

# New Zealand Shetland Pony Breeders' Society (Inc.)

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## From the President

### President's Report December 2023

This year has gone fast and has been a year of extremes for many. Our thoughts are with those of you in the North Island who are receiving more than their fair share of rain and wind. I hope the weather begins to settle as summer establishes itself. All the best for those of you with foals on the ground and mares yet to foal, always an exciting and busy time for breeders. Most of the ponies will have their summer coats in and we can enjoy their sleek coats for summer and appreciate their true shape and form without the hairy edges.

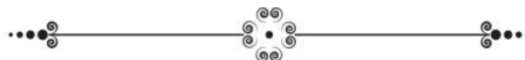
The South Island NZSPBS show is taking place on Saturday 27th January 2024 Ellesmere Showgrounds. There are classes for ponies in hand, in harness, ridden and lead-rein. The schedule is up on the website with entries closing on Friday 12th January. For those of you on facebook you may have noticed that you can sponsor a section or classes of your choice at this show on a first come first served basis. So far there has been a good response.

By entering your local North Island and South Island regional Shetland Pony Breed classes and shows you are promoting the Shetland Pony Breed and supporting future opportunities to compete at these shows with your ponies. It is hard in our current economic climate for shows to run and every bit of support makes a difference.

Subscription invoices have been sent out and payment of these ensures your society membership which supports the continuation and running of the New Zealand Shetland Pony Breeders Society. Thank you so much to those of you who have already completed, paid and returned these.

Have a safe and happy Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

Bernadette Woffenden, Lael Shetland Pony Stud  
NZSPBS President



## From the Newsletter Editor

Well, Christmas has been very busy for our Shetlands, and it's not just about the shows, as you will find out in our newsletter. There's been people from Westmar rest home in Darfield visiting ponies, another pony getting his face out there at Equifest (Pickles, I am looking at you!), and one of our elder ponies has a pony profile writeup that proves you don't have to be a spring chicken (or pony) to represent why we love the breed.

Just a reminder that subs are due by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 and invoices have been sent out. Check your invoice to ensure we have current details for you – this is one of the best ways to make sure you receive your newsletter.

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](mailto:christinawil@gmail.com) for our next newsletter.

The next newsletter publication is planned for mid-March 2024 so items for the next newsletter need to be sent through to me by the 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024 or even earlier if possible.

And just a quick thank you note to all those who have contributed articles and photos for the newsletter during the year – along with the kind words of those who have said they really enjoy the newsletter. As the editor I am very thankful to everyone who participates in creating this newsletter – I truly cannot do it without your wonderful help!

Christina Lewis – Newsletter Editor

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*(emailed photographs to be high resolution & saved as a jpeg attachment)  
(posted photographs to be high quality & include self-addressed envelope for return)*

## From the Registrar

### Transfers –

Reg. Number	Pony	Vendor	Transferred To
1206NZ	Cotswold Admiral	D&J Humphries, "Cotswold", Motukarara	N Cloudry, Warkworth,
1205NZ	Cotswold Lilac	D&J Humphries, "Cotswold", Motukarara	B & R Woffenden, Leeston
802NZ	Double H Quintessa	C Wallace, Masterton	B&G Evans, Masterton
1039NZ	Stoney Croft Noble Legacy	K Stewart, Mosgiel	S & A Cusack, Oamaru

### Registrations –

Reg Number	Name	Sex
1218NZ	Chelivode Miss Isla Rose	Mare
1219NZ	Lael Samphier	Mare
1220NZ	Zeberdee Sainly Opinion	Mare
1221NZ	Zeberdee Show Stopper	Gelding
1222NZ	Zeberdee Totally Teddy	Gelding

### Foal Pre Approval:

Cotswold Esmae filly 20230 - 001



## South Island Shetland Pony Breed & Harness Show 2024

Our next South Island Breed & Harness Show will be held on Saturday 27th January 2024 at the Ellesmere A&P Show Grounds, Leeston, Canterbury. Make sure to enter your Shetlands in this popular show. Head on over to <https://www.shetlandpony.org.nz/> to download the show schedule. All show enquiries to Lorraine Martini - [Lorraine.martini@xtra.co.nz](mailto:Lorraine.martini@xtra.co.nz)

If you would like to support the show by sponsoring a class or a section, please contact Kirsty Whiting - [zeberdee\\_equine@outlook.co.nz](mailto:zeberdee_equine@outlook.co.nz)

**Electronic payments to:** NZSPBS, Westpac, Bank Account No: 03 0826 0071307 00 (please use your name & transaction description as a reference)

With shows in mind, just a quick reminder for all exhibitors, to collect the complete set of show results for any class they have entered and send them to the show results co-ordinator Lorraine Martini. Lorraine follows up any enquiries or questions regarding show results. Young Exhibitors need to collect their results and record them on the form linked in the Awards page of the Shetland Pony website found here: <https://www.shetlandpony.org.nz>



## Area Representative Reports:

### LOWER NORTH ISLAND AREA REPORT

*Ann Abernethy*

I have very little to report other than wishing all members a happy festive season and success with their ponies. Life for me has become quite trying now with husband Laurie now under Hospice care but I am determined to keep him at home for as long as possible. He still takes a keen interest in the ponies (and the rest time of my menagerie)! I have limited time to spend with ponies but they are all in great condition. I keep a tight watch on their waistlines as the grass growth on my small block has been incredible. I have a mob of sheep from the farm munching their way through and the ponies follow the sheep. I miss not being able to get the ponies out in public, but they are still well known in Taihape.

I would love to hear from fellow members in this area.

Best wishes, Ann

### WAIKATO/UPPER NORTH ISLAND AREA REPORT

*Kathy Drake*

Shetland ponies were to the fore in social media in October thanks to Pickles. Lucy and Mum Kelly Jackson turned him out impeccably (as usual) and were the face of Dunstan Horse Feeds on their stand at Equi-fest. He really epitomized the Shetland breed by meeting and greeting everyone and doing a tour of the traders stands. Just about every post on Facebook from Equifest included wee Pickles, decked out in Dunstan Pink.

There will be a heap more Shetland fans out there now thanks to Pickles and Lucy. But he is not just an ambassador for the breed, he has also had a clean sweep of the Supreme Champion Shetland ribbons this season and put his best hoof forward in the open Unity ring at Waikato A&P where he lined up with all the show ponies and hacks and held his own. It's always lovely to see a Shetland in a non-breed specific line up.

I had an Equine vet on the property recently as my big mare had a bladder infection and when I learnt that she did Acupuncture, we rolled out my littlest and oldest (23yo) Shetland who has always lived with metabolic issues which make her susceptible to laminitis. Many years ago I had great success with acupuncture on a laminitic pony, so was keen to try it again. It was the vets first treatment of a Shetland and she was blown away with how gentle and accommodating wee Sateen was. The needles had to stay in for 18 minutes so it gave the vet time to make friends with my other two wee Shetlands (who were busy playing chase with each other around the yard) and she fast became a Shetland convert. So many people have the impression that Shetlands are not to be trusted and are just obnoxious wee things that kick and bite, but my three certainly proved the opposite. She loved her Shetland kisses and we are both looking forward to tracking Sateen's health issues and learning how acupuncture can help.

Hope all is going well with the breeding season. There have been some lovely foal pictures popping up which proves that the breed is still going strong.

Merry Christmas to all 2 and 4 legged members.  
Kathy



**Christmas Photos from the Lael Stud**



*Lael Sunshine, "What will I be, naughty or nice?"*



*Lael Shetland pony stud's lovely stallion, Narrandera Xzar, happy to play Santa.*



**PICKLES UPDATE**  
**By Kelly Jackson**

October was a very busy months for our Pickles "Tullamore Eclipse Na Greine". Working for Dunstan sure has it surprises. I was asked if Pickles could come to work in the Dunstan Marquee at Equifest, and we certainly surprised a lot of people when they discovered that we had a Shetland on our stand. We were not sure how it would go and if Pickles would be a bit upset about being there but in true Pickles fashion, he took it



all in his stride and just loved every bit of fuss that was made of him, with the added bonus of Dunstan Treats all day, for 3 days! Pickles made regular visits to trade stands to be pampered, massaged, draped in jewellery and even a visit to the Gin Stand!. He really did show the true nature of a Shetland and was just the best boy with all the children having their photos taken with him in the Dunstan picture frame and being so gentle even with the littlest child. He was a true Shetland ambassador and his photo popped up on many social media pages throughout Equifest giving many people their first introduction to the wonderful Shetland breed.

After Equifest he had a day at the Kihikihi Pony Club Ribbon Day with his number 1 fan Evelyn winning a handful of ribbons. Then it was on to the Waikato A&P Show where, much to Lucy's delight Pickles won Supreme Champion Shetland for the 2nd year running, a trophy that Pickles sire "Gleneagles Phantom" had also won 8 years earlier. She was also placed in the Unity class. This is a class open to all handlers 10 years and over. It is judged by 2 judges on 4 different criteria's: Dress of Handler 20 points, Turn Out and Gear 20 points, Confirmation 30 points, Workout, paces, manners 30 points.

Entered in this class were a variety of show hacks, show ponies and hunters plus little Pickles. A total of 11 competitors. After the inspection of handler, gear and pony confirmation, they then had to do the work out. Lucy was extremely lucky to win the Junior with the most points. For the final placings Lucy and Pickles were then given 6th place overall. Not bad for a little Shetland up against the bigger horses.



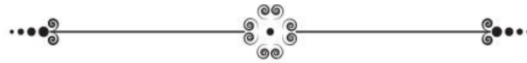
Next was the Clevedon A&P Show. With a clash of events for Lucy's show ponies we made a mad dash from an event at Taupo getting home at 9pm, put the show ponies to bed and got Pickles in, cleaned him up and headed to the Clevedon A&P Show at 5.30

the next morning! It was certainly worth the crazy driving cross country as Lucy and Pickles won Supreme Shetland Pony again at the show.

We truly are lucky to have this pony here at home and cannot thank Richard and Deanna enough for breeding such a special pony.



Editors Note: *My word Pickles, you have been busy! Your mum, Kelly, and handler, Lucy, must be worn out keeping up with you.*





## Pony Profile

NORTH CLOSE McDHUI 104NZ  
Born 1.12.1990

Bred by North Close Shetland Pony Stud  
Sire: Shady Glen David (Imp Aust) 96NZ  
Dam: Thorpeville Gidget (Imp Aust) 62NZ  
Owned by Ann and Tiffany Storms

McDhui stood as a stallion for many years, and then as a gelding he went on to teach many children to ride and was also broken to harness. Tiffany and McDhui started their show career by winning Most Versatile Pony at their first outing and backed this up with another Most Versatile Pony trophy at the Northern Region Shetland Pony Show. Tiff and McDhui were regularly in the prizemoney in Handy Pony, Long Reining, Obstacle and Tip and Out in-hand Jumping. They also competed under saddle in flat and hunter jumping competitions. Tiffany and McDhui also won the NZSPBS National Junior Handler competition in 2012.

McDhui was crowned Woolliest Pony at the Franklin Winter Woollies Show in 2014—he was rather impressive in his long curly Cushings coat. Now happily retired with his Shetland paddock mate, Burravoe Randolph, he is still first to call out and trot over when he spies his people. His Cushings has been stable for a few years now and he loves his twice daily feeds.



The Senior Statesman of the  
Northern Region Shetlands—  
McDhui on his 33rd Birthday



2014 Winter Woollies  
Woolliest Pony



### ***Editor's Note – some history on the North Close stud.***

North Close is one of our very early studs. Established by Marion and the late Roy Lusby of Cambridge. They imported Thorpeville Gidget (Imp Aust) 62NZ & Thorpeville Erika (Imp Aust) 63NZ. Erika was imported in foal to Musketeer of Wetherden and the foal North Close Eliza (IID) 94NZ went on to leave her genetics in the Cotswold "E" line which included multiple champion Cotswold Royal Ensign 378NZ who went on to sire many successful champions. His full sister Cotswold Esmeralda 247NZ was the dam of Duncree Eclipse 486NZ.

## Dunree ambassador ponies making friends again By Catherine Crosado

*Editor's note: Whenever I visit Catherine's, I never know what will be going on. One Saturday morning I discovered that Catherine had lured some pony adoring visitors to her place. It turns out you are never too old to adore a Shetland pony. Catherine explains....*

It's always lovely to have visitors but it's even better if they get to meet the Shetland ponies.

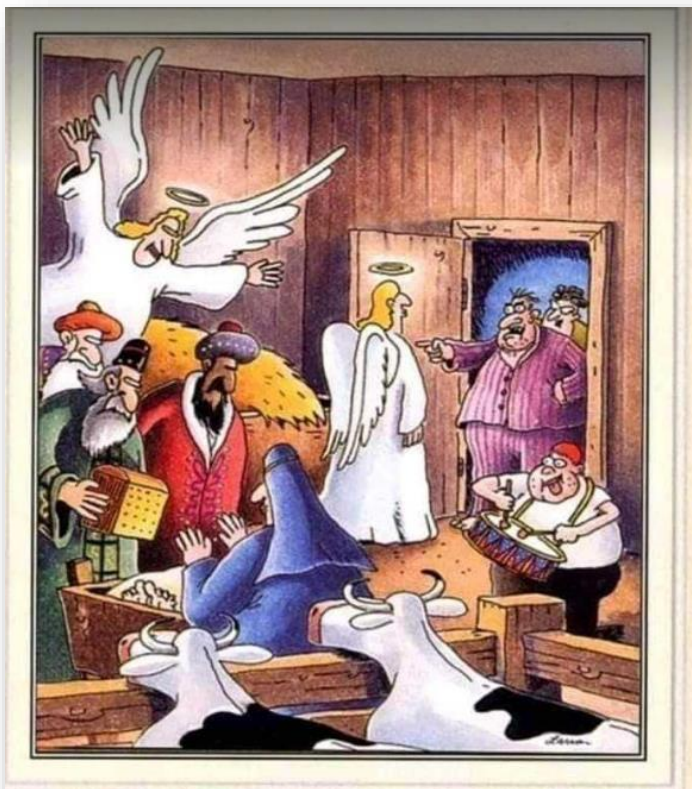
One of Darfield's community minded ladies (and a friend of my mother's) organised for one of the residents from the Westmar rest home to visit and once a few of her friends heard about the visit we had a few extras.

I always make sure these visits are safe for everyone. My ponies are used to visitors but as we all know Shetlands are very curious. Any walking amongst the Herd is carefully supervised and if that's not possible, ponies come out to meet the visitors.

Pony visiting over and it was off inside for morning tea with my Mum.



And just a bit of Christmas fun to finish off the Newsletter.



"Look, buddy, we live next door, and all hight long we've been puttin' up with the singing angels, the crying baby, the stinking frankincense, and that big bright star. But I tell ya, that damn pa-rum-pa-pum-pumming has gotta stop."



Christmas Wordfinder – here's the Shetland Christmas Wordfinder. All the words in the Wordfinder can be found in the Newsletter.

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Word Finder Words

Pickles	Westmar	Dunstan	Northclose
McDhui	Equifest	Clevedon	Gleneagles
Phantom	Lael	Xzar	Taihape
Sateen			

