

New Zealand Shetland Pony Breeders' Society (Inc.)

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- Newsletter articles, photos, items of interest, classifieds, queries or corrections can be sent to the Newsletter Editor
- Show results can be sent directly to the Registrar
- Financials can be sent directly to the Treasurer
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FROM THE PRESIDENT...

Dear Members

It is with pleasure I write my first report for the newsletter.

I trust everyone and their ponies are weathering this testing winter and were not affected too badly by the abundance of rain we have had recently. We look forward to spring with longer, warm and sunny days along with the anticipation of foaling and the new showing season.

Special thanks to our hosts of the 2017 AGM and Stud Tour Weekend, Lorraine Martini, Bernadette Woffenden and Catherine Crosado. A very successful weekend, delicious food, great to see so many ponies, the Highland Stallion and Dressage demonstration a great opportunity to see and wonderful to catch up with so many members.

We look forward to heading to Milton, Southland for the 2018 AGM and Stud Tours.

Congratulations to Catherine Crosado of Duncree Shetland Pony Stud for winning Shetland Pony of the Year with Duncree Hickory Hannah. Well done Catherine.

Congratulations also to all other Award Winners, it is great to see so many ponies out in the show ring, In-hand, Ridden and Harness Entries.

If any members have any queries or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me, phone 03 312 5982 or email: eudunda.ram@xtra.co.nz

Take care out there.

Fiona Burrows

FROM THE COMMITTEE...

New Members

A warm welcome to Jeffrey Jones from Helensville, Auckland.

Correction: Warkworth A&P Show – 28/1/17

(to results published in the January-April 2017 newsletter)

Apologies to owner Annette Green, the results for Lael Valor should read:

Best Presented		
1st	Lael Valor	Annette Green
Best Paced		
2nd	Lael Valor	Annette Green
Best Mannered		
3rd	Lael Valor	Annette Green
Gelding – 4 years and over		
1st	Lael Valor	Annette Green

Lael Valor was not awarded Reserve Champion Adult.

Results: Canterbury All Breeds Foal Show – 7/5/17

Best Presented		
1st	Burravoe Pegasus (pending)	Burrows Family
Shetland Filly Foal		
1st	Burravoe Pegasus (pending)	Burrows Family
	BURRAVOE PEGASUS (PENDING)	CHAMPION

Update On RAS Matters

The RAS Annual Conference was held in June in Wanaka. The results of the 2017 Remits are noted below and apply to anyone exhibiting at A&P Shows throughout New Zealand (to see full wording of each remit "Ctrl + Click" on the headings below to follow the relevant link back to the RAS website, or access through the RAS website <http://www.ras.org.nz/>).

2017 Remits Results below:

RAS Remit 2017 – One – Microchipping	LOST
RAS Remit 2017 – Two & Three – Competitor Membership & Fees- Horse & Pony Registration	LOST
RAS Remit 2017 – Four – Classification from first adult measure	PASSED
RAS Remit 2017 – Five – Compulsory Riding Helmets	PASSED
RAS Remit 2017 – Six – Conformation Judging Explanation	PASSED
RAS Remit 2017 – Seven – MSS Working Hunter Horse Classes	PASSED
RAS Remit 2017 – Eight – Novice pony exhibits – novice riders	PASSED
RAS Remit 2017 – Nine – First Ridden Section vs Combination v2	LOST
RAS Remit 2017 – Ten – Schedules	PASSED
RAS Remit 2017 – Eleven- Results	PASSED
RAS Remit 2017 – Twelve – Protests	PASSED
RAS Remit 2017 – Thirteen – Te Aroha – Change of Classification	PASSED
RAS Remit 2017 – Fourteen- Whangarei – Life Measure	LOST
RAS Remit 2017 – Fifteen – Shetland Pony Soc – Use of Bit	PASSED
RAS Remit 2017 – Sixteen – Alpacas Llamas (TB)	WITHDRAWN
RAS Remit 2017 – Seventeen – Ayrshire NZ – Purebred	PASSED

The RAS Equestrian Rulebook will be updated with these changes soon and will be available to view and download from the RAS website: <http://www.ras.org.nz/about-ras/rules-regulations/>

1) BITS – SHETLAND PONY SECTION

The NZSPBS put forward a remit to allow Shetland Pony yearling colts to be exempt from being bitted. We are pleased to report that the Remit was Passed and is effective as of the 2017/2018 show season. Please note that Shetland Pony stallions and colts two years and over will continue to be required to be shown in a bit.

Existing Rule:

CDE 14. STALLIONS and COLTS

a) All stallions and colts (with the exception of Miniature horses and foals) must be shown in a bit.

The new rule effective 2017/2018 show season:

CDE 14. STALLIONS and COLTS

a) All stallions and colts (with the exception of Foals and Miniature Horses and Shetland Pony Yearlings) must be shown in a bit.

2) SAFETY HELMETS

Remit Five – Compulsory Riding Helmets will be of interest to members who ride or drive Shetland Ponies at A&P Shows in the Shetland Pony, Open Ridden or Open Harness sections. Refer to the RAS memo below that explains the new requirements.

3) HARCOURTS REFERRAL SYSTEM

Harcourts is now a Strategic Partner of the RAS. Part of the support they are providing is the opportunity to capitalize on a referral system they have put in place. Any referred listing (ie flat, investment property, commercial building, residential property, lifestyle block or farm) to Harcourts that is sold, will result in a \$500 fee paid out to RAS Head Office (this is a fee that Harcourts will pay, it does not come off the property sale proceeds). RAS Head Office will then forward on \$400 to the nominated party (A&P Show or Breed Society). If you, or a family member or friend are considering selling a property – please consider using Harcourts and nominating the NZ Shetland Pony Breeders' Society. A copy of the referral form is included for your reference.

The Royal A&P Society (RAS) is delighted to announce Harcourts Group Limited (Harcourts) has become a strategic partner. This partnership has evolved over time with careful consideration on both sides as to how the partnership can benefit both entities and their membership/franchise bases. HGL is a privately owned, franchise structured real estate business that was founded in 1888 and now operates in 10 countries.

As the Strategic Partner, Harcourts has offered \$500 from the sale of a property listed through them. This amount would be forwarded to RAS Head Office, on the completion of the sale, with \$400 of it being contributed to your nominated Society/Association. The \$500 is NOT deducted from your sale price. By supporting your local/preferred affiliated RAS A&P Society/Association, Breed or Kindred Society, this will help them to continue with holding and convening their annual community events, and running their business.

When you make the initial contact with your local Harcourts branch requesting real estate services in selling your property, please complete this form and present it to your agent. (This option will also be available via the Harcourts & RAS websites in the future.) Please note this referral system applies to any type of listing (section, residential property, farm, lifestyle block, investment or rental property), listed and sold by Harcourts. All you have to do is notify the Harcourts branch at the first point of contact

PLEASE COMPLETE

This is a Royal Agricultural Society (RAS) referral as agreed to by Harcourts and RAS. My nominated Association/Society is

..... Assn/Society

Property Owner's Name:

Address of Listing:.....

.....
As the owner, selling the property we would suggest you make contact with RAS Head Office and log your "referral" with us, as well as asking the Harcourts Branch to do the same.

Any further enquiries:

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TO: Member Organisations & Equestrian Competitors
FROM: RAS Executive
DATE: 22 July 2017
SUBJECT: SAFETY HELMETS & COMPLIANCE
POSSIBLE QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

The passing of the recent remit regarding the wearing of approved safety helmets has raised some questions from both competitors and the A&P Shows as to whether there is any exemption period, how will compliance be monitored, how will people know about this and so on.

The Executive have reviewed the remit, and the RAS Constitution. The Constitution is explicit in saying that any remits passed take effect immediately. The RAS Executive do have the power to withdraw any remit on legal reasons however, this particular remit does not fit that category. In fact, the matter of wearing approved safety helmets is coming in to line with legal regulations of other equestrian bodies (NZ Pony Club, ESNZ). The RAS signalled in 2016 they were following the lead of ESNZ and Pony Club and looking at the safety helmet issue. They put forward a remit that was made available on the RAS website on the 12 April 2017.

The RAS Executive understand some competitors feel the need to purchase compliant helmets, when they already have a helmet, may cause a financial strain. This is regrettable. However, a matter of Health & Safety cannot be put on hold for financial considerations, especially when a remit was passed by a large majority of the member organisations (69 For, 19 Against) recognising the need for Health & Safety reasons.

There has also been the question raised, how will competitors get to know about this, as well as people knowing what is compliant and what isn't. Having consistent standards across the three major equestrian organisations will help considerably. RAS will be following the lead of the NZ Pony Club and ESNZ, and their compliant helmets, and utilising the same red tags. The tags have already been purchased, at the cost of the RAS, and arrangements have been made so Showing Competitors can utilise the ESNZ tagging days to get their helmets tagged. Some A&P Shows and Measuring Stands are also taking the initiative and holding opportunities for competitors to get their helmets tagged. The RAS will work with the Measuring Stands and A&P Shows to check on the willingness of the individual entities to offer further services in the future.

How do we get the word out there to the competitors so no competitor is disadvantaged by not knowing about this? It is vital if you are an A&P Association put the remit ruling in your schedule and catalogue, share this with your equestrian membership, ask them to share the link with their equestrian friends, post on Facebook pages and again ask them to share the post. Equally if this comes to the attention of you as a competitor, share it with your network and circle of friends, ask the local Pony Club to share it and so on.

Regarding the Clydesdale Society - the Clydesdale Society and the RAS Executive are working together to resolve some specific challenges in applying the rule as passed to this section.

See over the page for pertinent information, links and a question and answer session.

Questions:

1. Will there be any exemptions to the rule of all riders and harness drivers having to wear approved safety helmets, other than any resolution to the Clydesdale specific situation. **No**
2. Which helmets are compliant? **See diagram at bottom of page. Suggest all shows print this off and laminate it and put in each section box at the A&P Show so officials have a ready reference.**
3. How will A&P Show personnel (ring stewards, judges, equestrian convenors) know that a helmet is compliant? **It should have a red tag. This should be checked before the person enters the show ring.**
4. What should an A&P Show/Event equestrian personnel do if a competitor's helmet does not have a red tag? **Utilise the safety checking standard guide and check compliance. If it complies, advise competitor they must get it tagged immediately after the Show. If it does not comply the competitor should be asked to leave the ring.**
5. What should an A&P Show/Event do if a complaint is made about a person not wearing a compliant helmet? **If the above steps have been followed it should not be a problem, and there should be no cause for a complaint. However, if a mistake has been made, then steps need to be taken at that time to check the helmet – if it is found the helmet does not comply, then the complaint will need to be upheld. This would result in return of prize money and ribbons, and if necessary adjustment of placings for other parties.**
6. How will people find out what helmets are compliant and the fact they must wear them if competing at A&P shows/Events? **We all need to take responsibility for this and share this memo far and wide. RAS Head Office will put it on their website and will make repeated Facebook posts, asking all parties to share the post where possible.**
7. How do you get your helmet tagged? **Check out the link on the ESNZ website for all tagging days and opportunities - <http://www.nzequestrian.org.nz/media/13678/helmet-tagging-schedule-9.pdf>**
Competitors remember to thank the people tagging the helmets. They are volunteers and taking their time to help the equestrian sport and keep everyone safe. If your helmet is not checked and tagged you run the risk of not being able to compete at your A&P Show. **PLEASE GET YOUR HELMET TAGGED.**

RED TAG	
Compulsory from 1 August 2017	
HELMET STANDARD	SAFETY MARK
AS/NZS 3838 (1998, 2003 or 2006)	
VG1	
ASTM-F1163-01 or F1163-15	
PAS015:1998 or 2011	
Snell E2001	

BE SAFE, NOT SORRY

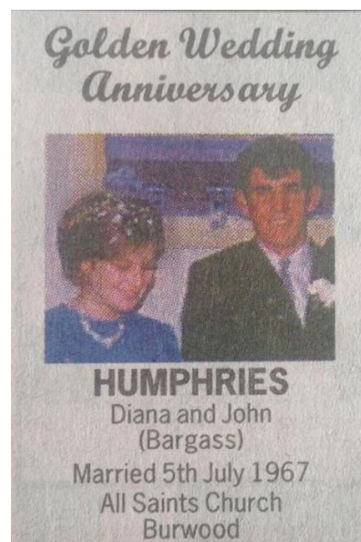
GET YOUR HELMET TAGGED

**REMEMBER A&P PEOPLE ARE
VOLUNTEERS AND WANT YOU TO
BE SAFE**

SHARE THIS MESSAGE

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P.S SHARE THIS MESSAGE.



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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.....

Transfers – 5th April to 13th August 2017

Reg. Number	Pony	Vendor	Transferred To
359NZ	Cotswold Elation	A Abernethy, Taihape	A Porter, Te Horo
664NZ	Beechgrove Miss Emma E	A Price, Timaru	C Watson, Oamaru
1008NZ	Burravoe Phineas Phynn	Burrows Family, West Eyreton	T Harden, Rangiora
973NZ	Burravoe Phlicka	Burrows Family, West Eyreton	Harrison / Harden Partnership, Rangiora
1009NZ	Burravoe Pennlington Paddy	Burrows Family, West Eyreton	Harrison / Harden Partnership, Rangiora
962NZ	Oaklea Florintina	L Martini, Leeston	K Findlay, Rangiora

New Registrations – 7th December 2016 to 13th June 2017

No new registrations.

Stallions Registered

None

New Studs

None

FROM THE NEWSLETTER EDITOR.....

Thank you to all of those members that have submitted items of interest and photos for this newsletter. If anyone has any items to sell, articles or items of interest, or photos of ponies that they would be happy to share and submit for publication in the newsletter I would love to hear from you, please email me at moniquejames@outlook.co.nz

The next newsletter publication will be out around January 2018. Items to go into the next newsletter must be emailed through to me by the end of November 2017, earlier is preferable.

Monique James – Newsletter Editor

SHETLAND STEEPLECHASE REPORT – AUGUST 2017

This rather hairy looking couple (Melina and Merlin) are a quarter of this year's Shetland Steeplechase team. Hmm – me thinks a lot of grooming will be going in to this lot in the next few weeks to bring them up to scratch.

Our training programme for the 19th year of the Shetland Steeplechase officially starts at the end of September and continues for eight weeks. Emphasis is on gradually building up the ponies' fitness, and introducing the new riders to our team. We have three new children and one new pony this year – and I have the luxury of two reserve ponies so have got it covered in case of dramas and lameness so there is no repeat of last year



Our ponies, sponsors (to be confirmed), riders and owners this year are:

PONY	OWNER	SPONSOR	RIDERS
Llewellyn Merlin	Lesley & Paul Lewis	Grigg Family	Charley Regos
Llewellyn Spellbound	Lesley & Paul Lewis	Simon McLachlan Fencing	Ella O'Connor
Llewellyn Moody Blue	Lesley & Paul Lewis	PGG Wrightson Rangiora	Yasmine Regos
Beechgrove Basil Brush	Lesley & Paul Lewis	R. J. Civil	Sam Moffatt
Cotswold Foxfire	Lesley Lewis & Diana Humphries	Apparel & Merchandising	Lucy Baker
Cotswold Burbury Twill	Diana & John Humphries	Ninja Gnome Farms Australia	Chloe Baker
Beechgrove Muffin Magic	Karen & Terry Wilson	Mazline Partsworld	Mollie Hedgman
Llewellyn Melina	Lesley & Paul Lewis	Agrisea New Zealand	Maggie
Beechgrove Stormcloud (RES)	Sue McLaughlin	TDM Events	
Cotswold Brocade (RES)	Diana & John Humphries		

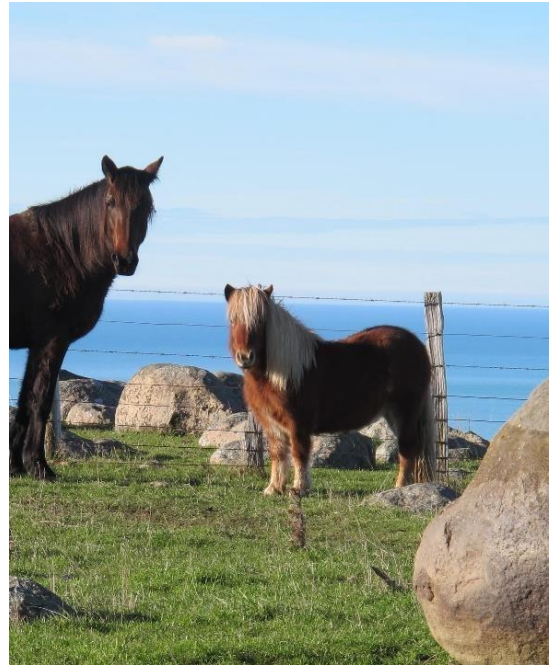


If you are really lucky, this is how you are broken to saddle. Melina spent the Christmas holidays

with Molly Moffatt and family at their holiday home in Akaroa. She was swimming in the harbour, trekking over the farmland and hills, and rubbing shoulders with members of the 2016 New Zealand Olympic Equestrian team, Tim and Jonelle Price. What a lucky little lady.



In the off season, Steeplechaser Blue loves giving pony rides but is dreaming of the days when he can go faster.



If you don't grow big enough for the Steeplechase, even if you are the right colour, you get to spend your life babysitting a horse & being ridden by tiny tots at Paua Bay on a sheep station – tough eh.

Llewellyn Maybelline (full sister to Blue, Merlin and Melina). And, yes, I did breed a non-black pony!

While Burbury (the speedster of the field) is earning his keep being ridden daily and going to Pony Club on Banks Peninsula, Foxy (who thinks he is fast but can never quite win a Steeplechase) and Basil (who is definitely quite slow) are at the Sefton Riding Centre in North Canterbury teaching littlies to ride. The remainder of the team are just being dead lazy from all accounts so will have some catch up work to do to reach peak fitness levels. Muffin has her bags packed ready for boot camp as she calls it, and unbeknown to her, is about to be jogged up behind a bike. Merlin, Melina, Blue and Ella have the occasional outing but generally are what you would call rather unfit.

This year the ponies will all be entered in the Rangiora A. & P. Show in the Ridden Shetland Pony Section on 21st October, the Ridden and Hunter Shetland Classes at the Canterbury A. & P. Show on 15th November, followed by the Shetland Steeplechase on Friday 17th November, and the Shetland Ridden Show on 2nd December

Meantime, after the massive rainfalls we have had in Canterbury, Marshland is living up to its name and our paddocks are waterlogged and boggy lakes, but still the rains just keep on coming. The photo below, was taken *before* the flooding ☺. The ponies are fed up with it all and on the occasional day when we do have sun and warmth, they have Spring Fever and race around squealing and bucking and happy to be alive. Spring shoots are starting to appear through the water so we are probably in for some vigorous spring growth and all the joys that come with it for Shetland owners so beware.

That's all from me until after the Steeplechase. Happy horsing, happy foaling, happy showing, and keep an eye on your ponies with that Spring growth.

Lesley



AREA REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS – GERALDINE EDGAR, LOWER SOUTH ISLAND

We are all very excited about the Shetland Breeders AGM being in Milton, Otago next May. I'll be seeking out all the Shetland pony owners to make sure they know about it.

Not a lot happening in the winter here for Shetlands but a friend came over to visit and we drove two ponies on the farm on the most gorgeous day after a frost.

Next month I'll start getting a Shetland ready for some Central Otago rail trail driving at the end of October.

Geraldine Edgar

AREA REPRESENTATIVE REPORT – BERNADETTE WOFFENDEN, CANTERBURY / UPPER SOUTH ISLAND

Like everyone across the country we had to deal with heavy rain and minor flooding in July. We have had our whole property under water before so we watched the levels rise with concern.

Equally it is good that the aquifers have had some input because we have had two rather dry years. I guess we are set up for a great spring and no doubt will need to be on laminitis watch. I was chatting to my vet and he said that the medication for Cushing's disease is very effective for those ponies that are very grass sensitive and tricky in spring and autumn flushes. I have three of these ponies! It basically costs \$1.00 a day but I guess you wouldn't have to use it all year around.

Chatting with people, most have weaned their foals and are organising branding. Diana will be very busy! We are so fortunate to have her expertise and experience available to us here in Canterbury but I know she travels the country helping people out.

It was great catching up with many of our members at the AGM and we really appreciated the support, effort and expense you outlaid to attend.

One more month until spring!

Ellesmere and Canterbury A & P Shows have their schedules out and are open for entries. Entries close for Ellesmere A & P Show on 14th September.

Regards,
Bernadette Woffenden

AREA REPRESENTATIVE REPORT – ANDREA PRICE / SHONA CUSACK, SOUTH CANTERBURY / NORTH OTAGO AREA

Nothing to report from this area.

AREA REPRESENTATIVE REPORT – KATHY DRAKE, WAIKATO UPPER NORTH ISLAND

Winter—plenty of mud, lots of rain—but we still have grass due to the unseasonable warm temperatures up this way.

Another AGM has been and gone. Rod and I and Ann and Tiffany Storms enjoyed our annual pilgrimage south. Lots of lovely ponies to look at and lots of catching up with our South Island friends to be done. Once again, thank you for the fantastic hospitality and endless food as usual!

I have made contact with another new Shetland owner in our local area. Rachel Grant originally bought Barnsley Our Annie from Ann Abernethy of Taihape as a riding pony for her wee daughter. But as has been known to happen before occasionally— one Shetland just wasn't enough, so she purchased two yearling fillies from Chelsea Fuller of Whitiwhi Stud. And recently she has taken over Whitiwhi Ziggy Stardust from Chelsea also!! Looking forward to seeing these ponies out and about—especially under saddle in the lead rein classes. I get regular updates from Annette Green (Lael Valor) and Jeffrey Jones (Cotswold Canasta and Birchlands Spotlight) and they are both enjoying their wee shetties and looking forward to summer when they can get busy having fun with their wee ponies.

Not a lot more to report from our area. Hope everyone is coping with the winter weather. Lovely to see photos pop up occasionally of Shetlands in the snow down south. Ours are just Shetlands in the mud here!

Take care everyone.
Kathy Drake

AREA REPRESENTATIVE REPORT – ANN ABERNETHY LOWER NORTH ISLAND AREA

The talking point in our area has been yet another weather bomb striking – snow, rain and high winds caused problems depending on one's location. In the northern part of the area we had a good "old fashioned" snow fall and many rural homes are going into their second week without power however most folk are well prepared for such events as I guess the hardy southerners are also! And, of course, Shetland ponies cope admirably and enjoy the extra feed that gets delivered to them each day!!

I was so pleased to learn of Barnsley Evening Special's success being a joint winner with Richard and Deanna of the North Island award—it is just a shame that I have so few opportunities to show off the ponies in this area. The two lovely young girls who helped show the ponies last season were absolutely thrilled to receive their wide sashes for second and third in the Junior Handler competition. The sponsors of these awards deserve a BIG thank-you.

All ponies are looking particularly well and are feeling good too if their antics in the paddock (which at the moment resemble rice paddy fields) are anything to go by!! I think it is time for me to get busy again!! Before I took ill I had started training Barnsley BJ for driving – BJ is an acronym for Bad Jelly (the witch) from Spike Milligan's story of the same name but I couldn't bring myself to name her after a witch so hence the initials only. "Bee" earned her name because she was just such a mischievous little foal always causing mayhem. I wondered whether she would be suitable for driving but thought the extra handling would be good for her and she is responding just so well that I am looking forward to bringing her on slowly during the coming season.

Huntingdon Bliss is looking well in foal so that is something to look forward to when winter is over.

I do hope all members are keeping warm and dry.

Regards, Ann



MacKenzie Russell with the second place sash.



Abby Russell proudly showing off her third place sash



View from our front room – there are ponies out there somewhere!

IMPORTANT NOTICES!!

2018 AGM – MILTON, SOUTHLAND



The 2018 Shetland Tour and AGM will venture south next year to exploit the opportunities Milton has to offer. Milton is a convenient 25 minutes from the Dunedin Airport, with rental cars and vans available.

The tour will take place over the last weekend of May 26th and 27th 2018.

The tour will visit Richard Price's property, which is home to the Beechgrove satellite stud. Beechgrove stud bought their first pony in 1998 and will be celebrating 20 years of being involved with this wonderful breed.

The tour will also visit Elspeth Robinson's Murrayfield stud. Elspeth is a Life Member of the Shetland Pony Society and a long-time breeder of quality Shetland ponies. Narrandera Gleeson was their first Shetland pony purchased as a foal in 1989 from Don and Margaret Sutherland, followed by Narrandera Hindi in 1990.

The AGM and dinner will take place in Milton township, walking distance from accommodation available in Milton.

Accommodation:

Asure St John's Court
157 Union Street, Milton
Phone 0800 400 456

Aotea Motor Lodge
174 Union Street, Milton
Phone (03) 417 8374

Tourist Attractions In Dunedin/Otago:

The following are tourist attraction suggestions if you are staying for a longer period than just the AGM:

Taieri Gorge Train – Train leaves Dunedin at 12.30pm and returns 4.30pm, cost is \$91.00 return
20% discount for 20 or more people on tour and 10% discount for 10, bookings are essential for this trip
Albatross Colony – One hour drive from Dunedin. Tour on the hour from 10.15am, phone (03) 478 0499

Speights Brewery
Otago Museum
Larnach Castle
Chinese Gardens
Cadbury Chocolate Factory
Forsyth Barr Stadium

SHOW RESULTS / END OF YEAR AWARDS 2017-2018

Only 1st to 4th results from classes eligible for End of Year Awards.

NOTE: Results for shows will be published on the NZSPBS Website www.shetlandpony.org.nz, and shared on the Facebook page www.facebook.com/New-Zealand-Shetland-Pony-Breeders-Society-Incorporated-

Results will NO longer be published in the newsletter

It is the responsibility of each exhibitor to check their show results and notify the Show Results collators of any issues:

Catherine Crosado, phone (03) 317 8018, email duncree@ihug.co.nz for Canterbury area results

Fiona Burrows, phone (03) 312 5982, email eudunda.ram@xtra.co.nz for all other area results

Bernadette Woffenden, phone (03) 324 3271, email laelstud@xtra.co.nz for all other area results

All ponies entered for showing classes, should be entered under the official owner's name, and all ponies are to be registered or foal pre-approved with the NZSPBS where required.

In-hand show results for End of Year Awards are calculated by the NZSPBS Committee over the show season beginning **1st October 2017 to 15th May 2018** (or the date in May of the last Foal Show prior to the NZSPBS AGM, whichever date is later). The following classes are eligible:

Foal, Yearling, 2 Year Old, 3 Year Old, Gelding, Mare, Stallion, Paced, Mannered and Best Presented or Turnout.

Special Note – Mannered End of Year Award

1st to 4th placing's in designated Mannered Classes will count towards this End of Year Award, results from combined Paced and Mannered Classes will be eligible for the Paced end of year award only.

Lead Rein, Ridden, Harness and Junior Handler exhibitors need to collate and record their own results on the "NZSPBS Shetland Pony of the Year Result Sheet 2017/18" for Lead Rein, Ridden and Harness and NZSPBS Junior Handler Award Result Sheet 2017/18" (included at the end of this Newsletter). Send results in at the end of the show season to the Secretary Lesley Lewis, 530 Marshland Road, Christchurch 8083, by 15th May 2018.

SHETLAND AGM AMATEUR PHOTO COMPETITION 2018 AGM – Sponsored by the Burravoe Shetland Pony Stud

Keep your camera handy and snap some great photos for entry into the very popular Shetland AGM Amateur Photo Competition in 2018. There are six categories in which to enter:

Group of Shetlands (two or more)

Foals or Mares and Foals

Individual Shetland

Shetlands at Shows

Children and Shetlands

Shetlands and Other Animals

A request will be made closer to the 2018 AGM to send your photos in.

Please forward any queries to Lucy or Fiona Burrows, (03) 312 5982, email eudunda.ram@xtra.co.nz

NORTH ISLAND REGION SHETLAND ENTHUSIASTS SHOW

Sue Jackson Memorial Show

Date – Saturday 9th December 2017

Location – Pukekohe Showgrounds

Judges – To be confirmed

A Supreme Garland will be awarded

Schedule – Available at a later date on the website, www.shetlandpony.org.nz or the Northern Region Shetland Enthusiasts Facebook Page www.facebook.com/Northern-Region-Shetland-Pony-Enthusiasts

For further enquiries please contact Richard and Deanna Holst phone (09) 233 4879 or email tullamore@farmside.co.nz

SOUTH ISLAND SHETLAND RIDDEN SHOW

NOTE: This show is changing this year and will only cater for Ridden, First Ridden and Lead Rein classes, there will be NO Long-Reining or Harness events

Date – Saturday 2nd December 2017

Location – 530 Marshland Road (Lesley Lewis's Place)

Schedule – Available at a later date on the website, www.shetlandpony.org.nz

Classes – Ridden, First Ridden and Lead Rein

Schedule – Available at a later date

Trophy Winners 2016 – Please remember to engrave and clean your trophies and return to Lorraine Martini or Lesley Lewis prior to the show or on the day of the show – Harness and Long Reining Trophies are also to be returned to the NZSPBS committee prior to December 2017.

If you would like to help or be a sponsor or have any queries please contact Show Secretary,
Lorraine Martini, phone (03) 324 3292 or email lorraine.martini@xtra.co.nz

SOUTH ISLAND SHETLAND BREED SHOW – 21st ANNUAL SHOW

NOTE: This show will have a change of venue this year, it will be held at Ellesmere A&P Showgrounds NOT at Kaiapoi Pony Club

Date – Saturday 27th January 2018

Location – Ellesmere A&P Showgrounds

Schedule – Available at a later date on the website, www.shetlandpony.org.nz

Classes – Best Presented, Paced, Mannered and Breed Classes

Judges – Potentially Australian Judges

Schedule – Available at a later date

Trophy Winners 2017 – Please remember to engrave and clean your trophies and return to NZSPBS Secretary, Lesley Lewis prior to the show or on the day of the show.

CLASSIFIEDS

Shetland Gig or Cart

We have a lovely George Crump designed and made little Gig for sale.

Well Balanced

Just have had the solid rubber tyres rewired

860mm Wheels

Shafts 1650mm

Floor to seat 430mm

Width 1600 plus hubs

Seat adjustable back and forth

It is an attractive looking gig with a small storage box under seat.



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2017 AGM REPORT

Bernadette Woffenden / Monique James (Day 1) and Catherine Crosado / Monique James (Day 2)

DAY 1 - LEESTON

The AGM stud tour began at Ralph and Bernadette Woffenden's Lael Shetland Pony Stud. It was attended by about 30 people who appreciated snuggling around the fire due to the very cold weather. In fact it was weather rather like a cold autumn day in Scotland so the ponies felt in their element.

Bernadette had invited Pippa Newby from Hillcrest Highland Pony stud to be a guest speaker and to bring along one of her stallions. Pippa brought along her first born colt, Finnglenny of Hillcrest. He is a 3 year old dun stallion with wonderful manners and beautifully handled by Pippa. It was a very informative talk and it is exciting to have another Scottish breed emerging in New Zealand. This breed is only just developing here with only two studs breeding from imported UK stock. Currently there is less than 10 of these wonderful purebred ponies in the country. The breed standard and showing recommendations are very similar to our Shetland pony ones. Pippa was a fascinating and knowledgeable speaker and shared her experiences growing up in the UK hunting, showing and trekking these ponies. "Highland ponies are very versatile being a heavy weight breed, strong enough to carry adults with the kindness and temperament to be ridden by children. They compete in all disciplines but excel in endurance, trekking, jumping and harness."

Lael Stud currently stands two stallions, Narrandera Xzar and a young stallion, Lael St Nicholas. There is also another retired stallion Laurelwood Quazar (Imp Aust.) who serves a limited number of the stud's mares. Currently there are 27 ponies at the stud with some youngstock geldings for sale. Ralph also had his Italian stallions on display, his collection of Motoguzzi and Ducati motorbikes. It was great to catch up with members from all the over the country again and to share this passion we have for Shetland ponies and their breeding bloodlines.

A very quick trip around the road saw us arrive at Oaklea Shetland Pony Stud. This stud has a total of 37 ponies comprising of 2 stallions Narrandera Vicount (skewbald), and Narrandera Veringo (Palomino), 3 foals, 6 geldings and 26 mares. As the weather had started to deteriorate we made for the warmth of the indoors and to have lunch.

The AGM was held in the very spacious Leeston Bowling Club, which had been set up by Lorraine Martini and her army of helpers. The meeting was smooth and quick and saw the handover of the Society presidency from Fiona McLachlan to Fiona Burrows for the 2017 – 2018 year. Fiona McLachlan is stepping down due to family issues involving her beautiful son Alex who was diagnosed with Pre-B Acute Lymphoblastic Leukaemia in November 2016 and as you can imagine has turned this family's world upside down. Despite this Fiona continued on in her roles for the Society and will still continue on as the Treasurer for the coming season. The rest of the committee remains the same with the exception of the Vice President role which is now filled by Bernadette Woffenden.

The End of the Year Awards were presented and congratulations to all Winners and Runner's Up for each of the section. Special congratulations Shetland Pony of the Year, Duncree Hickory Hannah and Sire of the Year Duncree Eclipse both owned by Catherine Crosado of Duncree Shetland Pony Stud. Congratulations to the Junior Handler of the Year, Toby Harden. Toby had a very successful show season showing his family's Shetland ponies including the late Burravoe Dante. Many of us remember Toby as a young child and after a few years away from the show scene, we were shocked at the tall, lean young man that was back in action this year.

We had a fabulous dinner of spit roast, vegetables, salads and desserts, along with the raffle and a very quick auction by Baxter Smith before the dessert. The meal was delicious and there was plenty of food!

DAY 2 - DARFIELD

On Sunday morning we had an early start to see a dressage display at Haig Equestrian near Darfield. These horses were the other end of the scale from our Shetlands standing at 17.3hh and 18.1hh.

We were treated to a stunning musical freestyle display by Westford Lanciano (Elmo) a 17.3hh Holsteiner and his rider Lauren Haig. Amongst his achievement last season was the 2017 SI Champs Reserve Champion Advanced. He competed at level 6 (Prix St George) last season and hopefully will be out at level 8 (1 under Grand Prix) this coming season.

Grandioso BH 18.1 Hanoverian better known as Ollie, competed once last season for the first time at Level 4 and was selected for the NZ Under 25yr squad. The only one lower than Marlborough to be selected. Ollie is just getting to grips with having an audience and we were all happy to stand around the arena so he could get used to us.

The other star of the morning was Pepper the Kune Kune pig, who parks herself in front of you for a scratch. You can follow Elmo and Ollie's progress next season on Facebook page Haig Equestrian.

After the dressage display we all headed down the road to Duncree Shetland Pony Stud, owned by Catherine Crosado. Here we were treated to a show of a large number of Shetland ponies, Catherine indicated over 30 in the one paddock! It didn't look to be that many, but it was a very large paddock, so looks were deceiving! Here we viewed a number of very large, solid ponies, with black being the predominant colour. Even Catherine's assistants had trouble telling who from who at times.

Some of the ponies were very excited to see guests and promptly came up for a closer inspection. A couple of the ponies were most interested in little Alex McLachlan's pushchair and Alex himself and the ponies wasted no time in getting up close and very personal, one of these ponies was the NZ Shetland Pony of the Year – Duncree Hickory Hannah.

Resident stallion Duncree Eclipse and his harem of girls were not so keen to mingle with the visiting group, but Duncree Eclipse later made a surprise visit at the lunch. Lunch was once again plentiful and delicious and special thanks also goes out to Catherine's parents Dennis and Irene.

The weekend was planned and organised by Lorraine Martini, Bernadette Woffenden and Catherine Crosado along with their associated family and friends who provided assistance over the weekend. On behalf of the Society and Committee we would like to extend our thanks to these people for all their hard work in organising such an enjoyable weekend.

AGM PHOTOS

Photos Courtesy of Monique James and Bernadette Woffenden

Pippa Newby from Hillcrest Highland Pony and her first born colt, Finnglenny of Hillcrest



Lael Stud Photos





Oaklea Stud Photos



Duncree Stud Photos



AGM Wrap Up – Catherine Crosado and Duncree Eclipse with AGM attendees in the background

End of Year Award Photos



Foal Runner Up – Owlca Labour of Love (pending), Karen Findlay



Foal Winner – Burravoe Pegasus (pending), Fiona Burrows



Yearling Runner Up – Lael Naress, Chloe Woffenden



Yearling Winner – Oaklea Halliwell, Bernadette Woffenden



2 Year Old Runner Up – Cotswold Crystal Clarice, Diana Humphries



2 Year Old Winner – Beechgrove Supreme Lady Bird, Andrea Price



3 Year Old Winner, Paced Runner Up and Turnout Runner Up – Oaklea Filagree, Sarah Harden



Gelding Runner Up and Lead Rein Runner Up – Burravoe Dante, Toby Harden



Gelding Winner, Paced Winner, Mannered Winner – Duncree Hickory Hank, Vicki Havord



Mare Runner Up – Beechgrove Telara, Kirsty Whiting



Mare Winner, Turnout Winner, Mannered Runner Up, South Island Trophy Winner and **Overall Shetland Pony of the Year** – Duncree Hickory Hannah, Catherine Crosado



Stallion Runner Up and North Island Trophy Winner – Gleneagles Prince, Richard Holst



Stallion Winner – Domino Downs Bailey (Imp. Aust.), Kirsty Whiting



Ridden Runner Up – Llewellyn Spellbound, Lesley Lewis



Ridden Winner, Cotswold Foxfire, Lesley Lewis and Diana Humphries



Lead Rein Winner, Narrandera Xcell, Toby Harden



Harness Runner Up – Beechgrove Belle Bird, Andrea Price



Harness Winner, Beechgrove Cappuccino, Karen Wilson



Junior Handler Award Winner – Toby Harden



Sarah and Toby Harden with their collection of awards for ponies Oaklea Filagree, Burravoe Dante and Narrandera Xcell



Catherine Crosado with her collection of awards for Duncree Hickory Hannah



Vicki Havord and Catherine Crosado with their collection of awards for Duncree ponies Duncree Hickory Hank and Duncree Hickory Hannah

NEW ZEALAND SHETLAND PONY END OF YEAR RESULTS – 2017

CLASS	PONY	OWNER / HANDLER	POINTS	ENTRIES
<u>Foal End of Year Award – Trophy Donated by Rockisle Shetland Pony Stud</u>				
Foal – Winner	Burravoe Pegasus (pending)	Burrows Family	17	2
Foal – Runner Up	Owlca Labour of Love (pending)	Karen Findlay	6	
<u>Yearling End of Year Award – Trophy Donated by Mazline PartsWorld – The Wilson Family</u>				
Yearling – Winner	Oaklea Halliwell	Woffenden Family	39	3
Yearling – Runner Up	Lael Naress	Woffenden Family	27	
<u>2 Year Old End of Year Award – Trophy Donated by Shona & Andy Cusack, Oamaru</u>				
2 Year Old – Winner	Beechgrove Supreme Lady Bird	Beechgrove Stud	22	5
2 Year Old – Runner Up	Cotswold Crystal Clarice	D & J Humphries	17	
<u>3 Year Old End of Year Award – Trophy Donated by Beechgrove Stud, The Price Family</u>				
3 Year Old – Winner	Oaklea Filagree	Christine Harrison / Sarah Harden	56	9
3 Year Old – Runner Up	Barnsley Evening Special	Ann Abernethy	21	
<u>OVERALL YOUNGSTOCK END OF YEAR AWARD – TROPHY DONATED BY MARIAN LUSBY, NORTH CLOSE SHETLANDS, CAMBRIDGE</u>				
YOUNGSTOCK OVERALL WINNER	OAKLEA FILAGREE	C. HARRISON / S. HARDEN	56	
<u>Gelding End of Year Award – Trophy Donated by Helen Salt, Saltaire Shetland Pony Stud</u>				
Gelding – Winner	Duncree Hickory Hank	Vicki Havord	49	23
Gelding – Runner Up	Burravoe Dante	Christine Harrison / Sarah Harden	41	
<u>Mare End of Year Award – Trophy Donated by Lesley & Paul Lewis, Llewellyn Shetland Pony Stud</u>				
Mare – Winner	Duncree Hickory Hannah	Catherine Crosado	62	28
Mare – Runner Up	Beechgrove Telara	Kirsty Whiting	18	
<u>Stallion End of Year Award – Trophy Donated by Diana & John Humphries, Cotswold Shetland Pony Stud</u>				
Stallion – Winner	Domino Downs Bailey (Imp Aust.)	Kirsty Whiting	40	6
Stallion – Runner Up	Gleneagles Prince	Sue Jackson / Richard Holst	21	
<u>Paced End of Year Award – Trophy Donated by Craig & Kerin Houston, Rose Eyre Shetland Pony Stud</u>				
Paced – Winner	Duncree Hickory Hank	Vicki Havord	31	59
Paced – Runner Up	Oaklea Filagree	Christine Harrison / Sarah Harden	26	
<u>Mannered End of Year Award – Trophy Donated by Sarah Petrie, North Canterbury</u>				
Mannered – Winner	Duncree Hickory Hank	Vicki Havord	15	33
Mannered – Runner Up	Duncree Hickory Hannah	Catherine Crosado	10	
<u>Turnout End of Year Award – Trophy Donated by Catherine Crosado, Duncree Shetland Pony Stud</u>				
Turnout – Winner	Duncree Hickory Hannah	Catherine Crosado	36	59
Turnout – Runner Up	Oaklea Filagree	Christine Harrison / Sarah Harden	32	
<u>Ridden End of Year Award – Trophy Donated by Helen Salt, Saltaire Shetland Pony Stud</u>				
Ridden – Winner	Cotswold Foxfire	Lesley Lewis / Diana Humphries	56	5
Ridden – Runner Up	Llewellyn Spellbound	Lesley Lewis	21	
<u>Lead Rein End of Year Award – Trophy Donated by Helen Salt, Saltaire Shetland Pony Stud</u>				
Lead Rein	Narrandera Xcell	Christine Harrison / Sarah Harden	36	2
Lead Rein – Runner Up	Burravoe Dante	Christine Harrison / Sarah Harden	33	
<u>Harness End of Year Award – Trophy Donated by Lucy Giles, Halland Stables</u>				
Harness – Winner	Beechgrove Cappuccino	Karen Wilson	158	2
Harness – Runner Up	Beechgrove Belle Bird	Andrea Price	85	
<u>NORTH ISLAND TROPHY – DONATED BY VINCENT FAMILY, FOXTON</u>				
NORTH ISLAND TROPHY WINNERS	GLENEAGLES PRINCE BARNSELY EVENING SPECIAL	SUE JACKSON / RICHARD HOLST ANN ABERNETHY	21 21	
<u>SOUTH ISLAND TROPHY – DONATED BY CATHERINE CROSADO, DUNCREE SHETLAND PONY STUD</u>				
SOUTH ISLAND TROPHY WINNER	DUNCREE HICKORY HANNAH	CATHERINE CROSADO	62	
<u>OVERALL SHETLAND PONY OF THE YEAR TROPHY – DONATED BY VINCENT FAMILY, FOXTON</u>				
OVERALL SHETLAND PONY OF THE YEAR	DUNCREE HICKORY HANNAH	CATHERINE CROSADO	62 POINTS	

SIRE RATING RESULTS – 2017

Placing	Pony	Points
1 st	Duncree Eclipse	90 points
2 nd	Cotswold Aristocrat	74 points
3 rd	Narrandera Veringo	69 points
4 th	Fenwick Aniseed (Imp Aust.)	67 points
5 th	Laurelwood Quazar (Imp Aust.)	37 points
6 th	Llewellyn Moritz	34 points

YOUNG EXHIBITORS AWARD RESULTS – 2017

3 Entries

Placing	Handler	Pony
1 st	Toby Harden	Burravoe Dante
2 nd	MacKenzie Russell	Huntingdon Bliss
3 rd	Abby Russell	Barnsley Gandalf

AGM 2017 PHOTO COMPETITION RESULTS

This competition ran for the sixth year at the AGM and there were some great photos on display. Remember to keep snapping throughout the coming season in order to submit your photos for the 2018 AGM. A big thank you to Burravoe Stud for organising this competition and supplying prizes. Thank you to Lucy Burrows and Baxter Smith for calculating the results.

Section 1 – Groups of Shetlands Two or More 1 st Lesley Lewis 2 nd Kathy Drake 3 rd Sarah Harden	Section 2 – Foals or Mares and Foals 1 st Lesley Lewis 2 nd Kathy Drake 3 rd Lucy Burrows
Section 3 – Individual Shetland 1 st Lesley Lewis 2 nd Geraldine Edgar 3 rd Paula Hodges	Section 4 – Shetlands at Shows 1 st Lesley Lewis 2 nd Sarah Harden 3 rd Sarah Harden
Section 5 – Children and Shetlands 1 st Lesley Lewis 2 nd Geraldine Edgar 3 rd Rod Drake	Section 6 – Shetlands and Other Animals 1 st Kathy Drake 2 nd Shona Cusack 3 rd Sarah Harden
Overall Winning Photo (Photo With the Most Votes) Lesley Lewis and Individual Shetland Section 3 Photo	



Section 1 Groups of Shetlands Two or More Winner – Lesley Lewis,
Left to right – Beechgrove Muffin Magic, Beechgrove Stormcloud,
Llewellyn Moody Blue, Cotswold Burbury Twill, Cotswold Archdale,
(Cotswold Foxfire obscured) and Beechgrove Basil Brush



Section 1 Groups of Shetlands Two or More Runner Up – Kathy Drake, Narrandera Sateen, Gleneagles Ebony and Gleneagles Crème de la Crème



Section 2 Foals or Mares and Foals Winner – Lesley Lewis, Llewellyn Melina behind mum's bum (mum = Llewellyn Mystique)



Section 2 Foals or Mares and Foals Runner Up – Kathy Drake, Gleneagles Ebony and her Prized Pony foal



Section 3 Individual Shetland Winner & **Overall Winning Photo** – Lesley Lewis, Llewellyn Moritz



Section 3 Individual Shetland Runner Up – Geraldine Edgar, Molly Hailes leading her sister Isla on Cotswold Cilla at Gore A&P Show



Section 4 Shetlands at Shows Winner – Lesley Lewis, Cotswold Foxfire and Llewellyn Merlin competing in the Pony Hunter section at the Duvauchelle A. & P. Show



Section 4 Shetlands at Shows Runner Up – Sarah Harden, Sienna Harden riding Narrandera Xcell



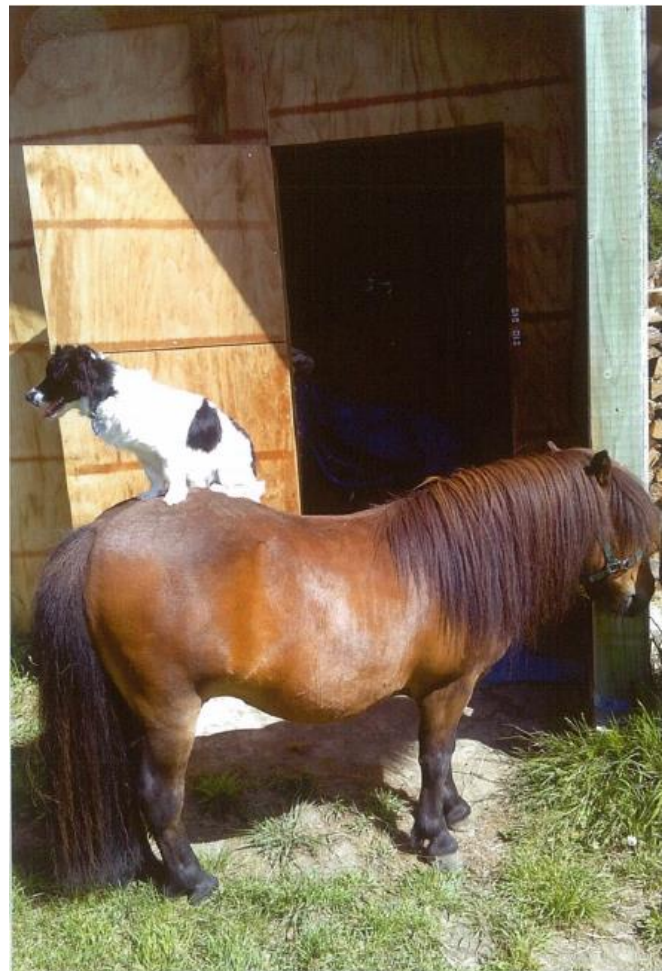
Section 5 Children and Shetlands Winner – Lesley Lewis, Beechgrove Stormcloud and Llewellyn Merlin



Section 5 Children and Shetlands Runner Up – Geraldine Edgar, Hailes sisters' and Emma Blom on Geraldine Edgar's Shetland's



Section 6 Shetlands and Other Animals Winner – Kathy Drake, Gleneagles Crème de la Crème and his cat Tortellini



Section 6 Shetlands and Other Animals Runner Up – Shona Cusack, Noggin the dog perched on Cotswold Asterix

NZ SHETLAND PONY OF THE YEAR 2017 PROFILE – DUNCREE HICKORY HANNAH

Congratulations on winning pony of the year with Duncree Hickory Hannah for 2017!

Duncree Hickory Hannah Description:

Sex: Mare
Height: 9.1½ hh
Colour: Black
Dam: Llewellyn Holly 291NZ
Sire: Duncree Eclipse 486NZ
Date of Birth: 17 October 2012

Describe the character of the pony.

Very laid back left brain pony but quick to respond when asked to do something. Have to be on my game keeping her attention as she gets bored quickly.

Does this pony have any odd little quirks?

She seeks me out for a scratch under her mane. Think it gets a bit hot under that long thick mane.

What do you love most about this pony?

Love her head and her mane (which I had to wash in sections)

Describe the most memorable show that you attended last season and why.

The Mackenzie Highland Show was as we travelled down the night before and stayed with friends. Hannah's first time away from the Herd for the night. Bexley (Cotswold Bexley Heath) came along for the trip. She won the Tartan Scarf and got to lead out the Shetlands in the Parade.

Duncree Shetland Pony Stud was profiled some time ago, but given that this is one of the largest Shetland pony studs in New Zealand it was decided to re-profile the stud.

MEMBER PROFILE – CATHERINE CROSADO

How long have you been a member of the NZ Shetland Pony Breeders Society?

20 years. Joined in 1997

How did you become interested in Shetland ponies?

I started riding late in life and went to horses so missed out the pony phase so decided to buy a Shetland pony. It all started very innocently.

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

Cotswold Bexley Heath (aka the BMan)

What activities do you enjoy doing with your Shetlands?

I enjoy all things Shetland but so love showing people the Herd.

Describe your most memorable experience with your Shetlands.

Probably winning Shetland of the Year with Hannah as her dam Llewellyn Holly won it back in 2001 – 2002 season

Do you have a favourite Shetland? If so, what is its name and why is it a favourite?

Don't have one favourite. Bexley is my go to Shetland - does everything but they are all special.

What other hobbies or activities do you enjoy?

I like watching DVD's - makes me sit down and do nothing for a while. Mum and I go to line dancing in Glenroy. I'm a Parelli Natural Horsemanship student - currently working on my Level 3 and 4 online and liberty with Bexley.

STUD PROFILE – DUNCREE

What is the name of your stud, how is it pronounced?	Duncree
How did you come up with your stud name?	My late husband Craig and his work mates came up with the name. Think it might be a made up word but cree means member of a family.
Where is your stud located?	1173 Telegraph Road, Charing Cross, Mid Canterbury
How many ponies do you have at your stud?	There are 46 here. Phew! 47 if you include Trusty (the horse). People often ask me who he is. I say he's an honorary Shetland – just grew a little over height.
What is the name of your stallion(s)?	Duncree Eclipse (Clipper)
How many foals were born last season and do you aim to breed any foals this coming season?	Had one colt foal born last season. Have 3 mares in foal and 2 maybe.
Describe the aim of your stud.	To breed true to type Shetlands suitable for all disciplines raised in the most natural way possible.
Do you have any advice for members interested in starting their own Stud?	Do your research on different bloodlines and talk to breeders. I found when I started Shetland owners and breeders were very keen to answer questions.
Describe your ponies in 10 words or less.	Best fun ever – privileged to have them in my life



Catherine Crosado and Duncree Hickory Hannah at Canterbury Horse and Pony Breeders Show 2017



Catherine Crosado and Duncree Hickory Hannah (left) and Vicki Havord and Duncree Hickory Hank (right) at Mackenzie A&P Show 2017



The Duncree herd eating grass last summer



Duncree Thom Thumb and Duncree Hickory Hakim getting a bit vertical
– Photo credit Vikki Chisholm



Cotswold Bexley Heath posing for a Christmas photo



The herd on the move

NZ SHETLAND PONY OF THE YEAR
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Duncree Shetland Pony Stud owner Catherine Crosado admits to having always had an interest in horses, but added that she started riding late in life, so missed the pony craze. Catherine bought her first Shetland 'Cotswold Bexley Heath' twenty years ago. Bexley is still with her and very much boss of The Herd.

"Duncree Shetland Pony Stud began its Shetland breeding programme in 1998 and it just snow balled from there," Catherine laughed. "The Shetlands all run in a herd, and the foals, wherever possible, are born into the herd. The aim being to allow a natural lifestyle with freedom to move and graze 24/7. This helps keep them fit in mind and body," Catherine added. "My stallion runs with a mare all year around so that he has company."

Duncree Shetland Pony Stud is on Telegraph Road, at Charing Cross and recently one of its mares 'Duncree Hickory Hannah' has achieved an outstanding accolade - that of winning the New Zealand Shetland Pony of the Year. She also won Mare of the Year, Best Turned out Pony of the Year and South Island Pony of the Year and was runner up Best Mannered Pony of the Year. The Shetland of the Year is part of the end of year awards run by the New Zealand Shetland Pony Breeders Society (Inc.). Points are awarded for places gained in breed classes for registered Shetlands at A & P Shows. The awards are presented at the NZSPSBS AGM that was held in Leeston at the end of May.

"As for the magic formula to produce a champion," Catherine commented, "I think there's definitely breeding involved, but also some luck. Lucky that Hannah looks like she does, but also that she doesn't mind all the preparation and hustle and bustle of the Shows. She went out to fourteen Shows - loaded in the dark and taken to a different place each time and never once decided she didn't want to go on the horsefloat."

Hannah's dam Llewellyn Holly won the Shetland of the year in 2001/2002 season, so it was very rewarding for Catherine to see her daughter do the same. "We can also add," said Catherine, "that our Stallion 'Duncree Eclipse' won Sire of the Year and Hannah's full brother 'Duncree Hickory Hank' (owned by Vicki Havord of Darfield) won Gelding of the Year, Best Paced pony of the Year and Best Mannered Pony of the Year. Needless to say we were very pleased and proud," Catherine said. "The awards at the AGM were pretty special, as it was a brother and sister team; both are by my stallion. I am a student of Parelli Natural Horsemanship, so I put a lot of prior and proper preparation into making sure my Shetlands are ready to go out to a Show, or to a new home."

Duncree Shetland Pony Stud relocated from Rolleston after the earthquakes saw that area become more urbanised and arrived in the area complete with 34 Shetlands transported in numerous horsefloats (there are now 46 Shetlands and one horse on the property). "It was a very nervous time as 'Llewellyn Holly' (Shetland Pony of the Year Hannah's dam) was due to foal, but she waited until we were settled and Hannah was the first foal to be born at our new home.

"My parents Irene and Denis Phillips (both in their mid 80's) live with me and although it was a big move for them to come to the area, they have become involved in local activities and made new friends. It's my Dad that bags up the pony poo and puts it out on the road side (and it's free). We all really enjoy living in the area," Catherine said, "and have always been made to feel very welcome," she concluded.



Photo Caption: Duncree Shetland Pony Stud owner Catherine Crosado with Duncree Hickory Hannah' the New Zealand Shetland Pony of the Year. "My green jacket from Polkadotcom was bought on a chance visit and looked amazing in the ring," Catherine added. (Photo credit Michelle Clarke Photography)

DRESSAGE ANYONE?

Carl Hester's biggest challenge yet: 8.3hh Shetland in dressage training



Pamela is preparing for the Burghley Horse Trials and has had her first dressage lesson with Carl Hester

Read more at Horsetalk.co.nz:

<https://www.horsetalk.co.nz/2017/07/29/carl-hester-shetland-dressage-training/>

OVERSEAS PHOTOS

The following photos were supplied by Karen Findlay from her recent family trip overseas



Ardenes Cold Blood mare plaited in her Belgium colours at the 2017 Foire de Libramont Belgium



Lisa playing with the foals at Spitzberg Shetland Pony Stud in Erklenz Germany

HARNESS PONY OF THE YEAR – BEECHGROVE CAPPUCCINO (LILLY)

Written by Karen Wilson, Canterbury

I purchased Lilly from Andrea and Richard Price in 2008 as soon as she was old enough to be weaned. Her sire is the lovely Palomino Cotswold Aristocrat and dam is Cotswold Bellbird a pretty Chestnut mare.

She was a timid, nervous wee thing and I must admit there was the odd occasion when I thought (what have I done?). After trying the friendly-friendly approach we decided to change tack and we worked out the best way to win her over was to totally ignore her. Sometimes I would be out there with my book and deck chair, after some time had passed she could not stand it any longer and would have to come over to see what I was reading. Eventually coming to the conclusion that we were not so scary after all and hanging out with us could be quite fun.

I showed Lilly in hand for a few years. Then, with lots of encouragement from Andrea, we decided that we would like to see how she would go in harness. During winter in particular the ponies would take a vacation up to Culverden spending time with my Mum and Dad. I was very fortunate that my Dad is very good with the ponies and he enjoyed time working with them lunging, long reining, towing the tyre etc. So I was lucky enough that Dad did a lot of the ground work. I was also fortunate that my very good friend Andrea offered to take Lilly back and put her in the cart. Without too many problems apart from one amusing incident it all went off pretty smoothly. I remember going down to collect her once her harness breaking in was complete, Andrea thought it would be a good idea if I drove her around her track first, so trying to hide my nerves I clambered into the gig and away we went. The only problem was there was a mother duck and her ducklings waddling along the track in front of us. Do you think we could muster enough speed to get past - back then Lilly wasn't exactly breaking any speed limits and I'm sure they were finding it very amusing at our efforts to overtake the peloton. I did try to tell Andy that maybe her ducks were of the exceptionally fast variety but if I'm being completely honest they were just your average moving farm duck. Well thank goodness we have left that in the past and we have no problems in this area anymore.

We mainly competed in Dressage and Cones for the first year as we weren't confident enough to take part in the marathon and obstacles. These were good fun but eventually we stepped up and did our first full Marathon and DOD (Dressage, Obstacles & Cones) by tagging along with Andrea and Splash at Woodbury quite a few years ago. Well after that we were hooked. Lilly and I both love competing in these events. The hardest part of the event is trying to memorise the route whilst negotiating the obstacles, driving them is the easiest part. It's a real challenge and team effort lovely to get good results but also just as pleasing to know you have both done your best on the day.

Several years ago we decided we would have a go at competing in the Harness Section of some of the A&P Shows. This was challenging at first but I really enjoy it. I enjoy getting Lilly, all my gear and gig, shiny and clean ready for the show ring. I like the challenge of working together as a team and trying to do our best in the show classes. I think it's very good to expose our ponies to as many different situations as possible and the hype of an A&P show is a good way to do this.

The driving I enjoy the most would have to be the adventures with the "Giddy Up Shetland Girls". We will often go away for a few days to somewhere with good driving terrain, sleep in our floats and get as much driving in as we can. They are great times and I sometimes have to pinch myself as I feel so lucky we are able to have so much fun with our best friends, human and pony. The ponies all know each other very well and are used to getting together for our adventures. In fact prior to yet another escapade they have been known to put hoof to keyboard and send the odd email to each other to try to find out what's up and where this next adventure will lead us.

Lilly stands at a very tall 9 hands in height but this doesn't hold her back at all she has a very big heart and does anything I ask of her and more. Some of our highlight exploits would be the Otago Rail Trail we completed in two stages. In fact we are soon to go away again and drive some of the highlight routes within the rail trail. Some other places we have driven are Hanmer Springs, Waikaouati, Woodbury-Geraldine, Hurunui, Kuraheka-Oamaru, Balfour, Matura Gorge, Waimumu, Ranfurly and Fairlie just to name a few. We also have an adventure to Nelson in 2018 which will be somewhere we haven't yet explored. It's funny when you enjoy going out exploring whilst harness driving you tend to start to see things differently to other people. On a road trip most people love to take in the picturesque scenery whereas I'm constantly scanning how wide the road verges are and the idealness for a pony in cart. I think that it is a sign I must be hooked on this Harness Driving practise.

Due to some of the terrain we take our ponies now we all have our gigs adjusted so the axles can be widened or narrowed to suit the situation. I also have disc brakes on my gig to assist when going down steeper areas. I use a normal Zilco Harness but have an empathy type breast plate. It allows good movement of the upper leg and is particularly beneficial for our smaller ponies. The other advantage of the empathy plate is it is situated so it does not restrict the windpipe. I also use boots with her when I know we are driving more road work or on terrain that is shingly. I find it's a lot kinder than trying to put shoes on our wee ponies' hooves.

Lilly is a great little pony to drive she responds very well to my voice and seems to enjoy the harness driving as much as me. When we are all together she doesn't mind if she leads, is in middle or tail end Charlie.

At home we have a 1.3 km walkway that we are able to capitalise on. The beauty of it is, there is no traffic and it's a great place to drive for Lilly's fitness. I also have nice wide verges around our roads really good, safe and horse friendly. Over Summer I try to drive Lilly at least 2-3 a week but as well I run Muffin (Beechgrove Muffin Magic), Sophie (Shilmaine Sophia) and Lilly behind my motor bike for 5-7 k's at least once or twice a week. She's a relatively quiet wee pony but can get a little spooked on the odd occasion but nothing to worry about as I know she won't lose the plot. One of the endearing things about Lilly is when I ask for more she gives me more and just keeps giving - never gives up. She is also a great all-rounder seems to enjoy any type of driving from Showing to DODs to pleasure drives. Just like any pony Lilly loves the work and it is the making of them.

She has other talents as well. Some shall we say - a little unusual. One of these being at home, and involves when I'm cleaning up the paddocks, collecting up the poo, she will come up behind me, give me the softest nudge then turns around positioning herself ready for me to put my wire collection basket under her tail where she will proceed to deposit her waste before moving onto graze. This habit started when she was quite young, unfortunately she has not had success at getting Muffin and Sophie to follow her lead.

At home the pecking order amongst my wee herd leaves Lilly as far from Numero Uno as possible☹. She is dominated by most of the Shetland ponies I have ever had not in a bad way (if it was a problem I would certainly separate them) it is just the way it is. The shelter in the paddock I am saddened to say she is not allowed to occupy. The rules are quite clear - she's not to use it at all, bar the exception where Muffin and Sophie are not in the same paddock as her at the time. Muffin is the rule maker, instigator and enforcer. Interestingly enough I have noticed just lately someone has been depositing the odd pony poo in the shelter. I was at odds to discover which one of my three furry friends were not keeping their shelter tidy when Terry said he had seen our Lilly entering the shelter, staying for some 10 seconds or so then leaving the scene quite smartly. Make what of it as you may but we have our suspicions that Lilly may be attempting to get her revenge.

Some of Lilly's Achievements are:

2012 NZSPBS Annual Show Challenge Cup for Champion Harness Pony
2016 NZSPBS Annual Show Challenge Cup for Champion Harness Pony
2013 NZSPBS Best Harness Pony of the Year – Champion
2014 NZSPBS Best Harness Pony of the Year – Reserve Champion
2015 NZSPBS Best Harness Pony of the Year – Champion
2016 NZSPBS Best Harness Pony of the Year – Champion
2017 NZSPBS Best Harness Pony of the Year – Champion

My plans for Lilly in the future are to keep driving as long as I can. We have thought of letting her have a foal but we are considering the options. I now have Lilly's half-sister Sophie in harness. I am very happy with her, she's going along kindly most of the time. On my bucket list is putting Lilly and Sophie together in harness as a pair in the future..... Maybe. Its early days for Sophie we need more time to see how things go and get my head around the prospect. We have a dream of driving the Cavalcade which would require a pair in harness so watch this space.

Well as you have probably gathered I could waffle on about Lilly for ever but I don't think Monique would appreciate me filling up her newsletter. Lastly I will just say one more thing. You know when you have that extra special little equine friend that you know that without a doubt they would go the extra mile for you as you would for them - well just in case you haven't worked out already Lilly is my one in a million ☺

Karen Wilson





Beechgrove Cappuccino (Lilly) and Owner Karen Wilson

JUNIOR HANDLER AWARD – TOBY HARDEN
Written by Sarah Harden, Canterbury



It all started when a one year old boy met for the first time an adorable little Shetland foal that is well known by the name Paige (aka Narrandera Xcell).

This pony was the catalyst for the whole Harden/Harrison family becoming involved in Shetlands and the young pair formed a close friendship right from the get go. Toby was forever saying "look Grandma/Mum I can lead Paige", "look I can ride Paige". By the time Toby was 5 years old he entered his first A&P show in-hand and the pair had a fantastic season winning some wide sashes and even Supreme Champion 34" & under at the South Island Shetland Show. The special surprise coming when he won Young handler of the year at age 5/6years! Not a bad start into the world of showing.

As one does, Toby grew and grew and well outgrew his beloved little pony and found the world of football. Always still holding an interest in the ponies but with my health at the time it was on the back burner.

Fast forward to 2016-17 and Toby was keen to be involved again. This time paired up with Burravoe Dante. Grandma started the season on a fantastic roll with her pony Dante but due to health reasons Toby took over and never looked back. The pair had many wide sashes and Supremes and Toby found his love of the ring again. Now I'm rather biased (being his Mum and all!) but I thought he looked rather dapper in his suit and very grown up. Toby wore his late Pop's hat for every show adding a special touch of sentimentally to the occasions. I'm sure he was watching from above with pride.



Sadly the season came to an early end with the passing of Dante. It was without doubt the hardest of times as a Shetland pony owner our family had to go through. This beloved pony had been a part of our family since we saw him as a foal and had also become Sienna's riding pony. A truly exquisite pony who knew he was hot stuff and had the loveliest nature. We have no doubt he was on his way to some top accolades but fate dealt its hand.

So it was bittersweet moment when Toby was awarded Young handler of the year at the AGM. We as a family are ever so proud of Toby and his achievements with the ponies. There is something very rewarding about having your child enjoy what you do and sharing in those experiences.

Toby now is the proud owner Burravoe Phineas Phynn (Toby's name is on the papers, his first official pony - something Toby is quick to point out!) and hopes to be back out there next season amongst it all.

Sarah Harden



SHETLAND SHOWS 2017 / 2018 SEASON

Please note that the following list of shows throughout New Zealand are shows that have been known to offer Shetland classes. Please check with the Show Secretary or refer to the schedule when available as to whether classes are being offered for the current show season. The shows listed may not be all of the shows that offer Shetland classes.

A register of shows, show information and contact details can be found on www.ras.org.nz. Please ensure you check to confirm schedule details and dates of shows.

NORTH ISLAND SHOWS

Waikato Agricultural & Pastoral Association Date: 27 - 29 October 2017 Venue: Claudelands Event Centre, Hamilton	Email: info@waikatoaandp.co.nz Phone: 07 855 4776 Website: www.waikatoaandp.co.nz
Clevedon Agricultural & Pastoral Association Date: 18 - 19 November 2017 Venue: Clevedon Showgrounds, Clevedon	Email: info@clevedonshow.co.nz Phone: 09 292 3061 Website: www.clevedonshow.co.nz
Manawatu Agricultural & Pastoral Association Date: 04 - 05 November 2017 Venue: Manfield Park, Feilding	Email: showmanawatuap@gmail.com Phone: 06 323 1886 Website: www.manawatushow.co.nz
Northern Region Shetland Enthusiasts Show Date: 09 December 2017 Venue: Pukekohe A & P Showgrounds, Pukekohe	Contact: Richard and Deanna Holst Phone: 09 233 4877 Email: tullamore@farmside.co.nz
North Island In Hand All Breeds Show Date: January 2018 - check website Venue: TBA - check website	Email: NIABshowsec@gmail.com Phone: 0274 787 154 Website: www.niabshow.webs.com
Taihape Agricultural & Pastoral Association Date: 27 January 2018 Venue: Memorial Park, Taihape	Email: taihape.anp@hotmail.co.nz Phone: Website: www.taihape.co.nz
Warkworth Agricultural & Pastoral Association Date: 27 - 28 January 2018 Venue: State Highway One, Warkworth	Email: warkworthsociety@clear.net.nz Phone: 09 422 2052 Website: www.warkworthaandpshow.com
Franklin Agricultural & Pastoral Society Date: 17 - 18 February 2018 Venue: Pukekohe Showgrounds, Pukekohe	Email: jacqui@pukekoheshowgrounds.co.nz Phone: 09 238 8773 Website: www.pukekoheshowgrounds.co.nz
Kumeu Agricultural & Horticultural Society Date: 10 March 2018 Venue: Kumeu Showgrounds, Kumeu	Email: kumeushowgrounds@xtra.co.nz Phone: 09 412-9322 Website: www.kumeushow.co.nz
Auckland Agricultural & Pastoral Association (Easter Show) Date: 29 March - 2 April 2018 Venue: ASB Showgrounds, Auckland	Email: melissah@asbshowgrounds.co.nz Phone: 09 638 9969 Website: www.aucklandaandp.co.nz

SOUTH ISLAND SHOWS

Southern Canterbury Spring Horse Show Date: 07 - 08 October 2017 Venue: Waimate A&P Showgrounds, Waimate	Email: info@scshow@xtra.co.nz Phone: 03 689 6540 Website:
Ellesmere Agricultural & Pastoral Association Date: 14 October 2017 Venue: 1650 Leeston Road, Leeston	Email: info@ellesmereshow.co.nz Phone: 03 324-3807 Website: www.ellesmereshow.co.nz
Northern Agricultural & Pastoral Association (Rangiora) Date: 20 - 21 October 2017 Venue: Rangiora Showgrounds, Rangiora	Email: info@rangiorashow.co.nz Phone: 03 313-6945 Website: www.rangiorashow.co.nz
Amberley Agricultural & Pastoral Association Date: 28 October 2017 Venue: Amberley Domain, Amberley	Email: amberleyaandp@gmail.com Phone: 03 314 9313
Ashburton Agricultural & Pastoral Association Date: 27 - 28 October 2017 Venue: Ashburton Showgrounds, Ashburton	Email: ashburtonshow@gmail.com Phone: 03 308 7908 Website: www.ashburtonshow.co.nz
Canterbury Agricultural & Pastoral Association Date: 15 - 17 November 2017 Venue: Canterbury Agricultural Park, Christchurch	Email: mel@theshow.co.nz Phone: 03 343 2136 Website: www.theshow.co.nz

Courtenay Agricultural & Pastoral Association Date: 25 November 2017 Venue: Kirwee Showgrounds, Kirwee.	Email: secretary@courtenayshow.org.nz Phone: 03 318 1676 Website: www.courtenayshow.org.nz
Southern Canterbury Agricultural & Pastoral Association Date: 25 November 2017 Venue: Waimate A&P Showgrounds, Waimate	Email: info@scshow.co.nz Phone: 03 689 6540 Website: www.waimateshow.co.nz
South Island Shetland Pony Ridden Show Date: 02 December 2017 Venue: Marshland Road, Christchurch	Contact: Lorraine Martini (Show Secretary) Email: lorraine.martini@xtra.co.nz Phone: 03 324 3292
South Island Premier Championship Show Association Date: 08 - 10 December 2017 Venue: Canterbury Agricultural Park, Christchurch	Email: sipremiershow@hotmail.co.nz Cell: 021 568 843 Website: www.sipremiershow.com
Tokomairiro Agricultural & Pastoral Association Date: 09 December 2017 Venue: Tokomairiro A & P Showgrounds, Milton	Email: tokoap@xtra.co.nz Phone: 027 364 6237 Website:
Banks Peninsula Agricultural & Pastoral Association Date: 20 January 2018 Venue: Awa-Iti Domain, Little River	Email: littleivershow@xtra.co.nz Phone: 03 329 7079 Website: www.littlerivershow.org.nz
South Island Shetland Pony Breed Show Date: 27 January 2018 Venue: Ellesmere A & P Showgrounds, Leeston	Contact: TBA Email: Website: www.shetlandpony.org.nz
Otago/Taieri Agricultural & Pastoral Society Date: 27 - 28 January 2018 Venue: Taieri Showgrounds, Mosgiel	Email: otagotaieri.ap@xtra.co.nz Phone: 03 489-3680
Palmerston/Waihemo Date: 03 - 04 February 2018 Venue: Palmerston Showgrounds, Palmerston	Email: contact@palmerstonwaihemo.nz Phone: 03 465 0893
Gore Agricultural & Pastoral Association Date: 03 February 2018 Venue: Gore Showgrounds, Gore	Email: secretary@goreapshowgrounds.co.nz Phone: 03 208 4057 Website: www.goreapshowgrounds.co.nz
Canterbury Horse and Pony Breeders Show Date: 04 February 2018 Venue: Canterbury Agricultural Park, Christchurch	Email: Phone: Website: www.freewebs.com/cantybreedersshow
Native Breeds Show Date: TBA - Show is not confirmed at this stage Venue: TBA - Show is not confirmed at this stage	Email: Phone: Website:
Maniototo Agricultural & Pastoral Association Date: 21 February 2018 Venue: Ranfurly Showgrounds, Gore	Email: diandnev@kinect.co.nz Phone: 03 444 9205 Website:
North Otago Agricultural & Pastoral Association Date: 23 - 24 February 2018 Venue: Ettrick Street, Oamaru	mail: oamarushow@xtra.co.nz Phone: 03 437-1037 Website: www.northotagoshow.co.nz
Temuka & Geraldine Agricultural & Pastoral Society Date: 03 March 2018 Venue: Winchester Showgrounds, Winchester	Email: temukageraldineap@gmail.com Phone: 03 688 2358 Website: www.temukageraldineap.co.nz
Malvern Agricultural & Pastoral Association Date: 24 March 2018 Venue: Sheffield Domain, Sheffield	Email: malvernshow@gmail.com Phone: 03 318 3105
Oxford Agricultural & Pastoral Association Date: 31 March 2018 Venue: Oxford Showgrounds, Oxford	Email: secretary@oxfordapshow.co.nz Phone: 03 312 4116 Website: www.oxfordapshow.co.nz
Mackenzie County Agricultural & Pastoral Society Date: 02 April 2018 Venue: Mackenzie County A&P Showgrounds, Fairlie	Email: mackenzieapsociety@gmail.com Phone: 03 685 8977 Website: www.showdayonline.com

NARRANDERA SHETLAND PONY STUD
Written by Marilyn Williams

Narrandera Shetland Pony Stud was established in 1982 in South Eyre Road. Named after the town of Narrandera NSW Australia where Margaret's mother was born. The first foals to be born at the stud were:

Narrandera Anuri 23NZ – Sire: Fireblaze of Marshwood (Imp UK) 5NZ, Dam: Brolga Naringal (Imp Aust.) 6NZ

Narrandera Miss Abigail 25NZ – Sire: Fireblaze of Marshwood (Imp UK) 5NZ, Dam: Avonleigh Missy (Imp Aust.) 9NZ

Narrandera Little Amity 26NZ – Sire: Fireblaze of Marshwood (Imp UK) 5NZ, Dam: Shady Glen Carol (Imp Aust.) 11NZ

Narrandera Jay A 27NZ – Sire: Koolangatha Mirage (Imp Aust.) 14NZ, Dam: Wynyard Nerrin 18NZ

And so the legacy begins.....

After 6 years the need came to expand so the decision was made to move to 50 acres of bare land situated on the rolling country side of Ashley Downs, not 1 tree to be seen at that time. In later years with planning and propagating a lot of her own plants Paradise Gardens came to fruition along with the stud.

I was lucky enough to be part of a family get together at Narrandera Stud as Margaret's family and mine go back a couple of generations. Margaret's parents lived in the same rural area as my grandparents in Waimate. My Aunt (Aunty Margaret) was Margaret and Don's flower girl at their wedding and my father was one of Margaret's brother's (Noel) best friends. Dad told me of a time Uncle Noel and himself went to Christchurch and stayed with Margaret and Don and at night Don would be out in the garage making bagpipes to be sent all over New Zealand, this was once he finished his day job. As we talked at the get together we got talking ponies and I was invited to come out anytime. This was a start to another great friendship within the families.

That year the T's were born in 2001. We never called the ponies their registered names, they all had paddock names of course. Margaret had so much love for her ponies and this was really evident when handling the foals and just how they would be so calm and just as loving to her. Once all the work was done we often would just sit in the pylon paddock and have those years foals come up and just want to be with you. Very special times.

As the years went on Margaret and I had a plan if anything happened to Don (who had open heart surgery in the past) and he needed to be rushed into hospital for anything, I would meet her at Sequoia 88 and pick her up from there and take her into the hospital. Don and I didn't have a plan if Margaret went first.....

If it wasn't for Margaret's great business ways, Don and I would have been lost, when sadly Margaret passed away 15 August 2008, she wrote every single thing down diligently and she had reached the end of the alphabet that year. We had to learn the real names of the ponies, which had its funny moments when with 30 odd ponies, and when all the black ones were together Don would be scratching his head sometimes. We continued to follow Margaret's schedules, worming, trimming and Don went on to do some more breeding.

One of Margaret and Don's proudest moments was receiving the life membership certificate to the society and this took pride of place over the TV in the lounge.

After Don passed away I did a stock take of every pony born at the farm and included a couple that were made at the farm but born at other studs, this amounted to approximately 133 ponies.

Narrandera Stud has helped so many other successful Shetland pony studs to start out, it's just wonderful to be able to go out and see the Narrandera ponies still today and one day have a couple again of my own. I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank the Society, Catherine Crosado, Bernadette and Ralph Woffenden and Lorraine Martini for all the help you have given to both myself and Don over the years since Margaret's passing and then of course since Don's passing as well. I can't thank you all enough.

May the Narrandera bloodlines and their loving nature that goes with them, go on for many years to come.

Kind Regards
Marilyn Williams



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JUNIOR HANDLER AWARD RULES 2017/2018

Purpose: *To encourage children and young adults to show and promote the Purebred Shetland Pony. The winner of the Award is the combination who gains the most points at nominated shows throughout New Zealand. An annual trophy is presented to the winner of the NZSPBS Junior Handler Award at the NZSPBS AGM.*

- The NZSPBS Committee will annually call for Junior Handlers aged 5–18 years (age at and including 15th May at the end of the relevant show season) to record their Show results for ponies registered with NZSPBS who they wish to enter for the NZSPBS Junior Handler Awards.
- This award is open to any Junior Handler aged 5–18 years exhibiting a Pony registered in the NZSPBS Stud Book. **The participant or their family do not need to be members of the NZSPBS.**
- There is no entry fee to enter the NZSPBS Junior Handler Award.
- Junior Handlers may enter more than one pony, however the points from each combination will be entered separately and cannot be combined to contribute to the final total.
- All A & P, Breeders and NZSPBS Regional shows with In-hand Shetland classes held in the show season beginning 1st October to 15th May (or the date in May of the last Foal Show prior to the NZSPBS AGM, whichever date is later) in the subsequent year are eligible.
- The classes eligible for the award are:
 - Breed/Conformation classes
 - Best Presented or Turnout
 - Best Paced
 - Best Mannered
- Results from only one section per show can be entered.
- Lead Rein, First Ridden, Ridden, Harness and Activity/Novelty Classes are not eligible.
- Where Best Paced and Best Mannered classes are combined – the points for Best Paced will be counted.
- Points shall be tallied from each Junior Handler's six best shows.
- Points will be awarded on 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th placings plus Champion, Reserve Champion and Supreme Champion only.
- 1st = 4 points, 2nd = 3 points, 3rd = 2 points, 4th = 1 point, Champion = 2 points, Reserve Champion = 1 point and Supreme Champion = 1 point.
- A trophy shall be awarded to the Junior Handler with the most points throughout the show season, however if the recipient or their family is not a financial member of the NZSPBS, the Society shall retain the trophy. 1st – 6th place-getters shall receive a sash and certificate.
- Placings gained at shows other than those specified by the NZSPBS Committee are not eligible.
- Placings are to be recorded on the official NZSPBS Junior Handler Award Results Recording Form included with the Newsletter at the beginning of the Show season and available to download from the NZSPBS website. All results must be submitted by the specified date.
- The NZSPBS Committee shall appoint a person(s) to collect and collate the results. The NZSPBS Junior Handler Award results shall be audited before the winner is announced at the AGM.
- In the event of a draw there will be a count back of first placings and the Pony with the most firsts will be deemed to be the winner.
- In the event of a count back of first placings not deciding the winner, there will be a count back of second, then third, then fourth placings until an outright winner is found. If there is still a draw the result will be decided by a count back of Champion, then Reserve Champion, then Supreme Champion points.
- The decision of the NZSPBS Committee is final and no correspondence shall be entered into.
- The trophy awarded remains the property of the New Zealand Shetland Pony Breeders Society (Inc.). The trophy must be returned clean, engraved and in the same condition as presented ready present at the next AGM. For trophy holders not able to hand-deliver the trophy to the next AGM, the trophy is to be returned, at the trophy holder's cost, to the NZSPBS Secretary, no later than one month prior to the next AGM.



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NZSPBS JUNIOR HANDLER AWARD

RESULTS RECORDING FORM 2017/2018

Please complete a separate form for each show entered & a separate form for each pony entered

Exhibitor's Name: _____ Date of Birth: __/__/__

Exhibitor's Address: _____

Pony's Name & Rego No: _____

Show Name & Show Date: _____

Class #	Name of Class	Placing 1 st to 4 th	Other

Please complete a separate form for each show entered & a separate form for each pony entered.

Eligible Classes: Breed/Conformation classes, Best Presented, Best Paced, Best Mannered.

Placing column: Record your placings for 1st to 4th place.

Other column: Record Supreme, Champion, Reserve if awarded.

I wish to enter the NZSPBS Junior Handler Award for the 2017/2018 show season and have read and agree to abide by the NZSPBS Junior Handler Award Rules.

 Exhibitor's Signature

 Parent/Guardian's Signature

All results to be forwarded by 15th May 2018 to:

Lesley Lewis
 NZSPBS Junior Handler Award
 530 Marshland Road
 Christchurch 8083

NZSPBS Shetland Pony of the Year Result Sheet 2017/18

ONE PONY AND ONE CATEGORY PER SHEET – IF YOU NEED MORE PLEASE PHOTOCOPY THIS SHEET

(NB: results are calculated by the NZSPBS for In-Hand Shows – HOWEVER Ridden, Harness & Lead Rein results MUST be submitted on this form)

PONY: _____ CATEGORY: Ridden or Harness or Lead Rein HANDLER/RIDER: _____

DATE	SHOW NAME	CLASS NAME	PLACE 1 st – 6 th	CHAMPION (PLEASE TICK RESULT/S APPLICABLE)	RESERVE	SUPREME	OFFICE USE

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