

Papatoetoe Pony Club

# The Pony Express

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Brookby Show Hunter 2023  
Winners of the Cat B Pony Championship HOYQ  
Savanna Styles & Ruby Tunes

## Show Hunter a Success

It has been a busy start to the 2023/2024 season with the first major event having kicked off.

After a five year hiatus, the Brookby Show Hunter made a very welcome return to the equestrian calendar thanks to show organiser Kate Bull.

Over two action packed day, we witnessed 161 combinations, making it the biggest ESNZ show hunter show!

PPC hosted 800 rounds of jumping across the two rings and had minimal scratchings, despite the weather on Saturday!

It was great to see so many of our PPC riders taking part with some beautifully turned out ponies, hacks and riders.

Congratulations to Sav Styles and her pony Ruby Tunes who secured the top spot in the Cat B Pony Championship HOYQ. A round of applause also goes to our top six placegetters



Harriette Giltrap photographed by Julia Murch

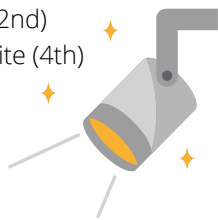


# What's in the news?



Poppy Illston photographed by Julia Murch

- Intro Horse 80cm - Lucia Sullivan (4th)
- Open Restricted HOYQ - Lucia Sullivan (2nd)
- EquiMatch Junior High Points - Harriette Giltrap (3rd)
- Junior Equitation Series - Harriette Giltrap (3rd)
- 12 Years & Under Equitation - Savanna Styles (1st)
- Cat B Intro Pony 60 - Gemma Blackwell (3rd)
- Cat B Hunter HOYQ 70cm - Savanna Styles (1st)
- Cat B Hunter HOYQ 70cm - Poppy Illston (3rd)
- Cat B Hunter HOYQ 80cm - Poppy Illston (1st)
- Cat B High Points - Savanna Styles (2nd)
- Intro Pony 70 - Amani Shaw (3rd)
- Intro Pony 80 - Amani Shaw (4th)
- Cat C Pony Hunter HOYQ - Allegra Francis (4th)
- Pony Equitation - Eva Braithwaite (6th)
- Cat C High Points - Allegra Francis (6th)
- Welcome Hunter HOYQ - Harriette Giltrap (5th)
- Junior High Points - Harriette Giltrap (6th)
- Junior Equitation Series - Harriette Giltrap (3rd)
- Open Hunter HOYQ - Sophia Fitzpatrick (5th)
- Cat A Pony Hunter HOYQ - Poppy Illston (3rd)
- 12 Years & Under Equitation - Savanna Styles (3rd)
- Cat A Pony Championship - Poppy Illston (5th)
- Intro Pony 70cm - Kate McKeen (3rd)
- Cat B Pony Hunter HOYQ - Savanna Styles (3rd)
- Cat B Pony Hunter HOYQ - Poppy Illston (4th)
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## Coach spotlight

Each month, The Pony Express will be placing one of PPCs fantastic coaches under the spotlight as we get to know a little bit more about them. First up is dressage rider and judge, David Ringwood.

*At what age did you start to ride and how did it come about?*

I first started riding when I was about 7. According to my mom when I was young, I was quite sickly and so taking me to a place to learn to ride was to distract me from my health issues. It turned out I was pretty good at it and later became the "guinea pig" in the neighbour to ride those unruly ponies and then horses.

*Do you still ride and what is your favoured discipline?*

After finishing high school, I took a break from riding to study, travel and work and after 20 plus years I returned as an adult rider. I currently ride and compete in dressage. I have a lovely self-produced advanced dressage horse. I really enjoy the technical challenges and the art of dressage.

*What do you like about coaching?*

I really enjoy helping people and their horses to be better. I enjoy analysing the finer details and finding solutions to improve the quality of the work.



*What is your favourite holiday destination?*

That's a hard one but probably Thailand.

*Favourite flavour of ice cream?*

Since one scoop is never enough id have to say boysenberry, salted caramel and mango.

*What song is guaranteed to get you on the dance floor?*

Spectrum (Florence and the machine)

*If you had to leave home in a hurry, what three things could you not leave without?*

My pets (2 English golden Labradors and 1 cat)

My phone

A silver bracelet I got in Greece

*What would your perfect day look like?*

Funnily enough my perfect day does not involve horses. My perfect day would include a nice beach, hot weather, some cold beverages and a good book .



*What is on your bucket list?*

- Get my current horse Zak to Grand Prix
- Show my dogs at a dog show
- See Matt Rife (comedian) live
- Write a collection of short stories or a book
- Learn another language

*Which fictional character would you most like to be friends with?*

Robin Hood, I think he would be fun and always be on an adventure.

*Who is your hero?*

Anyone that dances to the beat of their own drum.

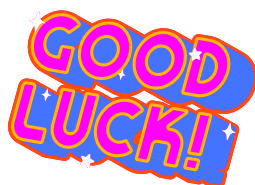


Good luck and safe travels to those riders who are representing PPC at Equifest taking place at the NEC Taupo this weekend (13th-15th October).

- Eva Brunt
- Maryann Hawkeswood
- Ruby Hawkeswood
- Sienna Pallin-Simmonds

Our team of four are heading South to compete in the Junior (80-85cm) Class of the NZPCA Pony Club Teams Event.

If you are at Equifest on Sunday between 9am and 11am please head along ringside and show your support at the Equitak Arena.



## Have your say



You may have received an email recently from NZPCA or you may have seen a Facebook asking you to complete a short survey about your riding interests and activities. Please can we encourage all of our

members to take a few minutes to complete the survey. Created by National Equestrian Facilities Steering Group, it is your opportunity to express how you use public spaces for equestrian activities and to ensure that these opportunities still exist in the future. Please check out the PPC Members Facebook page for more details and the link to the survey. Thank you.

## Code of conduct

The New Zealand Pony Clubs Association Inc Code of Conduct outlines behaviours that are expected of every person involved in our organisation, as well as identifying the types of behaviours that will not be tolerated.

It applies to members, officials, adult supporters, coaches, instructors, spectators, family, friends, administrators and other members of our diverse pony club community.

It applies to all NZPCA, National, Area, Club and Branch events and activities.

The Club aims to create an environment where all people are treated with dignity, respect and courtesy, free from bullying and harassment, and to provide a process to deal with bullying and harassment by or toward those involved in activities/sport.

The NZPCA Code of Conduct supports everyone to have fun.



## Congratulations to PPC Members

Congratulations to those PPC members who passed NZPCA certificates recently.

- Eden Annabel - D coaching course
- Eden Brown - D/D+
- Sophia Fulford - D/D+
- Olivia Owen - C



# What to take part in PPC representative teams' event?



A reminder that if you wish to be part of the PPC representative teams' events then please do not forget to express your interest to Head Coach Kate Bull. We have several fantastic opportunities available to riders of all levels.

If you wish to be considered, you also need to commit to two fundraising efforts to assist with costs associated with such competitions. Fundraising initiatives will be announced via our PPC Facebook page.

## Security on site



We were saddened to hear of a recent break in at Sullivan Stables where owner and PPC member Tara Sullivan lost a huge amount of riding gear not to mention the discomfort of someone trespassing on your property.

With this in mind, we would like to issue a polite notice to please make sure that the front main gates are kept closed and locked whenever possible. If you are meeting a guest, farrier, vet or another on site, then please place the sign on the gate. Please do not share the lock box code, located adjacent to the main gate, with any non-PPC members.

If you are the last to leave, PLEASE SHUT THE GATE.

## Out & About

Congratulations to those PPC riders who have been out and about competing over the past month. We love to see and hear about your travels so please send news and photos via our PPC Facebook Messenger.

*GP Show Jumping Show @ Woodhill - 16 September*

Harriette Giltrap - Pony 90cm - 2nd  
Maryann Hawkeswood - Pony 60cm - 3rd  
Maryann Hawkeswood - Pony 70cm - 5th  
Jayme Camenzind - Pony 1.05/1.10cm - 4th

*St Peter's Inter-Schools Dressage - 17 September*

Rebecca Dickens - Introductory 0B Horse - 2nd  
Rebecca Dickens - Preliminary 1A Horse - 2nd  
Ariella Grant - Preliminary 1D Horse - 3rd  
Ariella Grant - Novice 2A Horse - 4th  
Petra Grant - Preliminary 1D Horse - 1st  
Petra Grant - Novice 2A Horse - 5th

*AMDG Dunstan Spring Series @ Clevedon - 17 September*

Jessica Sutherland - Elementary 3A - 2nd  
Jessica Sutherland - Elementary 3C - 3rd



*Rebecca Dickens*

*Rotorua Spring Show Jumping @ NEC Taupo - 22 September*

Georgia Verissimo - Open Horse 90cm - 6th  
Georgia Verissimo - 1m Horse Championship - 2nd

*WEC Spring Horse Trial - 23/24 September*

Delta Forsyth - CCN95-S - Riders 18 yrs & under - 3rd  
Ariella Grant - CCN1\*-S - 1st  
Petra Grant - CCN95-S - Riders 18 years & under - 1st  
Kate McKeen - CCN65-S - Open - 5th  
Jessica Sutherland - CCN95-S - Restricted to Thoroughbreds - 6th

*Springbush Horse Trial @ NEC Taupo -*

Scout Lodder - CCN105-S A - 1st and 2nd  
Scout Lodder - CCN105-S B - 6th  
Scout Lodder - CCI3\*-S - 1st  
Indi Sutherland - CCN 80-S B - 6th

## Food for thought

Recently at PPC we were fortunate to have equine nutritionist Luisa Wood come along to rally with her scales and offer advice on what we are feeding our four-legged friends. This month, Luisa offers some advice on nutrition and diet design.

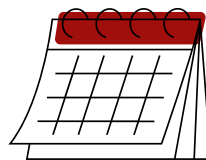


With the season well and truly underway for most of us it's great to see people out and about competing! As workloads for most horses and ponies are increasing at this time of the year, it's important to ensure their nutrition is matching this workload and their diet is providing everything they require.

Some great options for horses in light work include McMillan Cool Feed, NRM Horse and Pony or Coolade. For horses stepping it up to the higher levels McMillan Energy Max or NRM Ultimate Sport are ideal, and for grain sensitive horses McMillan Grain Free, Muscle Relieve or NRM Low GI Sport are great low starch options.

NRM and McMillan have a technical relationship with Kentucky Equine Research which gives us and our clients access to Microsteed diet analysis software at [www.microsteed.com/nrm](http://www.microsteed.com/nrm). This is a great place to check your horse's diet is balanced and ensure you're feeding the right feeds at the correct level.

For a customised Microsteed ration for your horse head along to the website or contact nutritionist Luisa Wood on [luisa.wood@nrm.co.nz](mailto:luisa.wood@nrm.co.nz) or on 027 809 7846



## What's on

Keep your eye on your email inbox and the PPC Facebook pages for lots of action and activities happening at the Club.

Here's a look ahead to what's coming up in the next few weeks out and about.

### October

- 13th-15th - Equifest @ NEC Taupo
- 14th/15th - Grand Prix Show Jumping @ Woodhill
- 15th - Dressage Northland @ Barge Showgrounds
- 15th - AMDG Dunstan Spring Series @ Clevedon PC
- 18th - PPC Rally - Dressage**
- 21st - PPC Rally - Mounted Games**
- 21st - WAPC Open Gymkhana @ Kihikihi Domain
- 21st/22nd - Show Hunter Spring Championship @ Riverdale
- 21st/22nd - Northland Show Hunter @ Northland
- 22nd - Mini ODE @ Woodhill
- 22nd - Ribbon Day @ Massey Pony Club
- 23rd - Open Ribbon Day @ Clevedon PC
- 26th-29th - Let's Jump @ NEC, Taupo
- 27th - Twilight SJ Practice @ Whitford PC
- 28th - PPC Rally - Cross Country & Horse Fall Training**
- 28th/29th - Grand Prix Show Jumping @ Woodhill
- 29th - Practice Show Hunter @ St Peter's Cambridge

### November

- 3rd - Twilight SJ Practice @ Whitford PC
- 4th - Jumping Waipa @ Kihikihi Domain
- 4/5th - Northland Horse Trials @ Barge
- 5th - Dressage Waitemata @ Woodhill Sands
- 5th - Inter-Schools Show Jumping @ St Peter's Cambridge
- 8th - PPC Rally - Show Jumping**
- 11/12th - Horse Trial @ Riverdale
- 11/12th - Summer GP Show Jumping @ Woodhill
- 12th - Dressage Tournament @ Taupo NEC
- 14th - Twilight SJ Practice @ Whitford PC
- 15th - PPC Rally - Dressage**
- 17-19th - Auckland Show Jumping GP Show @ Pukekoe A&P Showgrounds
- 18/19th - Brookby HT @ PPC**
- 18/19th - Show Hunter Waitemata @ Woodhill
- 19th - AMDG Spring Series @ Clevedon PC
- 23rd - Dressage By The Lake @ Takapoto Estate
- 24th - Twilight SJ Practice @ Whitford PC
- 26th-29th - Let's Jump @ NEC, Taupo
- 25th - PPC Rally - Cross Country Rally**
- 28th/29th - Grand Prix Show Jumping @ Woodhill



# **CHANGE** *the* **REIN**

**Own your journey –  
be proud to be here**

**Make sure your unicorns are happy**

**Give newcomers a leg up**

**Rein in rubbish behaviour**

**Be a good person**

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And remember none of us can do this sport  
without our amazing volunteers and officials so  
give them a great big smile and thank them!

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