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Ashburton Area ESNZ

Delegate's Report 2024.

On behalf of the Ashburton Area I am presenting the report although I was not delegate at that time. So it will be relatively brief.

We ran two excellent shows – one in November and one in January. Entries were good in both horses and ponies. The introductory classes especially in the Hunter classes were exceptionally large and we are now seeing some lovely hunters coming through and moving into the open classes.

In the pony sections our category C's were well supported. I believe we will always be competing against the excitement of show jumping with our pony riders once they get up into the 80cm-90cm heights. As long as we continue to educate our young riders of the correct show hunter riding and jumping styles – the benefits will shine through into show jumping. As these young riders move on to horses, we see them coming back to show hunter to educate their young horses and to refine their riding styles in our equitation classes.

This year our biggest challenge we have had to face is the fact that we may lose our beautiful oval in the Ashburton A&P grounds to rugby only. We have a real battle ahead to preserve our right to use the oval. If we lose that right, then we will be "put out" to the back old rugby fields that have had little done to them to make them suitable for top class show jumping and show hunter. Mid Canterbury Rugby have made it quite clear that for health and safety reasons they do not want horses on the oval. They lease the A&P grounds from March to October which is outside our usage time. Worth noting here that the oval was only used for rugby a handful of times for rep games and "if" the Crusaders want it for training games. Last year they went to Methven!

However, we do a little ray of sunshine up our sleeves in the multimillion dollar Southern Parallel Equestrian Centre (SPEC). This centre has been given permission to go ahead and we have been asked to be part of it. It is east of Tinwald (which is part of Ashburton) and will have world class equestrian facilities. These will include indoor arenas, polo grounds, dressage arena, stabling, full time vet and more. I will be able to speak more on this at our AGM.

I would like to put it out there that we would love to encourage more people into judging Show Hunter. I know many of you have years of jumping experience and as an area we would like to encourage you to join the judging ranks. It is rewarding, fun and you get to meet and mingle with like minded people. If there is anyone in Mid Canterbury who would like to give it a go, please get in touch with me and we will get "the ball rolling"

Many thanks go to all our helpers – course builders, gate keepers, morning and afternoon tea people and pole picker-uppers! Without you all our tasks would be much greater.

This November we are running the South Island Championships. So keep an eye out for some new classes and championships.

Rose Thomson

2024-25 Delegate.

Auckland Show Hunter Area Report – 2024

Auckland Show Hunter ran their area show on the 9-10 December, which was later than our normal November date. This was a decision made on having very bad weather in November over the last couple of seasons. This decision paid off as the weekend weather was kind to us. Unfortunately, the grounds had taken quite a beating two weeks beforehand with the Auckland Jumping Show having to go ahead in awful conditions. We were able to tape off a lot of the damaged areas and run a great show on a good surface.

Entries were slightly down, which seemed to be the trend across the country, but the series classes were hotly contested as usual. The very popular Denise Crispe Memorial class for the Hacks was great watching and was taken out by a very excited Ana Matijasevich and Double Excel. Denise's mum Diane was there to present this very special award which always proves to be an emotional moment at our weekend.

Brookby Show Hunter ran a successful Series Show at their grounds at Papatoetoe Pony Club. It was a very well supported show with riders enjoying the all weather surfaces. Brookby had put up some impressive prize money and rugs for the championship classes and this helped to attract some good numbers. Kate Bull is very enthusiastic about running some more series shows in the Auckland area this coming season and Auckland Show Hunter are very happy to support them.

The usual small Auckland Show Hunter Committee has grown slightly this year with some new faces joining which is great to see. We unfortunately lost long standing committee member and Area Delegate, Lynette Jackson, to Australia earlier this year. We were very sad to see her go, but wish her well on her new venture. We welcome Claire Muirhead as our new Area Delegate. We're sure she will do a great job.

We would love to thank all the volunteers and officials that work tirelessly to make our shows happen. We also encourage more riders and supporters to help out at shows, especially at the pack up at the end of the weekend. This is when we are all tired and many hands make light work.

We would also like to thank all the sponsors that supported us this season, both local and the National Series Sponsors, with whom we would not be able to run these shows.

We wish everyone a successful 2024-2025 season.

Kirsten Hence – on behalf of Auckland SH

BAY OF PLENTY DELEGATES REPORT 2024

This year the Bay Of Plenty Show Hunter committee has had an exciting and successful year with hosting two well received events! Hosting both the North Island Show Hunter Championships in conjunction with the BOP Show Hunter Summer Show, and also hosting the BOP Show Hunter Spring Show, having the training ring at the spring show has boosted participation in the lower level show hunter for those wanting to get involved. However with the current economy and the expense of traveling to shows we saw a dip in entries however the competitiveness within the show hunter competitions was well seen in both the hack and pony rings.

The North Island Show Hunter Championships saw a slight increase in entries. According to Evo Events 68 riders and 83 horses entered. Which helped with upping the competitive atmosphere across hack and pony rings. Positive feedback on the venue and smooth operations due to favorable weather conditions added to the success after a season of flooded grounds and postponements due to weather events. With effective grounds management, including the utilization of space and minimizing ground damage, contributed to the overall feedback from both supporters and riders.

The BOP Show Hunter Spring Show also saw success, particularly attracting new faces, especially on Labour Day weekend. Sponsorship from our wonderful series sponsors and local businesses played a crucial role throughout our show and show hunter season. Highlighting the importance of sponsor support in sustaining show hunter activities.

Despite the committee facing venue changes due to redevelopment plans for the A&P ShowGrounds, the BOP Show Hunter Summer Show hosted two great shows on the current grounds.

A big thank you to the riders, sponsors, and committee members for their support in making these shows a success!

Kind Regards
Alice Barrow

Canterbury Area Show Hunter Delegates Report – 2024

The Canterbury Jumping group were once again run three successful days over the season, including Xmas Cracker which this year hosted the South Island Jumping Championships with very good entries. We spread the show hunter classes over 2.5 days which worked really well without any day being too long.

Overall entries were a little down on the previous season, but our Canterbury Series run over our three shows all were well supported. We changed it up this year and introduced series for our grass roots riders as we felt the top end riders are well catered to with the National Series. This also prevented our local sponsors from clashing with the National Series Sponsors.

We run a Rising Star Hack, Young Horse, Horse 80cm and a Horse 1m series in the Hack ring, and in the pony ring we offered Pony Rider in their first season of SH (extremely popular), Equitation Trophy, Cat A, B and C series (excluded the high points class) and an overall Pony Points prize for all ponies. We also offered Masters classes and may look at this being a series in the future. It is quite a lot of admin work collating points, but well worth it as the riders love it and our sponsors get great exposure for their money by featuring at all three shows.

Our combined Ashburton and Canterbury Series this year was for the Hack Open 1.10m class and was well supported. We have been working with our close neighbours to encourage riders to attend both area group's shows for a large number of years now and alternate between a hack and a pony class each season.

How fantastic was it to see HOY going ahead finally!! Although not a lot of Canterbury Show Hunter riders went up, there was some great results from those that did. And how well did Canterbury and South Island Riders do over in the Show Jumping!! What a great show to be from the South Island!!

Canterbury (and South Island) riders continue to perform well in the SH National Series and we congratulate our riders on their successes.

Our two new jump trailers are in operation and they are fantastic – purposely built and much lower to the ground which makes life easier for everyone.

Show hunter in Canterbury is run by a committed and passionate group of ladies who are proud to have once again run three successful shows alongside our supportive jumping group, and to also provide 3 days of Show Hunter at the Archibald NZ National SJ & SH Championships.

We are a great team working hard together for our sport!

Lisa Clark

Show Hunter Delegate Canterbury

Central & Southern Hawke's Bay Area Report 2024 – Show Hunter

The Central & Southern Hawkes Bay's Jumping show ran from the 5th to the 7th of January.

The show hunter practice rounds were in demand on Friday afternoon, with classes being held the following day.

There were around 10 entries in every class, with the largest class being the HOYQ 1m Horse Class with 18 entries.

Christine Rowe did a fantastic job designing and assisting with set up of the course, before completing a full day of judging the next day.

We had scattered showers during the morning but the ground conditions held until the rain set in, for the last few hack classes in the afternoon, which resulted in a few course adjustments.

There was some time pressure on the hack classes, as we had to ensure that our FEI judge got to complete her show hunter rounds prior to the World Cup Class starting, which she had to be present for.

We will make sure we are aware of these VIPs in future, prior to classes commencing!

The pony categories were well supported by local riders.

Sophia Neale & Petal from Palmerston North won the Cat A HOYQ & High Points classes with Kensi McCarty & Smart Remark leading the equitation series.

Cat B HOYQ classes were won by Sophie Dickson & Ashton Fairytale while Emily McMaster & Onetai Cover Girl won the Cat C's.

Jacqui Symes with Takapoto Sienna and Sarah Jocelyn with Curioso had successful runs in the hack classes.

We were well supported by riders & their supporters assisting with set up, course changes, re-setting fences & pack down, which was much appreciated!

A major thank you to all of our generous sponsors, organising committee, our judge, other volunteers, the riders and their teams, for supporting our show.

Zoe Haylock – Show Hunter Delegate

GISBORNE AREA SHOWHUNTER INC REPORT 2024

Showhunter 2023-2024

The 2023/24 season was a lot kinder to us weather wise. All 4 ESNZ run shows in our area went ahead.

Showhunter was run indoors for the A&P show in October. Joan Couper judged and Sandy Richmond designed the course. We were challenged by the surface being a little slippery in areas but over-all, the day ran well. Surface has since been added to the indoor.

Larsens showjumping champs were next in January. Kirsty Macintosh made a sterling debut as a National Level 1 showhunter course designer, under the invaluable guidance of Sandy Richmond. Kirsty built on the first day and Sandy on the second. Sandy also judged. The show ran smoothly and we were even joined by a loose showjumping pony that jumped into the ring and cantered beside a competitor as she jumped down the judges line. Then followed the Kuri Sports where Rob Mcldowie judged and Kirsty Macintosh built and finally were the Pony Club sports with Sandy judging and Kirsty again designing.

The showhunter rails were water blasted and painted before Larsens. Thank you to those who came to help.

Our local series was again sponsored by EJ Gordon Livestock, the Beaufoy family and the Harris Family. A big thank you to you all. Congratulations to our winners, Holly Falloon and Untouchable in the EJ Gordon Livestock Horse series. Harlow Greeves and Hololio Sparking Rose in the EJ Gordon Livestock Pony Series and Grace Cooney and Dancing Star in the Little Patches Low Hunter Series. Thanks again to our sponsors.

Many of our showhunter riders also performed well at a national level in the series classes and at Land Rover Horse of the Year.

Zoe Mcnaught and Nitro Pandora were 3rd in the Brave Pants Co Cat C highpoints series and 5th in the Big on Writing Pony Equitation Series.

Georgie Coop and Barney Rubble were 5th in the Fiber Fresh Cat B Highpoints Series and Ella Rouse and MJK Durham were 2nd in the Auckland and Waitemata SH Groups Junior Equitation Series and 4th in the EquiMatch Junior Highpoints Series.

At HOY, along with other notable placings, Georgie Coop was 3rd in the Land Rover Cat B Pony Showhunter of the year title class, Merran Hain's Untouchable with Holly Falloon on board was 5th in the Land Rover Open Horse Showhunter of the year title class with Ella Rouse and MJK Durham in 7th.

Georgie Coop was also presented with the Aniwell Sports Award which was sponsored by Sam Sinclair. This was a special award to be presented to a deserving showhunter rider who had been affected by Cyclone Gabrielle. Congratulations again Georgie.

I am standing down as the area showhunter delegate and Kirsty Macintosh will be taking on the role. Kirsty's attention to detail and outstanding organisational skills will be an asset to our area.

All the best to our riders for 2024/25 season. Good luck and most importantly have fun. Another big thank you to sponsors, volunteers and all that make our sport possible.

Kirsty MacLean

Nelson Area Jumping **Show Hunter Report 2023/2024**

Nelson Area had an average season with competitor numbers decreased from the previous 2022 season- this was disappointing as the three shows we ran followed a well supported series of training/education days held through the winter months.

We put this down mainly to the economics for riders (particularly grassroots riders) entering a registered Show- we feel as a group we put in a good amount of effort to attract participation, by keeping our entry fees low, having excellent courses and attractive jumps, and offering plenty of encouragement, education and support for hunter jumping.

We are running the first South Island ESNZ show for the 2024/25 season on August 10th /11th at Richmond Park. The same show in 2023 was a great success for riders, with perfect ground conditions for hunter jumping and great facilities at Richmond Park meaning good early points for those chasing Series Classes. We are running a training and education day the weekend prior to encourage participation in this Show. We will run full series classes again alongside our September GP Jumping Show.

Our small group of show hunter enthusiasts in Nelson remain committed to attracting new competitors to the sport :)

Northland Show Hunter Area Report - 2024

We had a successful 2023/24 season starting off with a northland area development camp which was aimed at bringing together up and coming SH stars of all ages and nurturing them throughout the season. The camp was held over two days at Northgate Lodge Equestrian, with three well established SH riders coaching the riders and giving them all pointers in how best to ride a SH round. We also had a judge's module where all the riders sat in with our Senior Level 3 judge and learnt what all the symbols mean and how to judge a SH round on the second day which was "competition day".

We were very lucky with the weather and that we didn't have to postpone any of our shows this year, throughout the season we held three shows; one 1 day show at the beginning of October and two 2 day shows, one held in conjunction with Northland SJ at the GP Show which was also where we held our SH/SJ Challenge which brought in some good entries and made for a fun and competitive atmosphere as well as the first of our national series classes. The second show was held at the end of January, we had reasonable entries at this show with it being on grass and only 4 weeks before HoY it meant that people could get a chance to jump on grass before heading down to Hastings and they could get some more National series points.

Our small but mighty committee members were all very helpful and helped us be able to run all these days with lots of non-committee members also stepping up and helping on the gate including the two Dickson Girls, Emmy and Chloe; Chloe was also awarded the Dynavyte Rider of the month for all that she does not only in Northland but around the country at every show she attends.

Thanks

Taylor Finlayson

Otago Area Showhunter Delegate's Report 2024

The Otago Showjumping and Showhunter Group ran one show this season in October. Unfortunately we had to cancel our January Championship Show as the Otago Taieri A&P committee whose grounds we use advised us at very late notice that the grounds were not suitable to use. This was very disappointing for all concerned.

The October show ran smoothly with an Intro training day on the Saturday which was well supported and was followed by a Series day on Sunday. Our judge was Lucy Maley, she was great and supported all riders offering great feedback throughout both days, her husband Kerry joined her for the weekend and he was a great help with the ring supporting the riders as well as course changes. There is a lot of learning done over the weekend and plenty of new combinations giving Showhunter a go.

This combination of an Intro day followed by a Series day at the start of the season is very well received and we get great feedback from riders.

Our group is very excited to be running a third show next season based at the Cromwell Racecourse. This show will provide Central Otago riders access to a show locally and we hope to get some new riders in giving Showhunter a try.

Otago Showhunter would like to say a big thank you to our local sponsors and national series sponsors without whom these events would be very hard to run and we greatly appreciate their contribution. I would also like to make special mention of the volunteers who come along and help out, they help the show run smoothly and it would be a much tougher job without them.

Show Hunter Delegate
Pippa Collins

Show Hunter Report 2024

Lewis McLellan – Area Delegate SCNO

I'm pleased to provide the following report for the 2023/2024 season.

Thank you for the support from our sponsors. Special mention for Hayley Shaw from PL Performance Horses, for her donation of a range of new Jump for Joy fill. The new fill looked fantastic and the riders really appreciated it. Our gear is looking great.

All three of our shows ran smoothly. This season we had Jennie Pike, Lucy Maley and Lisa Clark judging and Alistair Smillie assisting with the ring.

A minor hiccup with our first show after removing a tree in the ring, forced us to run in the pony club section of the grounds. Feedback was still positive. Returning to the main ring without the tree has now improved the tracks and courses that can be built. Focus on continuing to improve grounds conditions.

Entries have been stagnant and possibly a sign of the times. Hopefully things improve next season as we want more riders to be participating.

Kate Fraser has gone through her judging accreditation. It will be awesome to have a local judge now available for our shows.

Thank you for the locals that help out in the ring. A team effort is needed to run the shows.

Southland Area Show Hunter 2023/2024 Report

Another season of Show hunter has rolled by in the Deep South and I would like to start by acknowledging and thanking Katrina Studholme, who stepped in very last minute to Judge at our December Festival Show and to Robyn Woods who judged at our Circuit Show in February. Thank you also to our Course Designers Lucy Maley and Marilyn Vincent.

We continue to offer Two Days of High Points at our Festival and Circuit shows, although the entries are not huge they seem stable in the Pony Category's but we are still facing low Hack numbers in the higher classes. Hopefully the introduction of a 1.05m Class next season will encourage more Riders to give it a go. Our new jumps, fill and stands purchased last season look fantastic and we have had wonderful feedback from our Competitors. We ran one Practice day last season with the aim to run more this year.

With the unfortunate Cancellation of Otago Showjumping Groups January Show it became even harder for Southland Combinations to get Series and HOY Qualifying Points resulting in only having one Rider Place on National Leader boards.

Southland was well represented at both South Islands and Nationals with many placings in Title classes. Highlight at Nationals was our Showhunter Team of Matilda Baker, Addalyn Proctor, Scarlet Baker, Michelle Coombes , Annabel Innes and Elsa Rosanowski placing Second in the Cover Queen Team events.

Finally, I'd like to say Thank you to Stacey Green from Saddlery Warehouse Invercargill for her ongoing Support of the Otago/ Southland Showhunter Series. Thank you to our amazing National Series Sponsors, our riders and volunteers for your help and Support though out the season.

Emma Baker

Southland

Taranaki Show Hunter ESNZ Report 2023/2024 Season

In the 2023-24 season the Taranaki Area successfully ran 4 days of series points over 3 shows. These shows were all part of the regions' local A&P shows, namely Waverley, Egmont and Stratford.

Egmont A&P continues their change of format and ran another equestrian only show in November, which allowed show hunter to be run at this time with the help of TEJ committee and members. Two days of series classes were offered and with efficient organisation both horse and pony classes were run through one ring on each day. There are continuing plans to improve another area of the grounds, with the possibility of show hunter being held there in the future. Very positive feedback was received from this show and it was really lovely to have June Berrington, our North Island co-ordinator from the executive, competing at this show and supporting the organisers.

Stratford Show organisers worked hard to successfully run the show hunter classes for both horses and ponies. High points classes were run at this show and attracting competitors from outside Taranaki to compete.

We welcome a young course designer in our region, Taylar Morrison Coker, she was supported to build at the Waverley A & P in 2023.

Our Winter Training is well into the planning stages and we look forward to a TEJ Winter SH Clinic and the Winter SH Series. Both are usually well attended. We always strive to encourage our local riders to continue into the ESNZ season. With an expanded SH committee, and an amazing IT person's help, there is an online entry form for the TEJ Clinic that allows tracking of all the important details to make everyone's job easier.

Thanks to all the officials, sponsors and volunteers who helped make this a very successful season for show hunters, along with our supportive jumping group. Looking forward to the season ahead.

Regards, Holli Marshall & Gerardine Wood

WAIKATO DELEGATE SHOW HUNTER REPORT – May 2024

Despite a slump in the economy this year we saw reasonable entries at our spring & summer shows. A few new faces, some new to show hunter and some mothers returning to riding after children have flown the nest !!

Our pony entries were a bit lower than previous years and the main reason from parents is the rising costs of owning horses. Instead of children having 3-4 ponies as previous they may only have 1-2. This appeared to be over the board at all shows this past season as well as at HOYS.

We have been very fortunate to have great support from our regular sponsors. We set up a marquee at our summer show for competitors to design a thankyou card which were then posted out to our sponsors the following week. This was well received and greatly appreciated, and all were happy to sponsor again next year.

Series finals were held at HOYS and from verbal feedback was again the best choice. It seems to play fair to South Islanders and to competitors who generally turn horses out after HOYS to pursue the coming winter sports.

I've noticed several riding clubs, St. Peters and Waikato Equestrian Centre have all had training Show Hunter Days that have been well supported. Marilyn Vincent taught at the WEC day and many new riders were interested and keen to give it a go. She was pleased with about 12 ponies and 15 hacks attending mostly giving SH a go for the first time. Fingers crossed we see some of these out next season.

Well done to all the committees, volunteers, sponsors and riders on a great season and lets keep on kicking to the next.

Kind Regards

Kirsten Pike
Waikato Show Hunter Delegate

WAIRARAPA SHOW HUNTER AREA REPORT - 2024

Our season started well with The Labour Weekend Championships. We had good weather and good entries in the hack classes, pony classes were a little light on entries.

The following weekend was Wairarapa A&P, where gale force winds saw courses needing to be rebuilt and the start being postponed due to wind. It was a successful show with good entries across the board.

Our Summer show in February had light entries across the board, likely due to the ground conditions, general economy and proximity to Hoy. We made some changes to try to mitigate this by putting the SH rings side by side on the all purpose arena. This worked well and is a nice option for future shows. We ended up with good entries in the Hacks and the ponies were light.

Looking forward to next season we have some possible changes to encourage entries in two day shows and really trying with ground conditions.

We have also added Show Hunter courses to our Winter Training Days to encourage riders to have a go in a practice environment.

Rebecca Conole

Waitemata Area Delegate's Report 2024

Sue Whiddett

The 2023/24 season went well for SH Waitemata with the weather being more on our side. We are very grateful for the continued support we receive from our local sponsors, Lani Allard Real Estate, GJ Gardner Northwest, Hygain NZ, Giltrap Group, Water FX, Shots Photography, Saddle & Canter, Chris Fougere Orthopaedics, Cricklewood Horse Coaches, Burger King, Harrison Lane, Canter for Canter, Brookfield Estate and Trudy Lyles.

This season Show Hunter Waitemata teamed with Auckland Show Hunter as National sponsors of the Junior Equitation series. Longstanding committee member Jenny Stiles, presented the winner and place getters of this series at HOY.

We really appreciate our National Sponsors and at prize giving we encourage our prize winners to make contact and thank them personally.

Season Highlights

Summer Series 2023/24

Our November show turned out to be a slightly wet one on the Saturday, however this didn't dampen the spirits of our riders, judges, hard working committee or gate keepers.

Our February show went well with beautiful rugs and sashes provided by our sponsors. Hack riders were able to compete on the grass arena, providing a good run up to those competing at HOY. Numbers were down on last year, as it seems to have been for many other areas. We are looking at trying to change our February date for next season so we don't run back to back with other shows.

Our Rising Star series continues to be popular for those combinations jumping up to 95cm.

Introductory Hack classes were held on the Saturday afternoon over the two shows, with their own series.

We were successful again this season with our application to Four Winds Foundation and this grant covered the costs of providing a medic for our February show.

Autumn/Winter Training Series 2024

We have chosen to run this series with earlier dates (13 April, 19 May & 9 June) in the hope of better weather for our riders.

Our goal with this series is to encourage newcomers to our discipline from grass roots upwards. We have committee members on hand to help answer questions, creating a positive and supportive atmosphere. Longstanding sponsors GJ Gardner, Northwest, have returned this year to support this series, along with Shots Photography (Handy Hunter series) and Saddle & Canter (Equitation series).

Our Show Hunter Waitemata Facebook page is regularly updated promoting our National and local sponsors and featuring individual profiles. Our quarterly newflash continues to provide a great platform for sharing information regarding events, along with notification of results and presentation photographs.

With recent resignations at our AGM from a number of our valued longstanding committee members, we are seeking help for this coming season to assist the group in running our two summer shows and an Autumn series in 2025.

We look forward to another season of Show Hunter at our local Woodhill Sands equestrian facility.

June 2024