

The Pony Express

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Happy campers!

Day one - It was a scorcher of a day when PPC riders and their mounts arrived at Springbush Equestrian in Hunua on the afternoon of Friday 7 January. After unpacking everyone enjoyed a gentle hack around the grounds and through the creek. Local eventer Sav Stirling gave an informative demonstration and hands-on experience in bandaging legs. Once ponies and humans were fed and watered it was time to

settle down with thinking caps on for the evening's activities. A fabulous and entertaining quiz organised and hosted by Tim Alderdice had everyone giggling with both mental and physical challenges.



What's in the news?

Day two - After a good night's sleep, it was up bright and early to get prepared for the day ahead. There was swimming in the creek, unmounted games and Dannie Lodder's cross country training.



After a quick pit stop, Dannie gave a masterclass in plaiting with some useful turnout tips and tricks. Thank you to the awesome Tussock who was the perfect model.



There was just enough time before dinner for some waterslide fun and a swim in the creek. Thank you to Chris, Dan and Hamish for the great set up!



Following a fish and chip dinner, Belinda McPhillips set the children on a scavenger hunt, and as darkness fell, a couple of rounds of spotlight. Needless to say, we were all in for some well-earned rest!



Day three - Once ponies were fed and watered, it was time to get back in the saddle. Ange Matheson coached a flat and pole work session in the arena whilst Kate Disley-Ormond put the showjumpers through their paces in the paddock.



Dannie was back at Springbush on Sunday morning to reinforce those XC riding skills.



I think it is fair to say that PPC Camp was a huge success enjoyed by all of those in attendance. A huge thank you to our Head Coach Kate Bull for organising such a great experience for our riders. Thank you also to our awesome coaches and to all parents and helpers at the event.

How can we make 2023 camp even better? We would love to hear your suggestions. Please offer any ideas or feedback to headcoach@papatoetoeponyclub.co.nz.

Ribbon Day Success

The Open Ribbon Day resulted in great success with a total of 63 entries. All suited, booted and plaited up, there were some fantastically turned ponies and hacks in both the child and adult rings.



A big thank you goes to our sponsors for the day, Ray White Beachlands, AMS Saddlery and Stirling Collection Equestrian.

A huge thank you also goes to our judges, stewards, writers and event organiser Cass Opie.

PPC deliver strong performance at Summer Showjumping



Two teams made up of 10 PPC riders took part in the NZPCA Club/Branch Teams event at the weekend. Seven team from the greater Auckland area battled it out across 85cm, 95cm and 1.05cm courses.

Each team member competed in a total of three rounds. First up was the two-phase special class where both phases of the course are ridden against the clock. Scout Lodder, Georgia McPherson, Petra Grant, Maryann Hawkeswood, Piper Lodder and Kate McKeen all secured a top-four placing.



After some great performances in the Jigsaw, it meant that PPC Navy team (Scout Lodder, Ariella Grant, Petra Grant Delta Forsyth and Piper Lodder) claimed first place overall.

The PPC Blue team (Georgia McPherson, Maryann Hawkeswood, Charlotte Owen, Ruby Hawkeswood and Kate McKeen) claimed 4th.



Next up was the speed round where once again Scout Lodder, Georgia McPherson, Petra Grant, Ariella Grant Piper Lodder and Kate McKeen came away within the top six finishers.



It was a great event made even better by the team support given to their members, particularly during the Jigsaw rounds. The whoops, claps, and cheers from the sidelines certainly spurred the riders on and showed great camaraderie..



Last up was the exciting Jigsaw round. These rounds proved to be the highlight of the day where two riders are out on course at the same time. With 12 jumps laid out ahead of them, each pair of riders entered the arena and start through the start flags. Each rider was required to jump half of the total number of fences, both jumping at the same time. The fences can be jumped in any order and in either direction, so it was certainly a game of tactics.

The PPC teams certainly show grit and determination resulting in some fast and furious rounds. Delta Forsyth and Pippa Lodder gave a solid performance to finish 2nd in the 85cm round narrowly missing out on the top spot by nine one-hundredths of a second. Charlotte Owen, Maryann Hawkeswood, Petra and Ariella Grant took out 3rd and 4th spots respectively in the 95cm whilst Scout Lodder and Georgia McPherson finished 1st and 2nd in the 1.05m class.



The day turned out to be a great success and that is down to the tremendous team at PPC who make these opportunities available to our riders. Thank you to Andy Parker for pulling the event together in an incredibly short space of time, Kathryn Williams for managing all of the entries, and finally to coach Kate Disley for not only bringing the teams together but for course building and being in two places at once! Thank you also to our team of working bees, judges, helpers, and parents for all of your time and support

Well done to those riders who attended the Sunday edition of the Summer Show Jumping. Congratulations to the following PPC riders who claimed a top-six spot in their class - Kura Alderdice, Gemma Blackwell, Allegra Francis (60cm pony), Zana Whitton (70cm pony) and Scout Lodder (1.00m hack). Scout also placed first in the 1.05m hack class on her mount Secret Trick.

And remember, if your day didn't go quite to plan, it's great that you're out there and doing your thing, building your resilience and building the relationship between you and your pony (or hack).



Pony Club coaching

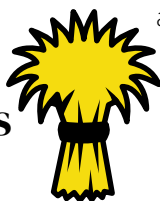


One of the objectives of Papatoetoe Pony Club is to give instruction and coaching in riding and horsemanship and to educate our Members to look after and to take proper care of horses and ponies.

Our Coaches deliver training and support Members to help them develop their riding and horse and pony care skills and are based on the three NZPCA Manuals.

PPC is fortunate to employ the services of some experienced coaches who will work with your child to encourage and develop these skills to the best of their knowledge and ability. If at any time you feel that your child is not receiving the required level of coaching, then please discuss this with the Head Coach or a Committee representative. With respect, we ask you to please refrain from 'coaching from the sidelines' as this can be disruptive to not only your child but the whole group.

Make hay whilst the sun shines



A big thank you to all of those who came and assisted with the hay collection recently. It was a very hot and humid day but many hands indeed make light work...or so they say!

Thank you in particular to our Assistant DC Cass Opie for organising the hay crew who handled a total of 363 bales which will provide plenty of forage for the ponies during the winter months. Thanks also to Craig and Tanya Strachan for providing refreshments.



Design a XC jump competition

Each month The Pony Express has featured one of the incredible winners in our cross country jump competition. This month we feature a very colourful rainbow and unicorn jump designed by Kura Alderdice.



Prized pony

What do you do with all those lovely colourful ribbons that you collect from your pony competitions and outings? Do you stick them to your bedroom wall? DO you have one of those flash ribbon holders? Or do they end up in a box under your bed? We;; how about this for a great idea?



Why not proudly have them on display as a 'Prized Pont'. Marlow carefully crafts and personalises each pony from the ribbons that you provide and can be in a lying or standing position. For further details, please contact Marlow at medwards@qbe.co.nz

COVID Vaccination Passes



With the return to the Government's COVID-19 Protection Framework and operating under the red-traffic light system, we hope that the following information clarifies when Vaccine Passes are required when visiting the PPC site, and when not.

Competitions/days open to the public

Vaccine Passes required on competition days / open days

Setup days prior to competitions (25 people or less)

No Vaccine Passes required

Pony Club Rallies

Vaccine Passes required

We may be able to accommodate some smaller groups at a different time without Vaccine Passes required

Adult Ride Rallies (25 people or less)

No Vaccine Passes required

Some smaller groups may be run at a different time with Vaccine Passes required

Working bees



The Covid-19 restrictions have meant we have had to make changes to our normal calendar of events and the way we run them. Last season, we still ran the same number of events, and this season we're also on track to do the same.

The Committee is aware that as the Government's Covid-19 Protection Framework traffic light system requires us to run these events with Vaccine Passes, there will be some members who aren't able to attend these events and complete their 18 hours of working bee.

We have got a few solutions to this;

The setup and pack-down days before and after a competition or event are not open to the public/competitors and therefore can be operated without the requirement for Vaccine Passes.

There will be opportunities for smaller working bee activities which we can also run without the requirement of a Vaccine Pass.

The Committee is keen to have a list of members who aren't able to attend and assist on competition days/events. This could be due to vaccination reasons, or other family or personal situations, but are willing to contribute towards working bee hours..

If you are able to commit to working bee hours outside of large competitions and events, then please email workingbees@papatoetoeponyclub.co.nz

What's on



A look ahead to what's coming up in the next couple of months.

February

7th PARC Committee Meeting

5th-6th Springbush Horse Trial

12th Pointways PC Show Jumping Day

13th PPC First Start Event

14th PPC Committee Meeting

19th-20th Franklin A&P Society Pukekoe Show

26th-27th ESNZ Brookby Horse Trial

March

7th PARC Committee Meeting

8th-13th HOY

14th PPC Committee Meeting

19th March Manukau Teams Event

Don't forget to check out the calendar on the PPC website

<https://www.papatoetoeponyclub.co.nz/events>

Have you herd?



We have a number of grazing spaces vacant on site for Pony Club members with various options for both mares and geldings. We have herd grazing at a cost of \$145 per month or limited spaces for segregated grazing at \$70 per week. More information can be found on the PPC website. If interested, please read the Grazing Rules and complete the [Grazing Application form](https://www.papatoetoeponyclub.co.nz/grazing). <https://www.papatoetoeponyclub.co.nz/grazing>



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Make sure your unicorns are happy

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without our amazing volunteers and officials so
give them a great big smile and thank them!

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**The Papatoetoe Pony Club Committee
would like to wish all of our members
and their families a belated
Happy New Year!**

If you have anything that you would like to share then please email sarah_l_owen@yahoo.co.uk
or contact a member of the PPC committee.