

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

NEWSLETTER  
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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,

Winter certainly arrived down South over Queens Birthday weekend with an abundance of rain, snow falls and a dramatic drop in temperature!

We were so lucky to have such amazing weather over the Shetland AGM/tour weekend. It was wonderful to have the sun on our backs as we wandered around the studs that kindly offered to show us their ponies. Grateful thanks to Lydia and Aaron Reynolds - Shelyron Welsh Cob Stud, Karen and Terry Wilson - Shilmaine Shetland Pony Stud, The Harden Family - Double H Shetland Pony Stud and the Burrows Family - Burravoe Shetland Pony Stud for their warm hospitality.



Congratulations to all prize winners of the 2018 – 2019 Show Season and to all for participating at shows whether it be harness, ridden, lead rein or in-hand.

Special congratulations to Toby Harden with Burravoe Zesbrie – Winning Overall Shetland Pony of the Year. A great effort, one you should be very proud of.

A big thank you to Catherine Crosado for correlating the show results for the End of the Year trophies, a very time consuming and big job – well done Catherine.

We look forward to the 2020 AGM/tour weekend next year in the Lakes District, Canterbury.

Lastly thank you to my Committee and Members for their continued support and dedication to the Shetland Society.

Kind Regards

Fiona

## IN REMEMBRANCE



### **Narrandera Sundarie 406NZ**

Owned by the Woffenden family.  
Pictured at Malvern A&P Show 2014 and was her first and only show outing. She loved her day out and all the attention she received.  
Sadly, she died suddenly on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2015 from a brain aneurysm.

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**FROM THE REGISTRAR.....**

**Transfers – 7<sup>th</sup> February to 21<sup>st</sup> May 2019**

Reg. Number	Pony	Vendor	Transferred To
719NZ	Gleneagles Runny Honey	S Kelly, Christchurch.	A McKay, Fairlie.
1072NZ	Owlca Danny California	K Findlay, Ashley.	S Webber, Springston.
861NZ	Cotswold Paladee	C Fuller, Ngaruawhai.	D & J Humphries, Motukarara.
917NZ	Whitinui Cosmo	B Burrows, Reporoa.	L Gowdy, Pukekawa.
994NZ	Birchlands Custard Creme	M Cromie, Waimate.	A Melville, Waimate.
816NZ	Burravoe Elle's Delight	G Taylor, Culverden.	S & T Harden, Eyrewell.
781NZ	Murrayfield How we Dance	G Taylor, Culverden.	S & T Harden, Eyrewell.
1064NZ	Barnsley Shezabeauty	A & L Abernethy, Taihape.	W Hall, Keri Keri.
561NZ	Duncree Houdini	K Findlay, Ashley.	Elisha Clarke- Jordan, Waikuku.
962NZ	Oaklea Florintina	K Findlay, Ashley.	Sharon Booth, Rangiora.
1018NZ	Birchlands Dusky Dawn	M Cromie, Waimate.	M & B Rowe, Waimate.

**New Registrations – 7<sup>th</sup> February to 21<sup>st</sup> May 2019**

Registration Number	Sex	Pony
1066NZ	Gelding	Duncree Hugo
1067NZ	Gelding	Duncree Brigadoon (deceased)
1073NZ FR	Colt	Cleorane Lorenzo (Imp Aus.)
1074NZ FR	Colt	Beechgrove Thunderbird
1075NZ	Filly	Beechgrove Vanity Fair
1076NZ	Gelding	Beechgrove Foxy
1077NZ	Filly	Beechgrove Chocolate Delight

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

**Colts Gelded**

Burravoe Dominion 1069NZ  
Burravoe Beau Geste 1068NZ  
Oaklea Invictus 1041NZ  
Oaklea Ivanhoe 1042NZ  
Murrayfield Huckelberry 947NZ

**Stallions Registered**

Stoney Croft Noble Legacy 1039NZ

**Stallions Gelded**

Burravoe Monarch of Glen 775NZ

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

It is that time of year again when the pony activities start to wind down due to the colder temperatures and shortened daylight hours. I know our family certainly has enjoyed having some lazy weekend sleep ins but usually something crops up or a task needs doing so they can be few and far between! I hope that you get a chance to take a step back and put your feet up with a good book (or whatever takes your fancy) over the coming winter months. Rain is always so much more appealing while watching it through a window when sitting by a fire place!

I wish to say thank you to all our Area Representatives who take time to write and share their reports each newsletter and acknowledge with gratitude Geraldine and Shona (who have stepped down this year) for their contributions. A warm welcome to Marianne Smith who has kindly agreed to come on board as a new Area Representative and we look forward to hearing her stories. Thank you to everyone who attended the AGM weekend recently and those who hosted us, it was lovely getting a chance to catch up with members from near and afar, and of course thank you to committee members who have dedicated their time over the past year/s and beyond keeping the society running. I look forward to visiting Lake Districts and surrounding areas next year.



As always, I welcome any articles, artwork, items of interest or photos (including from the past) you may wish to share in upcoming newsletters. Perhaps you may like to write about an outing with your ponies to the beach, celebrate a milestone (there are some grand old Shetlands out there awaiting to have their stories told), share about your first Shetland that started it all or honour a pony that has passed that was near and dear to your heart. Please feel free to contact me and send items through to sjharden4@hotmail.com

Till next time.  
Sarah Harden – Newsletter Editor



Oaklea Filagree, Milo the Goat and Shelyron Brambleberry.

### **AREA REPRESENTATIVE REPORT – MARIANNE SMITH, SOUTH CANTERBURY / NORTH OTAGO AREA**

Hello All,

What a great weekend we had for the A.G.M. and marvellous weather. As you know I wasn't jumping over hoops to become the Area Representative of the South, so you will find it a bit different from the norm!!!

I must start with mentioning my gorgeous Shetlands. I have two "Lovely Ladies" named Cotswold Dark Miranda and Barnsley Miss Maggie. They are both very laid back and nothing ever seems to bother them. Over the fence from them is Diesel a huge Clydie/Cross who sometimes forgets that he is 20 years old, choosing to behave at times like a three-year-old. Diesel is really not that interested in the Shetland ladies but would definitely miss them if they were not around. If they happen to get near his gate, he is sure to be ready with a little nip but more often than not they always manage to stay just out of reach.

Besides my love of Shetlands my other guilty passion is my roses. Rose pruning for me starts next week, I know a lot of people don't prune till July/August but I like to get it out of the way before the cold really sets in. My favourite type of rose is the David Austin/English Rose and the Gertrude Jekyll which is a lovely upright rose with big pink flowers and a gorgeous fruity perfume. I would love to hear from you all if you have any garden loves as well 😊

As the nights get colder coming inside from "Feeding Out" the next thing is what to have for dinner. The following recipe I make in the fry pan before I go out and just heat up when I get back in.

#### **Easy Beef Dinner.**

- 1 cup finely chopped onion
- 3 cloves garlic crushed
- 3tbsp/oil
- 1tbsp mild curry powder
- 500gm good quality steak mince
- 2 med potatoes peeled & diced
- 1 cup each of frozen peas & corn
- 2 tomatoes
- Pinch of salt
- Sweet Chilli Sauce(optional)

#### **Method:**

- Sauté the onions and garlic in butter/oil until onions are transparent then add the curry powder.
- Add the steak mince and brown with a wooden spoon breaking up the meat so it browns well.
- Stir in the rest of the ingredients and simmer covered for 25 minutes.

This meal goes down very well with a glass of Red ☺. Another handy hint if you ever happen to spill red wine on carpet is to douse it in salt, leave overnight and to vacuum up the next day.

Well back out to the garden so that is all from me this time. Enjoy the colder days and nights.

Marianne ☺

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

The year began with the impending threat of drought, so here in Canterbury we all made plans to cope with this. It turned out quite the contrary, with regular rain and an abundance of feed. Consequently, all the ponies being shown looked wonderful with judges impressed with the quality of turn out and how hard we were making their job.

Some lovely foals have been born on Canterbury studs this season and no doubt many of them will make their showing debut next season.

Shows in our region have had quite consistent entries across all classes but it was definitely the year of the mare.

Our South Island Shetland Society Show, held at Ellesmere A & P show grounds, was well supported and showcased in-hand and harness ponies. We really enjoyed meeting all the new members who attended, some showing ponies for the first time.

We held a ridden Shetland show in December hosted by Lesley and Paul Lewis at Llewellyn Stud. This featured classes for led-rein, ridden classes and pony hunter. This show is growing a little every year and is a great opportunity to give the steeplechase ponies and their riders another outing. It is the perfect show to bring out a beginning rider on a Shetland pony with lots of support for riders and handlers.

Please put 26th January, 2020 into your diary and enter your ponies in the South Island Shetland Pony Breeders Society Show or just come along and enjoy the day. We look forward to seeing you there.

Bernadette Woffenden

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

We have had both extremes of weather in the last 12 months. A very wet winter followed by a very hot and extremely dry summer. Neither have been conducive to good grass supply for the winter we are just entering. Temperatures this summer were consistently in the high 20's, up to mid 30's day after day. We, and the ponies, spent the middle of the days inside—fortunately the ponies have large covered yards accessible from the paddocks, and they made the most of the darkest, coolest corners. The good news was that this weather produced a bumper hay crop for most, and prices for standard size bales are running around the \$12 mark at present. Unlike last winter, when supplies were so low, and demand so high, that the prices were reaching \$20-\$25 a bale! Hay was being shipped in from the Hawkes Bay and Northland just to keep up with the demand.

A small group of Shetlands have once again been out and about promoting the breed. The annual Auckland Highland Games at Ellerslie Racecourse once again saw a turnout of 9 Shetlands—or rather 8 Shetlands and one Shetland/Miniature horse cross. They always attract a large crowd of people. Some remember them from their childhood, others are fascinated to hear of their background and connection with the Highlands of Scotland. And others are just thrilled to be up and personal with ponies in the centre of Auckland City—sometimes it's their first encounter with a pony, and from very hesitant starts where they are scared to get too close in case they get bitten, they are soon with a bit of encouragement, patting a pony and reluctant to leave. Likewise, the ponies just love the interaction and are such wonderful little ambassadors for the breed. We made the most of our walkabout at lunchtime. With tartan rugs donned, we filed up and down the centre of the main parade ground, accompanied by the pipe bands. All ponies were so well behaved.

A couple of weeks later we had what has now become an annual fundraising day for a local primary school—the Christmas at Karaka market day. This time we had five ponies, all in Christmas costumes, and once again raised money by asking for a gold

coin donation from people to come and meet the ponies and have photos taken. Again it was a chance to talk Shetland ponies, provide City people with sometimes their first experience of touching a pony and it was lovely to slowly encourage people who were previously quite frightened of even something as small as a Shetland, to at first venture a hand and eventually see big smiles as they became brave enough to stand up close to a pony and have a family member record it on film! I am sure we have lots of new Shetland pony fans out there.

Thank you again to our Committee who do a wonderful, and sometimes thankless job, of keeping track of everyone and keeping the Shetland breed true and visible out there in the horse and pony community and beyond. Thank you to those who keep the Website and Facebook pages running and to Sarah for taking on the huge job of producing the Newsletter. And thank you to all those who contribute to the Newsletter—it is lovely to see what everyone is up to with their ponies. Communication is so important.

All the best for another 12 months of fun and adventure with these lovely wee characters.

**P.S.** Since preparing my Area Report for the year, Rod and I have now attended the Annual Meeting in Christchurch. Once again Southern Hospitality was to the fore with great outings, good company and more food than required! As usual we were well looked after and a lot of thought had gone into organising interesting and diverse outings for the two days of the AGM weekend. The weather played its part with warmer than usual temperatures for this time of year, and other than foggy evenings which required concentration driving after dark, and a hiccup for Rod and I who travel on retired staff subload tickets, which meant a 9 hour delay at Christchurch airport, watching I think on last count, 9 flights depart to Auckland before they were able to find seats for us, we are now looking at the weather Canterbury is experiencing today, and feel very lucky. The future of our Society looks extremely promising, when the winner of the Young Handler of the Year, Toby Harden, also went on to make a clean sweep of all classes he was eligible to enter, culminating in Shetland Pony of the Year with the beautiful Burravoe Zesbrie. We have all watched Toby work his way up from such a wee tot having his first outings in- hand, lead rein and ridden and now this lovely tall young man has more than held his own against older seasoned competitors. And he has a wee sister, Sienna, starting her own collection of ribbons and trophies! Once these wonderful wee ponies enter your life, speaking from experience, even if you take a different track, you will always end up coming back to your first love! So, the future of the Society is well and truly sealed.

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

The last days of Autumn are now upon us and although the nights are definitely telling us that winter is “just around the corner”. We have had enough rain and sufficient warmth to keep the grass growing and to keep us all walking on top of the ground rather than the usual winter mud.

With continued grass growth it makes managing ponies’ waistlines rather challenging but all are fit and well and still making the most of getting out and about. I took Huntingdon Bliss and Rockisle Black Onyx to the Taihape Gumboot Carnival which was also the World Gumboot Throwing Championship and as I expected both behaved impeccably. Onyx pulled a “Gumboot “sledge containing spot prizes and lollies so of course was popular while dear old Bliss patiently gave rides. Our next outing will be Taihape’s 125-year celebration but I have yet to plan our activities! Onyx is now in harness also.

Ponies are having a quiet time while I catch up with other chores and talking of “catching up” it was lovely to meet Lesley (Lewis) and family who spent a night in Taihape at a B&B just about three doors away!

The highlight of March for both Laurie and I was certainly the Horse of the Year Show and the Shetland Steeplechase. The ponies and riders were just so popular with the crowd it is a shame that they had only the one appearance. Just recently I had an old school and Pony Club friend call. She and her husband have been prominent pony breeders for many ,many years ( Welshies and partbreds) and she enquired as to where we watched the Steeplechase from – the grandstand or oval railing because as she said the only place to watch from is the railing just to see the look on the ponies faces !! I suggested she meant riders faces but she promptly said “No, the ponies faces, they just look as though they love it!” So, I do hope Lesley and her team get more opportunities to show off our breed as fun ponies for all.

Ann Abernethy

(see photos next page).



Rockisle Black Onyx with her gumboot sledge and myself trying to look a little "Fred Daggish".



Rockisle Black Onyx enjoying a hug from a delightful admirer.



Huntingdon Bliss getting a thank you from MacKenzie Russell after a very busy day.

### **IMPORTANT NOTICES!!**

#### **SOUTH ISLAND SHETLAND RIDDEN SHOW**

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

**Date** – TBC December 2019

**Location** – TBC

**Schedule** – Available at a later date on the website, [www.shetlandpony.org.nz](http://www.shetlandpony.org.nz)

**Classes** – Ridden, First Ridden and Lead Rein

**Schedule** – Available at a later date

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**Trophy Winners 2018** – Please remember to engrave and clean your trophies and return to Lesley Lewis prior to the show or on the day of the show.

#### **SOUTH ISLAND SHETLAND BREED & HARNESS SHOW – 23<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL SHOW**

**Date** – Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2020

**Location** – Ellesmere A&P Showgrounds

**Schedule** – Available at a later date on the website, [www.shetlandpony.org.nz](http://www.shetlandpony.org.nz)

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

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## PHOTOS FROM SHOWS.

*Courtesy of Richard Holst, Sarah and Mark Harden, Vicki Havord, Lorraine Martini, Karen Findlay and Catherine Crosado.*



Richard Holst with his Shetland's (and miniature pony pictured) meeting the police horses at Franklin A&P Show.



The Holst Family exhibiting Tullamore Belenos and Gleneagles Prince for the Supreme at Auckland Easter Show. Photo credit to Linda Hinz.



Catherine Crosado and Duncree Fire Fly. Champion Adult and Supreme Champion at Malvern A&P Show.



Christina Lewis with Duncree Sir Shiloh, Catherine Crosado with Duncree Fire Fly and Vicki Havord and Duncree Harrington at Malvern A&P Show.



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



Leanne Whyte and Oaklea Delacore at Malvern A&P Show.





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



Ralph Woffenden with Lael Sonshine and Bernadette Woffenden and Lael Naress at Malvern A&P Show.



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



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

Long-time members Jim and Paula Hodges of Stoney Croft Stud announced their retirement recently. They attended Oxford A&P as their last official show.

They will be sadly missed but we wish them much joy in their new adventures and are sure to catch up with them ringside from time to time.

The Society recognised all their contributions with a gift and rosette in a lovely moment held at the completion of the classes.



Jim Hodges.





Diana Humphries pinning on the Rosette to Jim.



Diana Humphries, Fiona Burrows (President), Jim and Paula Hodges.



Burravoe Zesbrie. Champion Adult and Supreme Shetland at Mackenzie A&P Show.



Shelyron Cloudberry. Reserve Champion Adult at Mackenzie A&P Show.



Oaklea Jubilant. Champion Youngstock at Mackenzie A&P Show.



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





Line-up of Shetland Competitors.



Kate Melville with Birchlands Chocolate Smudge and Pippa Melville with Birchlands Lucky Little Miss.



April Buckingham and Oaklea Jubilant in action.



N White and Ashtencroft Weepu in foreground competing in the Shetland/Miniature Long-Reining classes.



Mackenzie A&P Grand Parade.



Mackenzie A&P Grand Parade.



**HORSE OF THE YEAR SHOW 2019**  
**Monday 11th to Tuesday 18th March.**

*Article by Lesley Lewis.*

Finally, the day arrived, and Nicola Grigg and her truck rolled in at 10am, along with helper, Bridget. It took over an hour for us to load all the gear, which I had pre-packed in bags, triple-checked the night before and had waiting in a huge pile in the stables. Each pony had their own gear bag, plus we had heaps of spare gear, summer sheets, waterproof covers, saddle blankets and numnahs, grooming kits, Steeplechase gear (Dress rugs, Racing saddle blankets, red lead ropes, jockey silks, Shetland vests for leaders) then there was the feed - chaff, speedy beet, feed supplements, first aid supplies, feed bins, water buckets, electric fencing gear, and so the list went on. And all this multiplied by 8. In retrospect, I don't know how we crammed it all in, but I do know it was often frustrating trying to locate items once we arrived. We were keen to take as much hay as possible seeing as it would cost \$15 a bale up north, but due to lack of space we only managed to ram 3 ½ bales into the truck and 3 in the van.

At 11.15am we loaded up the ponies and departed. Our first stop was Amberley where we met up with the van, full of 5 very excited children and 4 adults. Pre-ordered coffee and food awaited us (not that I am a coffee buff, but it was just what we needed). The remaining children and adults were either flying to Wellington then driving to Napier, or flying direct to Napier.

So, off we went again. Nicola's truck contains a vital piece of technology – a video camera – so we were able to monitor the ponies en-route and witness their antics. They were packed in snugly with no partitions between them so did get a bit warm at times. Foxy, Blue and Merlin spent a good part of the journey amusing themselves by trying to untie and bite each other, but the ones at the back – Burbury, Brocade (who we called Bee) and Basil, were the silent trouble makers who untied each other ever so quietly, and undetected, so they could mingle with the other ponies. So, an unscheduled stop was made in Cheviot to unload and sort them out. The ponies thought this was a marvellous idea until we promptly reloaded them.

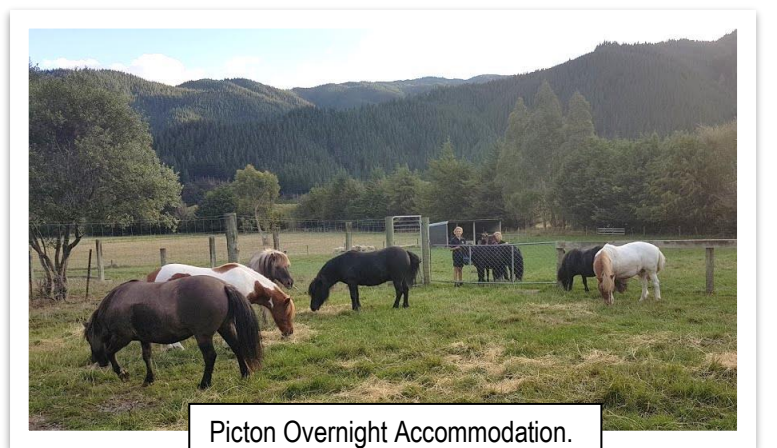
Our first official stop was the South Bay domain in Kaikoura where we spent an hour letting the ponies graze, 'forcing' them to drink, walking them around and just letting them chill.

We arrived at our Picton grazing at about 6pm. This property was 10 minutes south of Picton, and we had a small paddock for most of the team, and cattle yards for Blue and Ella as these two are prone to laminitis. There was plenty of space for the children to give the ponies a run around before settling them in for the night. They had yummy hard feeds, lots of hay, salt licks, clean water troughs and buckets, and also, we put electric standards and tape round the perimeter of the paddock (just in case – Shetlands being Shetlands). They also had electrolytes to encourage them to drink and help replace salts lost in transit. (Electrolytes were given after all the long-haul segments).

Our digs for the night was a holiday home in Waikawa Bay which slept 12 – perfect for us, though Nicola and Bridget opted to sleep in the truck that night and the entire trip. Nicola loves her truck bed, feels like she hasn't left home, and sleeps like a log (lucky her).



South Bay, Kaikoura.



Picton Overnight Accommodation.

We were up early the next morning to organise children and ponies and get to the ferry terminal in plenty of time – just as well, as the truck got lost trying to find the truck vehicle entrance which was over the railway line and out of sight of the van. We had to advise staff that it was on its way, in case they refused to board us. Just as the van entered the bowels of the ship, the truck finally came in to view – phew. Vehicles carrying livestock are parked out on the open deck to ensure plenty of ventilation, so the ponies were comfortable with fresh air coming in through the open windows and vents.

With the reported incident of dog deaths on the ferry, due to lack of air, just two weeks prior to our trip, this was very much on our minds.

After a calm ferry crossing, it seemed to take forever to disembark in Wellington, but once on the road, we headed north via the Kapiti Coast. (On advice, we opted to travel on this route, but did travel via the Rimutakas on the return trip). Otaki Racecourse was our next off-loading point, where we stayed for well over an hour and the ponies really enjoyed the break and were quite lively – they must have smelt the racetrack and thought they were there for a practice. At this point, as we had plenty of manpower, we attached the signage to the truck so were very recognisable, and had to behave ourselves, from that point onwards. In addition to huge signs on each side of the truck, we had one at the back, plus a massive poster which we attached to our yards at HOY.



Otaki Racecourse for a breather and sticking signs to the truck.  
L-R Melina, Merlin, Bee, Foxy, Blue, Burbury, Basil, Ella.

Off we set again, slightly behind schedule. We decided the road signage was rather lacking on the outskirts of Palmerston North – well, we were fine in the truck, but the van shot off in the wrong direction twice – thank goodness for cell phones so we could rein them in. As the Manawatu Gorge road is closed, we had specific instructions on the alternative route north of the Gorge. As luck would have it, that route was closed too, so we were sent round winding and hilly roads (heading south I might add ) in the back blocks which took forever, and 2 hours later it was little wonder that we could still see those wind farm turbines on the hills overlooking Palmerston North and felt like we had got nowhere fast. The trip was beginning to lose its appeal at about this time! Just on dusk, we finally pulled in to the ponies' accommodation and were greeted by our lovely host, Sharon, and her state of the art property. This was a perfect base, with lots of storage for our feed, a paddock with not much grass, another paddock with grass for supervised grazing, and outside lighting which, seeing it was dark by this stage, was an absolute must. It was getting late by the time we left there and headed to our accommodation at the Top 10 Holiday Park about 15 minutes away. As it was after office hours, we had to fossick around in the dark (this was fast becoming the norm) trying to locate our 3 units and find parking for the vehicles without running over campers in their tents. By the time we had ourselves sorted and had dinner, it is fair to say that we were all ready for bed.

The next day I decided we would leave the ponies in their paddocks so they could relax and get over their long journey without the hype of HOY all around them. In the daylight, we were delighted to see three HOY advertising posters on various intersections in Hastings, one of them featuring none other than Basil, the most photographed Shetland of all time. (Nicola 'borrowed' one of these signs in the dead of the night on our last day in Hastings). After an hour with the ponies, we headed off to the showgrounds. Parking the truck and van each day was fun as everything was packed to



The Team with Prydes Easi Feeds NZ – our major sponsor.



capacity and it was a case of squeezing in between trucks, encroaching on any privacy the occupants may have previously had. All horses are kept in yards, stables or off-site. There is no such thing as tying to your truck or float. We weren't able to park anywhere near our daytime yards which proved to be an absolute pain on Steeplechase day.

Parents and children spent this day and the next having a great look around and buying loads of bargains that they probably didn't really need, as you do. I spent much of the time fine-tuning race details and having meetings with the management. Forewarned is forearmed as they say, and I knew we would have our challenges, based on our HOY experiences in 2010. I won't bore you with too many details, but issues included their scheduling of our race to run in the dark!! (I told them that wasn't going to happen – and had stressed this prior to us leaving home, and they eventually brought our time forward 30 minutes). We had taken our pole jumps with us and were using the brush jumps made by HOY for us in 2010, but could we find them? Oh no. We knew they were on site in one of the many hunter rings at the back of the grounds but I couldn't find them. The following day we took the ponies in to the showgrounds, and in the evening, we rode around the massive grounds looking for these jumps in vain. In desperation we spotted some jump fillers of the right height in a very flash fenced off hunter arena, so we sent the ponies in to the ring under the tapes, removed fillers from one of the jumps and set them up for a quick practice. From out of nowhere, a lady came marching towards us with smoke coming out of her ears and she was less than impressed that we had borrowed her jumps from a Championship Title Class due to be run the following day. I assured her we would put them back in position and that our ponies were not entered in the class, to which she retorted "Well, that's obvious". Charming. I'm guessing she isn't one of our new Shetland Steeplechase followers on Facebook...



Practice night, with Amanda Wilson & her Grand Prix SJ horse Showtym Casanova. L-R Cotswold Brocade (Bee), Cotswold Foxfire, Beechgrove Basil Brush, Llewellyn Merlin (backing off), Cotswold Burbury (seeking reassurance from Blue), Llewellyn Moody Blue, Llewellyn Melina, Llewellyn Spellbound (Ella).

So, we put the unscathed jumps back in position, left the ring and headed to the main arena where we had a scheduled practice to familiarise ponies and riders with the surroundings. Five minutes later my phone rings and it was the Management woman telling me off and saying that they were now having to deal with 'Damage Control' (what!!!!) as this jump's lady had complained about us. We did have a laugh about that. We learnt along the way that people at HOY are very precious about their property which they have to provide themselves as HOY doesn't. This was no more obvious to me than when I was trying to borrow some cones for the inside running of our track – couldn't beg, steal or borrow any for love nor money and finally had to settle for six big feed bins.

Steeplechase time arrived and we had some last-minute panics while we were getting ready, as various bits and pieces had been left in the truck which was parked a 10-minute walk away. After a few heart palpitations, we arrived at the arena only to be told the programme was running half an hour late, so I phoned my Management contact and the phone went to voice mail. I left a message saying if we were not in the arena shortly, we would have to reassess the situation. I phoned again 5 minutes later – no response. Then out of the blue, we were being ushered in to the arena, as the Wilson Sisters had kindly swapped times with us. Kelly Wilson was our clerk of the course, and their crew helped us put out the jumps and set the course (no sign of our promised HOY men).

The crowd was massive, and I mean massive. The grandstand which seats 5,000 was packed to capacity, and they were 3 deep around the ringside. The oval was smaller than Canterbury so we opted to do 6 laps. All was going brilliantly until Blue had a freak gear failure resulting in his rider having one stirrup up near her ears and the other near ground level. She lasted a couple of laps then bailed out but Blue hadn't come all this way to retire, so he kept going head to head with Burbury for a couple of laps before ducking out that ever-inviting entrance gate, wiping Merlin out in the process. Well, the crowd just loved this turn of events and went ballistic – nothing like a bit of drama to get things stirred up. Both riders remounted and completed the last two laps with no further mishaps. Burbury was the eventual winner with Foxy in second place. The look on Ella's little rider's face when she finished

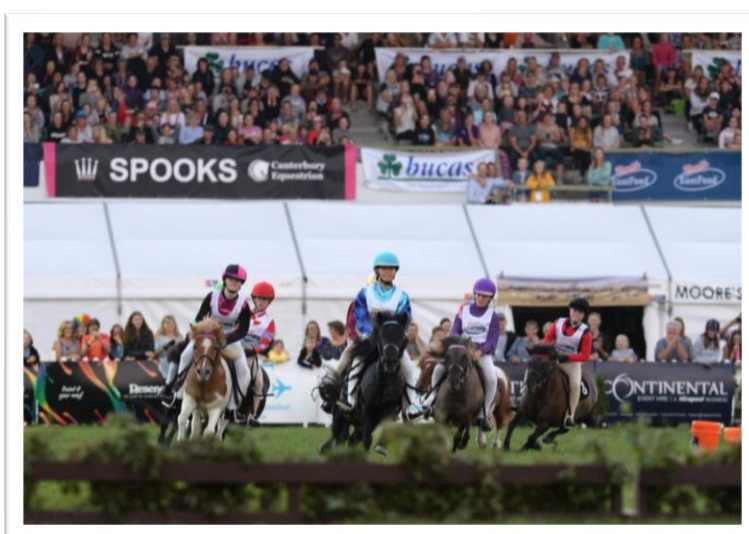
3rd was priceless – we didn't remind her of the carnage along the way that enabled her to finish in this position – some things are just best left unsaid. During the lap of honour, Basil's rider, Hannah, waved to the crowd, re-enacting the advertising poster, and the crowd erupted.



You're not getting past me Burbury, rider or not.



Don't even think about it Foxy (this photo appeared in the 'Hawkes Bay Today' Newspaper).



By the time we got back to the yards it was pitch dark (again) which made untacking the ponies and gathering up all the gear by torchlight a fairly challenging exercise. We literally stuffed everything in to the van which we had sneaked into the yards unnoticed, loaded up the ponies and headed for 'home'.

The next day, we cleaned all the gear and re-packed the truck, ready for an early morning getaway the following day. Children headed to Splash Planet then everyone went back to HOY to watch the Cross-Country phase of the 3\* ODE.

This awesome trip was made possible by donations from many generous sponsors – Prydes NZ EasiFeeds (\$5,000), Sefton Riding Centre (truck transport and proceeds from Show Jumping days), Protranz (fuel for truck and van, plus cooked breakfast for 30 and pizza for 30), N.Z. Shetland Pony Breeders' Society (\$1,250), Horse of the Year (\$1,000), North Canterbury Community College (free use of 12 seater van), N.Z. Thoroughbred Racing (\$500), MTF Finance Rangiora (polo tops for children), Apex Car Rental (free hire car Wellington to Hastings & return), Cash donations from Fiona & Tom Burrows & family, Diana & John Humphries, and Ann & Laurie Abernethy, PGG Wrightson Rangiora (feed and supplements), Sign Biz (truck signage & poster at cost), Screen Concepts (Printing of Polo Shirts and Caps and Ribbons for fundraiser), Karen & Terry Wilson (hay), and the Steeplechase parents for providing super cheap Picton accommodation, Picton grazing, hay and incidentals, organising and running 3 Show Jumping evenings and obtaining sponsorship for prizes and raffles.

To you all, I would like to say a massive thank you for your contributions big and small. Every little bit helped to fund our amazing trip to HOY, and it was wonderful that we had sufficient funds to cover all our costs (which incidentally were around \$14,000 all up!!) without parents having to dig deep into their pockets. Children and parents will treasure these special HOY memories for the rest of their lives 😊

*Lesley*



## The NZSPBS 2019 AGM Weekend in North Canterbury

*Article by Vicki Havord.*

We had pretty good weather for our annual AGM held in the North Canterbury region this year.

Day one saw us heading to Cust to the Shelyron Welsh Cob Stud with Lydia and Aaron Reynolds. Lydia and Aaron used to breed Shetlands as some or most of you will know but moved on to bigger equines as the children grew. It was interesting to hear about how the breed came to be here and how little the gene pool actually is in New Zealand. We had morning tea there and all headed off to Karen and Terry Wilson's property at Mandeville to hear about how the Cavalcade "Giddy-Up Gang" went on. Each year the Cavalcade is held in a different region and this time it was the beautiful Southern Lakes region. The team has a brilliant time with a lot of fun times and heaps of laughs by the looks of the presentation! There was a lot of preparation needed to get the ponies fitness to the required level with regular rides around the blocks and also the odd trip down to Timaru where Andrea had a lot more hills to work on. The Cavalcade organisers were super impressed with how the ponies handled everything, (sometimes better than the big horses), and they have been invited back for the next one, so well done Karen, Andrea, Jean and Josh!

After lunch, we headed to the Rangiora Veterinary Centre for a tour of the equine surgical unit with veterinarian Sam Taylor. It was interesting to hear of the surgeries they do and that they have some of the best equine surgeons in the country that regularly travel down from Matamata to perform some of the tricky ones. It was then on to Rossburn function centre in Rangiora for afternoon tea and our annual general meeting. We had the end of year prize giving with my own pony Duncree Harrington 1025NZ taking out the Youngstock of the Year in his first season ever out in the show ring and Toby Harden with Burravoe Zesbrie 940NZ taking out the prestigious Shetland Pony of the Year in his first full season with her. The Sire of the Year was won by Diana Humphries with Cotswold Mosiac 303NZ. He has sadly passed away but has left a lot of lovely ponies and his bloodlines are still very present in the show ring. The raffle followed and the photo competition kept Lucy Burrows very busy with a huge number of photos entered this year. Rossburn also has an amazing museum out the back with a huge range of memorabilia dating back to very early times. I saw some drapery receipts from the 1800's! Thank you so much to the team who cooked a beautiful dinner and dessert.

We had brilliant weather for the second day of our AGM. Firstly, we all met at Mark and Sarah Harden's property Double H Stud of which they are also in partnership with Sarah's mum Christine Harrison. "It is a dream come true" said Sarah for her and Mark finally being able to purchase their own property, highlighted by being able to have us visit and see the ponies they currently have. They have on lease Llewellyn Moritz and have mares in foal to him so it will be great to see their foals in the coming show seasons. After morning tea and a social chat, we all headed a few km's around the corner to the Burravoe Stud, owned by the Burrows family. They have two stallions at stud at present Gleneagles Possum 723NZ and Burravoe Phelmington 941NZ, mares in foal, geldings and lovely youngstock, some of which are currently for sale. We had lunch at the Burrow's including some lovely homemade pumpkin soup and then it was time for all to depart and drive or fly home.

It was a brilliant weekend and the weather held out for us which was an added bonus. It was a chance to catch up with all those members that are scattered around the country and it is wonderful to have members who travel down from the North Island. The committee would like to thank everyone who gave up their homes and studs for all of us and I am looking forward to next year.

By Vicki Havord.



## **STUD TOUR PHOTOS**

*Photos courtesy of Sarah & Mark Harden, Vicki Havord and Kathy Drake.*

### **Shelyron Stud Visit (Reynold's Family).**



Lydia Reynolds with her Welsh Section D Stallion.



Rockisle Gypsy Gem who was Lydia's first Shetland Pony and still a treasured part of the family.



Lydia Reynolds talking about one of her foundation Welsh Section D Mares pictured.



Members viewing a Welsh Section D 2 year old colt bred by Shelyron Stud.



Karen Findlay enjoying a cutsie moment with one of the Welsh Ponies.



Viewing the geldings.





Hearing about the history of the Welsh Cob lines in New Zealand.

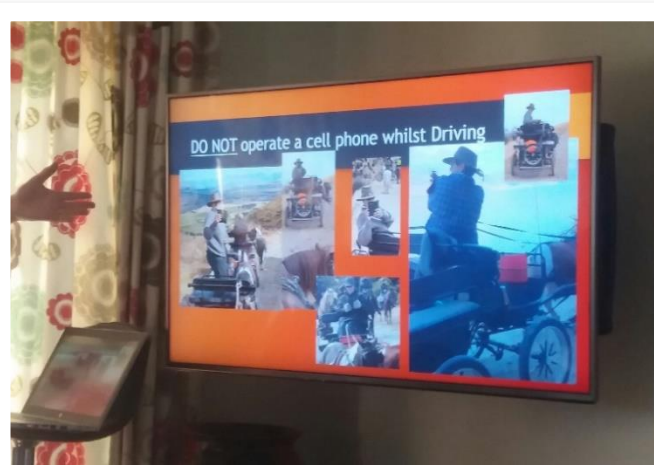


Grand old lady of the stud, 20-year-old Welsh Section D Mare.

### Karen Wilson's Property Visit and Cavalcade Presentation.



Karen Wilson presenting her slideshow.



Lots of belly laughs with the 'Safety Video' talk.



More giggles.



Members hearing about the adventures of Karen Wilson, Andrea Price, Josh Ottley and Jean Reid on their 2019 Cavalcade trip.





Shilmaine Sophia, Beechgrove Cappuccino and Beechgrove Butternut.



Tack Shed



Catherine Crosado enjoying a quiet moment in Karen's beautiful tack shed.



The most organised (and tidiest) tack room in New Zealand!



One of Karen's Gigs.



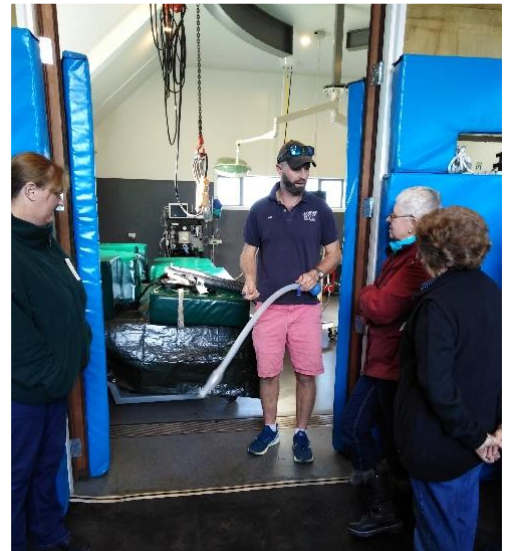
Display of Gigs.



## Rangiora Equine Vet Centre Visit



Rangiora Equine Surgery Building.



Veterinarian Sam Taylor giving a talk about the surgical procedures that can be performed on the premises.



Members been shown the new day surgery and stable building under construction.

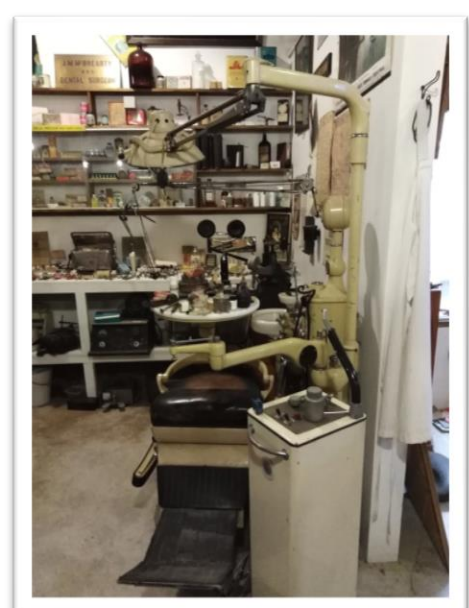
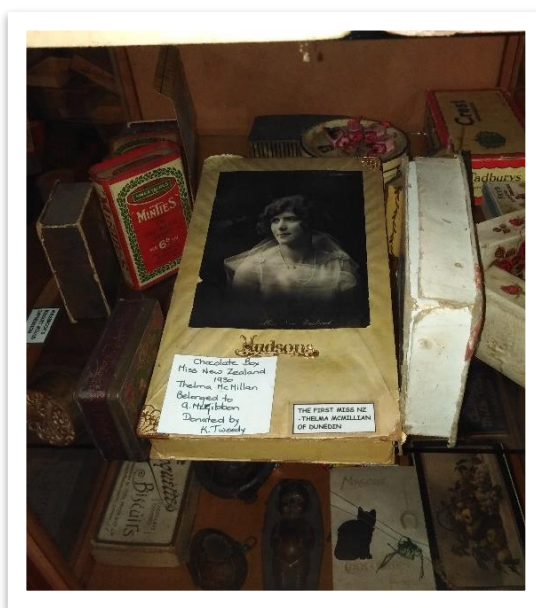
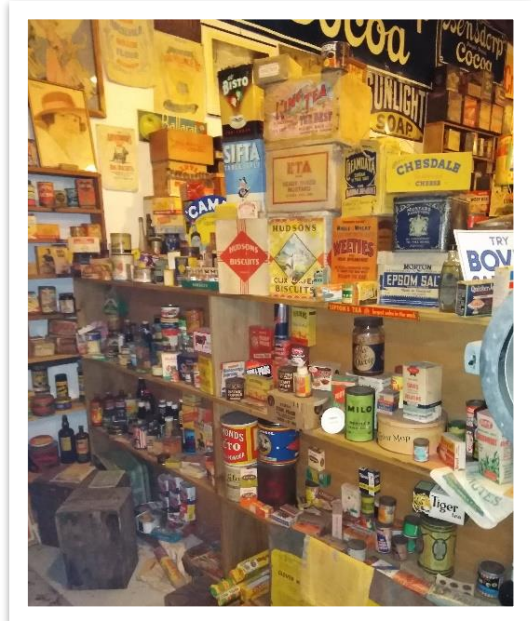


Stables under construction.





# Rossburn Museum





**Double H Stud Visit (Harden/Harrison Family).**



Members visiting Double H Stud and meeting Burravoe Zesbrie and Narrandera Yaxley.



Llewellyn Moritz unfazed by all the attention.



Mark Harden talking about 2 year old colt Stoney Croft Noble Legacy who is the last progeny of the late Fenwick Aniseed.



Saltaire Lilly with honorary 'Shetland' Milo the goat.



Narrandera Yaxley coming up for attention.





Oaklea Filagree enjoying the limelight.



Members having morning tea upstairs.



The herd.

### **Burravoe Stud Visit (Burrows Family).**



Members meeting Gleneagles Possum and Rockisle Alandia.



Members being introduced to some of the youngstock.





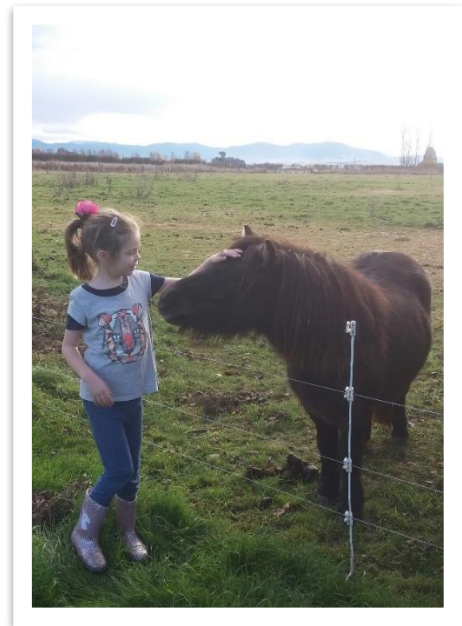
Lucy Burrows introducing Burravoe Phlemington and Cotswold Polly Hester.



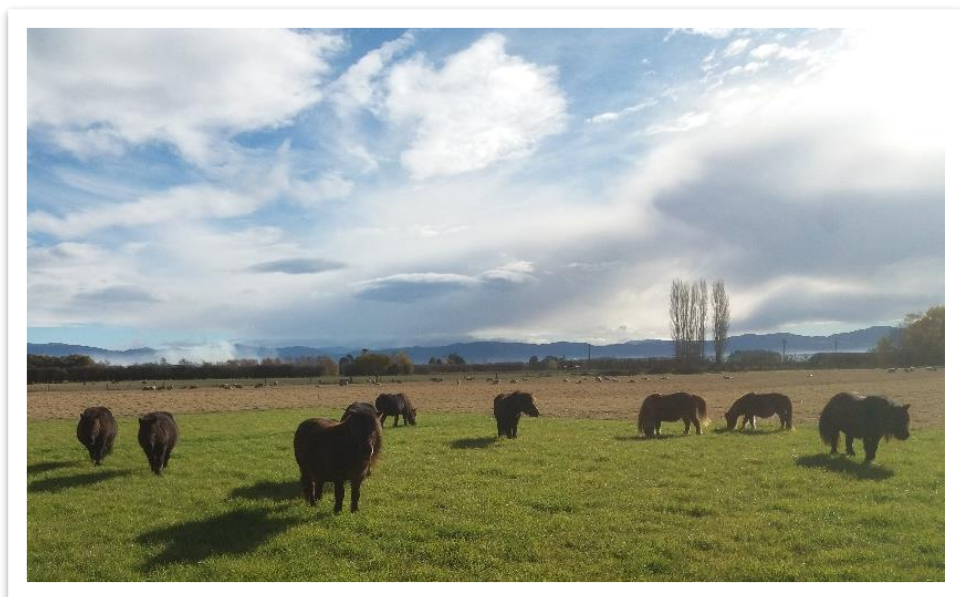
Lucy Burrows and Lisa with Burravoe Patient Amber.



Vicki Havord and Burravoe Piping Hot enjoying a good ol' scratch and cuddle.



Sienna Harden and Burravoe Piping Hot enjoying a moment.



The herd with a stunning back drop at Burravoe Stud.



## AGM PRIZEGIVING AWARDS



Richard Holst receiving award for Foal of the Year for Tullamore Belenos from Paula and Jim Hodges.



Fiona Burrows receiving award for Runner-Up Yearling of the Year for Burraoe Piping Hot from Paula and Jim Hodges.



Bernadette Woffenden receiving award for Two-Year-Old of the Year for Lael Sonshine from Paula and Jim Hodges.



Vicki Havord receiving award for Three-Year-Old of the Year for Duncree Harrington from Paula and Jim Hodges.



Bernadette Woffenden receiving award for Runner-Up Three-Year-Old of the Year for Oaklea Halliwell from Paula and Jim Hodges.



Vicki Havord receiving award for Overall Youngstock of the Year for Duncree Harrington from Paula and Jim Hodges.



Shona Cusack receiving award for Gelding of the Year for Cotswold Wizard from Paula and Jim Hodges.



Catherine Crosado receiving award for Runner – Up Gelding of the Year for Duncree Sir Shiloh from Paula and Jim Hodges



Toby Harden receiving award for Mare of the Year for Burraoe Zesbrie from Paula and Jim Hodges.





Richard Price receiving award for Runner – Up Mare of the Year for Fair View Maryah from Paula and Jim Hodges.



Richard Holst receiving award for Stallion of the Year for Gleneagles Prince from Paula and Jim Hodges.



Lucy Burrows receiving award for Runner – Up Stallion of the Year for Gleneagles Possum from Paula and Jim Hodges.



Toby Harden receiving award for Paced Pony of the Year for Burravoe Zesbrie from Paula and Jim Hodges.



Vicki Havord receiving award for Runner – Up Paced Pony of the Year for Duncree Harrington from Paula and Jim Hodges.



Toby Harden receiving award for Mannered Pony of the Year for Burravoe Zesbrie from Paula and Jim Hodges.



Vicki Havord receiving award for Runner – Up Mannered Pony of the Year for Duncree Harrington from Paula and Jim Hodges.



Toby Harden receiving award for Turnout of the Year for Burravoe Zesbrie from Paula and Jim Hodges.



Vicki Havord receiving Runner – Up Turnout of Year for Duncree Harrington from Paula and Jim Hodges.



Sienna Harden receiving award for Lead  
– Rein Pony of the Year for Narrandera  
Xcell from Paula and Jim Hodges.



Andrea Price receiving award for Harness  
Pony of the Year for  
Beechgrove Tatty's Girl and  
Beechgrove Dolly Bird from Paula and  
Jim Hodges.



Karen Wilson receiving award for  
Runner – Up Harness Pony of the Year  
for Beechgrove Cappuccino from Paula  
and Jim Hodges.



Richard Holst receiving award for North  
Island Pony of the Year for Gleneagles  
Prince from Paula and Jim Hodges.



Toby Harden receiving award for South  
Island Pony of the Year for Burravoe  
Zesbrie from Paula and Jim Hodges.



Toby Harden receiving award for  
Shetland Pony of the Year for Burravoe  
Zesbrie from Paula and Jim Hodges.



Diana Humphries receiving award for  
Sire of the Year for Cotswold Mosaic  
from Paula and Jim Hodges.



Lucy Burrows receiving award for Runner  
– Up Sire of Year for Murrayfield Happy  
Chappie from Paula and Jim Hodges.



Lorraine Martini receiving award for 3<sup>rd</sup>  
place Sire of Year for Narrandera  
Vicount from Paula and Jim Hodges.





Diana Humphries receiving award for 5<sup>th</sup> place Sire of Year for Fenwick Aniseed from Paula and Jim Hodges.



Toby Harden receiving award for Young Handler of the Year for Burravoe Zesbrie from Paula and Jim Hodges.



Margaret Rowe receiving award on behalf of Pippa Melville for Runner – Up Young Handler for Birchlands Lucky Little Miss from Paula and Jim Hodges.



Bernadette Woffenden receiving award on behalf of Alexis McCartin for 3<sup>rd</sup> place Junior Handler for Lael Lorien from Paula and Jim Hodges.



Margaret Rowe receiving award on behalf of Kate Melville for 5<sup>th</sup> place Junior Handler for Birchlands Chocolate Smudge from Paula and Jim Hodges.



Sienna Harden receiving award for 8<sup>th</sup> place Junior Handler for Narrandera Xcell from Paula and Jim Hodges.



Christina Lewis and Duncree Sir Shiloh pictured with their award for Runner – Up Gelding of the Year.



Toby Harden with Fiona Burrows (Breeder of Burravoe Zesbrie along with Lucy Burrows - who is not present in photo).



**NEW ZEALAND SHETLAND PONY END OF YEAR RESULTS – 2019 \*\* 82 shetlands entered\*\***

CLASS	PONY	OWNER / HANDLER	POINTS	ENTRIES
<b><u>Foal End of Year Award – Trophy Donated by Rockisle Shetland Pony Stud</u></b>				
Foal – Winner	Tullamore Belenos (pending)	Deanna & Richard Holst	30	3
Foal – Runner Up	Zeberdee Sussidso (pending)	K Whiting	3	
<b><u>Yearling End of Year Award – Trophy Donated by Mazline PartsWorld – The Wilson Family</u></b>				
Yearling	Oaklea Jubilant	A Buckingham	38	3
Yearling – Runner Up	Burravoe Piping Hot	Burrows Family	10	
<b><u>2 Year Old End of Year Award – Trophy Donated by Shona &amp; Andy Cusack, Oamaru</u></b>				
2 Year Old – Winner	Lael Sonshine	Woffenden Family	36	5
2 Year Old – Runner Up	Toonmalls Show Time	H & B Prescott Ballagh	26	
<b><u>3 Year Old End of Year Award – Trophy Donated by Beechgrove Stud, The Price Family</u></b>				
3 Year Old – Winner	Duncree Harrington	V Havord	73	5
3 Year Old – Runner Up	Oaklea Halliwell	Woffenden Family	10	
<b><u>OVERALL YOUNGSTOCK END OF YEAR AWARD – TROPHY DONATED BY MARIAN LUSBY, NORTH CLOSE SHETLANDS, CAMBRIDGE</u></b>				
YOUNGSTOCK OVERALL WINNER	Duncree Harrington	V Havord	73	
<b><u>Gelding End of Year Award – Trophy Donated by Helen Salt, Saltaire Shetland Pony Stud</u></b>				
Gelding – Winner	Cotswold Wizard	Shona Cusack	16	19
Gelding – Runner Up	Duncree Sir Shiloh	Catherine Crosado	14	
<b><u>Mare End of Year Award – Trophy Donated by Lesley &amp; Paul Lewis, Llewellyn Shetland Pony Stud</u></b>				
Mare – Winner	Burravoe Zesbrie	Toby Harden	90	26
Mare – Runner Up	Fair View Maryah	Richard Price	36	
<b><u>Stallion End of Year Award – Trophy Donated by Diana &amp; John Humphries, Cotswold Shetland Pony Stud</u></b>				
Stallion – Winner	Gleneagles Prince	Deanna & Richard Holst	37	8
Stallion – Runner Up	Gleneagles Possum	Burrows Family	32	
<b><u>Paced End of Year Award – Trophy Donated by Craig &amp; Kerin Houston, Rose Eyre Shetland Pony Stud</u></b>				
Paced – Winner	Burravoe Zesbrie	Toby Harden	48	44
Paced – Runner Up	Duncree Harrington	Vicki Havord	32	
<b><u>Mannered End of Year Award – Trophy Donated by Sarah Petrie, North Canterbury</u></b>				
Mannered – Winner	Burravoe Zesbrie	Toby Harden	35	50
Mannered – Runner Up	Duncree Harrington	Vicki Havord	30	
<b><u>Turnout End of Year Award – Trophy Donated by Catherine Crosado, Duncree Shetland Pony Stud</u></b>				
Turnout – Winner	Burravoe Zesbrie	Toby Harden	49	46
Turnout – Runner Up	Duncree Harrington	Vicki Havord	36	
<b><u>Ridden End of Year Award – Trophy Donated by Helen Salt, Saltaire Shetland Pony Stud</u></b>				
Ridden – Winner	Llewellyn Melina	Lesley Lewis	49	8
Ridden – Runner Up	Llewellyn Merlin	Lesley Lewis	44	
<b><u>Lead Rein End of Year Award – Trophy Donated by Helen Salt, Saltaire Shetland Pony Stud</u></b>				
Lead Rein	Narrandera Xcell	Sienna Harden	24	3
Lead Rein – Runner Up	Llewellyn Mystique	Lesley Lewis	18	
<b><u>Harness End of Year Award – Trophy Donated by Lucy Giles, Halland Stables</u></b>				
Harness – Winner	Beechgrove Tatty's Girl & Beechgrove Dolly Bird	Andrea Price	109	4
Harness – Runner Up	Beechgrove Cappucino	Karen Wilson	94	
<b><u>NORTH ISLAND TROPHY – DONATED BY VINCENT FAMILY, FOXTON</u></b>				
NORTH ISLAND TROPHY WINNER	GLENEAGLES PRINCE	DEANNA & RICHARD HOLST	37	
<b><u>SOUTH ISLAND TROPHY – DONATED BY CATHERINE CROSADO, DUNCREE SHETLAND PONY STUD</u></b>				
SOUTH ISLAND TROPHY WINNER	BURRAVOE ZESBRIE	TOBY HARDEN	90	
<b><u>SHETLAND PONY OF THE YEAR TROPHY – DONATED BY VINCENT FAMILY, FOXTON</u></b>				
SHETLAND PONY OF THE YEAR	BURRAVOE ZESBRIE	TOBY HARDEN	90 POINTS	

### SIRE RATING RESULTS – 2019

Placing	Pony	Points	Number of Progeny competing
1 <sup>st</sup>	Cotswold Mosaic	60 points	4
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Murrayfield Happy Chappie	59 points	1
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Narrandera Vicount	59 points	2
4 <sup>th</sup>	Lael St Nicholas	59 points	2
5 <sup>th</sup>	Fenwick Aniseed (Imp Aust)	45 points	5
6 <sup>th</sup>	Murrayfield Im A Winner	29 points	3

Sire Rating Results 2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> place were awarded on count back.



Cotswold Mosaic (deceased)



Murrayfield Happy Chappie (deceased)



Narrandera Vicount (deceased)



Lael St Nicholas



Fenwick Aniseed (deceased)



Murrayfield I'm A Winner



## YOUNG EXHIBITORS AWARD RESULTS – 2019

### Entries

Placing	Handler	Pony
1 <sup>st</sup>	Toby Harden	Burravoe Zesbrie
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Pippa Melville	Birchlands Lucky Little Miss
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Alexis McCartin	Lael Lorien
4 <sup>th</sup>	Yasmine Regos	Llewellyn Merlin
5 <sup>th</sup>	Kate Melville	Birchlands Chocolate Smudge
6 <sup>th</sup>	Charley Regos	Llewellyn Melina
7 <sup>th</sup>	Isabella-Rose de Roo	Eyreton Lodge Jessie Royale
8 <sup>th</sup>	Sienna Harden	Narrandera Xcell

## AGM 2019 PHOTO COMPETITION RESULTS

This competition ran for the eighth 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 2020 AGM. A big thank you to Burravoe Stud for organising this competition and supplying prizes. Thank you to Lucy Burrows and Karen Findlay for calculating the results.

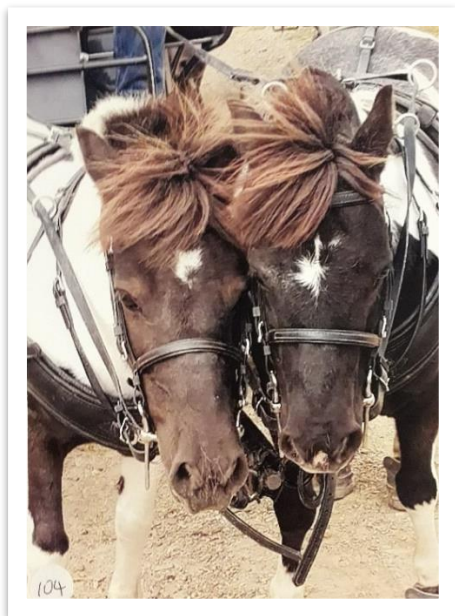


### Winner of Section Two: Shetland Foal and Overall Photograph Winner.

Taken by Lorraine Martini.

Oaklea Bellmoral (deceased).  
Sire: Cotswold Dougal McAllister.  
Dam: Birchlands Tinkerbelle.





Section One: Group of Ponies winner taken by Andrea Price.



Section Three: Individual Shetland winner taken by Catherine Crosado.



Section Four: Shetlands at Shows winner taken by Sarah Harden.



Section Five: Shetlands and Children winner taken by Ann Storms.



Shetlands and Other Animals winner taken by Sarah Harden.



## **NZ SHETLAND PONY OF THE YEAR 2019 PROFILE – BURRAVOE ZESBRIE 940NZ**

Burravoe Zesbrie won NZ Shetland Pony of the Year 2019 along with Mare, Paced, Mannered, Turnout and South Island awards.

### **Congratulations to Toby Harden on winning pony of the year with Burravoe Zesbrie (Zest) for 2019!**

#### **Burravoe Zesbrie Description:**

**Sex:** Mare  
**Height:** 9.1hh (unofficial)  
**Colour:** Black  
**Dam:** Cotswold Brianna 431NZ  
**Sire:** Murrayfield Happy Chappie 422NZ  
**Date of Birth:** 30<sup>th</sup> October 2012  
**Bred by:** Lucy and Fiona Burrows of Burravoe Stud.

#### **Describe the character of the pony.**

She is a cheeky pony who loves to show off.

#### **What do you love most about this pony?**

I love how she always comes to greet me when I go into the paddock and how beautiful she looks.

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

The South Island Shetland Pony Show. It was a show that I have attended with my family since I was a young child and have always dreamed of winning, so it was a special moment for me to finally achieve this goal.

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

Since I was four.

#### **How did you become interested in Shetland Ponies?**

When my Grandma and Mum purchased Narrandera Xcell (Paige) a little chestnut filly as a yearling from the late Don and Margaret Sutherland of Narrandera stud. This fuelled the beginning of my passion for the breed.

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

My first ever pony that I officially owned is Burravoe Phineas Phynn (Phynn). He taught me a lot about handling a younger pony.

#### **How long have you been showing?**

Since I was four years old but I took a break to play football for a few years.

#### **What is your day job?**

I am a student at Rangiora High School.

#### **Do you enjoy any other hobbies or interests other than Shetland Ponies?**

I love anything sport related!

#### **What advice would you give to new members who aspire to the Pony of the Year title?**

Believe in yourself and your pony and enjoy the experience.

#### **Do you have any aspirations with your ponies for the coming year or long term goals?**

I am hoping to get Zest in foal next year to Llewellyn Moritz. A long term goal of mine is to be out in the show ring showing a stallion for a season when I am old enough to do so.

#### **Describe your pony in 10 words or less.**

She is my dream pony, kind, charismatic and beautiful.



*Photo credit Mark Harden.*



*Photo credit Sarah Harden.*



*Photo credit Brittany Fowler Photography.*



*Photo image of pony credit to Mel's Moments.*

### **REMINDER**

Dear members, please note you can find copies of the Schedule of Fees, End of Year Show Rules and Entry Forms directly on the website.

<https://www.shetlandpony.org.nz/forms>

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## LEANNE AND HARRY

*Article submitted by Leanne Whyte.*



Hello,

My name is Leanne Whyte and my pony is Harry or Oaklea Delacore.

I have been involved with horses for many years, mainly riding Standardbreds. I first got into horses when I was in the fifth form at high school when I used to help an elderly gentleman named Morris Broughton. He taught me a lot of what I know today. After he passed away, I was taken under the wing of Gordon Dennis. He taught me a lot about harness and how to drive a pair, this was done with historic gear and cart.

Skipping forward to the present day. I was horseless for a few years when I started Western riding when I met my partner. This I could not continue doing due to having Osteoarthritis in the left hip. My partner suggested that I get a Shetland to drive in harness.

I contacted Catherine Crosado of Duncree Shetlands to see if she had any for sale. She did not but told me that Lorraine Martini of Oaklea Shetlands had one little orange bundle of love for sale, namely Harry. I made contact with her and photos were sent and I started to fall in love. A time was made to visit, we turned up, me full of anticipation. I finally got to see him and Harry cast his spell and I was hooked. A week later he was picked up in a style befitting his majesty a Tk Bedford with a Gooseneck Float.

For the first few weeks he was grazing in the back garden. One day he was on the front lawn and decided to make himself known to the neighbourhood by opening the gate catch and going visiting, which made him world famous in Darfield! He enjoys going for drives around town and socialising. He's now in a paddock with his best friend Solo my partners horse. They love to have a hoon around the paddock. He will soon be earning his keep by pulling a set of harrows to harrow the paddock. I hope in the future to do driven eventing and harness classes with him.

