



Newsletter May 2020



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Welcome 2020

Update

At the AGM a new committee was elected. Please help where possible and make Pony Club a great place for all our riders. ***Many hands make light work, Helping is part of membership.***

Officers and Committee Members

Patron	Peter Jarvis
President	Christine Lewis ph 325 2086 or 021 793 999
Vice President	Lucy Watkins
Secretary	Sharon Rayne, 027 222 1967
Treasurer	Andy Etheridge
Head Coach	Keryn Wilson
Club Delegates	Pauline Jarvis & Dy Jolly. Additional person to be appointed.
Health & Safety	Pauline Jarvis
Newsletter	Maryline Suchley
Selection Committee	Sharon Rayne, Christine Lewis. Additional person to be appointed.

Additional committee members: Jo Benison

New committee members very welcome!! Meetings held 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm at the Clubrooms.



Head Coach Reports by Keryn

February Rally

We had our first monthly rally format on the second Sunday of February. Trinity and Anna joined us as new coaches and happened to know each other from their previous involvement at Ferrymead a few years ago. They were really good and are keen to come each month. Katherine helped to coach which was also great. Old hands Jo and Pauline and myself rounded out the team which was super good as there were a large number of people.

The format was a rotation, but as more regular coaches come along, groups will have a regular coach enabling relationships to be formed and hopefully real traction in terms of riding development.

I have booked national coach Kay Hogan for the upcoming rally and pencil booked her for two further rallies. My idea was to have her interspaced with some holiday Tracy Kovacs lessons and perhaps also Pam Norton... that way our senior riders will also be well catered for.

We have a million first ridden kids. Nice to see, also their parents are very supportive - also an essential. Perhaps badges as incentives would be a good option for these guys. (There are at least 4 ponies that look identical, too - black time fluffy manes, rascally - most of them called Peanut - also ponies with the same names as riders and vice versa...interesting times :D)

Congrats to Georgia who passed C certificate and good luck to Sonya who sits C+ this weekend. Great to see certificates back on track. There is also another C exam coming up - we have a large number of riders almost ready at this level who I'd like to put forward but they need a fair bit of HM. This will be sorted next month.

March Rally

Another successful rally held on the second Sunday of this month with a great turnout.

We had Kay Hogan National Coach who was amazing and worked with the older children. She stayed for both rallies.

We welcomed Ruby who was coming along to check out our club - she is happy to come along as a regular coach and was a huge help when a rider had a fall and needed urgent assessment.

As we had low numbers in the afternoon, several coaches went home and Anna, Kay and I stayed to work with those remaining.

The lead rein worked on achievement badges and children were issued with these for leading. The badges are going to be a great incentive to stay focussed for the smaller children.

I met with Sandy Stanway yesterday who is a trained Parelli coach. As part of her scholarship, she is required to give back to the community and our club is lucky to have the opportunity to work with her for the remainder of the year, free of charge. She is willing to come along to afternoon rallies and also be involved with holiday workshops and help with individual problems members may be having. She has already supported someone in the club with floating their difficult pony. Sandy is willing to follow the pony club way of teaching, but will also bring a wealth of knowledge

about horse behaviour that may go deeper for our members and give some clarity about WHY things are done in a certain way to work successfully with our ponies.

Reports on Team Competitions Held November 2019-March 2020

We entered teams in all the PC team competitions available in our area. In a number of competitions, we had multiple teams – it's great to see all the riders getting out there and supporting each other. It was also great to have kids in composite teams or as draft riders, making friends in other branches.

SISJ Champs, January



The team consisted of senior, Sonya riding Annie, intermediates, Katherine riding Hakuna Matata and draft rider Teagan, and juniors Toby riding MF Spotlit and Georgia riding Heza QT. Gemma ended up riding as an individual when her pony was not quite right, and she had to ride another pony.

The rings were all well-presented and there were some good questions in the courses. We had many clear rounds to end up a very creditable 4th from 30 teams competing after the two days and Congratulations to our riders who also had several individual places too.



Huntley cup (Scandal Trophy)-Three teams 16th February

Zone games, 1st March

Zone games is the top regional pony club games competition running both pairs and teams competitions. This year it was held at Canterbury Agricultural Park on March 1st. We selected the teams and pairs early in December to allow for some practices over the holidays. We were lucky enough to have a coaching session for each team with Colin Carson - a top international games coach from Ireland - who worked on the trickier teams games, sorting out orders and key tips for everyone. The riders all got a lot out of this, and most of them also booked other lessons with Colin privately.

The teams were

Springston Gold

Gemma, Katherine, Lily, Sonya, Meg

Springston Brown

Georgia, Toby, Renee, Tess, Frida

Pairs 24 & U

Gemma, Katherine (note - didn't end up competing as a huge three days of games meant riders saved their ponies for the teams competition)

Pairs 14 & U

Springston Gold - Lily, Sonya

Springston Brown - Meg, Georgia

Springston Yellow - Toby, Frida

Springston Black - Tess, Renee

Springston White - Gemma, James

Pairs results

The pairs were held in the morning with Springston Brown taking 4th place, Springston Gold 5th place and Springston Yellow in 6th place. A great result out of 14 pairs. The "best stickability and bravery" award would have to go to James who had a few challenges when Gem decided he didn't like the scary shaking noises of bottles and ice cream containers.

Team results

Based on our close results last year at the Chch games and Prince Philip Cup, we knew that Bangor were going to be the team to beat. Our riders all rode really well and showed great team work with Springston Gold coming 3rd and Springston Brown 4th out of 13 teams. (Bangor taking out 1st and 2nd, Methven 5th and Rakaia 6th).

Thanks very much to Pauline who coached and managed the Brown team and a couple of the pairs, and all the parents who helped out with the many jobs that are involved in running a games competition.



“Springston Brown team chilling out before their heat”

Windsor SJ, 22nd Nov



Gemma and Zeus, Sonya and Annie riding 95cm

Katherine and Rumour, Toby and Rigby riding 85cm and

Georgia and Taffy, Lily and Enzo riding 75 cm and Emily and Scout riding 75cm with the Kaiapoi team.

We needed to be at Eyreton by 7.30am to walk the courses and get on. We were the 5th and 6th riders in each ring, which meant that we had a rider in all three rings at the same times, so our riders only got to see bits of other team members, and the coach and manager could only do so much. We were however all able to cheer on Emily who was riding for the Kaiapoi/Springsgton team.

We managed 4 double clear rounds in the TAM5 IJO, with the other 2 riders only having 1 rail each. The team gained three individual places to be in 2nd place after the first round

The second round was a TA2 (one round against the clock), our riders all did wonderfully with only one rail between them all. We again managed individual places to end up in 1st place. The winners of the Windsor Cup. Emily's Kaiapoi/Springston team ended up 5th.

Congratulations to the awesome team, who although couldn't all watch each other, supported and helped each other, rode superbly, and achieved an excellent result. Thanks to the coach/manager and parents for doing their jobs.

Individual placings

Gemma 4th and 4th

Sonya 2nd

Toby 4th and 5th

Georgia 2nd and 3rd

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

NZPCA National Dressage Championship, January 2020



National Champions Canterbury

Caitlin Rayne on Brentwood Surprise was selected to represent Canterbury at the NZPCA Dressage Championship held in January (2nd from left). *“In November I was selected to represent Canterbury Area as an intermediate rider at the NZPCA Team Dressage Championships which were held in Waimate on 18-19th January this year. We had training with team coach Jenny Scotter leading up to the competition. Other team members were from View Hill, Halswell and Roydvale Pony Clubs, making up a team of 6 riders. Canterbury had a super successful weekend, taking out first place in the Championship against ten other area teams from all over NZ. As well as winning the overall team award, our pairs of senior, intermediate and junior all took out the top national pair awards in each division also. Canterbury have been very successful in dressage, with this being the third year in a row that Canterbury Area have won the National Championship. This was a fantastic experience, it was great fun, I learnt a lot and made new friends.”*

Sonya and Katherine were also both selected as reserves for the Canterbury Area Dressage Team.

Sonya was selected to represent Canterbury Area for Show Jumping at HOY in March. The team was placed 2nd equal.

Gemma also represented New Zealand PC in China at the Youth Equestrian Open in October/November.

Other Competitions:

Gemma competed in the SCNO Dressage competition in Waimate in mid-February and won all four of her classes to take out the Novice Level 2 Pony Champion and the Young Rider Champion for Preliminary Level 1 & Novice Level 2 Horse/Pony on her pony Triple Star Blank Canvas.

She also won both the overall Prelim / Novice Pony Series Champion (on Triple Star Blank Canvas) and Reserve Champion (riding RMS Samson) over the 2019 / 2020 series, running over three competitions starting in September last year.



What fantastic achievements for these riders and representation for Springston PC.

Certificates

We have had 2 riders sit certificates so far this year (Sonya passed her C+ and Georgia passed her C). Congratulations to those riders!

Health and Safety

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

Fundraising and finances; Update from the committee meeting 17th March

ODE Convenor. Discussed whether we have the manpower to run it this year (if allowed to run). View Hill to be contacted to see whether they are keen to run this jointly with us given their event has been cancelled. If they are willing, then key items to be booked (grounds, TD & St John) and wait to see if events are likely to go ahead in July before any further planning or work.

Additional rally funding. SPC will only pay for coaching for normal rallies held; additional rallies to be user pays. To be reviewed in July along with team event entry fees. Where two ponies are ridden by a rider at additional rallies (with each session being 1 ½ hours), these can be counted as two rallies as per our normal once per month rallies.

Upcoming PC events

Due to the restrictions in place with Covid 19 as you are all aware any up-coming horse events have been postponed or cancelled.

However when life returns to normal, information on up and coming events can be found on the Canterbury Pony Club website (I take no responsibility for their accuracy.)

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

Other useful information

Uniform

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 2020

2020 Membership Registration Fees:

First Child Under 18 (includes 1 named adult)	\$ 175
Second Child	\$ 145
Additional children under 18 years	\$ 75
Senior Riders 18-25 (an adult not required)	\$ 145

Fees need to be paid by 10th May for members to attend rallies and to have free use of grounds once they are opened. Members can pay subs on a payment plan by contacting our Treasurer Andy Etheridge andyetheridge@gmail.com

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 one working bee AND our annual ODE (2 days) AND help set up and packing up at rallies or the equivalent time thereof.

Health and Safety

A few important and new points: There is a **hazard register** on the clubroom door. This will be updated for 2020 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 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.

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.

Results and photos Please let me know what you have been up to and any results/photos you have (suchleymaryline@gmail.com). ***Please also send a photo of you having fun with your pony with a caption attached.***