

New Zealand Shetland Pony Breeders' Society (Inc.)

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From the President

President's Report June 2023

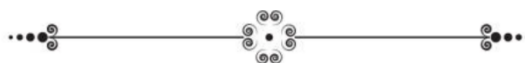
As owners of Shetland ponies, we will all have a few things in common in this winter season, specifically woolly ponies, feeding out and varying degrees of mud. This year is going so fast, and we know spring will follow, lighter days and hopefully warmer weather. I want to acknowledge and thank all the society members who supported the AGM. Thank you to all of you who travelled from down South and from the North Island, this was much appreciated. Central to our NZSPBS is the understanding and belief that we all share a passion for Shetland ponies and promoting the breed. The fundamental purpose and mission of the NZ Shetland Pony Breeders Society is to preserve and promote the breed and therefore the integrity and accuracy of the studbook. It serves to ensure that all purebred Shetland ponies are registered to enable these bloodlines, the genetic legacy, to be recorded and acknowledged. Everyone has a role in this even if you aren't a breeder, to inform the Registrar when a pony changes ownership so the pony can be traced and new owners are aware of this ponies breeding.

Frequently our NZSPBS registrar has people making enquiries about a pony they have purchased which they notice in the summer is branded or somebody else suggests it is a Shetland Pony. As more ponies are micro-chipped there is a greater risk of ponies and new owners not recognising them as purebred Shetlands. Please ensure you fill in a change of ownership form or lease form, which you can find on the NZSPBS website, when you move a pony on to a new home. All of us genuinely love our ponies, their courage, versatility, bravery, intelligence and personality.

We all together showcase the range and versatility of this breed whether it is a harness, ridden, lead-rein, showing, breeding or above all else a beloved family pet and companion. You don't have to be a breeder to promote Shetland ponies. This shared passion is what binds us and what we all have in common.

Thank you for your continued support.

Bernadette Woffenden - Lael Shetland Pony Stud
NZSPBS President
Presidents Report June 2023



From the Newsletter Editor

Well, it might be the middle of winter, but we still have plenty of stories of our Shetlands being out and about. Tim (Cotswold Anthem) has been busy telling all the local happenings up North and just how he works those winter shows. Kathy Drake reminds us of just how much our Shetlands give back to us in her piece on riding for the disabled. Not to be missed out, the South Island has also been the locale for Shetland activities as Brian and Margaret Rowe put on some Christmas fun for children in Waimate – thanks to Hannah de Lor for passing this on. (The Editor has to confess she missed this article for the March edition so has decided it will be a Mid-Winter Christmas theme rather than actual Christmas). To finish off we celebrate the Lifetime Membership award given to John Humphries for his dedication to the breed, and we also celebrate the achievements of those who took home end of year awards.

If anyone has any articles or items of interest and/or photos of your beautiful ponies, that you are happy to share, please send them to me at christinawil@gmail.com for our next newsletter.

The next newsletter publication is planned for mid-September 2023 so items for the next newsletter need to be sent through to me by the 1st September 2023 or even earlier if possible.

Christina Lewis – Newsletter Editor

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(posted photographs to be high quality & include self-addressed envelope for return)

From the Registrar

Transfers –

Reg. Number	Pony	Vendor	Transferred To
998NZ	Owlca Wee Showman	H Dempsey, Pegasus	E Davis, Loburn
975NZ	Stoneycroft Sovereign George	McBain, Ashburton	F Ahrendt, Dromore
1161NZ	Lael Dandelion	B&R Woffenden, Leeston	V&M Watson, Blenheim
1186NZ	Nevaeh Zayliyah	F & S McLachlan, Cust	J & P Hunt, Darfield
995NZ	Cotswold Hot Tobasco	Estate D Ohlson	D&J Humphries, Motukarakara
770NZ	Cotswold Annies Tinkerbelle	Estate D Ohlson	D&J Humphries, Motukarakara
1147NZ	Tullamore Sues Sparx	D&R Holst, Taukau	H Bowen, Cambridge
738NZ	Lael Moonlight	B&R Woffenden, Leeston	A Woolley, Rolleston

Registrations –

Reg Number	Name	Sex
1201NZ	Beechgrove Summer Time Surprise	Filly
1202NZ	Beechgrove Crown Derby	Filly
1203NZ	Downton Lady Sybil	Filly
1204NZ	Cotswold MacLane	Gelding
1205NZ	Cotswold Lilac	Filly
1206NZ	Cotswold Admiral	Gelding
1207NZ	Cotswold Pashley	Filly
1208NZ	Cotswold Elsie	Filly
1209NZ	Cotswold Squire	Colt
1210NZ	Cotswold Clarity	Filly
1211NZ	Cotswold Raven	Filly
1212NZ	Birchlands Barnabas	Gelding
1213NZ	Birchlands Patch of Gold	Filly
1214NZ	Birchlands Lockhimin	Colt
1215NZ	Abberley Something Special	Filly
1216NZ	Abberley Wicked Addiction	FR Colt
1217NZ	Abberley Master Class	FR Colt

Stallions Registered -

Cotswold Pioneer

Colts Gelded –

Oaklea Mondesa

Paying by Cash – please, if at all possible, do not send cash through the mail. It is not a secure way of making payments.

Area Representative Reports:

WAIKATO/UPPER NORTH ISLAND AREA REPORT

Kathy Drake

What will winter bring—more rain (we've had enough of that thanks) more frosts (only one here so far) or are we going to start drying out like last winter! Who would know with the crazy weather changes we have been having. Congratulations to all who won trophies and rosettes in the Annual Awards . It was lovely to see our local group of young handlers featuring in the results. Great to have the Junior Handler Award coming back to our area again, as they are the future for Shetland showing. I'm enjoying having little fluff balls in my paddocks again—I really think the true Shetland is the winter coated Thelwell—but those mud crusted feathers are a pain when cleaning out hooves!

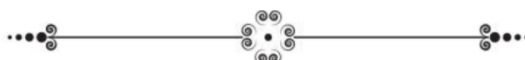
Kathy

MID/LOWER SOUTH ISLAND AREA REPORT

Beth and Harry Prescott-Ballagh

Not a lot to report other than hope everyone is getting through the winter and all their Shetlands are well and to remind them that it is not long till the spring shows are on and that we managed to get Palmerston to put the Shetland classes back on so please, please, try and support these smaller shows or we will lose them for good. Can't wait till the new season starts. Stay safe and warm all.

Harry Prescott Ballagh



TIM'S TALES

I don't know about you guys, but the weather has been bonkers so I am busting out my winter coat! I got severely reprimanded for rubbing most of my mane out on the fences but I still do it when she's not watching. Why does she care if my mane is like a zebra? I wear my mohawk with pride. Last month I went to the Northern Shetland Show. I know when a show is coming up, I get dragged out of the paddock without warning, and a whole team of them try to wash me. I do not let them win easily! It takes all afternoon, and I make sure they get every bit as wet as me, bonus if they get shampooed too! I had great fun with my show buddies Pickles and Andy.



I won Supreme Shetland and won a fabulous garland and trophy. A word of warning though, those garlands are not what they seem. I thought I had won an all-you-can-eat flowery buffet but I yanked off several flowers and a glittery leaf and none of them tasted good.



I was so cross I bit my girl.

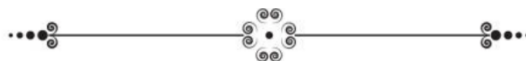
The day finished with the Fancy Dress class.



My girl was Dorothy and I was her (cowardly) fearsome lion from the Wizard of Oz. People were hard out laughing so I know I was doing it right. Andy was Harry Potter and Pickles came dressed as a flower bed with a child-ladybird on board! His outfit was also inedible – what kind of conspiracy is this?



From Cotswold Anthem (aka Tim)





SHETLAND AMBASSADORS

Riding for the disabled

By Kathy Drake



During my time as a volunteer / horse manager at our local branch of Riding for the Disabled I introduced a couple of Shetland ponies into the pony ranks. We had Narrandera Linderella on loan for a few years and briefly had Rockisle Eldorado (Skippy – *photo left*) but, although he was a fantastic almost full height pony, he became a liability when the mares in the team were in season—he became quite distracted and the decision was made to drop him from the team. I often wondered if he had been castrated late.

On the other hand Lindy (*photo right*) was an absolute pleasure and a real asset to the team. She was almost full height and quite a slender

girl. She was a great size when we had smaller, normally wheelchair bound children who required side walkers to support them once on a pony. Lindy was a great height to work with. She was also completely trustworthy off lead. One particular wee Down Syndrome girl benefited immensely. She could be an argumentative wee child, so we would pop her on Lindy and let her do her own thing in the arena. She would often hop off and walk away and Lindy would stand patiently waiting until she decided riding was better than walking, so would return and haul herself aboard.



Linderella and Lady Grey—a Shetland cross member of our team—were great fundraisers each year when the Riding for the Disabled Awareness Week rolled around. We would load them on the float and head off to the main street of Pukekohe and they never put a foot wrong walking up and down the footpath for 2 hours at a time. They would work their way around pushchairs, people on walking frames, tables and chairs outside the many eateries and even popping heads into the odd shop. Always patient, stopping every few feet to talk to wee toddlers in pushchairs and

elderly people who hadn't patted a pony since they were a child. They were so popular—everyone wanted to say hello and in return they would drop change into our collection buckets. We always came home with at least \$1,000.



Mid Winter Christmas

I know the weather is getting cold and muddy out there so here's a story to warm your hearts. In our March edition of the newsletter the Editor (me) missed a wonderful article on a Christmas celebration run by Brian and Margaret Rowe, with the story passed on by Hannah de Lor. So, here it is as a Mid-Winter Christmas celebration piece – albeit with some very sunny pictures!

Five horse mad homeschooled girls gather each week at our place to have time with our Shetlands. The children's ages range from five to thirteen years old.



They are learning to handle, groom and do in-hand obedience. They lead the ponies around obstacles, do jumps and games and ride the older ponies.

The final get together of 2022 ended with a Christmas break-up. The children did competitions and dress-ups. One of the children made rosettes and they were handed out for best dressed and decorated pony, games, obstacles and jumping.

It's been lovely to see the ponies having a purpose and getting loved by these girls. Katie and Alice have been getting some of the ponies used to the saddle and being ridden. We are hoping to see more of the ponies used as lead ponies and maybe harness ponies.



Katie has fallen for our little black Gelding Jinx, they have a beautiful bond, so much so that her mum and dad asked if they could buy him for her for Christmas.

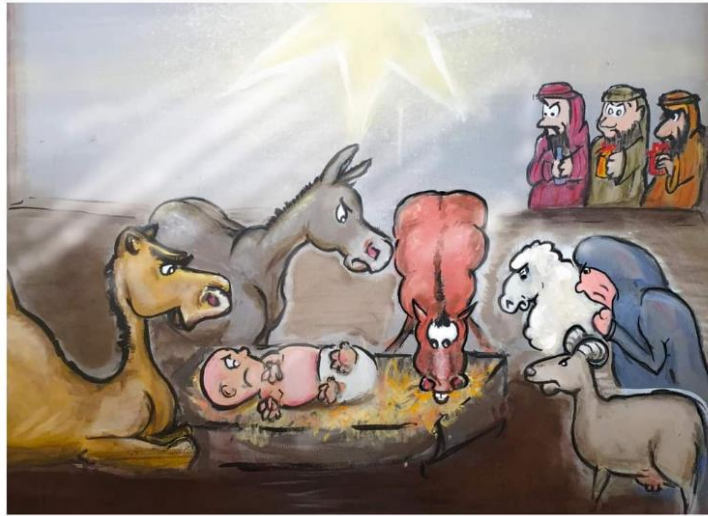
Before Jinx came to us he hadn't had much human contact. Once Katie had worked with him for a while, we took Katie and Jinx to some shows. I tried to play down the winning aspect so she wouldn't be disappointed but low and behold Jinx came away with Champion and Supreme Champion his first two outings.

Jinx is now owned by Katie and a spoilt pony. It's never a problem knowing what to get a horse mad girl and her pony for Christmas.

Brian and Margaret Rowe.
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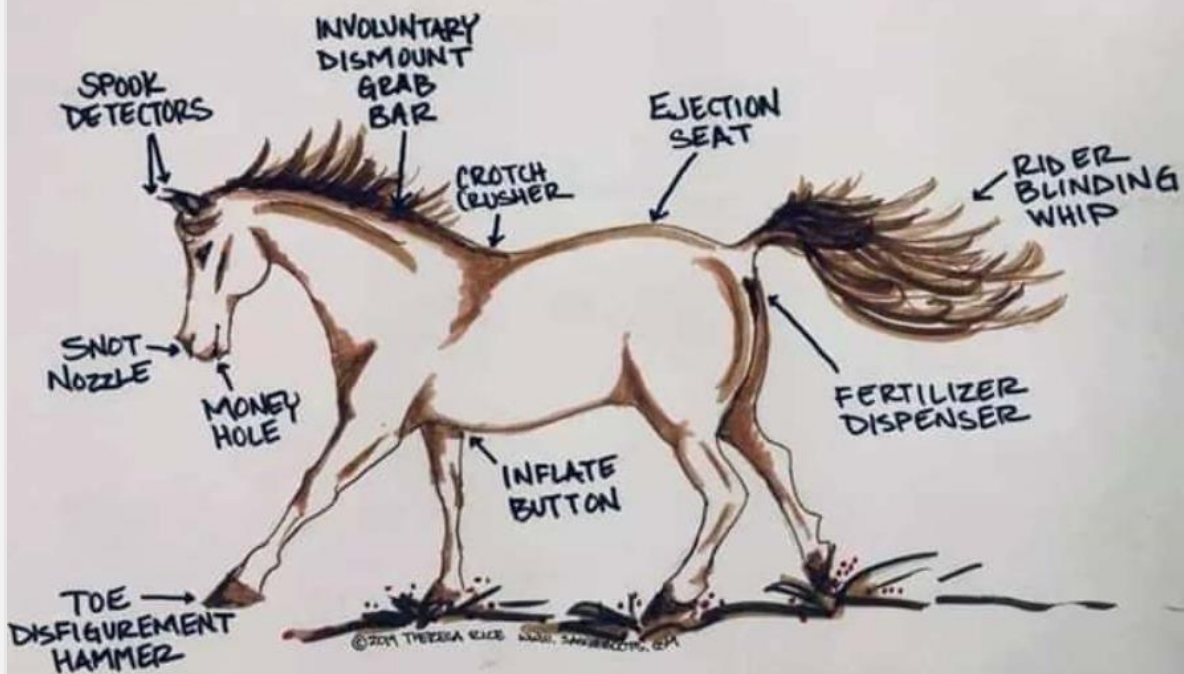


IT'S A LITTLE KNOWN FACT,
THAT DUE TO HIS INDISCRETION



THE PONY WAS REMOVED FROM THE SCENE

EVERYDAY USE HORSE ANATOMY



Lifetime Membership presented to John Humphries

At our recent AGM John Humphries was presented with a lifetime membership. John has worked tirelessly in both showing and in the background of all things Shetland for many years.

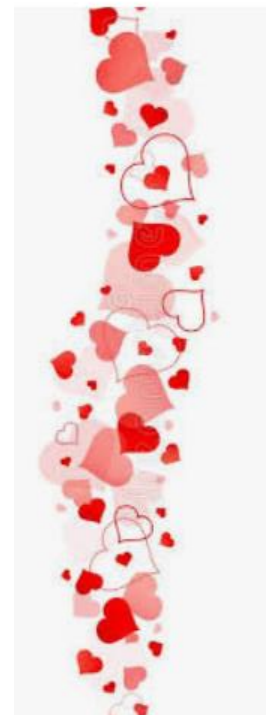
On behalf of John receiving the lifetime membership, Diana Humphries writes:

Big Thank you! On behalf of my husband John I would like to thank our President and committee for the recognition shown to John being awarded his life membership. He was totally overwhelmed with the honour of this award and so was I. Our family is very grateful for this kind thought. I would also like to acknowledge those committee members that gave so much of their time in organising the AGM venue and running a great meeting. I feel very proud to be a member of this society, and feel very positive for its future. We are all so fortunate to have such great leadership from our President, Bernadette Woffenden.

Best wishes to all – Diana Humphries.



John's Lifetime Membership sits in pride of place at the Humphries household.



END OF YEAR AWARDS



On May 20th the End of Year Awards were given out after our Annual General Meeting. It was great to see members get up to receive their awards after a year of getting back into shows, with the overall Shetland Pony of the Year going to Cleoranee Lorenzo owned by Andrea Price.

****SHETLAND PONY OF THE YEAR TROPHY Donated by the Vincent Family. ****

****WINNER: Cleoranee Lorenzo (Imp Aust) 1037NZ, Andrea Price****



It was also fantastic to see our younger members getting their awards:



Above Photo Lucy Jackson with her awards for Tullamore Eiclips Na Griene – including Junior Handler of the Year.

Right photo - Jasmine Whitcher with her awards for Birchlands Crackerjack – including Ridden Pony of the Year. Also, Kaitlyn de Lor with her awards for Birchlands Highjinx – including Gelding of the Year



Congratulations to all these young handlers, they should be very proud of their achievements. It's good to know the future of our lovely Shetlands is in good hands!