

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

NEWSLETTER  
September to November 2018



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

### **FROM THE PRESIDENT...**

Dear Members,

I trust all members are well and their ponies sound with all this Spring grass around. Thinking of all the Otago members with the deluge of rain and flooding they recently had. It only seemed like a few weeks ago a drought was on the horizon and now the country has had endless rain!

Congratulations once again to Lesley Lewis on winning the Dakin's Ambassador 2018 Award at the New Zealand Agricultural Show hosted by Canterbury A & P Association. An award well deserved, we are very proud of you Lesley and thank you for giving up your time to train the children and ponies for the 'Steeplechase' for the last 20 years.

Wishing all members and their families a Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and Safe Holiday Season.  
All the best for 2019.

Warmest Regards  
Fiona Burrows.

### **FROM THE COMMITTEE...**

Dear members,

Are you aware you can opt to receive your newsletter electronically?

When a newsletter is released you will be emailed a password which enables you to access a copy directly off the members page on the NZSPBS website.

This method provides you with prompt access, reduces costs to the society and has the added bonus of reducing our paper usage which is a win for the trees and environment!

If you wish to enquire further about this option please do not hesitate to contact myself on [sjharden4@hotmail.com](mailto:sjharden4@hotmail.com)

### **EXCITING NEWS.....**



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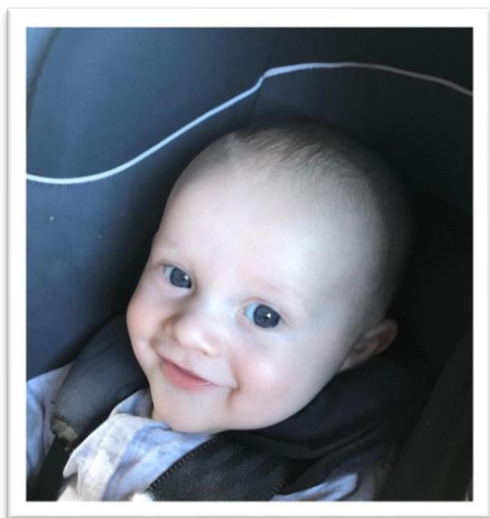
The prestigious Canterbury A&P Associations Dakin's Ambassador of the Year was awarded to Lesley Lewis after the 20th running of the Shetland Grand National. Lesley has worked tirelessly preparing the ponies and riders for what some call the highlight of the New Zealand Agricultural Show.

The award was in recognition of the work Lesley has done over the last 20 years and being the recipient will allow Lesley to visit an international show or agricultural event.

The race has given immense publicity to the breed. The New Zealand Shetland Pony Breeders Society Inc. would like to thank Lesley for all her hard work and dedication.



## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS



Congratulations to Kirsty Whiting and Nick de Roo on the birth of their baby boy Hudson Alister de Roo, born on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of June 2018 at 4.45pm, weighing 6 pound 4 oz.



Congratulations to Chloe and Gavin Miller on the birth of their twin girls, Florence Rose Miller at 4.19pm (2.28kg) and Daisy May Miller at 4.20pm (2.67kg) born on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2018. Congratulations also to proud Grandparents Bernadette and Ralph Woffenden.

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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 –28<sup>th</sup> June to 9<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Reg. Number	Pony	Vendor	Transferred To
1007NZ	Stoney Croft Patches & Cream	K. Findlay, Rangiora	S. Sheridan, Renwick.
998NZ	Owlca Wee Show Man	K. Findlay, Rangiora	H Dempsey, Pegasus.
891NZ	Toonmalls Special Edition	A Buckingham, Ashburton	A Smallbridge & B Biggs, Temuka.
848NZ	Greenhill Honey	A Price, Timaru	J Ottley, Timaru.
652NZ	Murrayfield Henrietta	E Robinson, Milton	F Burrows, West Eyreton.
782NZ	Murrayfield Howsdat	E Robinson, Milton	B & R Woffenden, Leeston.
1062NZ	Crystal Wisdom Royal Shiye	M Calder, Napier	K Walker, Palmerston North.
928NZ	Fair View Maryah	C. Crosado, Darfield	R Price, Timaru.
1063NZ	Beechgrove Mr Cinnamon	A Price, Timaru	J Ottley, Timaru.
196NZ	Rose Eyre Sophie	A & R Fairhurst, Mosgiel	A Price, Timaru.
793NZ	Stoney Croft Royal Kahn	C Vavasour, Blenheim	J & P Hodges, Rangiora.
411NZ	Birchlands Caprice	J & P Hodges, Rangiora	K Whiting, Eryewell Forest.
1006NZ	Stoney Croft Black Krystal	J & P Hodges, Rangiora	K Whiting, Eryewell Forest.
655NZ	Rockisle Tomohawk	J & P Hodges, Rangiora	K Whiting, Eryewell Forest.
943NZ	Stoney Croft Mademoiselle Rose	J & P Hodges, Rangiora	K Whiting, Eryewell Forest.
695NZ	Wetherston Kristen	J & P Hodges, Rangiora	K Whiting, Eryewell Forest.
750NZ	Domino Downs Gaiano	K Horvath, Palmerston North	D & J Humphries, Motukarara.
995NZ	Birchlands Buttons	D & J Humphries, Motukarara.	J Laycock, Motueka.
1051NZ	Barnsley Miss Maggie	A Abernethy, Taihape	D & J Humphries, Motukarara.
658NZ	Shelyron Brambleberry	M James, Rangiora	S Harden, Eryewell Forest.
930NZ	Duncree Thom Thumb	C. Crosado, Darfield	L Harris, Invercargill.
614NZ	Carradale Rose	John Burrows, West Eyreton	R Price, Timaru.
546NZ	Narrandera Wendy	L Martini, Leeston	A Buckingham, Ashburton



606NZ	Dunthomas Skye (Imp Aust)	J & P Hodges, Rangiora	D & J Humphries, Motukarara.
945NZ	Stoney Croft Monet	J & P Hodges, Rangiora	D & J Humphries, Motukarara.
975NZ	Stoney Croft Sovereign George	J & P Hodges, Rangiora	K Whiting, Eryewell Forest.
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536NZ	Bow Bells Burlington Bert	J & D Snow, Oamaru	K Whiting, Eryewell Forest.
702NZ	Narrandera Zara	K Findlay, Rangiora	Olivia Swansbury, Woodend.
924NZ	Owlca Philips Choice	K Findlay, Rangiora	Bridget Lewis, Timaru.
751NZ	Koorootang Gumnut (Imp Aust)	J & P Hodges, Rangiora	K Whiting, Eryewell Forest.
910NZ	Beechgrove Aurora the Night	H Ringland, Christchurch	A Coffey, Christchurch.

#### **New Registrations –28<sup>th</sup> June to 9<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

Registration Number	Sex	Pony
1062NZ	Gelding	Crystal Wisdom Royal Shiye
1063NZ	Gelding	Beechgrove Mr Cinnamon
1064NZ	Filly	Barnsley Shezabeauty
1068NZ FR	Colt	Burravoe Beau Geste
1069NZ FR	Colt	Burravoe Dominion
1070NZ	Filly	Burravoe Ambrosia
1072NZ	Gelding	Owlca Danny California
1065NZ FR	Colt	Oaklea Jubilant

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

#### **Stallions Registered**

Beechgrove Foxton 986NZ

#### **FROM THE NEWSLETTER EDITOR.....**

It is hard to imagine as I sit here that we had been experiencing 25°C plus days because the rain is now pelting the roof and the fireplace is blazing serving to remind us that a New Zealand Spring always has a few surprises up its sleeves! I have no doubt this rain will be much needed as the summer dry conditions take its place but sunshine would be a welcome sight about now.

The showing season is well under way for our members, whether it be in-hand, under saddle or harness. This leads to busy weekends with all the preparation and travel involved. These avenues across the discipline's continue to be a great way to promote our breed's versatility to the general public.

We all enjoy a walk down memory lane from time to time, so I am searching for photos of our wonderful members of when they first began showing or competing Shetland Ponies, whether it be many years ago or more recent, all welcome! So please do send a photo/s through to sjharden4@hotmail.com along with the details of the year, handler and pony so everyone can enjoy.



As always, I welcome any photos, news or articles you wish to share.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Safe travels to all those going on holidays.

Till next time.

Sarah Harden – Newsletter Editor



## THE CALL TO GREENER PASTURES...

**Narrandera Quito** (NZ328) Sire: Otway View Marengo (NZ262) Imp, Dam: Narrandera Emity (NZ45) D.O.B. 30 December 1998 to 18 September 2018.

**Murrayfield Heather** (NZ295) Sire: Narrandera Gleeson (NZ84), Dam Narrandera Hindi (NZ83) D.O.B. 5 December 1997 – 18 September 2018.

### VALE

#### **Pentland Little Master (1994 -2018)**

Master as he was fondly known as in our family came into my life almost seven years ago. I wasn't sure that I needed a stallion and it was with some trepidation that I at first agreed to lease Master and later to purchase him. It was a decision that I have no regrets about.

Master was imported from Australia and was registered in New Zealand in 1996. By Pentland Toddy out of Pentland Little Miss, he had numerous owners in this country and I believe he was shown successfully in the early days. A prettily marked little chap he has sired some lovely foals for me, most of whom have had success in the show ring or as children's pets and mounts.

Master loved a cuddle and was easy to handle and my husband says "it was only a bucket of feed or a mare on the lead" that got him excited.

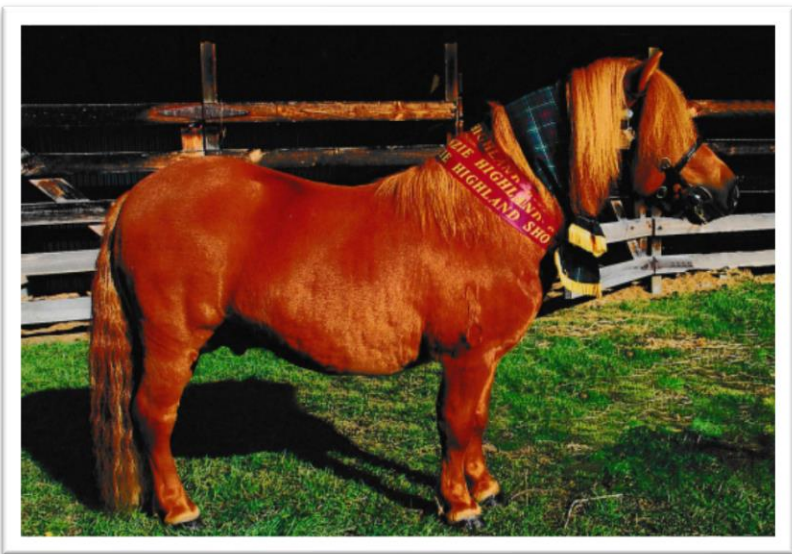
Master simply passed away in his paddock on Wednesday 7th November in good condition and with a gleam in his coat.

Thankyou Pentland Little Master for the experience of owning you and to the people who encouraged me to do so.

By Ann Abernethy



### CLASSIFIEDS



#### **For Sale:**

Murrayfield I'm A Winner 421 NZ  
Sire: Narrandera Gleeson  
Dam: Narrandera Illyarie  
Chestnut Stallion 18-year-old  
Contact Sally Baird  
Ph 0276710074

#### **For Sale:**

Murrayfield Harley 1052 NZ  
Sire: Murrayfield I'm A Winner  
Dam: Murrayfield Henrietta  
Black 2year old Colt  
Contact Sally Baird  
Ph 0276710074

Photo above is Murrayfield I'm A Winner at McKenzie A&P show in 2008.



## **AREA REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS – GERALDINE EDGAR, LOWER SOUTH ISLAND**

Spring has sprung and the ponies are in off their winter grazing and back into riding here in Balfour (photo below). Tuesdays after school is when six little girls come and enjoy my ponies, 3 Shetlands and 3 Welsh ponies. One of my little riders is looking to buy Karen Wilson's Muffin. They're going to the Christchurch show to see her race for the last time and to ride her the next day. Great excitement here I tell you.

I'm getting Candy ready for driving round Ranfurly and Naseby. The Shetland pony drivers from further north are meeting there and it will be good to catch up with them again and do some serious k's.  
Lisa Harris from Invercargill has bought Thomas from Catherine Crosado for her daughter and is really enjoying him.

It was incredibly sad to farewell life member Elspeth Robinson. We will miss her amazing enthusiasm for Shetlands and for life in general.

Have a great Christmas everyone.

Geraldine Edgar



## **AREA REPRESENTATIVE REPORT – SHONA CUSACK, SOUTH CANTERBURY / NORTH OTAGO AREA**

None to report.

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

The threats of an impending drought for the season certainly haven't come to pass in Canterbury so far. We have had lots of rain, some really hot days and typically the other extreme of cold. Consequently, ponies are hanging onto their winter coats especially youngstock. The grass is bolting which leaves a heightened risk of founder and laminitis for those ponies prone to the risk.

The show season has begun and it is great catching up with other Shetland pony owners again. It is great to see people out supporting the shows and securing future Shetland pony classes at the A & P shows.

The breeding and foaling season has started too. We have lost a foal through a tricky foaling and so have a few other Canterbury breeders too unfortunately. Happily, we still have two lovely foals and are looking forward to seeing other peoples on the Shetland website.

On the right is a photo of our first foal born, Lael Sweet William (name pending). My husband Ralph was there for his birth and helped him on his way. He nick-named him Bill because he was born on his late father's birthday and his name was Bill.  
He is by Lael St Nicholas and out of Rose-Eyre Hollyhock who we lease from Richard and Andrea Price.



Warm regards,  
Bernadette Woffenden, Lael Shetland Pony Stud.

Above right: Chloe Miller and daughter Daisy Miller having her first pony ride on Narrandera Yuletide.

## AREA REPRESENTATIVE REPORT – KATHY DRAKE, WAIKATO UPPER NORTH ISLAND

Yesterday was our Big Day Out for the local Shetlands at the Auckland Highland Games. An annual event, we usually manage to muster a few new faces each year, and this year was no exception with Amber and Warren Bray joining us with their two Gleneagles ponies. Gleneagles Chloe (Gleneagles Prada x Carradale Scarlet) and Gleneagles Sprinkles (Otway View Noah x Miniature Horse!!) Chloe and Sprinkles are paddock mates and one doesn't go anywhere without the other, so Sprinkles was an honorary member of our team for the day. She was in fact really handy for us to be able to show people the difference between a Shetland and a Mini. She has definitely thrown to the Mini genes—a white, black spotted appaloosa with rather fine conformation and the smaller, pink rimmed eyes. People really appreciated the difference. Ann and Tiffany Storms joined us again with their two black Shetlands—28-year-old Northclose McDhui and 9-year-old Burravoe Randolph. Jeffrey Jones came 2 hours south from his home on the Kaipara Coast with his two South Island bred black Shetlands, Cotswold Canasta and Birchlands Spotlight. Add to that Rod and my three Shetlands, Narrandera Sateen, Gleneagles Creme de la Creme and Gleneagles Ebony, we had a great turnout of 9 very diverse ponies, covering lots of North and South Island breed lines.



We had our usual spot under the trees on the outside of the parade ring at Ellerslie Racecourse and a never-ending supply of people filing up and down the ranks, reading our information boards and being greeted by enthusiastic ponies, all wanting to interact. Once again, we met lots of lovely people and talked lots of Shetland pony talk. At lunchtime all 9 ponies donned wee tartan rugs and we joined the grand parade. All ponies were well behaved and we created quite a talking point. The ponies were quite happy to load into their respective floats at the end of the day, and our three just wanted to be left alone to sleep when they got home. Its hard work being so interactive with your fans! A lot of people went home with NZSPBS pamphlets in hand, and I know there are a lot of new Shetland converts and several Scottish people who renewed their love of the breed yesterday.



Our next outing is in two weeks' time at the Christmas in Karaka gala day at the NZ Bloodstock Centre. We will have 5 Shetlands in Christmas costumes this year for people to take selfies with a donation of a gold coin, which is fundraising for a local primary school. Last year we raised \$100 for the school and are hoping to do better this year.

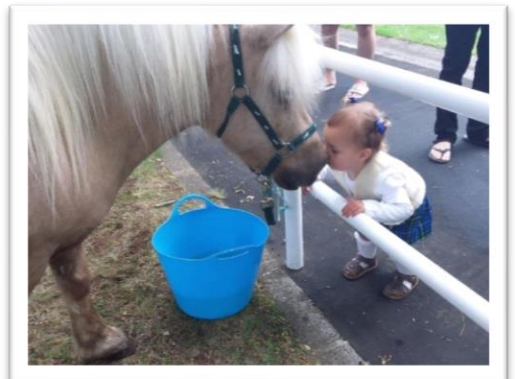
It was great to get news through yesterday while we were at Ellerslie to say that Lesley Lewis had been awarded the Dakin's Ambassador of the Year Award at the New Zealand (Canterbury) A&P Show. Well done and very well deserved.

Hoping foaling has/is going well for everyone

and looking forward to seeing all the foal photos popping up. Another wee Supreme Champion, or harness pony, or child's best friend, or just beautiful paddock companions in the making.

All the best to everyone for whatever they are achieving with their wonderful wee ponies.

Kathy.





## **AREA REPRESENTATIVE REPORT – ANN ABERNETHY LOWER NORTH ISLAND AREA**

At this time of the year I do think the weather 'gods' are playing tricks with us. We had a very nice early start to spring and then it has been unpredictable to say the least. Soil temperatures have remained up and so grass is bolting away and ponies are safely tucked behind electric wires to keep the weight in check.

I haven't competed in hand this season as I don't feel I can do the ponies justice now and it is tricky to co-ordinate with young helpers. Have had one outing in harness with pleasing results so will continue to enjoy that discipline.

Have sold two ponies recently and very sadly I have lost my stallion Pentland Little Master at 24 years of age. He was fine one day and gone the next. I do miss him as he was always calling when I appeared so the number of ponies have decreased and I intend to keep them at this level. They've been nicknamed "the Barnsley Bunch".

At the time of writing this many of you will be gearing up for the big 'Cup and Show' week. I wish you all the very best of luck for this and the many shows and Shetland related activities in the future.

Best wishes to all for the festive season.

Ann



Barnsley Shezabeauty (Smarty) "Come on up - the view is good from here"



Laurie and Barnsley Father Billy enjoying a quiet moment at a recent driving event.

### **IMPORTANT NOTICES!!**

#### **2019 AGM – NORTH CANTERBURY**

**Date:** 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> May 2019

**Venue:** Rossburn, 17 Spark Lane, RANGIORA.

AGM, Prizegiving, Photo Competition, Raffle, and Evening Meal.

Stud visits in the Eyreton/Eyrewell/West Eyreton area.

**Further details to follow.**

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### SHOW RESULTS / END OF YEAR AWARDS 2018-2019

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

**NOTE:** Results for shows, as they are available, will be published on the NZSPBS Website [www.shetlandpony.org.nz](http://www.shetlandpony.org.nz)

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@xtra.co.nz](mailto:duncree@xtra.co.nz) for Canterbury area results

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

Bernadette Woffenden, phone (03) 324 3271, email [laelstud@xtra.co.nz](mailto: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 **1<sup>st</sup> October 2018 to 15<sup>th</sup> May 2019** (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.**

**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 2018/19" for Lead Rein, Ridden and Harness and NZSPBS Junior Handler Award Result Sheet 2018/19" (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 **15<sup>th</sup> May 2019**.

### SHETLAND AGM AMATEUR PHOTO COMPETITION 2019 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 2019. 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 2019 AGM to send your photos in.

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

### SOUTH ISLAND SHETLAND BREED AND HARNESS SHOW – 22<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL SHOW

**Date** – Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2019

**Location** – Ellesmere A&P Showgrounds

**Schedule** – Available now on <https://www.shetlandpony.org.nz/what-s-on>

**Classes** – Best Presented, Paced, Mannered, Breed Classes and Harness Classes

**Secretary** – Fiona and Lucy Burrows

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Post: NZSPBS SI Shetland Show Secretary

1821 North Eyre Road,

RD 5, Rangiora 7475

Phone: 03 312 5982

**Entries Close:** Friday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2019

**Trophy Winners 2018** – 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.

## **MURRAYFIELD STUD**

Submitted by Fiona Burrows, Canterbury

Elspeth and George Robinson first started breeding and showing riding ponies in 1963. As their daughters progressed onto hacks, they bred thoroughbreds under the 'Murrayfield' prefix.

When the girls left home and took the ponies with them this left a void, soon filled with Shetland Ponies. This led to the formation of the Murrayfield Shetland Pony Stud in 1989, with the purchase of Narrandera Gleeson. Gleeson was chosen from a paddock of twelve foals running with their dams at Don and Margaret Sutherlands Narrandera Stud. At weaning time Gleeson travelled South to the Robinson Families Murrayfield Stud to be their foundation Shetland Sire.

The following year another trip was made to Narrandera Stud and Narrandera Hindi was purchased – now a breeding pair complete. Gleeson and Hindi produced many foals – their first foal Murrayfield Happy-Go-Lightly was born in 1995.

Llewellyn Conrad and Murrayfield I'm A Winner are two other notable stallions used at their stud.

Over the years Elspeth, George and their family travelled many miles from Christchurch to Invercargill during the show season, winning many Champion ribbons and passing on their knowledge to family and friends. Their beautiful strong ponies and their blood lines are in many Shetland members paddocks continuing to produce outstanding progeny.

Sally remembers last year at the Milton Show they took six ponies, what a big job! There was Mum (Elspeth) sitting on her chair doing tails and giving out orders, what a hoot she was in her horse heaven reliving old times.

The Murrayfield Stud Motto is: -

**BORN TO LOVE - BRED TO WIN**

By Fiona Burrows



Top: Elspeth with Narrandera Hindi and Murrayfield Harmony Rose.

Above: Tokomairiro A&P Show 1999, Elspeth and George with Champion Narrandera Gleeson and Reserve Champion Narrandera Hindi.



Above: Elspeth, Cheryl (Elspeth's daughter), and Murrayfield Henrietta.  
Right: Sally Baird and Narrandera Gleeson in 2011



## SHETLAND STEEPLECHASE NUMBER 20 - November 2018

Submitted by Lesley Lewis.

Seven weeks of hard training and loads of commitment from riders and parents culminated in the 20th running of the Shetland Grand National Steeplechase at the Canterbury A. & P. Show (or the New Zealand Agricultural Show as it is now called). We all had lots of fun along the way with very few hiccups, and the rider/pony combinations that I sorted, probably for the first time ever, worked well right from the word go. Riders were all on their favourite or second favourite pony and were able to stay on the same pony for the showing and hunter classes also. Thank you jockeys for being such an awesome team, and to the long-suffering parents who carted their children to and from practices each day. Thank you also to Diana Humphries for loaning Burbury, and Karen Wilson for loaning Muffin, to make up the team of eight, and to all our helpers on the day of the Steeplechase.

Even though it was the 20th Steeplechase at this show, we have a few more appearances to add to our tally including five Steeplechases at the Amberley A. & P Show, Ellesmere A. & P. Show once, the Horse of the Year Show 2010 (twice) and a McLeans Island Three Day Event (once). Over the years, we have had countless invitations to appear at race meetings and special events but have turned these down, choosing instead to keep the Steeplechase exclusive and not be another one of those over-exposed events that spectators soon tire of.

A huge thank you to our sponsors, and apologies to Foxy's sponsor who has been faithful to him for 9 years and he has failed to deliver the goods 😊. On the other hand, Blue's sponsors were elated and he and his rider are to appear on the Company's Facebook page.

The sponsors of our ponies (in finishing order) were:

Llewellyn Blue (**PGG Wrightson Rangiora**), Cotswold Foxfire (**Apparel & Merchandising Solutions**), Cotswold Burbury Twill (**Agrisea New Zealand**), Beechgrove Muffin Magic (**Mazline Partsworld**), Llewellyn Merlin (**R.J. Civil**), Llewellyn Spellbound –aka Ella (**Simon McLachlan Fencing**), Llewellyn Melina (**Beck & Caul** the event marketing company for the Show) and Beechgrove Basil Brush (**Grigg Family**).



Merlin (5th), Muffin (4th), Burbury (3rd), Foxy (2nd) and Blue (1st).

*Photo credit to Chestnut Media*

The race basically went almost according to plan, though Muffin had her own ideas, took exception to being placed on the back mark and bolted to the lead before the first jump which really got the crowd going. This also had the effect of getting Blue and Foxy wound up and racing far too keenly on the first lap. Shortly after the tussle for the lead, Ella clipped a fence and sent it dramatically skywards. Well done to the fence stewards who managed frantic running repairs so it was jumpable on the next 3 laps.

At the beginning of lap three Basil and Melina were lagging behind so we sent them across the middle of the arena to join the back of the main bunch to avoid being lapped. Coming around the home bend for the last time it was a real race with not too much separating the first four. Blue got the wobbles coming up the home straight to the finish line which possibly caused minor interference to Foxy but the siren didn't sound so no enquiry was lodged. I thought he may have been tiring as he is always drenched in sweat before the race even starts, but he was full of running for the lap or two of honour so maybe it was just a memory jig from last year's race in which he shot to the middle of the arena at full tilt twice, missed half the jumps (and the cameramen thank goodness) and finished last.

Throughout the day we were tracked by a lovely lady from Whitebait TV who was filming for a programme called Fanimals. The Steeplechase segment will be screened sometime next year. The children were very excited and spent a long time being interviewed and heaps of footage was shot. They were on massive sugar highs by the time we had to get them and the ponies ready. Two of our riders wore Gopro video cameras during the race, and the entire Steeplechase was professionally videoed by two cameramen.



**Blue making a bid for the lead tracked closely by Muffin; Foxy and Blue pulling up after a tight finish; Burburry showing fine jumping style.**



**Muffin leaping high and chasing after Blue; Merlin content to cruise between jumps; Ella looking after her nervous rider.**

*Photo credit to Chestnut Media.*





And bringing up at the rear we had Melina and Basil who both received their own special ovations from the crowd.

*Photo credit to Chestnut Media.*

And, will this be the last Steeplechase? Hmm who knows. I am keeping my options open at this stage and if I can find five good riders to replace the outgrown riders, I may consider this. I look at the joy on the faces of the children, and the pleasure these amazing little ponies give to them, and on the flip side I swear I can see smiles on the faces of the ponies, and think, how can I deprive human and horse of such joy in the future. All the ponies are so obliging as the kids climb all over them, leapfrog on to their backs and perform all kinds of crazy circus acts on them – admittedly the ponies have their heads buried in the grass throughout this time, but it is obvious that the ponies just love the training and the infectious chatter and laughter of the children.

And then there is all the gear we have accumulated over the years – those fabulous dress rugs, the jockey silks, race saddle numnahs, jumps etc, and I think what a waste it would be for them all to be kept in storage for ever..... And what would happen to the Ridden Shetland Pony classes at three shows.....

In the meantime, the training continues as we prepare for our Shetland Ridden Show where we concentrate on perfecting showing skills and hunter jumping. The Steeplechase season culminates with a Christmas BBQ for all our riders and parents.

We have had an invitation to appear at the Horse of the Year Show in Hastings in 2019. This is a long-shot as we have no funds to transport the team up there, so we are currently seeking a sponsor and if successful, we will be there with bells on. Time is running out, however, so if nothing eventuates before early December, this will have to be shelved.

Best wishes to you all from the Shetland Steeplechase Team ☺ *Lesley*





### **PHOTOS FROM SHOWS**

Submitted by Andrea Price, April Buckingham, Bernadette Woffenden, Sarah Harden, Vicki Havord, Paula Hodges, Elise Ford Photography and Chestnut Media.



Richard Price and Fair View Maryah. Champion Adult and Supreme at Southern A&P Equestrian Show.



Toonmalls Show Time. Champion Youngstock at Southern A&P Equestrian Show.



Sarah Harden and Burravoe Pegasus. Reserve Champion Youngstock at Southern A&P Equestrian Show.



Beechgrove Foxton. Reserve Champion Adult at Southern A&P Equestrian Show.



Diana Humphries with Domino Downs Gaiano (imp Aus). Champion Adult and Supreme at Ellesmere A&P Show.



Vicki Havord and Duncree Harrington. Champion Youngstock at Ellesmere A&P Show.

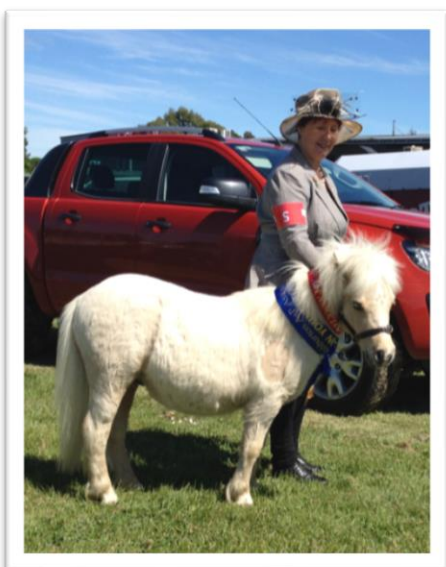




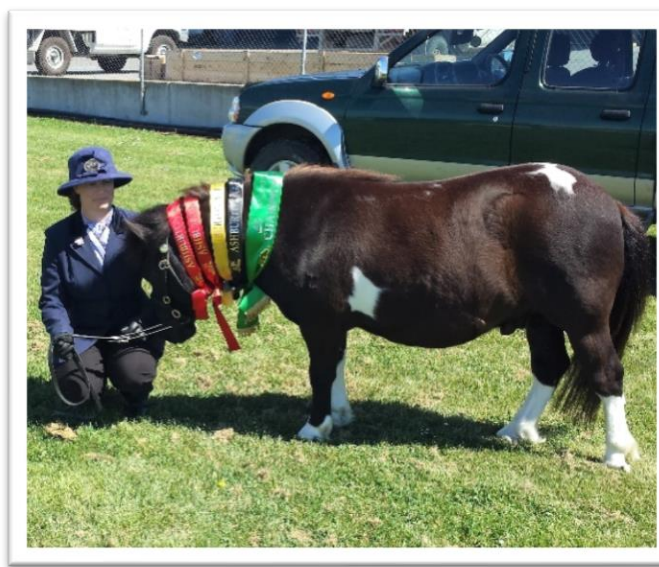
Sarah Harden and Burravoe Pegasus. Reserve Champion Youngstock at Ellesmere A&P Show.



Toby Harden and Burravoe Zesbrie. Reserve Champion Adult at Ellesmere A&P Show.



Bernadette Woffenden and Oaklea Jubilant. Champion Youngstock at Ashburton A&P Show.



Vicki Havord and Duncree Harrington. Reserve Champion Youngstock at Ashburton A&P Show.



Toby Harden and Burravoe Zesbrie. Champion Adult and Supreme at Northern A&P Show.



Lucy Burrows and Gleneagles Possum. Reserve Champion Adult at Northern A&P Show.





Stoney Croft Noble Legacy. Champion Youngstock at Amberley A&P Show.



Richard Price and Fair View Maryah. Champion Adult and Supreme at New Zealand A&P Show.



Vicki Havord with Duncree Harrington. Champion Youngstock at New Zealand A&P Show.



Diana Humphries and Domino Downs Gaiano (imp Aus). Reserve Champion Adult at New Zealand A&P Show. (Photo credit to Elise Ford Photography).



Lucy Burrows and Gleneagles Possum at New Zealand A&P Show. (Photo credit to Chestnut Media).



Lesley Lewis and Llewellyn Melina at New Zealand A&P Show. (Photo credit Chestnut Media).





Karen Findlay and Lael Noel at New Zealand A&P Show. (Photo credit Chestnut Media).



Toby Harden and Burravoe Zesbrie at New Zealand A&P Show. (Photo Credit Chestnut Media).



Catherine Crosado and Duncree Fire Fly at New Zealand A&P Show. (Photo credit Elise Ford Photography).



April Buckingham and Oaklea Jubilant. Reserve Champion Youngstock at Southern A&P Show.

**\*\* We love to see Shetland's in action all around the country so please do get busy snapping photos of your show outings and send them through along with handler, pony and show details to [sjharden4@hotmail.com](mailto:sjharden4@hotmail.com) for the next edition\*\***

### 2018 FOALS



Tullamore Belenos, Chestnut Colt.  
DOB 5/9/18  
Sire: Gleneagles Prince 721NZ  
Dam: Tullamore Evie's Sunset 694NZ



Tullamore Un-named, Black Filly.  
DOB 12/10/18  
Sire: Gleneagles Prince 721NZ  
Dam: Saltaire Felicity 373NZ





Zeberdee Un-named, Black Colt.  
DOB 9/11/18  
Sire: Duncree Eclipse 486NZ  
Dame: Birchlands Pollyanna 502NZ



Lael Christmas Star (Name pending), Palomino Filly.  
DOB 23/10/18  
Sire: Laurelwood Quazar (imp Aus) 454NZ  
Dam: Narrandera Yuletide 643NZ



Lael Sweet William (Name pending), Chestnut Colt.  
DOB 7/10/18  
Sire: Lael St Nicholas 884NZ  
Dam: Rose-Eyre Hollyhock 288NZ



Cotswold Un-named, Black Filly.  
DOB 23/10/18  
Sire: Yeo Lodge Tennessee Top Notch (imp Aust) 981NZ  
Dam: Paluka Cassandra (imp Aust) 227NZ





Cotswold Un-named, Black/brown Filly.  
DOB 1/10/18  
sire: Cotswold Andross 860NZ  
dam: Cotswold Palladee 861NZ



Cotswold Un-named, Chestnut Colt.  
DOB 15/11/18  
Sire: Cotswold Casanova Cassidy 579NZ  
Dam: Murrayfield Half a Moment 712NZ



Nevaeh Zephyr (Name pending), Black Filly.  
DOB 18/10/18  
Sire: Cotswold Royal Ensign 378NZ  
Dam: Noble Heights Breac Moon 689NZ



Nevaeh Zaidee (Name pending), Chestnut Skewbald Filly.  
DOB 9/11/18.  
Sire: Shelyron Napoleon 660NZ  
Dam: Shelyron Aimer 923NZ



Beechgrove Un-named. Chestnut Skewbald Colt.  
DOB 11/11/2018.  
Sire: Cotswold Aristocrat 418NZ.  
Dam: Cotswold Mockingbird 278NZ.

**\*\*If you would like your foal featured in the next newsletter please send a photo to [sjharden4@hotmail.com](mailto:sjharden4@hotmail.com)\*\***



### SAVVY SHETLANDS.

Submitted by Catherine Crosado.

Photo credit to Sandy Stanway.

I was lucky enough to have the opportunity to spend a week with Neil Pye, Parelli Natural Horse Man Ship's top instructor.

This has been a year in the organising and along with 10 other students, I put life and work on hold for a week. The weather kept its part of the bargain and the rain stayed away. Neil was amazed at how green Canterbury is as his Australian property was in a drought.

I had originally intended to take Hakim but he wasn't sound, so Fly (Duncree Fire Fly) was pressed into action. The course was held in West Melton, so I could go home each night, but Fly would stay there. This was a big ask for her as she had never spent any time away from home or the herd plus she was not as far advanced through the Parelli programme as Hakim. Thankfully, she wasn't the only Shetland on the course; Sue Dunn of Kaiwood Stud had her gelding Owlca Little Flier there. Owlca & Fly were paddocked together and they had only been together for five minutes before getting into a full-on kicking match. Funny how the smallest ones make the most noise!

We worked on a lot of different aspects of horse man ship but the really fun part was getting Owlca & Fly to work together, which meant Sue & I had to work together as well.

In the end we could back them up side by side, go sideways together and circle them around us. This meant managing the speed of each pony as Fly's legs were longer than Owlca's, plus she was dead keen to overtake him!

Neil said it was a pity that Sue & I didn't live in Australia as he'd have us flat out doing demonstrations showing how great these Shetland ponies are!



Above: "Now go backwards". Catherine Crosado with Duncree Firefly and Sue Dunn with Owlca Little Flier.



Top right: Duncree Fire Fly has all her attention on Neil.



Right: "Let's circle to the left". Catherine Crosado with Duncree Firefly and Sue Dunn with Owlca Little Flier.



Above: Photo of all the students and their horses.

By Catherine Crosado.

### **GIDDY-UP GANG ADVENTURES.**

Submitted by Karen Wilson.

Ashburton Show was held on the 27th October 2018. It was a very pleasant, warm day. There was a good turnout of Shetlands Inhand which was followed by 3 entries in the harness classes. I have Beechgrove Cappuccino (Lilly) and Beechgrove Butternut (Billy) in the four-wheeler. They have been driving together since September and this was their first show. With the help of Josh as our back stepper, Lilly and Billy managed to gain Reserve Champion which was delightful.

After the Show we headed down to Andrea's in Timaru. We had planned to do some driving as long as the weather was playing its part. On Sunday morning, lunch was packed and we set off on a planned drive around the Timaru-Fairview area. There are lovely wide verges which are great for driving and the terrain consists of rolling countryside with picturesque views. It's a wonderful setting for building fitness and stamina in the ponies. Three pairs of ponies went on the drive – Andrea drove Tatties Girl & Dolly, Josh drove Honey & Rosie and I drove my two. After approximately 8 kilometres we stopped at a nice wee reserve where 3 roads converged.

We enjoyed our lunch while the ponies enjoyed a small break and an opportunity to graze on the lush green grass. Most of the traffic was considerate although unfortunately we usually strike some going far too fast with no thought for the ponies and drivers. Not too far from home we struck a header working and several large trucks carting grass for silage. All of the ponies handled it very well despite a truck passing by at speed. We travelled a total of 16 kilometres and all enjoyed a great outing with the ponies and drivers.



Above: Karen Wilson driving Beechgrove Cappuccino and Beechgrove Butternut at Ashburton A&P Show.





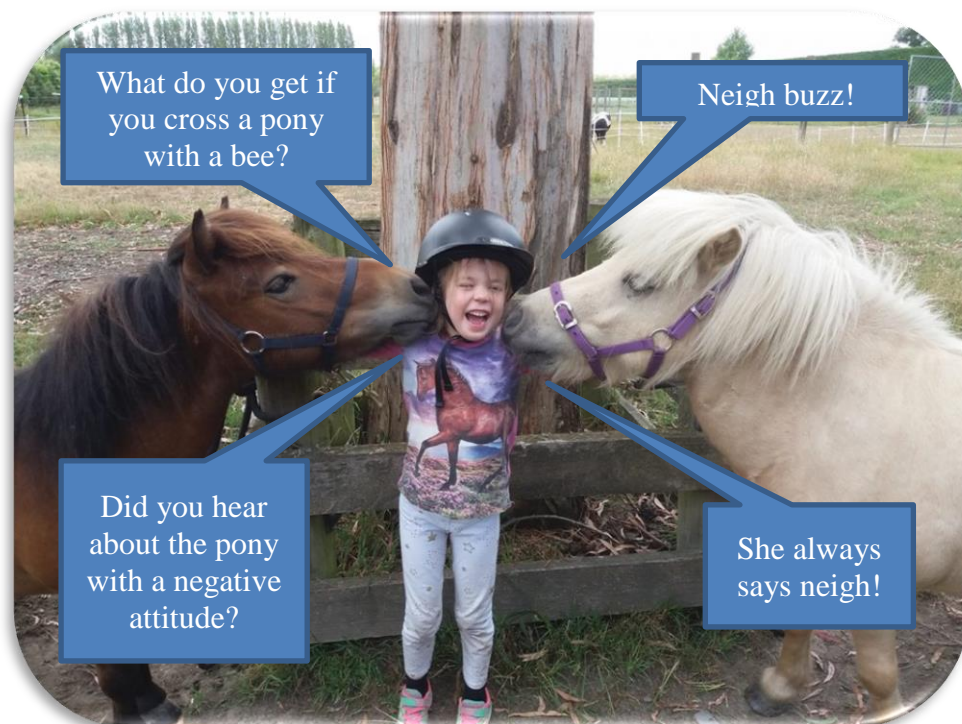
Giddy-Up Gang out on their drive.



Ponies enjoying their lush green pick for lunch.

By Karen Wilson.

### JOKES CORNER.







*We wish you a Merry Christmas  
and a  
Happy New Year!*

