

# Springston Pony Club Newsletter

## May 2019



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### **Selectors**

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## News and Info



**A huge thank you and goodbye to Sharon Mehlhopt long time committee member, supporter and tireless worker for Springston Pony Club.**

### Head coaches report

Last rally we welcomed Andrew Munro to Springston once again. He was able to work with groups on jumping and will return in July. We were most grateful to Rach for stepping up also as a valued coach and supporting the lead rein first ridden riders during their rally. Sharon Mehlhopt worked on dressage with the groups (thanks for stepping in Sharon!) and I worked on other things for certificate sign offs.

We have some children ready to sit C certificate shortly. I was told in November of last year that there would be C certificates running in the new year (February) and apparently these are coming up soon. Will keep you posted about dates.

Potential beach ride hopefully coming up next month depending on appropriate tides and weather.

### 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*

- Springston Trophy, Hosted by Halswell Pony Club, Curletts Park, Christchurch. (3-6<sup>th</sup> October 2019). Team selection early August.

#### *Games teams*

- Christchurch Pony Club Games (20<sup>th</sup> Oct 2019) Team selection Sept.

#### *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. Dressage (22<sup>nd</sup> September) Team selection early August.

#### *Dressage and Jumping*

- Stringer Trophy. Dressage and Show Jumping (29<sup>th</sup> September) Selection end of August.

## **Springston Pony Club - Team Events Selection Policy 2019**

There are many team events held throughout the year in which riders can represent Springston Pony Club and experience the fun and camaraderie of being part of a team. The Selection Committee will email all Branch members to ask for names for team events as they come up through the year. Riders must be financial members and meet the rally attendance rule to ride in a team:

Rally Attendance Rule:

Riders with no certificate, D, D+ or C certificate – must have attended 5 rallies in the previous 12 months, 3 of which must be on the pony being ridden in the team event;

Riders with C+ certificate – must have attended 4 rallies in the previous 12 months, 2 of which must be on the pony being ridden in the team event;

Riders with B or A certificate – must have attended 3 rallies in the previous 12 months, 1 of which must be on the pony being ridden in the team event.

When selecting riders for team events, the overall goal is to select the strongest team first and give as many riders as possible the opportunity to ride in additional teams (or composite teams with other Branches). Some team events such as Collier Trophy and Stringer Trophy are specifically aimed at those riders jumping lower heights. Riders will be asked for results from competitions over the previous 12 months, so riders need to keep a record of their results through the year. It is not always necessary for a rider to have previous competition results as long as the Selection Committee can be sure the rider will be safe, especially out on cross country.

A team is always given a couple of jobs to do at team events, so a parent or helper for each rider must be available.

The following is a list of team events for 2019 (dates may be subject to change):

- Springston Trophy, Canterbury Park (3-6<sup>th</sup> October 2019).
  - 24 years & under 105cm
  - 17 years & under 95cm
  - 14 years & under 80cm

### ***Games teams***

- Christchurch Pony Club Games (20 October 2019)
- Prince Phillip Cup (TBC)
- Zone Games Feb-March 2020 (Team Selection January 2020)

### ***Show Jumping***

- Windsor team Show Jumping (24 November 2019).
  - 24 years & under 95cm
  - 17 years & under 85cm
  - 14 years & under 75cm
- South Island Show Jumping Champs (Waimate, January 2020). Team selection end of November.
  - 24 years & under 105cm
  - 17 years & under 95cm
  - 14 years & under 85cm

### ***Dressage***

- Amberley Cup (22<sup>nd</sup> Sept 2019).
- Scandal Trophy (March 2020). Teams entered on day.

### ***Dressage and Show Jumping (Combined Training)***

- Stringer Trophy (29<sup>th</sup> September 2019)
  - 21 years & under 75cm
  - 16 years & under 65cm
  - 14 years & under 65cm
  - 12 years & under 45cm

The above is an abbreviated version of the SPC team selection policy. If anyone would like to see the full selection policy which details how the committee selects riders for teams, please ask Sharon Rayne for a copy.

## 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>

### June

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June WORKING BEE at Springston pony Club grounds 3pm**

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June Kaiapoi Derby Day **Rally Day**

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June Rangiora PC ODE

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June Rangiora PC ODE

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June **Rally Day**

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June Eyreton ODE

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June Eyreton ODE

### July

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July Okuku ODE

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July **Rally Day**

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July Rakaia ODE

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July Rakaia ODE

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> July Springston ODE**

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July Springston ODE**

## Guidelines/Expectations for helping.

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.

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## SPC Events for this year

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.

## 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.

## 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.

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.



Thank  
you!

to Kim for catering the Lions Dinner – she raised \$600 for the club.  
A big thank you to Raewyn, Jaimee-Lee and Sandra Foster for helping on the night  
and to Lucy for donating some veges.

### **Results and photos**

Please let me know what you have been up to and any results/photos you have (annabelk@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

### ***New Zealand Pony Club Association Eventing Champs***

*I don't know what you did in the holidays but I took my pony Rigby up to Auckland for NZPCA eventing champs. This all started off when I got in the champs team after I did the final area trail at the 2 day event in March.*

*Never give up! I thought I wouldn't make the team this year because I had a stop at one of the other trials but luckily I went out at the 2 day event and had a awesome day and won my 105cm class getting into the team. We had very little time to organize to get to Auckland but luckily my grandparents own some land and welcomed us into their house and paddocks near Wellington. I was*



*able to do what*

*I have dreamed of for the last few years, which was riding up Battle Hill tracks on my pony. This was a great break for Rigby in the journey and a chance to do something different. After the rough trip over on the ferry Rigby looked very seasick. On the trip up to Auckland I stopped in Taupo for some cross country training. It was amazing to jump the new and different jumps that were there. When we finally found Papatoetoe PC in the dark we found we were locked out, luckily the team was able to help us. The next day I had the chance to go to Rainbows End to*





connect with the team. We were fortunate to be able to have paddocks to start off with before the ponies were in yards for the event. I learnt a lot about looking after travelling ponies and staying with them away from home. We were very lucky to be able to stay at the showgrounds in tents, caravans and trucks. The competition started on Friday with dressage, and Canterbury was in the lead. Rigby did an ok test seeing she had travelled so far. The junior (95cm) were first to go on XC on Saturday with a beautifully presented challenging course. A couple of us had faults but we had a great day with Canterbury still just in the lead. On Sunday we had to be up early to have our ponies warmed up and beautifully



presented for the vet cheek trot up before show jumping. The juniors went first in the show jumping all getting amazing clear rounds. The rest of the team also did very well but unfortunately a few faults dropped us to 3rd. Congratulations to Auckland and Franklin Thames Valley who beat us. This was an amazing opportunity to make new friends and learn so much, I would recommend it to anybody who gets a chance. A big thank you to my Mum for taking me and my pony all

the way up to Auckland and back safely. And to my extended family for supporting me. Another big thanks to coach Becci and my manager Tania and to Springston Pony Club and Canterbury Pony Club for their support.

Sonya Benison





## COLLIER TROPHY

The day dawned a beautifully fine day, and stayed fine and warm all day. Most of the team enjoyed walking the cross country and SJ together before heading to their dressage. The whole team rides together for the dressage which is a good experience for future competitions. It was a very quick turn around for the first rider, Sonya, to get to her SJ, and then again for her Cross country. She had two lovely clear rounds, with the other team members soon following suit, with the whole team finishing on their dressage scores. Because the dressage was based on using all six scores, and we had only five riders, we had no idea how we were going until the mounted prize giving at the end. With the reverse countdown reaching 3<sup>rd</sup>, we had either done very well, or been out of the placings altogether. Excitingly Springston were first equal based on the scores, but unfortunately on countback we came in second. A wonderful result for the team. Congratulations to all team members, Sonya, Raewyn, Jaimee, Toby and Georgia, and their ponies, and thanks to the helpers for doing the jobs (Chris and Kim). Congratulations to the View Hill team who won, and the other Springston team (Emily, Lily, Renee and Meg and a draft rider, and also Katie who rode as a draft rider for another team). Thanks to View Hill PC, this was a well run event. Jo (manager/coach)







Hi Katie here, I was a draft rider for the Halswell Crusaders competing in the 12 years and under section. The Halswell team were very welcoming and friendly. It was a great experience because I got to see all the teams and it was cool doing the dressage all together. The Cross Country was my favourite part because we got to go fast and do jumping at the same time. It was good how they had a different range of heights and the facilities were good at Waihora. The showjumping was quite soon after the cross country and I thought my pony would be scared of the wall but he jumped a good clear round. Unfortunately we missed Prize Giving because one of our team members was marked E in dressage, but that was a mistake and our team ended up 6<sup>th</sup> so we got a ribbon!



## Classifieds

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



## Collier Trophy

Collier Trophy is a Pony Club Teams, One Day Event (ODE), this year run by View Hill Pony Club. It was held at Waihora Pony Club on Sunday the 26th of May. This event is aimed at “up and coming” riders to experience the fun of competing in a team. It is an eventing competition comprising of dressage, show jumping and cross country.

Springston entered two teams and one of our members rode for a Halswell PC team.

The Springston Brown team was made up of:

Over 14 80cm: Lily Buckley on Finn (from Halswell PC)

14 & under 65cm: Emily Heald on Scout Lily Pluck on Enzo

12 & under 65cm: Renee Pluck on Mocha Meg Pluck on Alfie

The riders were all very new to eventing, with it being Emily, Lily and Renee's 2nd ever ODE and Meg's 1st!

We arrived at Waihora at 7am, to a surprisingly mild, warm morning!

First up was dressage. The team quickly tacked up in PC team uniform and headed over to the arenas for gear checking. We were the second team on for dressage. The team all rode their tests at the same time in the six arenas.

Next we tied the ponies up and covered them, left them eating their breakfast and headed off to walk the show jumping and cross country courses as a team. After that there was time for food and drinks, then time to gear up and juggle SJ and XC (and some riders were needed at both at the same time!).

The team had ok dressage scores. Great SJ rounds with just one stop, otherwise everyone went clear and jumped well. Cross country was a mixed bag for the team with some brilliant clear rounds, some stops and a fall, which meant the team didn't finish with a live score. The girls encouraged and supported each other admirably, they had a lot of fun and learnt a huge amount. It was such a fantastic learning opportunity and experience for these riders. The event finished with mounted prizegiving – while it would have been nice to head home and have a cup of tea, it was worth the effort of gearing the ponies up again and seeing all the teams line up in their PC colours.

Congratulations to all the Springston PC riders who all rode extremely well and should be very proud of themselves.

A big thank you to Lily B from Halswell PC for making up the team, it was very cool having her and her Mum on board.

A big thank you also to all the wonderful parents (and helpers) who helped with XC fence judging and supported our riders.

Thanks to View Hill Pony Club for running the day, to Waihora Pony Club for the use of their grounds, the Collier Trophy Guardians and to Springston Pony Club for organising and entering the teams.

Can't wait for next year!

Lucy on behalf of Springston Brown

Team Manager

