<sup>st</sup> Renee Pluck  
2<sup>nd</sup> Katie Held  
3<sup>rd</sup> Emma Hay.



We then did a rotation around barrel racing, ride-a-buck and a water relay. We had three teams of three at each games at a time. It was all non-competitive. We finished the games with musical sacks and apple bobbing. We discovered there is quite an art to apple bobbing and that we needed bigger buckets that you can actually fit your head in! A great way to cool off on a hot day though!

We then all shared a delicious lunch complete with sausage sizzle, strawberries and ice-cream and other festive treats. Prize giving was then held followed by a visit from Santa in an MG! Merry Christmas everyone and looking forward to a fantastic 2019 !

## Prizegiving

### Springston Pony Club Trophies - 2018

Fraser Trophy

Awarded for: Best Attendance at Rallies held by Springston Branch. **Renee and Lily Pluck**

Ross Trophy

Awarded for: Most points for turnout during the year, **Lily Pluck**

Best turnout points - Junior

Awarded for: Most points for turnout during the year, **Renee Pluck**

Howson Trophy

Awarded for: Combination gaining most points at Springston Branch Mini Show, Mini ODE OR main ODE. **Renee Pluck**

Wildwood Challenge Trophy

Awarded for: Best score over two dressage tests in Amberley team dressage competition **Sonya Benison, MF Spotlit**

Negus Garrett Trophy

Awarded for: Most improved beginner (Junior) **Meg Pluck**

Cottam Cup

Awarded for: Most points at Springston Pony Club Pentathlon competition 2017 **Katherine Hadler**

Lancer Dressage Cup

Awarded for: Best combined scores from two tests in Springston Pony Club Dressage Day (held at rally) (followed held by ride-off from each age group with best score in ride-off test winning overall) **Sophie Pickens, Madam Masala**

Collier Trophy

Awarded for: 15 & over pony club rider who has competed individually and in a team for games for highest achieving combination. **Natalie Peoples, Tui Hills Copper Abbie**

Carol Pearson Memorial Cup

Awarded for: Unity competition. Ride-off to be held for winner of each age group to determine overall winner. **Katherine Hadler, Hakuna Matata**





### Star Cup

Awarded for: 14 years & under pony club rider who has completed individually and in a team for games for highest achieving combination. **Gemma Lewis, Heza QT**

### Windsor SJ Cup

For best score by SPC member at Windsor SJ day **Emily Holder, Jenks**

Bondi Memorial Trophy  
Best SPC score at Collier trophy **Sonya Benison, Parikiore Just Jazz**

Just Johnny  
SISJ champs best SPC score **Sonya Benison, MF Spotlit**

Atkins Trophy  
Overall Best PC mount which includes attendance and all round ability. **Ella Fitzsimons, Apsley Golden Secret**



## EVENTING CUPS



### Loader Trophy

Awarded for: Best combined training score at Springston 65cm classes at main O.D.E **Jaimee Adams, Hundalee Fyffe**

### Loader Trophy (2)

Awarded for: Best combined training score at Springston from 80, 95, 105cm classes at main O.D.E **Emily Holder, Jenks**

### Thor Challenge Cup

Awarded for: Consistent overall performance at Springston Trophy selection O.D.Es over 12 months.

**Katherine Hadler, Hakuna Matata and Gemma Lewis, Heza QT and Sophie Pickens, Madam Masala**

Bacton Abby Cup

Awarded for: Best individual score at Springston Trophy by a Springston Pony Club Member.

**Caitlin Rayne, Brentwood Surprise**

O.D.H.T. Cups

Bailey Cup

10 years and under **Renee Pluck, Mochachino**

Osborne Cup (Canterbury Agricultural Cup)

12 years & under **Raewyn Adams, Spice It Up**



Hughes Cup

14 years and under **Emily Holder, Jenks**

Ford Cup

17 years and under **Katherine Hadler, Hakuna Matata**

Stewart Cup

18 to 25yrs **Niamh Rayne, Cavallo Nero**

Springston Pony Club Trophies

Fair Play Trophy - Junior

**Katie Fitsimons**

Fair Play Trophy - Intermediate

**Izzy Mehlhopt**

Fair Play Trophy - Senior

**Xanthe Wilson**

Ethan Watson Memorial Trophy

Awarded for: effort and enthusiasm by a junior rider.

**Georgia Lewis**





Lucky Horse Shoe Trophy  
Awarded for: The most helpful rider. **Emma Hay**

Best Friends Trophy  
Awarded for: The Combination with most empathy & sympathy between horse & rider, and be a regular attendee of Springston PC. **Olivia Cassie, Sophie**

Best Friends Trophy (2)  
Awarded for: The Combination with most empathy & sympathy between horse & rider, and be a regular attendee of Springston PC. **Katie Heald, Paddy**

Bronze Trophy  
Most improved rider any age **Lauren Etheridge**

Sportsmanship award  
Rider showing best Sportsmanshsip – any age **Mayson Downie**



## Team events

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### SISJC team

Congratulations to the following team which has been selected to compete at SISJC in Mosgiel in January. Good luck, I hope that you have lots of fun.

Seniors (105): Katherine on Pavlova  
Sonya on Rigby  
Intermediates (95): Caroline on Scout  
Emily on Jenks  
Juniors (85): Gemma on Sam  
Raewyn on Spice  
Draft/Individual rider (85): Stella on Wings

## Other news

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### Social evening/AGM

On the 5<sup>th</sup> of February we will be holding a social evening at 7pm, This will include our AGM (please diary this now 😊).

### C certificate

Congratulations to Tess who recently passed her C certificate.



A big thank you to Kim Adams, Chris Adams, Bruce Pluck, Alan Green, Andy & Amanda Hay who have helped at SPC recently with repairing of fences, weedeating, mowing and organising grazing. Thank you to Alan Garrett for grazing the grounds with his sheep, they are doing a great job – and will be grazing regularly in 2019. Thank you also to Sharon Melhopt for finding a great wee ride-on mower that the club has purchased.

Big thankyou also to our hard working Committee: Christine Lewis, Sharon Rayne, Kate Millar, Sharon Melhopt, Kim Adams, Pauline Jarvis, Keryn Wilson, Jo Benison, Lucy Watkins and Cheryl Etheridge.

And especially to our amazing Head Coach/Rally Co-ordinator Keryn Wilson. She puts a huge amount of time into planning your rallies and the hard job of finding coaches. Thankyou Keryn, we really appreciate everything you do for the club.

*Lucy*

### Grounds Tidy Up / Working Bees

The Grounds are in need of some serious TLC... we plan to hold a few "Working Bees" in January (look out for emails) to start tidying up the grounds. These will then become a monthly event. There will be 'job lists' of things that need doing – there are heaps of wee jobs that everyone (including riders) can help with. Please bring along any gear you may have, like weedeater, chainsaw, shovel/spade, hammer, knapsack for spraying, paint brushes, snips, loppers, wire cutters, gloves, trailer for taking rubbish to dump. Plan to have a BBQ at the end of each working bee - hoping all families will come along and help out. Many hands make light work. Thank you in advance :)





## NZPCA trip to China, report by Katherine Hadler

On the 20 - 28 of November, I had the amazing opportunity to travel to China to represent New Zealand Pony Club in the Youth Equestrian Open.

The New Zealand team consisted one other rider and I. there were two riders from most Australian states as well as a small team from each Chinese Pony Club, so there were a large number of competitors and it was great to get to know them all.



The Golden Saddle riding club and our host families took amazing care of us, making sure that we felt right at home as well as showing us the Chinese culture. They offered us many new foods (most of which were wildly different to what we get in New Zealand). The only “normal” food I found was a boiled egg, but even that was a challenge with chopsticks! We did traditional Chinese calligraphy and made Chinese dumplings (I even won a prize for best dumpling).

I got to ride an amazing young horse named 'Besty', a 5 year old OTT thoroughbred. I had about 30 minutes riding him to get used to him before competing the next day. I was proud to win one section and come away with a 6th place from the other due to an unlucky rail.



Equestrian sport is quite different in China. Most riders in China don't own their own horses, they usually ride the horse from their local riding school. Almost all of the horses live in stables year round, only being let out for an hour or two at most each day (for the ones that are lucky enough to be let out at all - some aren't!!). I was surprised to be informed that many riding schools in China are located in shopping malls, with some even having their arena on the roof of multiple story malls!!

I would like to say a massive thank you to NZPCA for offering me this amazing opportunity, the Golden Saddle Equestrian Centre for loaning us horses and taking such good care of us, my amazing host family and all of the other people who took care of me while I was there, Emma Barker, our manager/coach, and last of all to my family, who supported me the whole way.

Katherine

## Celebration of the year

### Certificates

Congratulations to everyone who gained a certificate this year.

#### D certificates

Courtney,  
Daniel,  
Katie H,  
Lauren,  
Olivia,  
Meg,  
Jane



#### D+ certificates

Georgia,  
Lily,  
Renee  
Emma,  
Katie F,  
Ella,  
Olivia,  
Xanthe,  
Isabella,  
Emily Heald



#### C Certificate

Tess

## SPC competitions

### 24<sup>th</sup> June Lancer trophy dressage and Carol Pearson Memorial trophy unity.

Congratulations to the everyone who competed, I hope you enjoyed yourselves, and learned something along the way. A special congratulations to Sophie, winner of Lancer trophy and Katherine, winner of Carol Pearson Memorial trophy.

I would like to thank all the families who helped. Almost every family happily helped with something, from clearing and harrowing the arena, setting up, cleaning, mowing, marshalling, writing, scoring etc. Thank you very much, it makes organising so much easier.

### Results and photos

Dressage 13 years and over.



Katherine 1<sup>st</sup>= and 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Sophie 1<sup>st</sup>=  
Isobella 4<sup>th</sup>  
Emily 5<sup>th</sup>=  
Xanthe 5<sup>th</sup>= (twice, on two horses)

Dressage 12 years and under

Ella 1<sup>st</sup>  
Gemma 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>=  
Sonya 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Georgia 4<sup>th</sup>=  
Izzy 6<sup>th</sup>



Dressage non-cantering



Toby 1<sup>st</sup>=  
Olivia 1<sup>st</sup>=  
Emma 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Meg 4<sup>th</sup>  
Daniel 5<sup>th</sup>=  
(James 5<sup>th</sup>= not present at  
prize giving)

Unity 13 years and  
over

Katherine 1<sup>st</sup>  
Olivia 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Emily 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Xanthe 4<sup>th</sup>  
Melissa 5<sup>th</sup>  
Isobella 6<sup>th</sup>



Unity 12 years



Gemma 1<sup>st</sup>  
Sonya 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Lily 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Ella 4<sup>th</sup>  
Jane 5<sup>th</sup>  
(Tess 6<sup>th</sup> not present at prize giving)

## Unity 10 and 11 years

Lauren 3<sup>rd</sup>=  
Toby 3<sup>rd</sup>=  
Emma 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Katie F 1<sup>st</sup>  
Izzy 5<sup>th</sup>  
Katie H 6<sup>th</sup>  
Renee 7<sup>th</sup>  
Sienna 8<sup>th</sup>



## Unity 9 years and under



Daniel 3<sup>rd</sup>=  
Meg 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Ebony 3<sup>rd</sup>=  
Georgia 1<sup>st</sup>  
(James 5<sup>th</sup> not present at prize giving)

## Lancer Trophy Dressage ride off

Sophie and Ella, as winners of each Lancer age group, rode off for the Lancer Trophy with the two dressage judges. (Sophie was 1<sup>st</sup>= in her class, but as they were equal, we go back to test percentages and actual marks to determine who gets to ride off, and Sophie got in the ride off ahead of Katherine).





Congratulations to Sophie who was the overall winner of Lancer trophy.

**Carol Pearson Memorial Unity ride off.**

Katherine, Gemma, Katie F and Georgia, the winning combinations from each unity class rode in front of the two unity judges for the Carol Pearson Memorial Unity Trophy.



Congratulations to Katherine, the overall winner of the Carol Pearson Memorial Trophy.



## Mini Show

The Springston Pony Club Inhouse Show was held on the 11th November 2018. We were super lucky to have a beautiful sunny day. All the children lined up at the clubhouse looking very smart ready for the mornings showing classes.

Our four judges Dyarne Robson, Natalie Gameson, Katie Meyer and Stephanie Wendelken are all experienced and successful show riders and imparted their knowledge to the riders as they judged the classes in their respective rings.

The results are following (under the results section), with a wide range of riders and ponies having success over the different classes.

I am sure all those attended enjoyed the day and learnt more about Showing.

Thanks to those parents (and riders) who helped on the day, helped set up and pack up as always we couldn't do these days without you.

And a special thanks to Sharon of Melwood Equestrian for sponsoring a rug for Supreme of the Show.

Annabel



*Congratulations to ring Champions – Raewyn, Emma, Ella, Georgia*



*Supreme Champion Ella with the lovely judges.*





Ring 1



Ring 2



Ring 3



Ring 4

## **Teams events**

### **SISJC Mosgiel 16-17<sup>th</sup> Jan 2018**

Senior (105cm)  
Natalie

Intermediates (95cm)  
Katherine  
Caroline

Juniors (85cm)  
Sonya  
Raewyn  
Emily (Amberley composite)

2018 South Island Show Jumping Championships  
Report by Sonya Benison

The 2018 South Island Show Jumping Champs was a really good opportunity for me to go away with my pony and my team. I went to Mosgiel a few days earlier, which meant I could go to the Dunedin Chocolate Factory and to roll Jaffas down Baldwin Street - which is the steepest street in the world!

We came home from the chocolate factory to find everyone else had arrived. We plaited our ponies and had a team meeting. While others left for other accommodation, we slept in horse trucks and tents. After the official and riders meetings the course was opened to walk. I had to rush around because I was early on. I had a great round and the other juniors did well too.

The other rounds went well too. I got a third in my first class, ninth in my second class and first in my last class. Which made me the overall junior champion. All the other juniors did well, getting double clears in all their classes. Most people came home with ribbons and they did a great job supporting each other.

Over all the Springston team came third.

Thank-you to Jaimee and Toby for helping, as well as all the parents.

A special thank-you to Mum (Jo) and Pauline for being the coach and manager for the team.



*Caroline*



*Emily*



*Katherine*



*Natalie*



*Raewyn*



*Sonya*

## NZPCA dressage Champs 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan.



Two fabulous days at the NZ Pony Club Dressage Champs. The Canterbury team won the National Trophy, the first time a South Island team have won this event!!! The same 4 judges judge the North Island teams and South Island teams over two tests. Super proud of our two Springston riders in the Canterbury team Emma Copplesstone and Niamh Rayne, and reserve rider Katherine Hadler who was a test rider for the Championship. Emma along with her team-mate Charlotte Thomas from View Hill PC won the highest placed Junior pair in NZ, and Niamh and team-mate Claudia Wilson from Eyreton PC won the highest placed senior pair. Congratulations also to Katherine who won the Champion Level 2 across 4 other classes in the competition. Well done girls!! 😊  
(Thanks to Sharon R for this report, from the SPC facebook page)



*Emma and Dinky Di Doff*



*Niamh Rayne and My Hallucination*



*Katherine and Hakuna Matata*

## Zone Games 4<sup>th</sup> March

Congratulations to all our Springston riders who competed at the Canterbury Zone Games on Sunday 4 March. All rode incredibly well, as well as having lots of fun. :)

Our open pair riders, Natalie Peoples and Gemma Lewis placed 2nd, only 2 points behind the winners!



Junior pairs, Sonya Benison and Lily Pluck won the junior section and Tess Norton and Renee Pluck placed 3rd.



Georgia Lewis and Toby Benison showed extreme dedication (and should have got the prize for the best stunt), when they determinedly held onto the rope in the pony pairs, even when their ponies veered in different directions - and were still holding onto that rope after they had both hit the ground!! They jumped back on their ponies and finished the race together.



In the teams section, our Springston team of Natalie, Gemma, Sonya, Lily and Georgia placed second to a much older and experienced Bangor team. The Springston / Bangor team of Tess, Toby and Renee (and McKenzie from Bangor) came 7th equal.



Of special note, Natalie Peoples was selected to represent the Canterbury Area in the NZPCA Mounted Games National Championship to be held in Masterton in April, and Gemma Lewis was selected as a traveling reserve. Well done girls and best of luck for the Nationals!

#### The Springston/Bangor team

After a great morning with pairs the team was rehydrated and ready to go. Most of the Springston contingent of Toby, Tess and Renee already knew MacKenzie so she slotted well into the Springston crew. The team members showed great teamwork happily negotiating and sorting out their orders as they went along. This young team came a credible 7th against the rest of the teams in this fast open competition. Congratulations.

#### Huntly Cup 25<sup>th</sup> March

Congratulations to all the riders who competed in the Scandal trophy day. From what I saw there were some great tests and the riders enjoyed themselves. The Huntly cup teams were Katherine (Shara), Sonya, Emily and Georgia (Bella) and

Caroline, Ella, Katie and Katherine (Zeus).

The Huntly Cup was won by Ferrymead.

## Collier Trophy 27<sup>th</sup> May (thanks Chris for this report)

Collier Trophy is a teams ODE competition and was run this year by Okuku PC and held at McLeans Island NEC on 27<sup>th</sup> May.

The Springston team was  
Seniors (80cm) - Katherine Hadler  
and Gemma Lewis

Intermediates (65cm) – Emily Holder and Stella Williams

Juniors (65cm) – Sonya Benison and Georgia Lewis

Riding in the Roydvale team as a Junior was Jaimee Adams.

Bad luck to Raewyn Adams – who was selected in the Springston team – but due to a fall, had to pull out.



The Springston riders performed well in their dressage with the team coming in 2<sup>nd</sup> place after dressage (out of 22 teams) with Georgia winning her class, and Gemma and Sonya getting 2<sup>nd</sup> in their classes, Katherine coming 4<sup>th</sup> and Emily coming 6<sup>th</sup>. All team members jumped clear in the SJ phase, and with some good clear XC rounds from Gemma, Emily, Sonya and Stella we managed to hold onto 4<sup>th</sup> place overall. Sonya won her class overall, Gemma was 2<sup>nd</sup>, and Emily 5<sup>th</sup>. It was a great team effort with all of the team finishing on live scores, and really supporting each other – especially around the XC (we could hear a chorus of go xxxxxxx or well done xxxxx as each rider rode around). The team looked very smart in their Springston colours and brand new rugs (which we definitely needed on a very cold day).



Thank you to Jo for coaching, Pauline for filling in with coaching and managing as needed and Pauline, Sarah and Cath for fence stewarding, bringing plates and everyone for helping out wherever needed.



*Stella, Emily, Katherine, Gemma, Georgia and Sonya*

## Amberley Cup 23<sup>rd</sup> September

Three teams attended the Amberley Cup dressage day on a lovely sunny Sunday. It was a great relaxed and positive day. The riders all represented our branch exceptionally well, with many having the challenge of riding up 1-2 age groups. Individual team reports follow.



*The Springston riders after the prize giving Tess, Raewyn, Ella, Gemma, Katherine, Sonya, Katie, Xanthe, Jaimee (in front row) James and Georgia.*

### **Springston Gold team**

The Springston Gold team, consisting of Katherine (25 and under), Sonya (16 and under), Gemma (14 and under) and Ella (12 and under) had a great day at Amberley Cup dressage.

Although there were a few tests which riders were not totally happy with (they set themselves such high standards!!) I think that they all completed great tests for super

results. It was a pleasure to be involved with a group of riders (and parents) who got on well together, supported each other and all other riders. We had three teams and it was wonderful to be able watch and support all the SPC teams. The Gold team were exceptionally well turned out





and won the turnout/horse mastership award (which was judged on turnout, behavior and support of each other and the other teams) and were an amazing 2<sup>nd</sup> overall (from 22 teams). Ella was the top placed 12yr and under rider and all the other 3 riders were in the top 5 in their age groups which was an impressive result.



*Katherine*



*Sonya*



*Gemma*



*Ella*

### **Springston Brown team**

Springston Brown team was made up of Georgia Lewis riding Hillview Sleeping Bella, Katie Fitzsimons riding Skibbereen Upbeat, Jaimee Lee Adams riding Fyffe and Raewyn Adams riding Spice It Up.

It was a stunning morning in Amberley after we all arrived and started work on cleaning up our ponies, distributing uniforms and putting the browbands on our bridles. We gathered down at the dressage and watched Springston Yellow do their first test, then back to the ponies to get tacked up and ready for our gear check.

We watched Springston Gold do their tests then finished our warm up under the watchful eye of Christine. We were called to start, had a quick photo in front of the hedge then off to our 4 arenas. Georgia peeled off at the first arena, then Katie, then Jamiee and lastly Raewyn. The girls all had different tests but they pulled it off and no one had a course error! At the end of each test each girl waited at the end of their arena then Georgia collected Katie, they collected Jaimee and then Raewyn so they left the arena as a team. It looked very smart.

We only had an hour until our next test so we waited in the warm up area. Unfortunately we missed Springston Yellow's second test as they were on about the same time we were starting our first test, but watched Springston Gold, then had a quick warm up and we were on again. All the tests went well. Everyone felt their second test was better than their first! We made our way back, sorted out our ponies, had some lunch then it was time for prize giving. We were not in the ribbons but thoroughly enjoyed the day. Thanks Amberley Pony Club for running a super teams competition and Springston pony Club for organising and entering the teams.

Team Manager  
Annabel Fitzsimons



*Georgia, Katie, Jaimee, and Raewyn*

## **Springston Yellow team,**



A calm second test from Xanthe and Mac  
Our team had a neat turnout and were respectful and organised and had lots of fun on the day. It was also great to see every Yellow Team member support each other in a positive way on the day and also support other teams, both from our own pony club and from others.

The Yellow Team performed well at the recent Amberley Cup. Highlights for our team were:

James managing a very spritely Gem and getting him to canter in his tests

A tidy and accurate first test from Tess and Alberto



*Xanthe, Tess and James*

## Springston Trophy 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> October

Springston Trophy 2018, held in Oamaru, was a very well run event with a challenging cross country and a total of 40 teams competing from all over the South Island and included 2 North Island teams.

We had two Springston teams with 10 riders (which included one borrowed rider from Kaikoura Pony Club) who conducted themselves very well, supported each other and rode their best.



Our team members were Springston Gold: Niamh Rayne, Natalie Peoples, Katherine Hadler, Sonya Benison, Emily Holder and Gemma Lewis.

Springston Black team (2 age group team): Caitlin Rayne, Caroline Holder, Stella Williams and Hayley Graham from Kaikoura. Team training went well, with 2 dressage lessons, 2 show jumping sessions and one cross country team training so riders were well prepared for the event.



Unfortunately Niamh's horse Smokey who is a very strong performer, had to be withdrawn a week out from the event due to a paddock mishap. We were lucky that Niamh had a replacement horse which was qualified to replace him as we ended up needing his score, however, he was less experienced on a challenging cross country.

At the end of day one of dressage, our Springston Gold team was sitting in 5<sup>th</sup> place with some impressive scores from some of our riders over both teams. However, cross country proved to be hugely influential for the event, with many riders from all competing teams having stops or being eliminated on a technical and challenging course. Both our teams managed to stay live, unfortunately Natalie was eliminated on the very challenging 105 course, all our intermediates jumped clear, Niamh on her replacement horse had one stop and all our juniors had one stop with Stella having a couple of stops. All the riders show jumped well the following day, with just a couple of rails amongst both teams.

The Springston Gold team ended up 19<sup>th</sup> and Springston Black 24<sup>th</sup> out of the 40 teams. Two of our intermediate riders finished on their dressage score – Caitlin on 27.9, just 0.5 points off first place for her class, and Sonya on a score of 32.8.

I was very proud of our riders, especially the juniors who were all first timers to Springston Trophy. It's a very intense experience for riders with a lot of atmosphere and full on days, and everyone

coped extremely well, and so did the parents! Our Coach Shane Maley was very good with all the riders and we are very lucky to have him and Nicola coach our teams. A huge thank you to Springston Pony Club for your support.

Sharon Rayne  
Teams Manager



*Niamh*



*Natalie*



*Katherine*



*Sonya*



*Caitlin*



*Caroline*



*Emily*



*Gemma*



*Stella*

## **Stringer Trophy 30<sup>th</sup> September**



## Springston Gold

Our Stringer team (Springston Gold) did a great job!

People in our team were:

Xanthe on Mac

Tess on Alberto

Ella on Thomas

Georgia on Bella

All team members worked to their strengths with workmanlike tests from the girls. It was also really good to see big efforts being put in during the show jumping.

While our overall team result wasn't a winner on the day, what WAS really awesome was the way all team members supported each other even when things didn't go quite to plan.

Everyone was very proud of the sportsmanship shown by the team. It was also good to see our team looking out for the other Springston teams to support them also as well as supporting other clubs. Great effort, Springston Gold.

:)



### **Springston Brown**

Stringer Trophy was held at Rangiora Show grounds on 30<sup>th</sup> September. Team Springston Brown consisted of Lily Pluck on Grand Illusion, Katie Fitzsimons on Skibbereen Upbeat, Jamiee Adams on Fyffe and Raewyn Adams on Spice it up.

We were all a bit disorganised after some drama getting to our parking, which was done in Alphabetical order, so we were right at the back!! Luckily the dressage was running 20 mins late so all our team members made it and we had time to do some warming up next to the hedge which is right next to the dressage arenas with the shingle road on the other side. Our clever ploy didn't work as planned as just before our team entered their arenas a car came along the shingle road so dust wafted through the hedge and gave Katie and Raewyn's ponies quite a fright (their arenas were next to the hedge). Each rider was riding the same test and no one had a course error so that was great!



The team quickly tied ponies up, then off to walk the Showjumping. There was one boogie fence with butterflies decorating it, so the girls planned to ride past it as they entered the ring ;) We had 3 clear rounds in the showjumping which was a great effort and kept the team alive. Springston Brown finished up 15<sup>th</sup> overall.

### **Springston Yellow**

Gemma (24 & under, 75cm) Sam  
Sonya (16 & under, 65cm) Jazz  
Toby (14 & under, 65cm) Rigby  
Renee (12 & under, 45cm) Mochachino



## Christchurch Games 21<sup>st</sup> October

### Springston Gold



*Gemma, Sonya, Tess and Lily*

### Games!

On Sunday we went to the Christchurch Pony Club games competition at the Canterbury showgrounds.

The games we did were: Speed Weavers, HulaHoop, Association Race, 2 Flag and Sock & Bucket.

I was paired with Katie and the pairs we rode against were Courtney and Daniel and MacKenzie and her partner.

Springston Pony Club also had two teams entered in the teams section. Renee, Ella, Georgia and James were in one team. Lily, Tess, Gemma and Sonya were in the other team. The teams games were similar, but they also did Sword Lancers and Windsor Castle.

Pairs - Courtney and Daniel placed 3rd, MacKenzie and her partner placed 2nd, Katie and I got 1st.

Teams - Renee, Ella, Georgia & James placed 5th. Lily, Tess, Gemma & Sonya placed 3rd.

It was a great day and we had so much fun. I think our ponies had fun too.

By Meg Pluck



## Managers report for Springston Yellow.

The Christchurch team games competition was held at Canterbury Park as part of the Equidays weekend. Springston put in two U14 teams and two assisted pairs.

The Springston Yellow team was made up of Renee, Georgia, Ella and James. We played six team games

- Association
- Socks and buckets
- Hula hoop
- Windsor Castle
- Sword
- 2-flag

We had a good practice the week before to sort out team orders and practice all the games.

The day of the competition was a lovely warm day and all the riders played the games really well with the ponies all getting on well and the riders really supporting each other. As one rider said at the end "Games is so much fun - it's the best".



## Assisted pairs

Equidays is always a popular place for all of us horse mad people, so what better idea than playing mounted games there.



and when one person had a problem the other stepped up.

Very proud of both of our pairs with Katie and Meg winning convincingly. Daniel and Courts came in in third place which is a huge achievement as Courts was still just coming off led rein this time last year and correct me if I'm wrong Daniel would have only been slightly before her.

They were encouraging to each other and showed great sportsmanship, they were also a great help at setting up gear for the other riders before them. Well done Springston, fantastic effort.

Springston had three teams entered, which later became two teams and two sets of assisted pairs a change which happened the night before the comp!

I was very impressed that the pairs made up of Katie and Meg and also Daniel and Courtney, put in a big effort to learn the new games the morning of the comp. Everyone practised well with their pairs and remembered to talk to each other and have fun! The best bit was the working together



## Windsor Trophy 25<sup>th</sup> November

We were very lucky to avoid the rain and had five riders competing with Sonya competing two ponies and riding Jazz in a composite team.

Where possible our riders supported each other and watched their team mates compete.

All our Springston ponies and riders where well turned out and looked very smart in their uniforms.

Although we didn't finish in the top six the team did a great job considering most of the riders had a stop or a rail or two.

Big congratulations to Sonya who was placed 1st in the seniors and 2nd in the juniors individual.

Thanks to Sarah, Kim and Ben for your help and a huge thanks to our riders Sonya and Rigby, Caroline and Scout, Raewyn and Spice, Emily and Jinks and Stella and Wings for competing you are a great bunch of riders.

Cath



## Individual highlights

### Xanthe

The highlight of my year has been working with two new young horses, Getting 2nd overall at View Hill ODE on Mac and getting Ashby around his first 65 ODE



### Courtney



Courts fave thing this year was learning how to jump and be forward with her pony Dexta. He's not an easy pony to jump as he either leaps or won't move so it's been hard work for her, but she's getting much better at the release!

## Lauren



I have really enjoyed pony club this year because of all the fun opportunities such as the mini show and the games day. I have also brought a new pony pony this year called Dolly. She has helped me a lot with my riding. I am looking forward to all the fun things Dolly and I can do in 2019 together.

## Gemma



My highlights this year include getting reserve for both the Dressage and Mounted Games Canterbury area teams on Zeus and Taffy respectively, winning the U17 Canterbury individuals on Dantae, going to HOY and getting 4th in pairs and 3rd (in the B final) in teams on Taffy, coming 4th at Games Individual U12 on Taffy, getting Taffy to go slow on the cross country and finally beginning to do nice dressage on Zeus.

*winning the ESNZ 2-day on Taffy*

## Emma

Thank you to Jenny and Monique for letting me ride their super awesome Ziggy!



## Georgia



My favourite things this year were taking Bella up to HOY for games and also to Whangarei for Individuals.

Also my first time doing Collier Trophy, getting Champion at our mini show, and doing the Xmas break day and dress up.

*Georgia and Bella at HOY - under 17 team"*

## Isla

Isla enjoying the water game at the pony club breakup on her pony Poppy.



## Sienna



Sienna having fun with her new pony Sophie

## Tess

My highlight was passing my C cert on Alberto



## James

My highlight was doing my dressage team competition



## Meg



This year Alfie and I did mounted games for the first time. There were so many different games to learn. It was so so much fun. Alfie is really fast. This is us at the Ellesmere PC show.

*Meg & Alfie*

## Renee



In the holidays we took our ponies to Hanmer with our friends and their ponies. We stayed on a farm and did lots of riding, through farmland, rivers and forests. We



all had a great time and it was heaps of fun.

*Renee & Mocha*

## Lily

My lowlight was Shady going unsound and not being able to ride and jump her. My highlight was getting a new pony Enzo. He's a cool, fun and friendly boy.

*Lily & Enzo*





## Sonya

I have had a great year with my pony Rigby this year moving up to 1.05 eventing and 1.15 sj. I competed in SISJC 2018 and was top junior. I really enjoying going away with and supporting our team and other SPC riders. I would strongly recommend it. I also did Springston Trophy at 95cm having a great time in another team environment, coming 4th. I also had a great time at chch show with the most pony sj points at 1m to 1.15m. Thank you to all the people who have helped me get these great results



## Daniel



The highlight of my year at Pony Club is getting my D certificate

## Toby

I enjoyed representing Springston PC at Stringer Trophy it is a good starting competition to get used to bigger team events.



## Stella



My highlights for the year have been competing in Springston trophy for the first time. It was a great experience and I loved being part of the team. Thank you to the coaches, parents and other riders for making it so fun.

My second highlight was competing at Christchurch show.



## Isobella



Getting Appachie to jump bridle less for the first time and have control.

## Izzy



Izzy had a fantastic day at Bangor show, her 3rd time riding Fyffe to win her rider class, 2<sup>nd</sup> in open, 5th in novice, 6th in mannered and reserve hunter round the ring. Izzy is grateful to Jamie for landing her Fyffe, as Star was unsound.

**Remembrance RIP Lady** One in a million pony. We said goodbye earlier in the year to a very special pony who taught so many kids how to ride and gave so many kids the 'horsey bug'. She had an amazing 40+ years. You will always be remembered.



## 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!

Head coach doing super well at Bangor PC show 😊



## **Birthdays**

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### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN DECEMBER**

Jessica  
Lauren  
Melissa  
Emma  
Tess  
James  
Renee  
Xanthe



## **Classifieds**

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