

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

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

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

The show season for 2017 -2018 is over. Trust everyone had an enjoyable time showing this summer – autumn and enjoyed catching up with fellow exhibitors/members.

We look forward to our journey South to Milton to enjoy some Southern Hospitality, see some fluffy ponies, attend the annual AGM and enjoy the comradeship of the members of our Society.

The weather continues to be unseasonal with continual rain, snow and cyclones! Trust everyone got away unscathed by the latest blast we have had.

Our 21st South Island Shetland Show was a great success at our new venue – The Ellesmere A & P Show Grounds with Harness Classes on in the afternoon after a good turnout of In-hand Ponies judged by our two Australian judges. An enjoyable day for competitors, judges and spectators. Special thanks to the wonderful Show Committee team for organising such a great day.

Look forward to catching up with members and friends at the AGM. Take care.  
Warmest Regards Fiona Burrows – President

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

#### **New Members**

A warm welcome to Margaret and Brian Rowe from Waimate, Eva-Leanne and Shayla-Joanne Shaw from Dunedin and Dorothy Ottley from Timaru.

#### **Showing Etiquette Reminder**

A couple of issues have been brought to the attention of the committee over the last season, so the following is just a gentle reminder of some basic showing points.

#### **The Pony:**

- Ponies are to be Registered, or have an appropriate Foal Pre Naming with NZSPBS.
- The pony must be entered under the registered owner's, or lessee's name, but can be shown by anyone you choose, however they should ensure that anyone showing the pony on their behalf is familiar with the recommendations and rules for showing.
- Ponies must be clean and not over-processed, keep it clean and simple – remember they are a Native Breed.
- Ponies must be shown in full feather and natural coat, they are not to be dyed or wear make-up and should not be clipped.
- Do not plait ponies manes, tails or forelocks, tails should be long around fetlock length (use a tail bag to keep tails clean), do not cut bridle paths.
- Show ponies in a suitable bridle with a bit. Youngstock may be shown in a halter (exception Colts over one year), preferably a leather halter with a leather lead. It is not recommended to show in a rope or a "paddock" halter, or use every-day lead ropes for leads.
- Stallions and colts must be identified by an **S** badge on each side of the bridle from a yearling onwards.
- Ensure your gear is clean, brass should be shiny!
- Avoid bling bridles, simple plain brow-bands are preferred.
- If your pony is not well, then **do not** bring it to the show.
- Forbidden substances are not to be used – any animal may be tested for drugs or forbidden substances at any show, refer to the RAS rules and regulations.
- Height certificates are not required for Shetland ponies competing in the Shetland Pony Section at A&P Shows, however Shetland ponies competing in open ring(s) will need to comply with the RAS rules stipulated for that particular ring.

#### **The Exhibitor:**

- Wear appropriate attire, there is no specific dress code but jeans, western attire and casual attire are not recommended (exception shows are winter woollies or fun days, unless otherwise specified)
- It is recommended to wear dress pants or a skirt that is contrasting in colour to the ponies legs, some judges prefer this as it is easier to see the ponies' legs when they move out. A matching or contrasting dress jacket is a popular choice. Tops and skirts should not be skimpy or revealing. The outfit chosen should be suitable to run in and the overall look should complement the pony.
- Wear appropriate shoes, black or brown leather shoes with a good sole flat sole are recommended – sneakers, high heels etc. are not appropriate. You will need to be able to run in them on slippery / muddy ground.
- It is recommended to wear a hat, gloves, buttonhole or brooch (women on the right lapel, men on the left lapel).
- Carry a show cane or a cut down dressage whip no longer than 68cm in length including the flap which is not measure more than 2cm wide and 4cm long.
- Wear an appropriately sized arm number holder on your left arm, do not use a breast plate number holder on the pony.

- If you are showing a stallion or colt ensure you have the appropriate identification arm-bands (one for each arm) and bib, refer to the RAS rules and regulations.
- Tie long hair back or tuck it up under your hat.
- Keep jewellery and make-up simple.
- Be confident and smile – you are supposed to be enjoying yourself and this will feed through to your pony, you are there to show your pony off.
- Do not abuse your pony or you may be “yellow carded” refer to the RAS rules and regulations.

#### In the Ring:

- Both you and your pony should be standing facing the judge unless asked otherwise, ensure the pony is standing on all four legs and you should not be slouching – you should both look attentive.
- Follow the instructions of the judge, if you are not sure of the instructions ask the judge to repeat them when it is your turn to work out.
- Move the pony out well, don't amble along make the pony walk and trot out enthusiastically, be confident in your work out and use the arena to show your pony off.
- Lead out the pony so that the pony is on the judge's side and not you, unless you are asked to change the rein.
- If you have a faster pony, overtake the slower pony on the outside, it is considered rude to pass them on the inside and may block the judge's view of your fellow competitor. If you have a slower pony or one with shorter legs it is advisable to enter towards the end of the class, you should not be the exhibitor to lead out the class if possible.
- Try to control naughty behaviour quietly and firmly, a badly behaved pony can upset other ponies and ruin someone else's day. If your pony is behaving badly allow room plenty of between you and the competitor beside you or move you pony to the back or out to the side, especially if it is a stallion or colt. Remember we all have bad days in the show-ring, shrug it off and move on!

#### Ring Etiquette:

- Refrain from talking in the ring.
- Smile and make eye contact with the judge it is polite to say good morning and politely answer any questions asked, however the conversation should be kept professional.
- Don't follow other competitors too closely, give ponies room or you or your pony may get kicked.
- Allow plenty of room for stallions and colts – these are identified by an **S** on the bridle, be mindful of these ponies both inside and outside the ring.
- Those not selected for a ribbon line-up should discreetly leave the ring when indicated by the judge or steward.
- Once the ribbons have been given out by the judge the first place recipient will lead the ribbon winners in order of their placings from the ring, usually at a trot.
- Congratulate fellow competitors whether you agree with the placings or not, do not voice your negative opinions.
- You should attend the show's Grand Parade, this is especially important for those winning Reserve Champion, Champion and Supreme sashes, it is also nice to support the person with the pony that won Supreme.

All Shetland classes at A&P shows run under the rules and regulations of the RAS and the NZSPBS, a list of all current rules and regulations can be found at the following link <http://www.ras.org.nz/about-ras/rules-regulations/>

For the NZSPBS regulations and the breed information for showing please refer to the NZSPBS Website under the “Forms” and “Shows & Stud Book” tabs or at the following links:

<http://www.shetlandpony.org.nz/NZSPBS%20Regulations%202017.pdf>

<http://www.shetlandpony.org.nz/NZSPBS%20Approved%20A&P%20Show%20Inhand%20Classes%202017-18.pdf>

<http://www.shetlandpony.org.nz/Shetland%20Pony%20Standard%20of%20Excellence%202017-18-1.pdf>

#### **Stud Book**

Just a reminder that a list of all registered ponies, their DOB, Dam and Sire can be found on the NZSPBS Website under the “Shows & Stud Book” tab or at the following link: <http://www.shetlandpony.org.nz/StudBookJuly2017-1.pdf> This list is updated periodically by the Registrar, please direct any queries to the Registrar, Catherine Crosado, email [duncree@xtra.co.nz](mailto:duncree@xtra.co.nz)

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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 – 5<sup>th</sup> December 2017 to 24<sup>th</sup> April 2018**

Reg. Number	Pony	Vendor	Transferred To
1045NZ	Toonmalls Showtime	A Buckingham, Ashburton	H & B Prescott-Ballagh, Waimate
995NZ	Birchlands Buttons	M Cromie, Waimate	D & J Humphries Motukarara
988NZ	Shelyron Black Obsidian	A Buckingham, Ashburton	R McCormack, Westport
784NZ	Fair View Bella Rose	A Waghorn, Oxford	A Piper, Leeston
810NZ	Beechgrove Butternut	M James, Rangiora	K Wilson, Mandeville
668NZ	Cotswold Angus	M James, Rangiora	S Harden, Eyrewell
968NZ	Birchlands Chocolate Smudge	M Cromie, Waimate	M & B Rowe, Waimate
502NZ	Birchlands Polly Anna	C A Crosado, Charing Cross	K Whiting, West Eyreton
997NZ	Owlca Dash of Nutmeg	K Findlay, Fernside	J Dalley, Rangiora
329NZ	Gleneagles Blossom	A Abernethy, Taihape	H. Butler, Carterton
940NZ	Burravoe Zesbrie	Burrows Family, West Eyreton	T. Harden, Eyrewell

**New Registrations – 5<sup>th</sup> December to 24<sup>th</sup> April 2018**

Registration Number	Sex	Pony
1053NZ	Gelding	Tullamore Sunstrika
1054NZ	Filly	Little Hoof Miss Evangilene
1055NZ	Filly	Little Hoof Sierra Dawn

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

**Stallions Registered**

None

**New Studs**

None

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

Thank you to all of those members that have submitted items of interest and photos for this newsletter.

This is my last newsletter for the Society and I have elected not to re-stand on committee for the 2018/2019 season. It has been a pleasure to be part of the committee over these past years and the decision comes from a life change perspective.

I wish you all the very best for the upcoming show and breeding season.

Details of the new Newsletter Editor will be made available, after the incoming committee is selected and positions assigned, please continue to support this role by sending in photos, articles and other items of interest.

Monique James – Newsletter Editor

**THE CALL TO GREENER PASTURES....****R.I.P**

Murrayfield Haberlea (Abby) 482NZ recently passed over the rainbow and into greener pastures  
6/12/2002 – 10/2/2018

Dam: Murrayfield Heather (NZ295)  
Sire: Llewellyn Conrad (NZ36)



*If anyone would like to include their deceased pony in the newsletter, please contact the Newsletter Editor.*



## **IMPORTANT NOTICES!!**

### **2018 AGM – MILTON, SOUTHLAND**



**Date:** Saturday May 26<sup>th</sup> May 2018 and Sunday May 27<sup>th</sup> May 2018

**Accommodation is available at:**

St John Motel - Main Street, Milton

Black Swan Motel in Waiholā (12 Minutes north of Milton)

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### **SHOW RESULTS / END OF YEAR AWARDS 2017-2018**

In-hand show results for End of Year Awards are calculated by the NZSPBS Committee from show results sent in by Area Representatives and appointed NZSPBS Committee Show Results Co Ordinator's over the show season beginning **1<sup>st</sup> October 2017 to 15<sup>th</sup> May 2018** (or the date in May of the last Foal Show prior to the NZSPBS AGM, whichever date is later) for the following classes:

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

**Lead Rein, Ridden and Harness**

Exhibitors please send your results recorded on the "NZSPBS Shetland Pony of the Year Result Sheet 2016/17" to the Secretary Lesley Lewis, 530 Marshland Road, Christchurch 8083, **by 15<sup>th</sup> May 2018** if you have not already done so.

**Junior Handler Award (Formerly Young Exhibitor)**

This award is open to any Junior Handler aged 5–18 years (age as at and including 15<sup>th</sup> May 2018) exhibiting a Shetland pony registered in the NZSPBS Stud Book. **Participants do not need to be members of the NZSPBS.** All in-hand shows held during the show season from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2017 to 15<sup>th</sup> May 2018 with Shetland classes (e.g. A&P, Breeders, NZSPBS, and Regional Shows etc.) are eligible.

**The classes eligible for the award are, Breed and Conformation classes, Best Presented or Turnout, Best Paced and Best Mannered.**

A trophy is awarded to the Junior Handler with the most points throughout the show season, however if the recipient or their family is not a financial member of the NZSPBS, the Society shall retain the trophy. 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> place-getters shall receive a sash and certificate.

Exhibitors please send your results recorded on the "NZSPBS Shetland Pony of the Year Result Sheet 2017/18" to the Secretary Lesley Lewis, 530 Marshland Road, Christchurch 8083, **by 15<sup>th</sup> May 2018** if you have not already done so.

### **SHETLAND AGM AMATEUR PHOTO COMPETITION – 2018 AGM**

#### **Photos can be entered into six categories:**

Group of Shetlands (two or more)  
Foals or Mares and Foals  
Individual Shetland  
Shetlands at Shows  
Children and Shetlands  
Shetlands and Other Animals

Photos to be no bigger than A5 size.

You may enter more than one photo per category.

You cannot enter the same photo in two categories so choose the category best suited to the photo.

The winner is the person who took the photo, not the person in the photo or the owner of the Shetland in the photo.

#### **Judging and voting**

Each photo will be given a number, and every person will have one vote per category.

Voting will be done anonymously.

A designated person or persons will add up the votes and the winner will be announced later in the evening.

#### **Entering**

On the back of the photo write the name of the person who took the photo.

Overall winner is the photo with the most votes.

Entry is free.

Do not email photos.

AGM competition only, however someone can bring photos on your behalf.

Please collect photos at the end of the competition.

**Prizes will be donated by Burravoe Shetland Pony Stud**

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

I had a busy day with four local kids on my Shetlands as we went to the Gore show in February. These kids and ponies were a joy to take out. We have to borrow show gear as it's the only show we go to each year. It's sure worth it when you see how much pleasure the kids and the public get from us being there.

Amy Ballantyne of Lake Hawea tells me they are enjoying Beechgrove Royal Georgie Girl. Five year old Cody is now riding her by himself. And the Shetland has made best buddies with their lamb, (she has a soft spot for lambs and has even let them suckle from her). Photos below of them in the lake together, what fun.

Shetlands have come and gone from my place this year. Beechgrove Royal Rose has gone to Timaru for a year or two and is going to do the cavalcade next year in a pair in the heavy wagons trail. Rose Eyre Sophie passed through. She rode beautifully after a long spell and is going to try her luck again as a broodmare. I often harness one or two ponies for trotting around the farm. The kids love driving them too.

I recently joined Southland Shafts and Wheels for a two hour drive around the streets of Gore. Greenhill Candy was beautifully behaved at the back of the parade but her little legs couldn't walk at the speed of the big carriage horses so we did a bit of trotting to keep up. A nice outing, but in future I think I'll join the miniature horses carriage drives!

Looking forward to catching up with you all again in Milton at the AGM.

Geraldine



### Beechgrove Royal Georgie Girl (Tilly) – The Shetland Pony



Isle Hailes driving Greenhill Candy and Grace Dolton driving Cotswold Priscilla



Geraldine Edgar and Carly Drysdale driving Greenhill Candy with Southland Shafts and Wheels in Gore in March.

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

Nothing to report from the area.



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

As I write the rain is pouring down. Typically in Canterbury we have gone from summer to winter in the space of a couple of days.

I had my last show of the season at Malvern A&P and the last Canterbury show was Oxford A&P in Easter weekend. The Canterbury Breeders Foal Show is the very last event for Shetland breeders before we hunker down for winter. Looking back on the showing season for this year, numbers for our Shetland classes have been fairly consistent. I think the largest number of entries for a class this season was the Paced and Mannered class at Banks Peninsula Show. There were 15 ponies competing. Pretty impressive effort! We are also getting consistent encouragement and good feedback from judges about the difficulty they have judging large numbers of quality ponies. A good problem for the society to have and good feedback for Shetland breeders.

Many of us in Canterbury are looking forward to trekking south for the AGM and catching up with all you members who can make it to enjoy some southern hospitality. Keep warm and invest in some good gumboots. I think this winter we are all going to need them.

Regards,  
Bernadette Woffenden, Lael Shetland Pony Stud

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

Not a lot to report this time around. It's just been a case of hunkering down and trying to avoid what has been a very hot humid summer. Thanks to well above average rainfall for January and February, the grass didn't stop growing so waistlines have had to be watched. Luckily plenty of hay was produced in December and January, despite the rainfall, as the rainless days were hot enough to dry grass quickly. So we have a lovely full hayshed which is always a comforting thought going into winter.

The ponies got a few washes—not to get them clean, but simply to cool them down and to remove the build-up of sweat in their coats. I have a new favourite product—Bee Kind Naturally White soap bar. It's all natural and brings the white/pale ponies up sparkling and my black pony has had a wonderful sheen on her all summer. I thoroughly wet their coats, manes and tails and then use the bar straight on their coats with a massage pattern. They love it and my hands feel lovely and soft and silky for days afterwards. The ponies are left with a soft silky coat which naturally repels dirt for a while afterwards. One bar normally does three Shetlands, but for their latest pre winter wash I used almost a bar per pony as their winter coats were starting to come through and I wanted to make sure I got all the last residual sweat out of their coats.

I also use the Bee Kind Kawakawa massage soap on my two old retired ponies—33 year old Welsh pony Fanci and 35 year old Norwegian Fjord pony Dannii. Dannii has an amazingly dense coat winter and summer—much denser than the Shetlands, and she tends to get skin rashes if sweat builds up in the coat. Over the years we have tried all sorts of remedies including steroid creams which the vets recommended, but nothing works like the Kawakawa soap. I haven't had a single issue of skin rash since using it, and she has stopped rubbing against anything she can find! And once again—it's magic on my hands!

Another product which Rod and I are loving is Equi -Lise all-in-one lime based equine fertiliser. This is a pelletised product produced in North Canterbury specifically for equine pastures. It is really easy to apply using the spinner on our tractor, but just as easy to apply by hand or using a hand held spinner. In the past we have had difficulty applying lime in our spinner as it just keeps clogging up. This is a great new product which has given really good results in our paddocks in a short time. We buy it from our local horse feed merchant in 25kg sacks, but you can also buy in 1/2 ton or one ton bags. It is great to be able to do a paddock or two at a time and we usually time it just before heavy rain so it gets absorbed fast. We are often reminded of a friend's summing up of what living on a lifestyle block is all about—it 'Blocks your Lifestyle' as there is always something else needing your attention! So when you find a product that cuts down your workload and gives really good results, it pays to share the knowledge.

We have had a few cyclones come through this summer and each time we get a good blow, the neighbour's willow trees deposit heaps of branches into our paddocks, which are immediately hoovered up by the ponies and cows. It just reminds me how dependent the animals are on roughage/fibre. They demolish the leaves, twigs and then work their way through the bark and even quite large pieces of branch. Just a reminder that grass alone is not enough for our ponies and a varied diet of non-toxic herbs and even hedgerows and trees helps keep them healthy.

Kathy



Beating the summer heat



Rod putting Equi-Lise on the pony paddock.

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

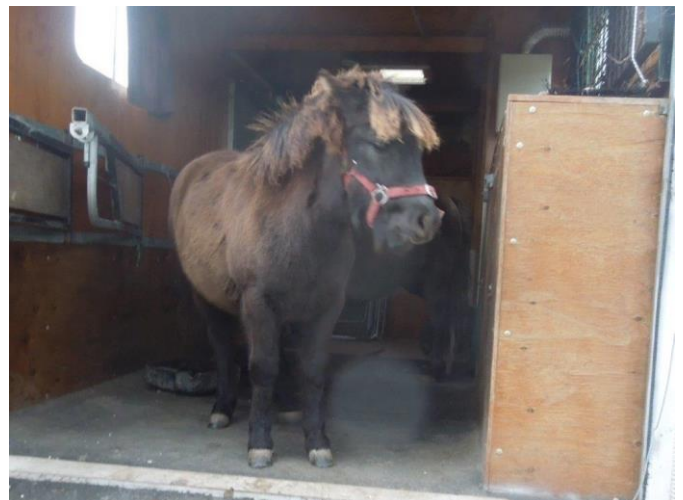
As I write this we are in the middle of the wintery blast that is affecting the country. Goodness how quickly the year is passing! I do not have a lot to report this newsletter as I have not been able to have ponies out and about this last season. However I am pleased to say that I have retired Gleneagles Blossom from the broodmare paddock at rising 20 years and she has gone to be a family pet and companion in a knowledgeable home. I feel lucky to have found such a suitable home (thankyou, Diana) and know she will be well cared for. Blossom has given me three lovely foals – Barnsley Adonis, who has made a wonderful child's pony and now ridden by a two year old: the filly, Barnsley Evening Special who has enjoyed a lot of success in the show ring and the yearling, Barnsley Miss Maggie who is yet to make her debut! Huntingdon Bliss's foal is now 6 months and ready to be weaned. She is a lovely big foal and progressing well.

I must say a big thankyou to all who helped get pony boots for Barnsley Father Billy. Thanks to Karen for all the information and Cherie at Finishing Touch for making it happen. I plan to do some carriage training with the ponies during winter, weather permitting, as unfortunately there are really no shows in this area except Taihape A&P and that is struggling to keep going ---- however that doesn't stop Laurie and I (and friends, young and old) from enjoying the ponies.

Best wishes for the AGM. Keep warm through the winter ahead.  
Ann Abernethy



Barnsley Shezabeauty (name pending), foal "nearly" as big as Mum!



I go in the truck now!!

## **MEMBER PROFILE – SARAH HARDEN**

<b>How long have you been a member of the NZ Shetland Pony Breeders Society?</b>	Since 2005
<b>How did you become interested in Shetland ponies?</b>	When my parents bought land I started out interested in setting up a Welsh Pony stud and had a few, but my mother wanted a Shetland also. We found out about Narrandera Shetland stud and one visit later, Shetlands became a part of our lives from that point on.
<b>What is the name of the first Shetland you ever purchased?</b>	Narrandera Xcell aka Paige as a foal back in 2005.
<b>What activities do you enjoy doing with your Shetlands?</b>	I enjoy in-hand showing, watching my children interact with them by riding or showing them, and taking them for outings to the beach or forest. Paige can also be driven in the cart for fun.
<b>Describe your most memorable experience with your Shetlands.</b>	One of my most special moments was watching mum win Supreme Shetland Overall with Burravoe Dante at the SI Shetland Show 2017. The joy that day brought her is very special and a treasured memory.
<b>Do you have a favourite Shetland? If so, what is its name and why is it a favourite?</b>	They all have a special place but 3 stand out the most - Paige for all the joy she brings my children, Teddy (Oaklea Filagree) because he is just such a character and craves attention, and most of all the late Burravoe Dante. He was special beyond words and meant so very much to my mum (Christine Harrison), Sienna as her riding pony, Toby as his show pony, and I. He had that X-factor and character that will forever make him a favourite to our family. I miss the nuzzles that he gave and him waiting at the gate to be caught. Watching him and Teddy go from arch enemies to besties is yet another personality quirk that endeared me to him.
<b>What other hobbies / activities do you enjoy?</b>	I enjoy art and love to read or study anything animal related.

## **STUD PROFILE – DOUBLE H STUD**

<b>What is the name of your stud?</b>	Double H Stud.
<b>How did you come up with your stud name?</b>	At the time it was founded I was living on my parent's property which had 2 houses. My parents named their property Double H Lodge for Harrison and Harden. Our stud involves both families so the name was fitting to carry on.
<b>Where is your stud located?</b>	Mark and I now have our own property in Eyrewell, North Canterbury, where our ponies reside with us.
<b>How many ponies do you have at your stud?</b>	We currently have 10 ponies.
<b>How many foals have been born or are due this season?</b>	We are hoping we may have 1 mare due this upcoming season. Now we are settled on our own land we plan to start breeding a few the following season.
<b>Describe the aim of your stud.</b>	We aim to breed some foals we can love and enjoy as a family. I hope to be able to show a Shetland with our prefix again in the coming years as I have no doubt it will be twice as rewarding seeing one of your own out and about.
<b>Do you have any advice for members interested in starting their own Stud?</b>	Seek knowledge from other established studs, get out showing at A&P and Breed shows to see what ponies you like, and keep it small to start with.
<b>Describe your ponies in 10 words or less.</b>	Little equines who steal your heart and make you smile.





Burravoe Dante Supreme Shetland SI Breed Show 2017, exhibited by Christine Harrison



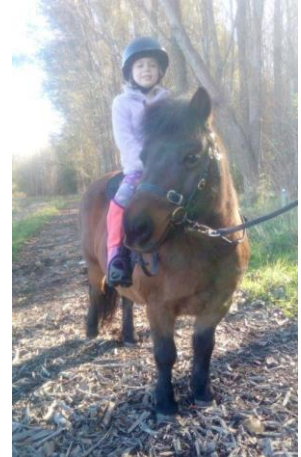
Oaklea Filagree and Sarah Harden (left), Burravoe Dante and Toby Harden (right)



Sienna Harden riding Narrandera Xcell



Oaklea Filagree and Sarah at the beach



Sienna Harden riding Cotswold Angus



Narrandera Xcell being driven by Toby and Sienna Harden



Oaklea Filagree and Christine Harrison at the river



Oaklea Filagree and Toby Harden and Narrandera Yaxley and Sienna Harden in Pairs Class at SI Breed Show



Sarah's beloved Shelties, Magnum and Poppy



## NZSPBS SOUTH ISLAND BREED AND HARNESS SHOW

I was delighted to have been invited to judge at the South Island of New Zealand Shetland show on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2018. From the moment my feet hit the ground at Christchurch on the Friday till the time I returned home on the Monday, I was treated royally, the hospitality and attention to detail of the members and committee was quite overwhelming!

The accommodation was second to none, so many thanks to Manu and Paul, who made us so welcome in their beautiful home, and wined and dined us so well. To Marianne and Baxter, the most entertaining and obliging chaperones one could wish for, thank you so much, to my fellow judge Lisa Johnson from NSW and her beautiful daughter Ebony, for their great company, I hope you had as much fun as I did. To the lovely ladies who stewarded for me on the day, you made the job so enjoyable. Most importantly, thank you to the competitors for bringing your lovely ponies out at the show, it was a pleasure to judge them. I was amazed at everyone's friendliness and was very impressed at the standard of the ponies and their handlers. It was pleasing to me as a breeder to see so many lovely geldings present for judging, I truly believe the best ambassadors for any breed are the quality geldings.

I was particularly impressed at the combined lunch and presentation of trophies after judging and the fact that everyone got together in a social way. It was truly an enjoyable finish to the day's competition.

The dinner on Saturday evening was a wonderful chance to meet with the competitors after the show and have an informal chat, thanks to so many of you for coming up to me and chatting and for making the effort to go out again after quite a long day.

A special thanks to Diana and John Humphries for being so kind to me on Sunday and Monday, looking after me and showing me some of the sights of your beautiful country, I enjoyed every minute!

Thank you so much everyone, it was a wonderful experience that I will treasure always, and please, anyone travelling to Oz, look us up, I would love the chance to return some of your hospitality.

My best wishes to you all for future enjoyment with your special ponies.

Kind regards Janine Holland Gracedale Shetlands, Bagshot, Victoria Australia  
(Judge for the 34" and Under Section and Gelding Section)



Firstly, I like to thank the committee for inviting me to judge and welcoming Ebony as my steward – we were excited to accept the opportunity to visit and judge at the South Island Shetland Show and overwhelmed with the genuine hospitality shown by the committee and exhibitors throughout the weekend – it only added to the whole experience for both of us. The committee, the exhibitors, our 'carers' (Marianne & Baxter), our chauffeur (John) and co-ordinator /secretary/ 'solve any question person' (Fiona), the accommodation (Manu & Paul – Country Lane Gardens B&B = divine) it was very, very much appreciated and very unexpected!

A huge thank you to the exhibitors – it was extremely pleasing to have the ponies presented according to the 'Standard of Excellence' – quality to type, sound ponies with lovely temperaments and movement; exhibitors who presented themselves and their ponies proudly. To have beautiful ponies presented before me on the day was a welcome challenge – alongside the fact that I did not know any of the exhibitors or ponies – it made for a very enjoyable day. I can only encourage the exhibitors to continue breeding and showing the ponies as they are at present – thus ensuring that the quality, type, temperament and soundness is maintained.

We wish you all every success in the future and look forward to an ongoing relationship with your show and plan to visit again as soon as is possible – but a longer stayover next time!

Kind Regards  
Lisa & Ebony  
(Judge and Stewart for the Standard Height Section)

**SI BREED SHOW PHOTOS**  
 Photos courtesy of Fiona McLachlan



Supreme Champion Pony of Show and Supreme Champion of Section 1 Standard Height – Duncree Scarlett Sprite owned and exhibited by Catherine Crosado with Judge's Janine Holland (middle) and Lisa Johnson (right)



Section 1 Standard Height Supreme Champion of Section – Duncree Scarlett Sprite exhibited by Catherine Crosado



Section 2 34" & Under Supreme Champion of Section – Lael Moon Shadow exhibited by Bernadette Woffenden Judge Janine Holland (right)



Section 3 Geldings Supreme Champion of Section – Cotswold Asterix exhibited by Shona Cusack



Overall Best Presented – Cotswold Andross exhibited by Diana Humphries, Judge's Lisa Johnson (left) and Janine Holland (middle)





Section 1 Standard Height Champion Stallion – Cotswold Andross  
exhibited by Diana Humphries



Section 2 34" & Under Champion Stallion – Narrandera Xzar  
exhibited by Ralph Woffenden



Section 1 Standard Height Reserve Champion Stallion – Gleneagles  
Possum, owned by the Burrows Family



Section 2 34" & Under Reserve Champion Stallion – Domino  
Downs Bailey (Imp Aust.), owned by Kirsty Whiting



Section 1 Standard Height Champion Foal – Burravoe Ambrosia (name  
pending) exhibited by the Burrows Family



Section 1 Standard Height Reserve Champion Foal – Cotswold  
Annie's Tapestry (name pending), owned by D & J Humphries



Section 3 Geldings Champion  
Youngstock – Beechgrove Fire 'n' Ice  
exhibited by Richard Price



Section 3 Geldings – Stoney Croft Royal Kahn exhibited  
by Jim Hodges



Section 3 Geldings – Narrandera  
Yaxley exhibited by Sienna Harden





Supreme Shetland Pony of Show Award presented by Elspeth Robinson (right) from Murrayfield Shetland Pony Stud to Catherine Crosado (left)



Judges Janine Holland (left) and Lisa Johnson (right), with Steward Ebony (middle)



Section 4 Harness Champion – Beechgrove Belle Bird driven by Andrea Price



Section 4 Harness Reserve Champion – Shilmaine Sophia driven by Karen Wilson



Section 4 Harness – Llewellyn Checkmate driven by Jean Reid



Section 4 Harness – Beechgrove Misty Magic, driven by Jess Jacques



Section 4 Harness – Cotswold Hot Tabasco driven by Denise Ohlson



Section 4 Harness – Beechgrove Butternut driven by Monique James



## NORTH ISLAND SHOW PHOTOS



Franklin A&P Show – Photo credit Janine Goodhew

Left to right is: Richard Holst and Gleneagles Prince, Lucy Burrill and Tullamore Evie's Sunset, Kendra Rogers and Broompark Jay, Vicky Marris and Sunnymead Park Snowflake and Vicky's handler and Narrandera Verena



Foal Tullamore Sue's Sparkx (name pending) met some Rough Collies who had just competed in the ring before us at the Auckland Easter A&P Show  
(photo taken by the Rough Collie owner)





## SOUTH ISLAND SHOW PHOTOS



Banks Peninsula A&P – Champion Adult and Supreme Champion –  
Duncree Hickory Hakim and Catherine Crosado



Banks Peninsula A&P – Line Up



Banks Peninsula A&P – Oaklea Halliwell and Ralph Woffenden  
(right) and Lael Naress and Bernadette Woffenden (left)



Gore A&P – Carlie Drysdale on Beechgrove Royal Rose, Grace  
Dolton on Cotswold Tammish, Isla Hailes on Cotswold Priscilla, and  
Cameron Wilson on Greenhill Candy with Geraldine Edgar



Native Breed Show Supreme – Murrayfield Hepatica



Native Breed Show Champion Led Rein – Sienna Harden riding  
Narrandera Xcell



Native Breed Show Supreme Stallion Judging –  
Big and little at the show, Highland Pony vs Shetland Pony

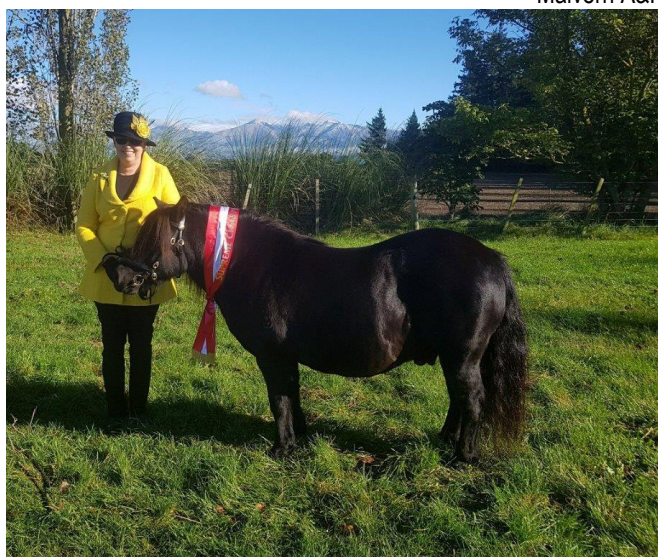


Native Breed Show Supreme Stallion of Show – Domino Downs  
Bailey and handler Amy Woodhouse, owned by Kirsty Whiting





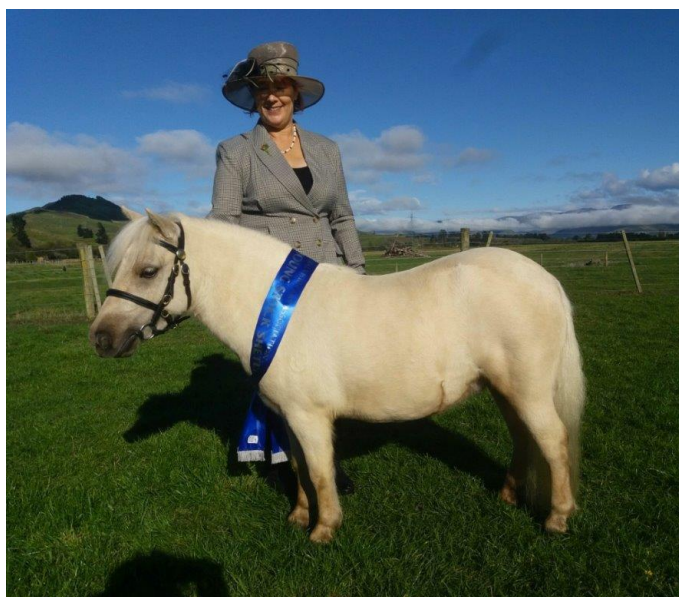
Malvern A&P Show exhibitors



Malvern A&P Champion Adult and Supreme Champion – Duncree Hickory Hakim and Catherine Crosado



Malvern A&P Reserve Champion Adult – Burravoe Zesbrie and Toby Harden



Malvern A&P Champion Youngstock – Oaklea Halliwell and Bernadette Woffenden



Malvern A&P Reserve Champion Youngstock – Burravoe Primadonna Pearl, exhibited by the Burrows Family





Oxford A&P Supreme Champion and Champion Youngstock –  
Burravoe Primadonna Pearl and Fiona Burrows



Oxford A&P Champion Adult – Burravoe Zesbrie and Toby Harden



Oxford A&P Reserve Champion Youngstock – Burravoe Pennlington  
Paddy and Sarah Harden



MacKenzie Highland Show Supreme Champion and Champion Adult  
and winner of the tartan scarf –  
Duncree Hickory Hakim and Catherine Crosado



North Otago A&P Champion Adult and  
Supreme Champion – Cotswold Asterix and  
Shona Cusack



MacKenzie Highland Show Reserve  
Champion Adult – Cotswold Asterix and  
Shona Cusack



MacKenzie Highland Show Champion  
Youngstock – Beechgrove Fire "n" Ice and  
Richard Price