New Zealand Shetland Pony Breeders' Society (Inc.)

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- New registrations and transfers can be sent directly to the Registrar Newsletter articles, photos, items of interest, classifieds, queries or corrections can be sent to the Newsletter Editor -
- Show results can be sent directly to Lorraine Martini -
- Financials can be sent directly to the Treasurer -
- Website and Facebook items can be sent directly to the appointed Co Ordinator -

From the President

Dear Members

Happy Easter to all members, their families and friends. We are hoping to get some much needed rain that has been predicted, as it is incredibly dry here and our winter supply is disappearing fast!

A year ago we were in lockdown level 4. What a challenging year it has been as we move in and out of levels and events are cancelled at the last minute! Our lives have certainly changed but we are so lucky to live in New Zealand with wide open spaces and our ponies in our lives.

The South Island In-Hand Breed & Harness show was very lucky to hold their show as scheduled in January. Many thanks to all who contributed to the success of the show and congratulations to Catherine Crosado and Duncree Hickory Hannah (shown by Vicki Harvord) winning Supreme In-Hand Shetland Pony of the Year 2021. Congratulations to all exhibitors who competed on the day and to all who have been able to support local show this season.

The North Island were not so lucky to hold their show on the scheduled date with moving in and out of level three, twice this year, however finally held it on 27th March 2021.

Wonderful to see the harness team enjoying the annual cavalcade once again this year!

The AGM and stud tour weekend is scheduled for 29th and 30th May 2021. Please note some changes to the

itinerary that have been updated in the Newsletter along with the booking form for the weekend.

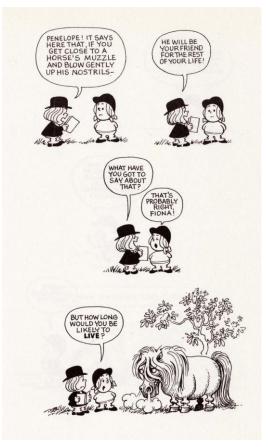
We hope many members and friends will be able to join us over the weekend.

Take care, stay safe and be kind

Kind regards

Fiona





From the Newsletter Editor -



New Registrations -

Lucy Burrows

Greetings members, I hope everyone has had a lovely summer. It was great to catch up with some of the members at the South Island Shetland show and see the wonderful display of exhibits.

Work has been busy these last couple months as we've moved into the new Biocontainment Laboratory. I managed to

take a few days off work in between the PC2 laboratory and PC3 laboratory move and come home for a visit, it was good to see the ponies and see how much the foals have grown! I was surprised to see how dry it is in Canterbury and I hope the area gets some much-needed rain soon.



PLEASE DIRECT ALL WEBSITE QUERIES OR SUBMISSIONS TO:

Email: <u>vickiphavord@gmail.com</u> • Tel: 021 102 5405 (emailed photographs to be high resolution & saved as a jpeg attachment) (posted photographs to be high quality & include self-addressed envelope for return)

From the Registrar

Registration Number	Sex	Pony
1142NZ	Gelding	Owlca Theodore Roosevelt
1143NZ	Gelding	Tullamore Dark Merlin
1144NZ	Gelding	Tullamore Rising Phoenix
1145NZ	Colt	Tullamore Galaxy
1146NZ	Mare	Tullamore Ultra Violet
1147NZ	Mare	Tullamore Sue's Spark
1148NZ	Mare	Tullamore Realtach
1149NZ	Gelding	Tullamore Belenus
1150NZ	Mare	Tullamore Brannagh
1151NZ	Gelding	Tullamore Twin Turbo

FR = Foal Recording for Colts until they are fully registered as a Stallion or a Gelding

Transfers -			
Reg. Number	Pony	Vendor	Transferred To
810NZ	Beechgrove Butternut	K Wilson 125 Dawsons Road, Mandeville	Paula Smith, Christchurch
1003NZ	Oaklea Glen Gloaming	L&D Martini, Leeston	Nikole Parker, Nightcaps Southland
854NZ	Llewellyn Maybelline	L Lewis CHCH	R Blazey, 7482
423NZ	Llewellyn Moritz	L Lewis CHCH	C Crosado, CHCH
892NZ	Toonmals Celtic Reign	A Buckingham	H & B Prescott-Ballagh, Waimate
1093NZ	Tullamore Afterglow	D&R Holst	J Wicky, Peak Road, Helensville
729NZ	Tullamore Bewtiched	D & R Holst	J Wicky, Peak Road, Helensville
780NZ	Llewellyn Spellbound	From L Lewis	C Halder, Rangiora
1116NZ	Birchlands Popsicle	M. Cromie	M & B Rowe, 9 Boyes Road No 8 RD Waimate
438NZ	Birchlands Lucky Little Miss	A Buckingham	K Whiting, Rangiora
1101NZ	Downton Mr Carson	M Smith	G Caird, West Melton, Christchurch
380NZ	Thistledown Celtic Gold	L Reeve	D MacKenzie, Ashburton

New Owner Letters

R Blazey, Amberley

C Hadler, Rangiora

G Caird, West Melton

D MacKenzie, Ashburton

FROM THE COMMITTEE:

A reminder to please send in all In-Hand show results as they come to hand to our show results co-ordinator: Lorraine Martini email: Lorraine.martini@xtra.co.nz

End of Year show results from Harness, Lead Rein, Ridden and Young Handler to be sent to Lesley Lewis on results sheets form, that can be downloaded from the Website by 17th May 2021

Shetland Society promotional items for sale



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AGM 2021 in Ellesmere

SATURDAY 29TH MAY

9.30 am Stud Tour and Morning Tea – Cotswold Stud, 87 Park Hill Road, Motukarara

12.30 pm – Lunch and Stud Tour – Oaklea Stud, 32 Carston Street, Leeston

2.00pm - Lael Stud, 186 High Street, Leeston

3.15 pm – Afternoon Tea at Leeston Bowling Club

3.30 pm approx. AGM to commence

Social Evening & Meal

SATURDAY 30TH MAY

9.30am – Stud Tour – Duncree Stud Early Lunch Conclusion of AGM Weekend

Area Representative Reports: Kathy Drake, Waikato Upper North Island

See story on page 12.

Ann Abernethy, Lower North Island

I recall commenting in my last area report on the vast amount of grass we had in the area—so much that I "borrowed" 40 old rams from the main farm to help control it. How quickly things can change – by mid January the rams "got the push" and the ponies are in charge !

Scorching daytime temperatures have all farmers worried but the ponies are thriving on the mature drying pasture and are again being break fed. All ponies are looking well, glossy coats and rather rotund!

During the holiday period Huntingdon Bliss gave riding lessons to a young enthusiast, seven year-old Yasmin who I then invited to 'help' me at the Taihape Show which this year was a 'joint venture' between our annual Gumboot Day including the North Island Boot Throwing Championship and our A&P Show. As in previous years there was no equestrian classes but I took



Huntingdon Bliss and little Rockisle Black Onyx. Our role was that of petting ponies but our location on the grounds was far removed from the "foot traffic" flow. So my two helpers took the ponies to the people !! Young Yasmin took control of Bliss and led her among all the stalls with music and loud speakers telling people all about her—she was a delight and so proud of Bliss. To show the versatility of Shetlands we then saddled Bliss for Yasmin to ride and we followed this with a session in harness while Onyx faithfully pulled her little sledge. The smiles and pats make the day so worthwhile.



Our recent Carriage Driving Newsletter reported on the carriage driving classes at the Wairarapa A &P Show and mentioned (with a photograph) Jane Chirnside driving Cotswold Anthelia. I was quite excited to know that there was another Shetland pony enthusiast in the lower North Island – I must try and make contact.

I trust you have all had a successful foaling season and are now enjoying the new arrivals as well as the variety of shows and activities you have available. I do miss the "busyness" of the this time of the year and having the ponies out and about.

Best wishes to all

Ann

Andrea Price, South Canterbury/ North Otago

Well not a lot has been happening in south Canterbury/North Otago, Oamaru show went ahead but Winchester was call off as Covid-19 hit us again. That same week some of us were on the cavalcade, starting on Friday 26th February with Shona Cusack meeting me at my home then we headed off to Fairlie and



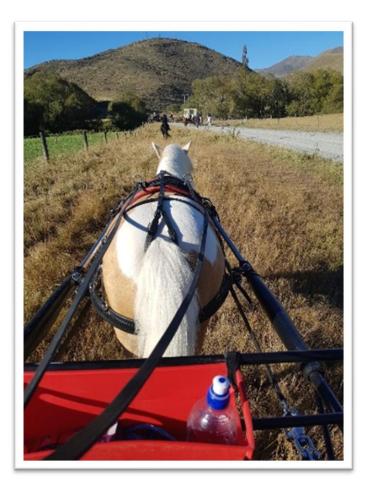
meet up with Karen Wilson and Jean Reid. We headed up to Burke's pass to Single Hill Station set up camp. The next day we had a short drive while the rest of the people



arrived for the start on Sunday, had some great drives on Single Hill Station, Warratah Station and drove to the McKenzie pass, then we were meant to shot to Tekapo, but Covid-19 level 2 hit and put a stop to that. The trail bosses run round looking for new trails for us to drive, so we drove on Mt Dalgety Station to Burke's pass for lunch and back to camp via the road next day back around a track on Warratah Station. The next day, Friday it was pack up and head home. We should

of been going to Twizel for the parade on the Saturday but as I said Covid, so looking forward to next year at Millers flat. Hope to see a lot of you at the AGM until then, that's all from south Canterbury.





Bernadette Woffenden, Canterbury/ Northern South Island - November 2020

Officially we are in Autumn and the ponies coats are becoming coarser with the cooler nights. Here in Canterbury we have really begun to dry off and are hoping for some regular rain to revive pastures.

The South Island NZ Shetland Pony Breeders Show was a great success and a good opportunity to catch up with other society members and competitors. The ponies looked great and entries were pleasing considering many people haven't been showing this season due to Covid disruptions. Please plan to attend our next show on Saturday 29th January 2022. Remember you can camp overnight on the showgrounds if you have to travel here to Canterbury.





In December we had 17 excited members from Ellesmere Pony Club come to our stud as part of their Pony Club camp activities. They all got buddied up with one of our Shetland ponies and had a fun afternoon grooming, plaiting manes and tails, doing bending races and completing an obstacle course. It was very special to see the children enjoying the papies and to see her well the papies apped with very avaited.

ponies and to see how well the ponies coped with very excited handlers. The ponies were all so willing and keen to do whatever they were asked. I was so proud of them. I have included some photos for you to enjoy.

Remember the NZSPBS AGM is here in Leeston this year, on Saturday 29th May and Sunday 30th May, with visits to local studs over the weekend. All are very welcome to attend and we look forward to seeing you there.

Bernadette Woffenden, Lael Shetland Pony Stud







Members Profile – Margaret and Brian Rowe:

How long have you been a member of the New Zealand Shetland pony breeder's society?

4 years.

What area do you live in? We live in Waimate.

How did you become interested in Shetlands?

It was Brian who came home one day and told me he had bought a Shetland Pony.

How many Shetland ponies do you have? We have 5 Shetlands AT THE MOMENT!!! on our two acre Lifestyle block.

What's your favourite activity with Shetlands?

We both love spending time handling, grooming them We also love showing them.







Photos from Palmerston A&P show: Left, Kate Melville with Birchland Chocolate Smudge. Right: Brian with Birchland Little Rebel.

What's your most memorable experience with your Shetlands?

Having fed an orphan foal and seeing her growing and maturing

What is the name of the first Shetland you ever owned?

Our first Shetland was Birchlands Chocolate Smudge.

What is your job? Both Brian and I are retired now.

What are some of your other hobbies and interests?

I love gardening and my Christian life is very important to me. Brian loves pottering in his shop making things.

Describe your ponies in 10 words or less?

Smoochy adorable. Time wasters. Reason to get up in the mornings







"Duncree Eclipse 486NZ 11th November 2002 to 21st December 2020"

(Sire: Fenwick Aniseed 72NZ Imp Aust Dam: Cotswold Esmeralda 247NZ).

Footnote: While one door has closed, another

Vale Duncree Eclipse 486NZ

My much loved stallion Clipper (Duncree Eclipse 486NZ) was laid to rest on December 21st 2020. He had developed cancer on his penis and while surgery & castration was an option, I knew it wasn't the best for him.

While Clipper never entered the show ring, he made his presence felt, with his sons & daughters winning many sashes and awards including his daughter Duncree Hickory Hannah winning the NZSPBS Shetland Pony of the Year in the 2016 – 2017 followed by his son Hakim in the 2017 – 2018 season. Clipper also won the NZSPBS Sire of the Year in the 2016 – 2017 season. Hannah was Supreme Shetland at this year's South Island Shetland Show.

Clipper was always an easy going boy and visitors were often surprised that he was a stallion. He did take to racing the milk tankers for a while, but soon worked out that required too much effort. He would always answer when you called him and loved to go around to the house for a treat. He knew my Mum on sight and would paw the air with his front leg for a treat when he saw her.

Rest in Peace my Clipper. You were gone before your time.



has opened with the arrival Llewellyn Moritz arrived on 2nd January. Thank you Lesley for waiting until I was ready.

Photos of Eclipse foals: 1st photo: Left to right D Alameda Appleby D Arlo Appleby D Artemis Appleby D Adam Appleby. The Dam is Broom Park Ali 166NZ. 2nd photo: D Hannah. 3rd Photo: D Shiloh.





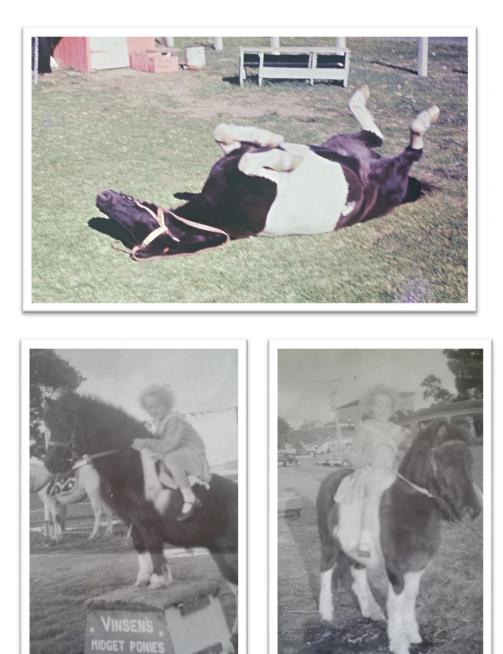


Vinsen's Ponies, Beach Ponies – Kathy Drake

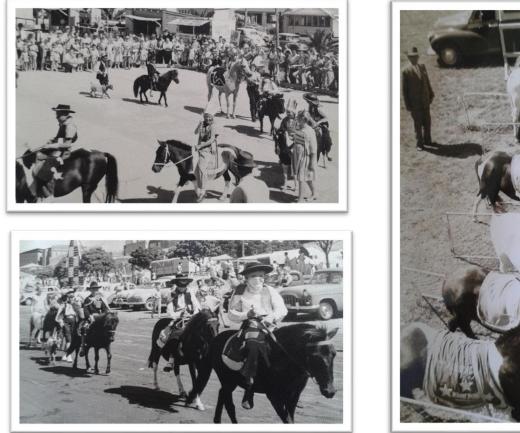
My love of Shetland ponies started early. Around 1958 in fact. It all started when a whole herd of mainly Shetland ponies turned up in a large paddock next to our house in New Plymouth. The owner was a wonderful character of a man who could probably be described nowadays as a 'horse whisperer'. He was a man of many talents-a ventriloquist, played piano accordion, in fact he had his own band in the 1930's called Bert Vinsen's Ambassadors and they played at dances all over the North Island, he was a Rawleighs and Hansells travelling salesperson. But most importantly, Bert (Pop) Vinsen ran a team of ponies and donkeys who performed for the public (there is mention of Bert Vinsen's Monster Circus back in 1929). He was about to start pony rides on a piece of land at our local Ngamotu Beach, a mere 10 minute walk from the paddock. The arrival of these ponies caused a real stir amongst the local children who all flocked to the fence to have, in most cases, probably their first encounter with a pony. Pop announced that anyone who offered up their weekends to care for and lead a pony for pony rides could then ride the ponies during the week. A win, win situation. Pop got the help he needed, the ponies got regular work, and we were the luckiest kids alive. Needless to say, he had plenty of volunteers. I was the youngest in the group at 4 year old and the oldest were in my older brother's age group—11 to 12 years. I always got taken along on my brothers adventures, so this was no different. Initially I would travel to and from the Beach with Pop in his wee van, until I was confident enough to ride a donkey-the drawback was that the donkeys came in pairs-I had mother Jenny and daughter Suzie, and there was absolutely no way they could be separated, so I got to ride one and lead the other. I was basically just a passenger and Pop would always drive slowly along behind the group making sure we were all safe. I do remember the day the donkeys each went different sides of a power pole and I was stranded, not wanting to let the leadrope go! My brother got to ride the biggest pony-a 13.2hh palomino called Circus Girl. She had a bit of a reputation for being highly strung with stories of her having broken a few bones before coming into Pop's care. Many years later, talking to my farrier who lived in Taranaki as a kid and spent a lot of time as a teenager rounding up Kaimanawa ponies out of the ranges on the Desert Road, I learnt that there was a big group of palomino's amongst them in the 1950's who were always targeted for capture because of their beauty, and he said Circus Girl would have more than likely been one of them. No doubt the chestnut's with flaxen manes and tails that are still in the ranges, are all that are left of those original palomino's.

The Shetlands were undoubtedly the stars of the team. There was a big team of browns—Tiny, Tom Thumb, Trixie, the piebalds Pixie and Princess, the skewbalds Coco and Banjo and the grey pinto stallions Commodore and Pinto and others who have slipped my memory. Most were pretty proficient at tricks—lie down, sit on their haunches, stand on half barrels, lie on their backs balancing a stick across their front legs, count (Pop would have a hand on their withers and then ask them to count out the answer to a maths question by pawing with a front leg). And I was more than often roped in to be the jockey who sat on a shettie while it stood with front feet on a half barrel, or crawl under its belly.





Looking back, Pop could do just about anything with those ponies. The team included two wee Shetland stallions—one of which was harnessed to a sulky for pony rides. There were always foals about, so they were definitely working stallions. The mind boggles how these stallions worked in harmony with the mares and geldings, without a hiccup that I can ever recall. The ponies all wore red painted leather bridles and colourful saddle blankets with white circingles. The donkeys in their red harness pulled a covered wagon, the Donkey





Express, which had two rows of seats and it was my job to harness and drive the donkey wagon. I don't recall it taking a lot of effort to actually drive them—they obviously knew their job well. Once a year we would dress the ponies and riders and take part in the annual Beach Mardi Gras. Those days were a blur of ponies, beach, sand, sun, and the lunchtime icecreams Pop bought us from the Palladium Tearooms, and a tight knit group of kids, all guided by Pop, always dressed in his finest suit, tie and hat. God knows how he managed in the heat of summer. There were certainly no OSH rules to abide by—here we all were in skimpy summer clothing, jandals or bare feet.



Along with the donkeys and Shetlands there seemed to be a continual coming and going of bigger 13hh ponies who didn't always make the team. These were the ones the kids graduated to and got to ride outside of weekend work days. I stuck strictly to donkeys and Shetlands. We all had our own pony—Pop told us that pony was ours. Mine, other than the donkeys (Jenny and Susie) was a little piebald Shetland called Princess. My brother's was the palomino Circus Girl.

Out of the blue disaster struck. Pop died. We were all devastated. Life as we had known it suddenly changed. Pop didn't have a Will and Public Trust stepped in and ordered everything go to Auction. It was July 1962, I was 9 years old—my brother 16. My parents explained to us that they could not afford to buy us a pony each, but somehow they managed to raise the money to buy Circus Girl before she went to auction. She had always been a drawcard for the

beach ponies and many people went to Auction expecting to buy her. She was my brothers pony and I eventually graduated to her after growing out of a wee 11hh exmoor x pony that Dad managed to find on loan for me.

I don't know the background of those Shetland ponies, other than knowledge that there were quite a few in the centre of the North Island in the 1940' and 1950's. I believe several were imported, presumably from Australia, onto big stations on the East Cape, for the landowners children to ride. Pop had managed to acquire quite a few of them. There appeared to be two types—the plain jane's and a few really lovely types with beautiful heads. My brother managed to buy the wee stallion Commodore several years later and he sired a few foals from crossbred mares. I remember practicing polo on him up and down the roadside verges outside our houses, using a hockey stick! I also came across the skewbald Banjo on the huntfield one day. He was giving his wee rider a hard time, so I offered to hop on and pop him over a hedge or two. Otherwise the ponies were scattered far and wide.

I always promised myself that I would one day have a Shetland of my own. Took me a while but when it did happen (and that one actually became three!) I started to remember all the things that those original Shetlands had taught me. They were fantastic teachers and for good reason have a reputation in Britain as the perfect first mount for children. The best riders more often have learnt their craft on a Shetland.



Showing

30th January – South Island Shetland Show:





Champion turn out – Domino Down Baily – Zeberdee Stud, Kirsty Whiting





Reserve Champion turn out – Duncree Hickory Hannah – Catherine Crosado, shown by Vicki Harvod





Champion Stallion -Gleneagles Possum – the Burrows Family





Champion Mare: Duncree Dickory Hannah – Catherine Crosado - shown by Vicki Harvod





Reserve Champion Mare - Cotswold Stellma – D & J Humphries, shown by Toby Harden





Champion Youngstock -Burravoe Ambrosia – Shona Cusack





Champion Foal -Toonmals Sir Echo– April Buckingham





Winner of Section one: Duncree Dickory Hannah – shown by Vicki Harvod





Champion Adult Gelding, Lael L - Alexis McCartin





Reserve Champion Adult Gelding, Burravoe Ace of Spades – Lynnette O'Neill



Left: Champion Youngstock Gelding: Cotswold Andy McDougall – Diana Humphries, shown by Rachel Humphries.

Right: Reserve Champion Youngstock Gelding: Owlca Theodore Roosevelt





Winner of Section two: Cotswold Andy McDougall – Diana Humphries, shown by Rachel Humphries





Champion Stallion 34" and under: Domino Downs Bailey – Zeberdee Stud



Champion Mare 34" and under: Lael Moon – Woffenden Family





Reserve Champion Mare 34" and under – April Buckingham – Lael Serendipity





Champion Youngstock 34" and under – Beechgrove Thunderbird





Reserve Champion Youngstock 34" and under – Toonmals Summer Delight





Overall Winner: Duncree Dickory Hannah - Catherine Crosado, shown by Vivki Harvod





Winner of Section Four: Beechgrove Cappuccino – Karen Wilson





Reserve Champion Harness Pony – Jean Reid





Judges Choice – Oaklea Delcore - L Whyte





Champion Young Handler: Toby Harden



Reserve Champion Young Handler: Isabella-Rose de Roo

27th March – North Island Shetland Show: