

**SPRINGSTON PONY**



**CLUB.**

***February***

***2019***

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

Sharon Mehlhopt  
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### **Selectors**

Sharon Rayne  
Christine Lewis  
Kate Millar



## **Welcome to 2019**

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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. Many hands make light work. Please remember helping is part of your membership.

## **President's End of Year Report 2018**

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Christine Lewis

February 2019

### **Membership and Rallies**

Springston PC had a couple of new members during the year, and had a few members leave at the start of the year to join with Bangor PC. We finished the year with membership of 43 riding members, slightly down on members from last year. We have a good mix of ages and capabilities from lead rein to intermediates, although starting to see a gap in the seniors.

A huge thanks to Keryn for running a variety of interesting rallies during the year, including a forest ride, Easter fun, games, and visits from a farrier and saddle fitter, as well as focusing on certificate work. There were 19 rallies held on Sundays with an additional 7 evening / holiday rallies (ridden) and a two HM rallies to focus on certificates. There were also two senior rallies and two "mega" rally days (run by Chch PC).

### **Certificates**

A total of 17 certificates were awarded during the year, 1x C, 9x D+7 D. Congratulations to the following

D Courtney, Daniel, Katie H, Lauren, Olivia, Meg  
D+ Lily, Renee, Emma, Katie F, Ella, Olivia, Xanthe, Isabella, Emily Heald  
C Tess

### **Team Competitions**

We entered teams in all the PC team competitions available in our area. A total of 23 kids represented the branch in these teams events – many in their first team event. This was over half our riders, which was great to see. It was also great to have kids in composite teams, making friends in other branches.

SISJ Champs	one team – 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Huntley cup (Scandal Trophy)	one team
Zone Games	two teams – 2 <sup>nd</sup> , and four pairs – 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Collier Trophy	one team – 4 <sup>th</sup>
Amberley Dressage Cup	three teams - 1 <sup>st</sup> in turnout / HM and 2 <sup>nd</sup> overall
Stringer Trophy	two teams
Springston Trophy	two teams

Christchurch Games Shield two teams – 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, two assisted pairs – 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>

Windsor SJ one team

A big thank you to all the coaches and managers of these teams – without you we wouldn't be able to give all these kids the opportunity to represent our branch.

#### **Area Representative team members**

Niamh	Dressage
Emma C	Dressage
Katherine	Dressage (reserve)
Gemma	Mounted games (reserve)

Katherine also represented New Zealand in China at the Youth Equestrian Open.

What fantastic achievements for these riders and representation for Springston.

#### **Health and Safety**

We have continued to ensure our Health and Safety requirements are met and worked on eliminating Hazards around the grounds. Thanks Pauline

#### **Fundraising and finances**

Fundraising has continued to be a focus for the committee to ensure the financial stability of the branch and enable us to spend some money on ground and gear improvements and coaching for the riders. We held a successful ODE at McLeans Island in July – our major fundraiser for the year. Thank you to Kate (overall coordinator) and the sub-committee for all their hard work. We also ran a mini-ODE at Easter – thanks Sharon M for running this.

The hire of grounds is now one of our main sources of income. A big thanks to Katie who looks after the hire of the grounds for us.

#### **Grounds improvements and equipment purchases**

With the cancelation of our ODE in 2017 and lack of funds we expected from this, we have been careful with our spending in 2018 with no major capital purchases.

With the grounds suffering in previous years due to the lack of a grounds person to coordinate the maintenance, I'd like to thank Bruce and Lucy who have stepped up over the last few months and organised a number of working bees. The grounds are now looking the best they have for the last couple of years.

#### **Thank you**

A big thank you to all our committee, coaches, parents and other helpers, members and past members who all contribute towards making our branch a fun and safe place for our kids to ride and learn.

## News and Info

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### Team events

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There have been a number of team events already this year, reports are below.

#### SISJC Mosgiel 15-16<sup>th</sup> Jan 2019

Seniors (105cm)

Katherine

Sonya

Intermediates (95cm)

Caroline

Emily

Juniors (85cm)

Gemma

Raewyn

Stella (Draft rider for Teviot Blue)



SISJC was a really successful competition in terms of results and learning experiences for our riders.

We met on the Monday afternoon for a team meeting and group plaiting. It was lovely to see almost all riders plait their own horses, (with occasional help) and they did a great job, looking super!.

The weather on the first day was perfect, lovely and fine, but not too hot. Most of our riders had super rounds, and the SPC team ended up with 4 placings in the first round and 3





placings and a double clear in the second round to end up in FIRST place after the 2 rounds on the first day.



The second day was really hot and the pressure (and just a bit bad luck) got to us in the last two rounds and we had a few more issues. We ended up 4<sup>th</sup>, which was a wonderful achievement with 25 teams from across the South Island competing.

Stella's team, Teviot Blue ended up 6<sup>th</sup>.



There were plenty of learning experiences too, both with travelling away with the ponies and being part of a team.



Some riders were asked to ride longer jump off lines and corners to improve their chances of a clear round for the team rather than a higher individual place.

All the riders needed to work out how to best deal with pressure, disappointment and success, as well as supporting other team members through their pressure, success and disappointment. We all had to manage the horse's energy levels over the two days, learning how to not do too much early on, to save energy for later in the competition and how important fitness is when travelling and competing over more than one day.



A big congratulations to the riders on their successes and thanks to the parents for all their support and completing our jobs. A special mention to Gemma who individually ended up 2<sup>nd</sup> in the junior section and Katherine who individually ended up 4<sup>th</sup> in the senior section, from nearly 50 competitors over the 4 rounds.

Pauline (Manager)



### **NZPCA dressage Champs.**



Gemma Lewis and Triple Star Blank Canvas (Zeus) were selected as Junior reserve for the Canterbury Area Dressage team. She decided to travel up to Blenheim to ride as an Individual. However, bad luck in the Wellington / Wairarapa team with a lame pony meant that they were very pleased to have Gemma ride in a composite team with them so they could all compete as a team.



## **Huntly Cup 17<sup>th</sup> February**

(run in conjunction with Scandal trophy)

We had several teams entered in the Huntly Cup, Congratulations to the Springston Gold team who were runners up.

A special mention to Katherine who won her 14-15yr age group Walker trophy for dressage and Mahony Cup for combined training.

Also Gemma, Katherine, Sonya and Ella who were all competing in the Scandal trophy.

They were all in the top six placings and the top six riders were all within 3% of the winner. Well done.

Individual results are in the results section.

Springston Gold

Ella

Katherine

Gemma (Zeus)

Sonya (Rigby)

Springston Yellow

Georgia (Bella)

Xanthe

Lily

Katie (Trev)

Springston Brown

Izzy

Emma

Renee

Emily Heald

Springston Black

Tess

Gemma (Sam)

Georgia (Taffy)

Sonya (Annie)

Prince Philip Cup

## **The Prince Philip Cup, Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> February**

The Prince Phillip Cup is a Pony Club Teams (14 yrs & under) Mounted Games competition, this year run by North Canterbury Pony Club and the Canterbury Mounted Games Association. It was held at Canterbury Park on Sunday the 24<sup>th</sup> of February. Springston entered two teams.

The weather forecast was not good for the afternoon with rain and wind forecast and just as the teams warmed up, the skies opened and it poured down! The event went ahead and our tough riders and their ponies carried on.



Our Springston team:

Emily on Reti

Gemma on Sam

Georgia on Bella

Renee on Mocha

Tess on Tonto (due to the effects of the weather on the pony, she did not compete)



In very wet, windy and challenging conditions, the team did 6 games:

Sword Lancers

Association Race

Socks and Bucket

Hula Hoop

Windsor Castle

Pony Express

Our Springston team did an amazing job and came third! Congratulations to them and to the other Springston team who all rode incredibly well, showed wonderful dedication and perseverance in trying conditions. Usually games competitions are held on boiling hot days – so we'd like to encourage all the new games riders to give it another go as it's a lot of fun ☺

A big thank you to all the wonderful parents who helped and supported our riders and didn't mind getting soaked.

Thanks to North Canterbury Pony Club and Canterbury Mounted Games Association for running the competition and to Springston Pony Club for organising and entering the teams.

Lucy

The Prince Philip Cup was held on Sunday 24th February.

The Springston Brown team was made up of

Meg Pluck

Emma Hay

Lauren Etheridge

Courtney Ashton

James Norton



We had a good practice of all the games during the week.

Unfortunately, after a week of extremely hot weather, the conditions on the day could, at best, be described as "wintery". The games were held in an exposed area at the A&P showgrounds and a freezing cold southerly gale with driving rain made the conditions extremely unpleasant for everyone - ponies and kids (oh - and parents too!). And for a team where it was the first games competition for most of the riders and their ponies, it made for an extremely challenging afternoon, as all the ponies decided that sideways prancing was the best way to avoid the

weather!! James decided that the weather conditions were a bit much for Gem so didn't compete. The other riders all rose to the occasion and completed all the races despite chattering teeth and shaking hands from the cold. They were assisted by a group of super parents - with every rider of the team having a parent either helping with gear set up or to help encourage the riders and calm ponies. A huge thank you to these parents who helped. And a big thanks to the Springston Yellow team who were somewhat abandoned when the Brown team needed a bit more help than they did, and just sorted themselves out and carried on (assisted by Lucy who ran back and forwards between the two teams).

Hopefully we will see all these riders at the next games competition, as they did so well - and games IS a summer sport!!!!

Report by Christine Lewis, manager / coach for Springston Brown team

## **Team Competitions 2019**

There are a number of team events which you can put your name down for. 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. 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! This is so the selectors can get the whole picture.

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

### *Eventing*

- Collier Trophy (26<sup>th</sup> May 2019). Team selection April.
- Springston Trophy Oamaru (3-6<sup>th</sup> October 2019). Team selection early August.

### *Games teams*

- Christchurch Pony Club Games
- Prince Phillip Cup
- Zone Games – 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2019. Team selection January.

### *Show Jumping*

- Windsor team Show Jumping (24<sup>th</sup> November 2019). Team selection late Oct, early November.
- South Island Show Jumping Champs (January 2020). Team selection end of November.

### *Dressage*

- Amberley Cup (8<sup>th</sup> Sept 2018). Team selection early August.
- Scandal Trophy (Feb 2019).

### *Dressage and Jumping*

- Stringer Trophy (29 September 2018). Selection end of August.

## Upcoming events PC events

(These are from the Canterbury Pony Club website, I take no responsibility for their accuracy.)

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/canterburyareapc/Area-Calendars-Google/Printable-Calendar-2019>

Sunday 3 Mar 2019 Waiiau SJ, Rotherham, Waihora show, Zone 5 Games

Sunday 10 Mar 2019 Amberley SJ Cheviot Rally Day

Sunday 17 Mar 2019 Hurunui SJ Hawarden

Sunday 24 Mar 2019 Ellesmere Dressage Rally Day

Sunday 31 Mar 2019 Roydvale ShowX

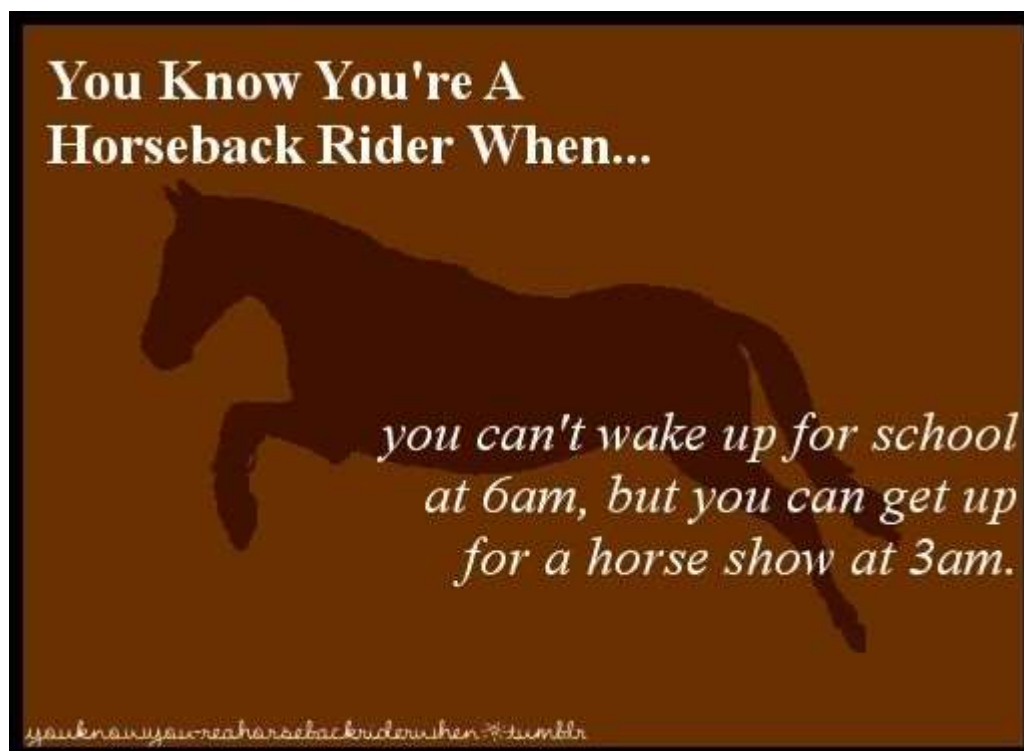
Saturday 6 Apr 2019 Halswell SJ

Sunday 7 Apr 2019 Ferrymead

Sunday 14 Apr 2019 Hurunui ODE Rally Day

Saturday 27 Apr 2019 Oxford ODE

Sunday 28 Apr 2019 West Melton Show X Rally Day



## **Uniform.**

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There have been some changes in uniform requirements from NZPCA, so we have updated our SPC uniform. (This change is only clothing, riding boots, regulation helmets, back protectors for XC jumping etc are still required as before)

Informal uniform (rallies): Any coloured jodhpurs can be worn at a rally. Short or long sleeve white shirts, brown knitted v-neck jersey or rugby jerseys (can be worn with or without white shirts). Ties optional.

Formal uniform (competitions and sitting certificates) white/beige jodhpurs, white shirt (short or long sleeve), brown jersey (dressage) or rugby jersey, brown tie. To be used for sitting examinations and team dressage or show jumping competitions. Rugby jersey with or without shirt and without tie for games and cross country.

## **Fees for 2019**

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This year all members will need to register ONLINE into the new database that has been created by NZPCA. Sharon has circulated these details.

Fees help cover levies to NZPCA and operating costs of running the Branch. Membership fees need to be paid by 31 March 2019. Members have the option of setting up a direct debit plan but they must contact Andy Etheridge (Treasurer) to approve this.

### **2019 Membership Registration Fees:**

Adult	\$ 0
First Child Under 18 (must be linked to a named adult)	\$160
Second Child	\$130
Additional children under 18 years	\$ 60
Riders 18-25	\$130

Account number 03 1588 0017480 00

## **Guidelines/Expectations for helping.**

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All of our members are expected to give a certain amount of time at Pony Club – this can include coaching, helping at working bees, helping at our annual ODE and/or a role on the committee. It is expected that a member will help at least 3 working bees AND our annual ODE (2 days), AND help set up and packing up at rallies or the equivalent time thereof.

## Health and Safety

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Somehow I have managed to get responsibility for this role again. We are all responsible for Health and Safety so if you see any issues or have any questions, please feel free to bring them to my attention or ask me.

A few important and new points:

There is a **hazard register** on the clubroom door. This will be up-dated for 2019 very soon. Please make yourself familiar with this and contact me or 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.

### Concussion documents

Last year NZPCA developed some new concussion documents. These are available on the NZPCA website, under the health and safety section.

<http://www.nzpca.org/rules-regulations/health-safety>

There is a "Green Card" which is to be issued when a rider falls and has a suspected concussion. This Green Card means that the rider must go and be assessed by a registered medical practitioner and cleared before they can compete in pony club activities again. There is a 21 day stand down period for riders unless they have a medical certificate showing that they have been cleared to ride.

A new piece has been added to the NZPCA Health and Safety Policy around riders in **plaster**. No rider can participate in ridden Pony Club activities whilst in plaster.

### Back protectors for riding at pony club.

Springston Pony Club recommends riders wear a back protector for ALL jumping, however SPC has bought its rules in line with NZPCA rules which state that riders must wear a back protector when jumping XC fences. (this is a change from the last couple of years when back protectors were compulsory for all jumping at SPC)



## **Team Gear**

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Please could team Managers Liaise with the team gear person (will be named soon), and sign out and in all team gear used for team events.

## **SPC Events for this year**

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Please note that the SPC ODE is 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> July 2018. We will need EVERYONE to help with both the set up before and on these days. Please diary these dates now.

We will also have a first start event, dates TBA soon.

## **Saddlery shops**

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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.

## **Use of grounds**

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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.

Note we do not have any "casual riding members", any casual riders (non-members) need to pay \$10 per horse/pony each time they come.

## 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!

### Scandal trophy day 17<sup>th</sup> February (I have only included top 6 places)

10 years and under assisted  
2<sup>nd</sup> Meg Pluck riding Cappuccino

11-15 years assisted  
2<sup>nd</sup> Olivia Cassie Ngatiwai riding Sugar and Spice

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14yr and under dressage (combination never been placed)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Katie Fitzsimons riding Wantwood Woo Hoo

14 years and under dressage  
5<sup>th</sup> Georgia Lewis riding Hillview Sleeping Bella  
6<sup>th</sup> Georgia Lewis riding Heza QT

15-21 years dressage  
1<sup>st</sup> Katherine Hadler riding Hakuna Matata  
4<sup>th</sup> Xanthe Wilson riding WB Master Maccauley

Championship 11 years and under dressage  
2<sup>nd</sup> Georgia Lewis riding Hillview Sleeping Bella  
3<sup>rd</sup> Katie Fitzsimons riding Skibbereen Upbeat  
4<sup>th</sup> Katie Fitzsimons riding Wantwood Woo Hoo  
5<sup>th</sup> Georgia Lewis riding Heza QT  
6<sup>th</sup> Izzy Mehlhopt riding Star

Championship 12-13 years dressage  
2<sup>nd</sup> Ella Fitzsimons riding Apsley Golden Secret  
3<sup>rd</sup> = Gemma Lewis riding Triple Star Blank Canvas  
3<sup>rd</sup> = Sonya Benison riding MF Spotlit  
6<sup>th</sup> Gemma Lewis riding RMS Samson

Championship 14-15 years dressage  
1<sup>st</sup> Katherine Hadler riding Hakuna Matata

Championship 16-17 years dressage  
2<sup>nd</sup> Xanthe Wilson riding WB Master Maccauley

## **Scandal Trophy**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Gemma Lewis riding Triple Star Blank Canvas**

**4<sup>th</sup> Katherine Hadler riding Hakuna Matata**

**5<sup>th</sup> Sonya Benison riding MF Spotlit**

**6<sup>th</sup> Ella Fitzsimons riding Apsley Golden Secret**

**8<sup>th</sup> Gemma Lewis riding RMS Samson**

10 Years and under assisted combined training

2<sup>nd</sup> Meg Pluck riding Cappuccino

14yr and under combined training (combination never been placed)

6<sup>th</sup> Emma Hay riding Huckleberry Bob

14 years and under combined training

4<sup>th</sup> Georgia Lewis riding Hillview Sleeping Bella

5<sup>th</sup> Georgia Lewis riding Heza QT

15-21 years combined training

1<sup>st</sup> Katherine Hadler riding Hakuna Matata

2<sup>nd</sup> Xanthe Wilson riding WB Master Maccauley

Championship 11 years and under combined training

2<sup>nd</sup> Georgia Lewis riding Heza QT

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Championship 12-13 years combined training

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## Birthdays

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

**Yasmine  
Emily  
Katie  
Sophie**



## Classifieds

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Please let me know if you have anything for sale ([pauline\\_jarvis@hotmail.com](mailto:pauline_jarvis@hotmail.com))