



New Zealand Shetland Pony Breeders' Society (Inc)



From the Editor

Hi All, welcome to the NZSPBS Spring newsletter edition 2025!

It sure has been a full second half of the year, but a lovely start to the showing season. I have been really enjoying showing more regularly myself - pictured below at Courtenay A&P Show with 3 year old Cotswold Lilac who won Champion Shetland.

As always, I warmly welcome any feedback, ideas, images and content you'd like to share, so please do not hesitate to get in touch!

Thank you for reading & keep an eye out for our special **Christmas edition** coming soon!

Ngā mihi mahana,

Chloe Miller



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From the President

Congratulations and thank you Shetland pony competitors and helpers for all your support at the various Spring Shows around the country.

Here in Canterbury we have just had the Canterbury Royal Show which over the course of the weekend displayed all the weather options available in New Zealand! Unfortunately the Shetland Section on Thursday was very wet and cold for all competitors. Very disappointing considering the brilliant weather experienced in Canterbury in the weeks prior.

A friendly reminder that if you attend a show anywhere in the North or South Island, can you please send in the whole Shetland Pony Section results to laelshetland@gmail.com for the end of Year points and Awards. Thank you so much for your support with this.

On behalf NZSPBS members, the committee sent a card to April Buckingham to share our sympathy on the passing of her mother. April would like to express her gratitude for this. I had the privilege of chatting with April's Mum ringside at a NZSPBS Show several years ago. It is not very often that you meet a genuine Shetland Islander in this part of the world. She was thoroughly enjoying watching the ponies and proud of her daughter as a breeder and exhibitor of the ponies from her heritage. Very special.

Our thoughts and sympathy also go out to Lea Hullet and her family on the passing of Lea's lovely husband Nick. Lea has been a foundation member of the NZSPBS and was instrumental in setting up the first website. Nick was her strong support behind the scenes.

I would also like to acknowledge the passing of Marian Lusby. The NZSPBS sent a card to the family to share our sympathy and Aroha. Marian was a Shetland Pony Breeder, judge and NZSPBS member for many years. There will be more about this special lady and her passion for Shetland ponies in this Newsletter.

The South Island NZ Shetland Pony Breeders Show will take place on 31st January 2026. We have two Australian judges this year and it will be a great day with inhand showing, ridden, Lead-rein and harness sections available. The Show schedule and entry form is on our NZSPBS website. Camping is available overnight and looseboxes to hire. All the details and contacts to arrange this are on the Show schedule. We look forward to seeing you there.

Happy grooming and may you be blessed with glossy summer coats on your ponies.

Ngā mini nui,

Bernadette Woffenden



From the Registrar

TRANSFERS



Pony & Registration Number	From	To
Cotswold Kyton 1225NZ	D&J Humphries, Motukarara	M Johnston, Mosgiel
Cotswold Paprika 1228NZ	D&J Humphries, Motukarara	M Kelly, Riverton
Zeberdee Saintly Opinion 1220NZ	K Whiting, Rangiora	R Brown, Foxton
Beechgrove Telara 717NZ	K Whiting, Rangiora	A Walsh, Martin
Beechgrove Trafalgar 1236NZ	A Price	Burrows Family
Gleneagles Penguin 673NZ	A Price	S Te Shi, West Melton
Cotswold Dark Miranda 834NZ	M Smith	F Heaton, Auckland
Downton Lady Sybil 1203NZ	M Smith, Oamaru	D & J Humphries, Motukarara
Cotswold Kismet Cutie 634NZ	P Weir	C Hadler, Rangiora
Cotswold Kendal 740NZ	P Weir	Arion Farm Park, Harewood
Cora Capall Mistress Lilly 1234NZ	P Weir	S Iremonger, Chertsey
Cora Capall Mr MacGyver 845NZ	P Weir	K O'Keefe, Tai Tapu
Tullamore Realtach 1148NZ	D & R Holst	L'Eperon De Tahiti, Tahiti
Tullamore Ultra Violet 1146NZ	D & R Holst	L'Eperon De Tahiti, Tahiti

REGISTRATIONS

Lael Sassafrass 1246NZ	Tullamore Ciaran 1247NZ FR
Tullamore Naoise 1248NZ	Tullamore Aoife 1249NZ



From the Registrar - Continued

STATEMENT FROM SPBS

Statement regarding Silver/Silver Gene

After extensive research, it has become apparent that there are abnormalities within the pedigrees of Shetland ponies of the colour Silver or carriers of the Silver Gene.

The SPSBS (Mother Stud-Book Society) strongly advises its members/breeders and members/breeders of its Daughter Societies not to use ponies of the colour Silver or carriers of the Silver Gene within their breeding programs for registered pure-bred Shetland ponies.

Investigation and research into this is ongoing and may result in registered Shetland ponies of the colour Silver or Silver Gene being removed from all Stud Books for pure-bred Shetland ponies.

End of Year Awards

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Thank you for your support with this!

NZSPBS South Island Show - Entries Now Open

Our 28th annual South Island Shetland Pony Breed & Performance Show will be held on **Saturday, 31st of January 2026** at the Ellesmere A&P Show Grounds, Leeston, Canterbury.

There will be two Australian judges this year and it will be a great day with inhand showing, ridden, lead-rein, and harness sections available.

Please visit our website www.shetlandpony.org.nz to download a schedule or use the following link:

https://www.shetlandpony.org.nz/_files/ugd/c10424_5e53a7a962ae40d3a8fd607570571cc1.pdf

Entries close 16th January 2026.

For more information please email the Show Secretary Bernadette at: laelshetland@gmail.com

We look forward to seeing you there!



In Memory of ~ Marian Lusby



Marian & Roy Lusby imported Thorpeville Brodie 61NZ, Thorpeville Gidget 62NZ & Thorpeville Erika 63NZ and they were all registered in our stud book in July 1991.

Breeding under the North Close prefix, they bred:

- North Close Maggie (IID) 77NZ (IID Means Imported In Dam) (Sire Musketeer Of Wetherden (Imp UK)
- North Close Eliza (IID) 94NZ Sire Musketeer Of Wetherden (Imp UK)
- North Close McDhui 104NZ Sired one Stallion Shady Glade Kermit, but Kermit never left any progeny
- North Close Emma 117NZ
- North Close Bridget 118NZ
- North Close Lady Sue 160NZ
- North Close McDee 201NZ
- North Close Lucy 231NZ
- North Close Leo 274NZ

Gidget Progeny: North Close Maggie (IID) 77NZ, North Close McDhui 104NZ, Shady Glade Mariann 119NZ, North Close McDee 201NZ. Brodie Progeny: North Close Bridget 118NZ, Alanda Love-In-The-Mist 193NZ, Alanda Little Polly Flinders 243NZ.

Thorpeville Erika had quite an influence on the Stud Book and left the following progeny: North Close Eliza (IID) 94NZ, North Close Emma 117NZ, Cotswold Evita 250NZ, Alanda Maestro 382NZ (Stallion), Cotswold E.T. Commander 392NZ, Cotswold Emily 471NZ & Cotswold Eloise Sue 517NZ.

Her daughter North Close Eliza was dam of the Cotswold "E" line which included the very successful stallion Cotswold Royal Ensign 387NZ who has sired many champions. Cotswold Esmeralda 247NZ was the dam of Duncree Eclipse who won NZSPBS Sire of the Year. Cotswold Eclipse 125NZ, Cotswold Elliot 203NZ, Cotswold Esmeralda 247NZ, Cotswold Elton 284NZ, Cotswold Elation 359NZ & Cotswold Royal Ensign 378NZ.

North Close McDhui continued success as a gelding in the show ring and at promotional events in the Auckland region with Tiffany & Ann Storms until his passing.

Photo above of Marian meeting North Close McDhui with Tiffany Storms.



North Close Eliza with Cotswold Elliot



Cotswold Elliot now



North Close McDhui, was a stallion, who was later gelded. He is now deceased. Pictured showing with Tiffany Storms.



Celebrating Cotswold Burbury Twill 766nz.

A well traveled shetland in his steeplechase days, Burbury continues to prove how versatile the shetland breed is.

From Charlotte Cumberland:

"It's hard to put into words how incredibly special he is to us.

Solid in nature, sure footed with a forward button when asked and not to mention an unflappable temperament, it's safe to say that he's been the ultimate first pony for my daughter from the age of one. Fast forward five years, and he continues to look after her so well, with the pair enjoying shows, pony club, trekking at the river, and the odd harness drive with older siblings.

We are forever in debt to Diana for allowing us to have Burbury, a true gentleman in the pony world."

Footnote:

Burbury was foaled the 1st Oct 2009.

Sire: Fenwick Aniseed 73nz (imp Aust).

Dam: Fenwick Mariah 226nz (imp Aust).

We have retained 3 lovely mares from Mariah at Cotswold stud, one is Brocade also one of the famous steeplechase team & full sister to Burbury. It is nice to think this lovely line of ponies will continue on at our stud.

Thank you Charlotte for giving Burbury such a wonderful home with your family.

Diana Humphries
Cotswold Stud.





Cotswold Burbury Twill 766nz





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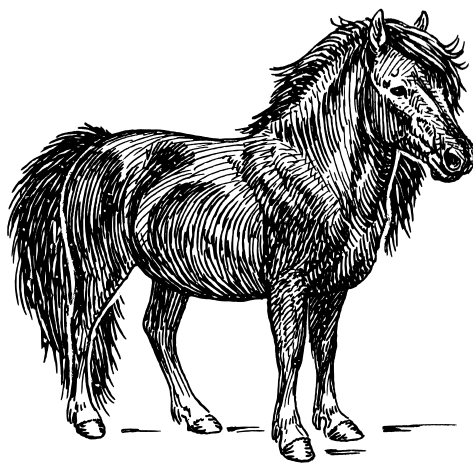
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