



Papatoetoe Pony Club

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Piper Lodder & Daisy Dream - Photo Credit: Julia Murch

Brookby Show Jumping a resounding success

Wow! If you competed or watched the action at the Club on the weekend of 20th and 21 January, you will have witnessed a fantastic showjumping event.

Over 330 combinations competed across 31 classes in two areas providing plenty of action.

This would not have been possible without the fantastic organisation

and show execution of super trio Kate Ormond, Kirsten Worker and Emma Brinkley. These ladies worked tirelessly both behind the scenes and on the weekend to ensure that everything ran like clockwork.

There were some super rounds by our PPC riders, in particular Piper Lodder who was on fire all weekend. Riding Daisy Dream in the pony section and Hit the Jackpot in the horses, she racked up an impressive four class wins, a second, one third place and two fourth place finishes.



LtoR: Kirsten Worker, Emma Brinkley & Kate Ormond
(Photo Credit: Julia Murch)

What's in the news?



Mackenzie Keeling (Photo Credit: Christina Goffin)

Congratulations to our placegetters across the weekend of Brookby Showjumping.

- 1st - Mackenzie Keeling - Pony 65cm
- 3rd - Amani Shaw - Pony 70cm
- 3rd - Lauren Keith - Horse 70cm
- 2nd - Sienna Palin-Simmonds - Pony 75cm
- 4th - Mackenzie Keeling - Pony 75cm
- 4th - Lauren Keith - Horse 75cm
- 5th - Sienna Palin-Simmonds - Pony 80cm
- 6th - Lucia Sullivan - Horse 80cm
- 6th - Sienna Palin-Simmonds - Pony 85cm
- 4th - Harriette Giltrap - Pony 90cm
- 6th - Poppy Illston - Pony 90cm
- 4th - Piper Lodder - Horse 90cm
- 1st - Piper Lodder - Pony 95cm
- 1st - Piper Lodder - Pony 1m
- 3rd - Harriette Giltrap - Pony 1m
- 2nd - Piper Lodder - Pony Club Horse 1m
- 4th - Delta Forsyth - Pony Club Horse 1m
- 5th - Harriette Giltrap - Pony Club Horse 1m
- 6th - Harriette Giltrap - Pony 1.05cm
- 4th - Piper Lodder - Horse 1.05cm - 4th
- 3rd - Piper Lodder - Pony 1.05-1.10cm
- 1st - Piper Lodder - Pony Mini Prix 1.10-1.15cm



Harriette Giltrap (Photo Credit: Christina Goffin)

NZPCA Champs week

Congratulations to all of our PPC riders who represented Auckland at the NZPCA North Island Championship Week held at Clevedon recently.

Well done to Jessica Sutherland and Kate McKeen who were part of an Auckland dressage team that finished 6th overall in the North Island.

PPC had several riders take part in classes designed as a taste of champs or rode to champs, individual classes including:

- 3rd - Delta Forsyth - 1m showjumping
- 2nd - Harriette Giltrap - 90cm showjumping
- 2nd - Harriette Giltrap - 1m showjumping
- 4th - Geneva McLean - dressage test 1D
- 4th - Sophia Fitzpatrick - dressage test 3A



North Island Pony Club Show Jumping Champs

Hot on the heels of Brookby Show Jumping was the North Island Pony Club Champs that took place at Kihikihi Domain grounds on 22-25 January.

PPC riders Eva Brunt, Delta Forsyth, Harriette Giltrap, Piper Lodder, Scout Lodder, and Amani Shaw headed south to take on teams from around the North Island. Competing at heights of either 90cm, 100cm, or 105cm, riders competed over two days in three individual rounds with the finale being the Jigsaw. The Jigsaw sees two riders of the same team and height race against the clock which requires a great deal of planning, skill, and communication!

The team finished well in terms of individual placings securing fourth overall and picking up the team award for turnout and horsemanship.

Thank you to team coach Dannie Lodder and Head Coach Kate Bull for making sure our riders were well prepared. Great work Team PPC!



CCN65-S B under 19
4th - Olivia Owen
6th - Poppy Illston

CCN80-S
4th - Scout Lodder

CCN80-S Under 18
5th - Amani Shaw

CCN95-S Under 18
5th - Piper Lodder

CCN2*-S
4th - Scout Lodder

FEI CCI2*-S
4th - Scout Lodder

Our next PPC representative teams event will be Manukau Teams eventing which takes place on Sunday 3 March at Mangere Pony Club. With heights of 65cm and 80cm on offer, please get in touch with Kate Bull should you wish to be considered - you will need to have contributed to teams fundraising, rally kitchen duty and required level of rally attendance.

Fantastic turn out for sell-out horse trial

Brookby Horse Trial sold out yet again in record time with entry numbers at an all-time high with 217 starting combinations. With heights ranging from the Intro 65cm up to the FEI (Fédération Équestre Internationale) 3* there was something for everyone.



Olivia Owen (Photo: Sarah Owen)

Thank you to event organiser Kate Disley for once again working tirelessly to pull together an amazing show. Thanks also goes to the many volunteers who give up their time to support PPC and its facilities. To the course designer, technical team, scorers, judges and writers, we salute you. And finally to our wonderful sponsors, without you this event would not have been the spectacle that it was - THANK YOU.



Scout Lodder (Photo Credit: Brittany Fowler)

The grounds looked amazing as the event kicked off with dressage stretching across six grass arenas. Both the sand and ebb and flow arena were utilised for the showjumping action whilst the challenging cross country courses designed by Chris Ross stretched across all paddocks. It's fair to say the place was buzzing with a great atmosphere.

Congratulations to our PPC riders for securing a top-six finish and picking up some wonderful prizes and rosettes.



Amani Shaw (Photo Credit: MJ Photography)

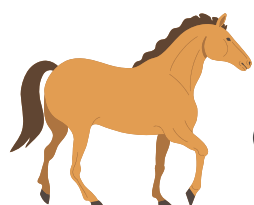
Have a go polo



We had a great turnout at Ryburn Park for our 'Have a Go Polo' evening. Riders were shown how to handle the polo mallet effectively and practice their balance using a wooden horse before trying the real thing for size.

Thank you to Kate Bull and Kirsten Worker for organising such a fantastic evening. Gratitude also to Cass Opie for providing the post-polo snacks which went down a treat with our hungry riders!

Keep an eye on our PPC Facebook page as there is a rumour that we will be revisiting the polo.



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.



Eva Braithwaite

Congratulations to the following riders for placing at their respective events.

Rebecca Dickens & Jessica Sutherland - Evo Events NZ Youth Dressage Festival @ NEC Taupo

Eva Braithwaite - Auckland Anniversary Weekend Mini ODE @ Woodhill Sands

Ruby Hawkeswood, Zoe Manson & Savanna Styles - Auckland Show Jumping Championship 2024 @ Woodhill Sands

Harriette Giltrap, Savanna Styles - Waikato Show Hunter Summer Show @ NEC Taupo



Savanna Styles

Looking for grazing?



Did you know that we have grazing available for PPC members onsite at the Club?

Grazing onsite gives you direct access to over 100 acres of riding opportunity including three arenas, cross-country paddocks, and riding trails. You can store your gear onsite in your allocated locker and make full use of the undercover yards and washbay. We also have space available for truck and float storage.

We have mare and gelding herd grazing available at a cost of \$150 per month and limited segregated paddocks at \$70 per week.

If you would like to know more, please visit the Membership page on the Papatoetoe PC website or contact membership@papatoetoeponyclub.co.nz

In-house Ribbon Day



Come and have some fun at our in-house ribbon day! The day is suitable for riders of all ages and abilities. Riders will be allocated into groups based on their age.

If you've never been to a ribbon day before, the event includes ribbons for turnout, riding on the flat, and then jumping. You don't have to take part in the whole event i.e. you can attend just the turnout and flat work session.

Trophies for the Drum Jump and Tip n Out are also up for competition which will be presented at our end of season prizegiving.

If you would like to be involved, our Ribbon Day takes place on Saturday 16 March - please sign up via [Enrolmy](https://enrolmy.com)

Electrolytes and the performance horse

Thank you to Equine Nutritionist Louisa Wood who has provided The Pony Express with an interesting article on looking after your pony/horse during the warmer months, particularly if you are out and about competing.

Horses rely on sweating to regulate body temperature. Because equine sweat is more concentrated with salt (sodium and chloride) than other body fluids, horses can lose a lot of these electrolytes quickly when they sweat. Insufficient electrolytes contribute to dehydration, which can impair performance and inhibit proper cooling mechanisms. Therefore, maintaining electrolyte balance is essential.

What are electrolytes? Electrolytes help the body regulate water levels to maintain a balance between dilution and dehydration. The major electrolytes are sodium, chloride, potassium, calcium,

Horses lose approximately 10 grams of electrolytes per litre of sweat. Under ambient circumstances, a horse weighing 500 kg may lose 5-7 litres of sweat (and 50-70 grams of electrolytes) per hour with steady trotting and cantering, but this can increase to 10-12 litres per hour of sweat loss in high heat and humidity. If enough electrolytes are lost, performance will begin to suffer.

Plenty of forage, a balanced commercial feed, and a free choice salt block should provide sufficient electrolytes for the average horse. For horses training and sweating, or traveling or competing on a hot or humid day, an electrolyte with sodium and chloride as main ingredients should be introduced into the diet slowly. Electrolytes for heavily sweating horses can be administered 1-2 hours before work begins and after 60-90 minutes of work. Keep in mind that ample, free-choice water should be available for horses to consume, as electrolytes stimulate thirst.

If you would like further information, Luisa can be contacted via email luisa.wood@nrm.co.nz



Notice of Special General Meeting

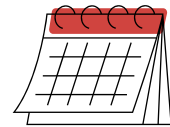
We would like to give notice and extend an invitation for you to join the Committee at an SGM at 6.30pm on Monday 11 March in the Pavilion.

The Club will be presenting the end-of-year accounts for 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023.

A huge thank you to our Brookby Horse Trial sponsors



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.

February

21st - Dressage Rally @ PPC

22-25th - Takapoto Show Jumping

24th - Clevedon Pony Club ODE

24/25th - Woodhill Sands Summer Grand Prix Show

24/25th - Carriage Driving Champs @ PPC

25th - Auckland Manukau Autumn Dressage Series @ Clevedon

28th - In-house Ryder Cup Dressage Competition @ PPC

March

1st - Woodhill Sands Jumping Series

2nd - Autumn Dressage Day @ Waikato Equestrian Centre

5-10th - Horse of the Year @ Hastings

16th - In-house Ribbon Day @ PPC

16/17th - Dressage Waitemata 2-Day Champs

16/17th - WEC Eventing @ Hamilton

18/19th - Pegasus Cup School Tournament @ Takapoto Estate

20th - Showjumping Rally @ PPC

20th-23rd - Bates National Dressage Championship @ NEC Taupo

23rd/24th - Matamata Horse Trial @ McGiven Farm

23rd/24th - Waitemata Grand Prix Derby Show @ Woodhill Sands

March cont/d...

23rd - In-house FEI Showjumping Competition @ SunValley Lodge, Showfields

28th-31st - Let's Jump Easter Jumping Festival Week @ NEC, Taupo

31st - AMDG Spring Series Day @ Clevedon



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**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

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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