

Papatoetoe Pony Club

The Pony Express

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LtoR: Mackenzie Keeling, Alisa Cunningham, Amani Shaw, Eva Braithwaite, Kate Ormond (Coach), Sienna Pallin-Simmonds, Eva Brunt, Olivia Owen

Manukau Teams Success

The weather conditions may have been terrible but that didn't put a dampener on our two teams representing PPC at the Auckland Manukau District Teams ODE held at Mangere Pony Club on Sunday 3 March.

The one day event see riders, usually in teams of four ,compete in dressage, show jumping and cross country. At the end of the event, it's the top three scores that

are counted to calculate the final placings.

All seven riders gave it their all. The Papatoetoe Panthers consisting of Eva Braithwaite, Alisa Cunningham, Mackenzie Keeling and Amani Shaw took out the top prize finishing in first place overall and placing second in the team dressage with three out of the four riders scoring over 73%.

Papatoetoe Pumas were in hot pursuit and finished a well deserved third place overall. With only three riders in the team -



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Amani Shaw & Parklands Cloudy Bay (Photo Credit: Equifocus)

What's in the news?



Alisa Cunningham & Mack (Photo Credit: Equifocus)

Eva Brunt, Olivia Owen, and Sienna Pallin-Simmonds - it was vital that all three riders finished. Once again, a solid dressage performance by all three riders set them up nicely for the jumping phases and secured them fifth place in the dressage team element.

Congratulations to all of the team members and in particular to Eva Brunt, Alisa Cunningham, and Amani Shaw for winning their division. It was almost a clean sweep by PPC riders as Sienna Pallin-Simmonds placed second in the remaining division just 2.9 points behind the leader.

A huge amount of gratitude goes to the parents who braved the elements and assisted with gear checking and jump judging.

Last but by no means least, thank you to Kate Ormond for not only being a fantastic coach and mentor but also for keeping a smile on her face and endless enthusiasm despite being soaked to the skin.



Eva Brunt & Beaumont Benjamon (Photo Credit: Equifocus)

HOY highlights

Well done to those PPC riders who made the long trip to the Land Rover Horse of the Year at Hawkes Bay, whether to ride or to support.

PPC riders were represented across multiple disciplines.

11-year-old Savannah Styles made her first trip to HOY with her two ponies and took on lots of competition and learning opportunities. Sav achieved some fantastic results including 3rd place in Category A Show Hunter of the Year, 2nd place in the Show Hunter NZ 12 years and Under Equitation series for 2023-2024 and 3rd place in the Show Hunter NZ Category B High Points series for 2023-2024. Huge congratulations Sav!



Savannah Styles & Ruby Tunes (Photo Credit: Julia Murch)

Also taking part in the Show Hunter arena was Poppy Illston who secured a 5th place finish in the Category B Pony Show Hunter of the Year 80cm.



Poppy Illston & Snickers

Congratulations to Harriette Giltrap who also placed in show hunter coming 5th in the EquiMatch Junior High Points 1m.



Harriette Giltrap & Blue Gem

Team Lodder took on HOY in both the showjumping and eventing. Younger sister Piper took an impressive class win in the Pony 90cm ESNZ Equitation Medal Annex 6 Rider 14-17yrs, placed top six in Pony 1.05m, Canter 4 Cancer Pony 1.15m and Pony 1.15m Championship.



Piper Lodder & Daisy Dream

Scout Lodder's impressive form on the eventing circuit continued at HOY after she was selected to represent New Zealand in the junior rider Oceana Challenge team against their Australian counterparts in the Fiber Fresh CCI3*-S.



Scout Lodder & Overnight Success

A solid performance in the dressage saw Scout sitting in 9th place overnight before the jumping phases. With strong performances in both the cross country and showjumping, Scout finished in an impressive 6th place and helped secure the win for Team New Zealand.

Huge congratulations Scout for representing your country and reaching such great heights in the equestrian scene.



New Zealand Young Rider team - Oceana Challenge

Rebecca Dickens took part in dressage and during the event she placed in every class entered culminating in 4th overall in Preliminary Dressage Pony of the Year.



Rebecca Dickens & Mr Mexico

And to wrap up our HOY review, we have Phoebe Sayer who turned her pony out beautifully and placed in two of her showing classes - Reserve in pace and mannered saddlehunter pony and 3rd Welsh open pony.



Phoebe Sayer & Ty Gwyn Glen Mhor

Ribbon Day round up



Zana Whitton

The rain clouds had rolled on by and the sun was out for the annual PPC in-house ribbon day on Saturday 16 March. Riders and their mounts were split into groups based on their age before judging got underway.

There were some beautifully turned out horses and riders right across the board from lead rein through to our more senior ring.



Amani Shaw & Maryann Hawkeswood

The first half of the event focused on turnout, pace and mannered, rider, combination, and best PC mount culminating in each judge selecting a Champion and Reserve Champion for the flat work.

Congratulations to our class Champions!

Champion - Lead Rein - Sienna Brinkley
Reserve Champion - Lead Rein - Ruby Worker
Champion - Junior (9-11 yrs) - Emelie Boyt
Reserve Champion - Junior (9-11 yrs) - Gemma Blackwell
Champion - Intermediate (12-15 yrs) - Amani Shaw
Reserve Champion - Intermediate (12-15 yrs) - Maryann Hawkeswood
Champion - Senior (16 yrs+) - Zana Whitton
Reserve Champion - Senior (16ys+) - Eden Brown

After a brief break, the riders and their mounts were back in the ring for the second half of the day focusing on jumping.

This time the judges were looking for an eye opener, best rider over jumps, combination, and handy hunter, before once again selecting their Champion and Reserve.



Gemma Blackwell & Emelie Boyt with Scout Lodder

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Reserve Champion - Junior (9-11 yrs) - Emelie Boyt
Champion - Intermediate (12-15 yrs) - Ruby Hawkeswood
Reserve Champion - Intermediate (12-15 yrs) - Phoebe Sayer
Champion - Senior (16 yrs+) - Eden Brown
Reserve Champion - Senior (16ys+) - Zana Whitton

Coach spotlight



This month The Pony Express gets to know a little more about Anne-Marie Styles who is a coaching regular at PPC but also mum to PPC members Savannah and Scarlett.

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

I started riding when I was 6 years old. My friend had a pony and I rode at her house a few times first. I must have liked it! One day when we were coming home from school we drove past our house. I asked my Mum where we were going and it turns out we were going to look at a pony that belonged to one of our neighbours. We rode Dolly at the neighbours and bought her for \$200 and then led her home up the road!



Do you still ride and what is your favoured discipline?
Yes, I still ride although I don't have as much time now that my children have such busy lives. I just have the one horse now, Gerald. I mostly compete him in show jumping although he is a pretty smart eventer as well. My favourite discipline will always be Eventing even though I don't do a lot of it anymore!

What do you like about coaching?
I like a lot of things about coaching! I have been lucky to have met some amazing people through coaching. I really enjoy helping people develop training plans to work towards their individual goals. I also really enjoy helping rider/ horse combinations improve their confidence.

What is your favourite holiday destination?
Greek Islands.

Favourite flavour of ice cream?
Hokey Pokey.

What song is guaranteed to get you on the dance floor?
There are lots!!

If you had to leave home in a hurry, what three things could you not leave without?
Phone, handbag, sunglasses.



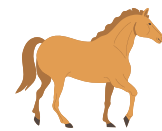
What is on your bucket list?
African Safari, A trip to Aachen CHIO and Badminton (originally aimed to ride there but these days I would love to go as a spectator)!

What would your perfect day look like?
There are many versions of what a perfect day would look like for me, but all would start with a bit of a sleep-in and warm sunny weather and end with sunset drinks with friends.

Which fictional character would you most like to be friends with?
Lucky Prescott - I'm a bit of a cowgirl at heart.

Who is your hero?
I'd have to say my husband Alex! Not sure where I'd be without him in my life!

Out & About



Well done 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.

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

Allegra Francis - Showjumping @ Sunvalley Lodge at Showfields

Harriette Giltrap & Savannah Styles - Waitemata Showhunter Summer Series @ Woodhill Sands

Piper Lodder, Scout Lodder & Jessica Sutherland - Auckland Show Jumping @ Pukekohe A&P Show

Harriette Giltrap, Piper Lodder & Scout Lodder - Fiber Fresh Grand Prix Show Jumping Show @ Woodhill Sands

Eva Braithwaite, Delta Forsyth, Scout Lodder, Sienna Pallin-Simmonds, Ellie Strachan @ Stevenson Clevedon Pony Club ODE

Rebecca Dickens & Geneva McLean - AMDG Autumn Dressage Series Day 1

Mackenzie Keeling, Sienna Pallin-Simmonds, Valentina Pallin-Simmonds - Beachlands Maraetai PC Showjumping Day

Grazing at PPC

Would you like to know more about grazing onsite at PPC? We have spaces available now to existing PPC members and are taking expressions of interest from those wishing to join PPC as a member for the 2024/2025 season. Prices are \$150 per month for herd grazing and \$300 per month for segregated.

Further information can be found on the PPC website or by sending an email to membership@papatoetoeponyclub.co.nz



Happy campers



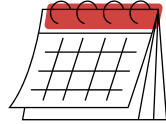
The date for our annual PPC camp is fast approaching. After the disappointment of having to postpone camp, Head Coach Kate Bull has found a fantastic venue that offers a great variety of riding.

Formerly Little Valley Farm, Ohaupo Equestrian offers 50 acres of riding facilities including an indoor and outdoor arena, XC, and plenty of space for hacking.



Camp will run from 13th-15th April. Further details to follow soon including a handy guide on what to pack!

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.

March

- 30th - Easter SJ & XC Practice Day @ Woodhill Sands
- 30th-1st April - Let's Jump Easter Classic - NEC, Taupo
- 31st - AMDG Autumn Dressage Series - Clevedon
- 31st - Easter Mini ODE - Woodhill Sands

April

- 1st - Let's Jump Easter Classic - NEC, Taupo
- 6th - Auckland Area Junior Teams Show Jumping @ PPC**
- 6/7th - Kihikihi Horse Trials @ Kihikihi Domain
- 7th - Mounted Games Competition @ PPC**
- 10th - Dressage Rally @ PPC**
- 13/14th - Keith Andrews Northland Horse Trials @ Barge Showgrounds
- 13-15th - PPC Camp @ Ohaupo Equestrian**
- 14th - Dressage Waitemata @ Woodhill Sands
- 14th - Tuakau PC Derby
- 19th-21st - NZPCA Eventing Championship @ PPC**
- 21st - Dressage Waikato Autumn Show - WEC
- 27th - Show Hunter Rally @ PPC**
- 27/28th - Riverdale Horse Trial - Rotorua A&P Showgrounds
- 27/28th - AMDG Amateur, Pony & Young Rider Championships @ Clevedon

We would like to wish
all of our members a





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without our amazing volunteers and officials so
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