

# New Zealand Shetland Pony Breeders' Society (Inc.)

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## From the President

### **President's Report December 2022**

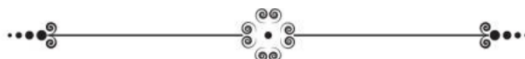
I would like to take this opportunity to wish everybody a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year. Welcome to our new members and thank you everybody for your continued support for our NZ Shetland Pony Breeders Society. Our society is for anyone who loves Shetlands and appreciates this special breed.

I am looking forward to catching up with many of you at our South Island Shetland Pony Society 25th Annual Show on 28th January 2023 at Ellesmere Showgrounds. It is going to be a special day with some generous sponsorship and prizes to mark the occasion. Entries are still open, and your entries would contribute to the success of the day. You are able to camp overnight on the Friday before and Saturday night, costs are on the website, contact me to book, [laelshetland@gmail.com](mailto:laelshetland@gmail.com).

Anyone is welcome to come for dinner with the judges at the Crate and Barrel, Leeston on Saturday night. We would love to have the pleasure of your company.

Drive safe and stay well over the Christmas holiday and enjoy your ponies.

Bernadette Woffenden, Lael Shetland Pony Stud  
NZSPBS President



## From the Newsletter Editor

Well, Christmas has rocked around very fast – as it always does these days. Please enjoy this Christmas edition of our newsletter. While it has a certain Christmassy theme it also holds the remembrance of Denise Ohlson who passed away recently – a lovely lady taken too soon. You can read the latest Shetland Ambassador story this time about Crackerjack, a pony finding his forever home. And we all can share the delight of some new young competitors showing their Shetland ponies in the North Island. There's a Horses' Prayer, reminding us of what's important from the horses' point of view, a Christmas cake recipe, and to finish off a Wordfind for those who want to sit down and relax with a cuppa and the newsletter for a bit of fun.

If anyone has any articles or items of interest and/or photos of your beautiful ponies, that you are happy to share, please send them to me at [christinawil@gmail.com](mailto:christinawil@gmail.com) for our next newsletter.  
Christina Lewis – Newsletter Editor

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*(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

### **Foal Pre Approval**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Sex</b>
Downton Lady Sybil	Filly

### **Transfers –**

<b>Reg. Number</b>	<b>Pony</b>	<b>Vendor</b>	<b>Transferred To</b>
966NZ	Birchlands High Jinx	M Cromie, Waimate	Katie De Lor, Waimate
761NZ	Beechgrove Nutmeg	S Worthington, Akaroa	D & J Humphries, Motukarara
1089NZ	Burravoe Presence	F Burrows, North Canterbury	I Kenel, Halswell

**Paying by Cash** – please, if at all possible, do not send cash through the mail. It is not a secure way of making payments.

# Bereavement

## *Denise Ohlson*

It is with great sadness to hear of Denise Ohlson passing on the 30<sup>th</sup> November.

Denise was a true animal lover and always had cats and dogs in her life, but her passion was the horse world. I first met Denise when we were young teenagers riding our ponies to the beach it was a friendship that would last a lifetime with our connection of equine.

Denise had a very kind understanding way of handling youngstock having grown up with horses in her life from an early age, she was a competent rider and was still riding not so long ago.

Denise also had the love for our Shetland ponies, and was a great ambassador for our breed, she always supported our shows around canterbury over the years. Denise preferred smaller Shetlands under 9.hh. Her ponies always looked immaculately turned out, as with herself in the showing and usually doing extremely well, winning many championships over the years. Cotswold Blackthorn (deceased) Cotswold Annie's Tinkerbelle & Cotswold Hot Tabasco. These were Denise's treasured ponies that she made into show stars, all were broken to harness. Denise preferred pleasure driving and taking the grandchildren for a quiet little drive rather than showing harness.



As requested by Denise Tinkerbelle & Tabasco are now back home here at Cotswold.



*"A true friend & Shetland enthusiast gone but not forgotten"*

Diana Humphries





## Area Representative Reports:

### WAIKATO/UPPER NORTH ISLAND AREA REPORT

*Kathy Drake*

The showing scene in our area has blossomed with the arrival of a new group of young handlers and their Shetland ponies. These young ladies come from a showing background, having previously successfully shown other breeds of ponies. Welcome to the ranks of Shetland pony ownership girls. It is wonderful to see such beautifully turned out girls and ponies gracing our ranks, and they unsurprisingly have been very successful. Lucy Jackson and Tullamore Eiclips Na Greine (Pickles) walked away with the first Supreme of the season at Waikato A&P Show, with Eenie Sanders-Swabey and



***Youngstock Champion and Res Champion: Cotswold Andy McDougal with Harriet Speedy (Right) & Cotswold Anthem with Eenie Sanders-Swabey (left)***

***Anthem and Eenie, Junior Champion at Waikato A & P***

Speedy and Cotswold Andy McDougal won the Junior Championship with Cotswold Anthem reserve. More to come from these three young ladies as the season progresses, and something tells me that these young ladies have other 'showie' friends out there who just may be encouraged into the ranks of Shetland ownership.

Cotswold Anthem (Tim) taking out the Junior Championship, having won the Yearling Class. Next show was Clevedon A&P where Harriet

Thanks to Mum's Kerry Sanders and Kelly Jackson for providing the updates and lovely photos. It is always lovely to see Junior Handlers out in the ring, as it means the future of Shetland ponies is secure as we all know that once a Shetland has wormed its way into our hearts, they are there forever. Even if we get side-tracked along the way we invariably come back to Shetland ownership somewhere in the future.

***Lucky Jackson and Tullamore Eiclips Na Greine, Supreme Champion at Waikato A & P Show***

It is really important for everyone to encourage the young handlers and give help where needed.



Merry Christmas everyone, hopefully the weather plays its part this year. As I write this we have

blue sky and sunshine above us with a continuous rumble of thunder a few kilometres away in the Bombay Hills. With temperatures hitting the high 20's every day this week, it looks like summer is probably here to stay.



***(Left) Rudolf the Red Nosed Shetland (AKA Burravoe Randolf) wishing you a Merry Christmas – Kathy Drake***

## LOWER NORTH ISLAND AREA REPORT

Ann Abernethy



**Above Huntington Bliss**

season and that a new crop of foals are safely on the ground and coping with the erratic weather.

I wish you all a happy festive season and new year ahead and just because it is the season of "good-will" or rather should be I will sign off with another quote – this one attributed to Dr and Mrs Douglas, authors of the first book on Shetland ponies : ***"He provides..... the duel charm of a creature at once wild and tame – wild in his strong instincts, his hardihood and his independence—domestic in his wisdom and sweet temper and his friendly confidence in mankind ....."***

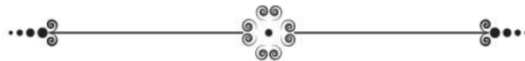
I am finding the writing of reports more challenging now as I no longer have my little stallion and so no new foals to look forward to as well as fewer Shows and events to attend. But this quote by Thos Gifford is one thing that has not changed:

***"The Shetland pony is the most lovable of animals in the wide creation."***

The ponies have become well known in our little community and I would like to continue giving pleasure to others with them especially the children. The location we have here, although a difficult block of land to manage being all on the side of a hill, has many advantages. The proximity to town and the Air-strip means the ponies experience a wide range of activities from walkers, cyclists, very noisy motorbikes (strongly disliked), small planes, helicopters and motor vehicles of all shapes and sizes. This makes them very accepting of visitors. And we all know the Shetland pony to be smart "little chaps" so occasionally I may do a few agility type challenges (rather limited these days!!) All ponies look well if a little rotund and do their best to convince me that they are deprived. I do hope fellow members are enjoying the current Show



**Above Birchlands Black Onyx putting on his best elf impersonation standing beside Ann**



***"When they lay me down to rest,  
Put my spurs and rope upon my chest,  
Get my friends to carry me,  
And then go turn my horses free".  
- Clyde Kennedy (written on his epitaph)***

For those who are not aware, Clyde Kennedy (quoted above) was a U.S. stunt rider, trainer of stunt horses as well as reining cow horses. He was also Elizabeth Taylor's stunt double in the movie National Velvet





Who doesn't love Christmas Cake? – I am told the secret is to get the right recipe. The recipe below is in the running for the tastiest cake yet. Thanks to Marianne Smith

## Christmas Cake

### Ingredients

1 cup of milk(8oz)

3 eggs (Bring milk to the boil add beaten eggs, stir until thick, & let cool)

2 cups plain flour, 225 gm butter, pinch of salt, 1/2 tsp mixed spice, 1/2 tsp cinnamon, 1/2 tsp curry powder.

Rub butter into dry ingredients (whizz) add 1 cup of sugar to dry ingredients.

1200 grams dried fruit, cherries, apricot, finely chopped up glace ginger or whatever you like

1 1/2 tbs Black current jam

1/2 tsp almond essence, 1 tsp of vanilla essence, 1 tsp of rose water (available from the chemist). Add to the cooled custard.

Combine all ingredients into large bowl then spoon into well lined 20cm cake tin make sure the top is level-do not hollow out centre.

**Bake** 140 for 2 1/2-3 hours.

Leave in tin 24 hours.

Notes: line cake tin with 2 rounds of brown paper, 2 rounds of newspaper, 2 rounds of baking paper.

During cooking place brown paper over cake if top is getting to brown.

Optional: when cold pour 2 tbs of Grand Marnier or what you prefer over top of cake. I don't measure just pour!!!!

I use a butter icing flavoured with Grand Marnier

I have tripled the recipe using 10-inch square tin

**Enjoy & Very Happy Christmas and New year**



***"A canter is a cure for every evil".  
- Benjamin Disraeli***



## ***Shetland Ambassador – Birchlands Crackerjack***

***Birchlands Crackerjack 592NZ DOB 28/11/2005***

***Sire: Rockisle Sundancer 463NZ***

***Dam Llewellyn Rosie 290NZ***

***Bred by Muriel Cromie of Waimate***



Birchlands Crackerjack is a lovely example of the temperament of the Shetland breed that knows how to forgive and thrives in the right environment.

Penny Fanshaw, Birchlands Crackerjack's owner, writes:

My friend Hayley Sincok, who is a barefoot trimmer, rescued Birchlands Crackerjack 3 years ago. She met him when she was called to trim four ponies on the property where he lived. When she came to Crackerjack he was in a poorly way with his hooves in bad shape and having foundered. Hayley battled to get Jack (Crackerjack) and his mini paddock mate, Teddy, out of the place they were in.

Hayley eventually took possession of them and rehabbed them (Ted and Jack) 3 years ago. Once he was feeling better, after proper hoof trims and appropriate diet, she sought a little rider for him. She had been led to believe he was fully broken in....turns out he wasn't - ha ha!

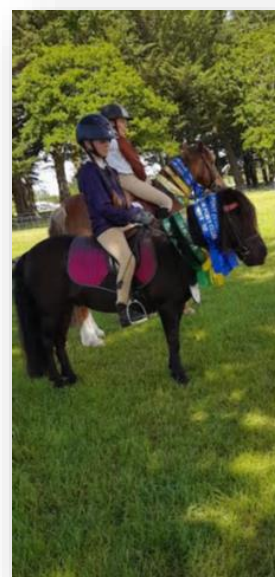
My daughter rode him for six months or so at Hayley's grazing. We bought him a pair of hoof boots as he could still feel pretty tender on his feet as he had foundered before Hayley took him home. That helped him get out on the stones and gravel. The exercise changed his outlook. He was Grumpy when we first started working with him. Jack was pretty challenging for a learner rider too. He has become a lot softer and responsive for Jasmine to ride.

Hayley gave him to Jasmine about this time which we so appreciated as at that time we weren't in a position to buy a pony.

We had also started teaching him to jump which was fun, he didn't really understand what we were asking to start with. But he got the idea in the end, now he is jumping some cross-county jumps of up to 65cm and show jumps up to a similar height. Not bad for a 105.5cm Shetland who let's face it doesn't have the most athletic body shape

As Jasmine has grown she and Jack have developed a fantastic bond. He loves jumping and going out on outings, and trots onto the float or walks from our grazing along the very busy main road to Ferrymead pony club in Christchurch. He doesn't bat an eye or flinch at the big trucks. Jack has also turned his hoof to some first start eventing, pony club games - he excels at being short to vault onto! He's also done a couple of dressage training days, though not his favourite activity as his latest tricks are ducking out of the arena at A or jumping out over the pipes when Jasmine is having a lesson.

He's got a home with us for life. We feel so lucky we met Hayley and Jack





He's been at the rare breeds display at the New Zealand Agricultural Show in November and Jasmine jumped him in their display area. Jack's also taken part in the working equitation at Equifest in Christchurch.



*And they all lived happily ever after...awww.*

*Information provided by Penny Fanshaw*



*"He knows when you're happy.  
He knows when you're comfortable.  
And he always knows when you have treats."  
- Author Unknown*

*(Right) Catherine Crosado's Sir Shiloh says*

*"Merry Christmas!"*



## THE HORSE'S PRAYER

- Anne Bullen

My life and health I give to your safe keeping,  
From you I ask food and water  
Shelter in winter and summer  
A kind hand and a quiet voice.

Do not use a whip unfairly  
Or spur and bit me cruelly,  
But give me the understanding  
To do you will.

Thus will I serve you cheerfully,  
On the long trail, and in battle,  
In the race, and over big fences;  
So shall we enjoy our time on earth together

Enjoy the wind on the hill,  
The shadows on the grassland  
The shelter of the trees  
And the warmth of the sun.

Let us know together that companionship  
That a horse may give to his master,  
And enjoy in this life  
God's earth and the fullness thereof.

And when I am old  
And have served you well;  
Pray, Oh master,  
Do not sell me to slavery and to a cruel end.

But send me to my rest with tenderness and kindness  
And my gratitude will be your reward –  
This I ask in the name of Him  
Who was born in a stable.

Copied from "The Horseman's Companion – edited by Dorian Williams (Published 1967 by Billing & Sons Ltd)



***"Dog lovers hate to clean out kennels.  
Horse lovers like cleaning stables".  
- Monica Dickens***





**When a horsewoman reaches a certain age they start collecting miniatures, this is called 'Mini-pause'**



*The Editor notes that collecting Shetlands appears to be an excellent substitute for minis 😊*

*"The Horse is the Noblest, Bravest, Proudest, most Courageous,  
And certainly, the most Perverse and Infuriating animal that humans ever domesticated".  
- Anne McCaffery*





## Christmas Shetland Wordfinder – all the words are found in this newsletter

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