



ESNZ SHOW HUNTER AGM

25th July 2020



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Abby Robinson– Hillman Hunter at HOY*

Roll call of voting delegates

Area

Ashburton
Auckland
Bay of Plenty
Canterbury
Central & Southern Hawkes Bay
Central Districts
Gisborne
Marlborough
Nelson
Northland
Northern Hawkes Bay
Otago
SCNO
Southland
Taihape
Taranaki
Waikato
Wairarapa
Waitemata
Wellington

Delegate

Rose Thompson
Lynette Jackson
Vicki Sharratt
Lisa Clark
Kate Ward
Jayne Akers
Sandy Richmond
Jane Fowler
Janet Morgan (apologies)
Taylor Finlayson
Ashleigh Forde
Mel Barton
Lewis Mclellan
Jade McRae
Trudi Duncan
Holli Marshall
Sharyn Goodwin
Christine Rowe
Sue Whiddett
Gail Goodwin

Board

Lucy Maley
Maria Collins
Laura van Velthooven
Tracey Lammas
Connie Hurst
Jane Dickson
Michelle Alexander

Chair
Member
Member
Member
Member
Member
Member - Apologies

Obituaries

Pete Morris
Tony Webb
Mark Crean
Donna Smith
Gary Freeman
John Curtis
Melda Gibson
Tiny White
Vicky Alexander
Fred Gorton
Kaye Levin

Rider, Official
Rider, Breeder
Rider, Official
Rider
Rider, Breeder
Husband of Jo Curtis
Judge, Breeder, Rider
Rider
Rider
Breeder
Judge

Wairarapa
Taihape
Canterbury
Southland
Central Districts
Canterbury
Wellington
Northern Hawkes Bay
Taranaki
Central Districts
Wairarapa



SHOWHUNTER

ESNZ Show Hunter Annual General Meeting

Saturday 6th July 2019

9:30am

James Cook Hotel Grand Chancellor

MEETING OPENED: 9:30am

1. MEETING ADMINISTRATION

a) Attendance

Lucy Maley	<i>Chair</i>
Jane Dickson	<i>Executive</i>
Laura Van Velthooven	<i>Executive</i>
Maria Collins	<i>Executive</i>
Tracey Lammas	<i>Executive</i>

Annette Conder	Claire Wilson
Glen Hicks	Jeanette Hollyman
Jo Hicks	Joan Couper
Karen Potter	Katja Kershaw
Marilyn Vincent	Nick Pyke

b) Apologies

Ashleigh Forde	Ashleigh Urlich
Connie Hurst	Jade McRae
Kate Ward	Michelle Alexander

Moved: Lisa Clark
Second: Rose Thomson

c) Roll Call – Delegates

<i>Ashburton:</i>	Rose Thomson
<i>Auckland:</i>	Lynette Jackson
<i>Bay of Plenty:</i>	Vicki Sherratt
<i>Canterbury:</i>	Lisa Clark
<i>Central & Southern Hawkes Bay:</i>	Proxy: Sandy Richmond
<i>Central Districts:</i>	Proxy: Laura van Velthooven
<i>Gisborne:</i>	Sandy Richmond
<i>Marlborough:</i>	Jane Fowler
<i>Nelson:</i>	Janet Morgan
<i>Northern Hawkes Bay:</i>	Proxy: Sandy Richmond
<i>Northland:</i>	Taylor Finlayson
<i>Otago:</i>	Maria Collins
<i>South Canterbury North Otago:</i>	Proxy: Maria Collins
<i>Southland:</i>	Proxy: Carol McKee
<i>Taihape:</i>	Not advised
<i>Taranaki:</i>	Proxy: Sandy Richmond

Waikato:	Sharyn Goodwin
Wairarapa:	Christine Rowe
Waitemata:	Jo Craddock
Wellington:	Gail Goodwin

d) Obituaries – 1 minute of silence

Ray Burmester
Rhonda Goddard

2. MINUTES FROM AGM 30th June 2018

a. Approved

Moved: Gail Goodwin
Second: Tracey Lammas

b. Matters Arising
Nil

3. REPORTS

a. Chair: Lucy Maley – *Report received*

Added success of delegates meeting being just after HOY and was very worthwhile. Exec have regular conference calls which are proving successful – progress is being made on course designer training. Judges clinic dates are set – there is a need for more judges

b. Jumping – Financials:

Report is provisional – again underspent. For the coming season there will be a greater spend on judges & course design clinics – may be room for an increase in series prize money. Discussion on how the financials are only available this morning – need to be available to delegates earlier. Glen & Nick took it onboard but have said that it is difficult.

c. North Island Co-ordinator: Michelle Alexander – *Report received*

d. South Island Co-ordinator: Lucy Maley – *Report received*

e. Series Points Co-ordinator: Maria Collins

Spoke on the requirement for delegates to talk to the show secretaries and assist them on the requirements to send results.

f. Sponsorship: Maria Collins

Full sponsorship has been secured for all series classes. The new sponsors are Grassyards Farm, Petticoat Lane Performance Horses, and Sure Grip Mats, who are joining our existing sponsors Aniwel, Burger King, CarTown, Gyro Plastics, NRM, and The Ultimate Egg Co.

It is necessary for the delegates to encourage riders and areas to acknowledge the sponsors by sending thanks, photos, communication, etc. Social media is a great way to do this.

g. HOY Co-ordinator: Waikato Area – *Report received*

h. Judges Officer: Sue Whiddett – *Report received*

i. Area Delegates – Reports received

Reports taken as a true and correct record

Moved: Lucy Maley
Second: Tracey Lammas

4. CONFIRM APPOINTMENT TO THE COMMITTEE OF ONE DELEGATE TO EACH AREA

Ashburton:	Rose Thomson
Auckland:	Lynette Jackson

<i>Bay of Plenty:</i>	Vicki Sherratt
<i>Canterbury:</i>	Lisa Clark
<i>Central & Southern Hawkes Bay:</i>	Kate Ward
<i>Central Districts:</i>	Jane Akers
<i>Gisborne:</i>	Sandy Richmond
<i>Marlborough:</i>	Jane Fowler
<i>Nelson:</i>	Janet Morgan
<i>Northern Hawkes Bay:</i>	Ashleigh Forde
<i>Northland:</i>	Taylor Finlayson
<i>Otago:</i>	Maria Collins
<i>South Canterbury North Otago:</i>	Ashleigh Urlich
<i>Southland:</i>	Jade McRae
<i>Taihape:</i>	Trudi Duncan
<i>Taranaki:</i>	Not advised
<i>Waikato:</i>	Sharyn Goodwin
<i>Wairarapa:</i>	Christine Rowe
<i>Waitemata:</i>	Sue Whiddett
<i>Wellington:</i>	Gail Goodwin

5. REMITS – DISCUSSION & VOTINGS (*remits below*)

- a. **Remit 1:** Swales Pelham and all its variations are covered by this remit.
PASSED: UNANIMOUS
- b. **Remit 2:** Age of rider.
PASSED: UNANIMOUS
- c. **Remit 3:** Classification of amateur rider. Discussion around staying in line with the SJ rule as opposed to protecting our amateurs from professional riders.
Amendment 1: Wording changed to “placed or won prize money”
Moved: Sandy Richmond
Second: Rose Thomson
Amendment 2: Wording changed to “3* or above in Eventing”
Moved: Marilyn Vincent
Second: Vicki Sherratt

PASSED: 17 for / 8 against
- d. **Remit 4:** Withdrawn
- e. **Remit 5:** Rule P3 is not a show jumping hunter rule so cannot be amended in this way
FAILED: 1 for / 1 abstain

6. CONFIRM APPOINTMENT TO THE COMMITTEE OF ONE DELEGATE TO EACH AREA

No nominations – Executive will remain the same.

7. GENERAL BUSINESS / DISCUSSION POINTS

- a. **Course Design Process**
Marilyn Vincent presented a course design pathway ([below](#)), due to interest.
The Course Design booklet is available from the website, and it was suggested to have an online library of course plans for shows to access.
The executive will designate a course design contact.

COURSE DESIGNER PATHWAY for SHOW HUNTER

Candidate National

Requirements:

1. Be a current and financial member of ESNZ aged 16 years & older
2. To be recommended, to the Judges Advisors, by your Area committee, and either a listed SH course designer or a National judge
3. To have a copy of the 'SH Course Design' booklet

Once approved as a Candidate National Course Designer they may design for all levels except HOY and Nationals.

Promotion of Candidate National to National

Requirements:

1. To have been a Candidate for a minimum of 1 year
2. To have designed at all levels e.g. Introductory, Open, Series
3. To have kept a record of all activities since becoming a Candidate
4. To have attended an approved course or seminar for Course Designers.
5. To be recommended, to the Judges Advisors, by your Area Committee, and either a National Course Designer or Senior National Judge.
6. Application to upgrade must be accompanied by a course design for a Hunter, Equitation and Handy Hunter course

Once approved as a National Course Designer they may design for all levels including HOY and Nationals.

From 1st August 2019 there will be a Provisional List of SH Course Designers, compiled by SH Executive. If you are on the list you will have until 31st December 2019 to contact, Judges Advisors, (will need a designated person) and indicate that you wish to be listed as a Candidate course designer. Providing you are a financial member of ESNZ you will be listed. Then from 1st August 2020 you will be entitled to apply to upgrade to National.

Any person not on the Provisional List will need to follow the designated format for becoming a Show Hunter course designer.

PROVISIONAL LIST

North Island

Barbara Harvey	Beth Lamb
Charelle Marshall	Christine Rowe
Gail Goodwin	Heather Davidson
Isobel Vokes	Jo Craddock
Jo Thomas	Joan Couper
Karen Van Cingel	Leigh Taylor
Macey Gill	Marilyn Thompson
Marilyn Vincent	Rosalie Haddock
Sandy Richmond	Sue Whiddett
Tina Ware	Trudi Duncan

South Island

Ashleigh Ulrich
Dorothy Scott
Emma Barker
Jane Fowler
Janet Morgan
Jennie Pike
Kate Mullins
Lucy Maley
Megan Talbot
Pauline Webby
Rose Thomson

b. Hind Boot Rule

Show Hunter does not have a hind boot rule but must follow the show jumping hind boot rule. There has been an update for 2019/2020 season which is available from the website.

c. Show Conditions HOY

Change to HOY Conditions – pony riders can only ride 1 equitation either the series class or the 12yrs & under. The pony series equitation will be limited to the top 40 on the series equitation leader board.

d. Delegates Communication

Executive wanting to support delegates in communicating better with riders in their area. Tracey & Jane to collate a list of delegates, and their contact details.

e. Ideas for Rising Star Classes

- Rising star competition alternatives
- First year combinations
- Restricted to 90cm classes (for riders not jumping over 90cm)
- Horses that have never scored a series point

MEETING CLOSED: 3:15pm

REMIT 1 - PASSED

Article or Annex No#	H 2	Page No:	8
Current Rule:	Equipment not allowed Unconventional bits where the primary action of the bit is on the poll, including a leverage action causing downwards poll pressure eg. Butterfly bit, puzzle bit, gags, peassoas or Dutch gags.		
Proposed Rule Change:	Add to above Swales Pelham Add as new bullet point: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In under saddle classes martingales, boots and bandages are <u>not</u> allowed. 		
Rationale:	Adding the bullet point is necessary as at present there is nothing in the rules about this but it is in the SH Judges manual.		
Area Nominated By:	Judges Advisors		
Nominator:	Jennie Pike – Judges Advisor		
Second:	Leigh Taylor – Judges Advisor		

REMIT 2 - PASSED

Article or Annex No#	B1 1.3	Page No:	4
Current Rule:	Age of rider Once a pony rider finishes their last pony year or turns 17, they may not compete on a pony in any recognised pony classes.		
Proposed Rule Change:	Delete this clause as it is unnecessary and contradicts B1 1.1.		
Rationale:	Will remove any possible confusion		
Area Nominated By:	Judges Advisors		
Nominator:	Marilyn Vincent – Judges Advisor		
Second:	Lucy Maley – Judges Advisor		

REMIT 3 – AMENDED & PASSED

Article or Annex No#	E1 1.4	Page No:	6
Current Rule:	Competitors may not have won prize money in <u>ANY</u> classes higher than 1.25m in Jumping or competed in Advanced Level Horse Trials in the current or preceding ESNZ Show Season which runs from 1st August to 31st July.		
Proposed Rule Change:	Competitors may not have won prize money in <u>ANY</u> classes higher than 1.20 in Jumping or competed in 4* or above Eventing in the current or preceding ESNZ Show Season which runs from 1st August to 31st July. Amended to won prize money or placed in any class higher than 1.20 or competed in over 3* level at eventing		
Rationale:	This remit is put forward due to the discussion at the committee meeting, held 30/3/19, by delegates. They felt that the height should be lowered to 1.20m so it is the “true” Amateur that can compete in this division.		
Area Nominated By:	Judges Advisors		
Nominator:	Joan Couper – Judges Advisor		
Second:	Sue Whiddett – Judges Advisor		

REMIT 4 – WITHDRAWN

Article or Annex No#	E1 1.4	Page No:	6
Current Rule:	Competitors may not have won prize money in <u>ANY</u> classes higher than 1.25m in Jumping or competed in Advanced Level Horse Trials in the current or preceding ESNZ Show Season which runs from 1st August to 31st July.		
Proposed Rule Change:	Competitors may not have won prize money in <u>ANY</u> classes higher than 1.25 or Pro-Am Jumping or competed in 4* or above Eventing in the current or preceding ESNZ Show Season which runs from 1st August to 31st July.		
Rationale:	This is to ensure that SH Amateurs are the ones competing in this division. This remit will only be put if the previous one is lost.		
Area Nominated By:	Judges Advisors		
Nominator:	Lucy Maley – Judges Advisor		
Seconder:	Marilyn Vincent – Judges Advisor		

REMIT 5 – FAILED

Article or Annex No#	P3	Page No:	16
Current Rule:	<p>Striding in Related Distances in Hack Classes</p> <p>This remit is aimed at the way show hunter is judged in NZ, but there is one rule that will need to be changed as it will contradict the new expectations of riders should this remit be accepted.</p> <p>The rule (P3) states:</p> <p>The course should be posted for riders to view one hour before the class with all related distances written or designated strides written on the course plan.</p>		
Proposed Rule Change:	<p>The rule should state:</p> <p>The course plan should be posted for riders to view one hour before the class with all related distances recorded on the course plan.</p>		
Rationale:	<p>Striding in the hack classes need to be re-evaluated to be more inclusive. In the pony ring you have three categories with different striding for all ponies under 14.2hh, yet all hacks over 14.2hh are made to compete with the same striding. The rules for each category within show hunter are as follows:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Category A – 10’ stride – ponies under and including 133cm</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Category B – 10.6’ stride – ponies over 133cm up to and including 143cm</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Category C – 11’ stride – ponies over 143cm up to and including 148cm</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Hacks – 12’ stride – horses over 148cm</p> <p>All categories in show hunter, with an exception of Category A when the tiny ponies compete, are penalised when the incorrect number of strides are taken in related distances. This rule already applies to Category A where a 13hh pony can compete against a 11hh pony or even a 10hh pony. These tiny ponies are not penalised when strides are added down related distances, because it is completely unrealistic for them to make the strides. It should be the same in the hack ring.</p> <p>I understand a horse is meant to be adaptable within its stride, however this has to be taken within reason. We are asking a 15hh horse to</p>		

	<p>compete with the same stride as a 16hh horse and a 17hh horse and maybe even an 18hh horse, when their strides are completely different. Creating separate hack categories is not a suitable solution. It is suggested that longer distances are used in the hack ring, with only the distance stipulated, not the number of strides. This allows for different strides among the hacks.</p> <p>It is seen as dangerous to take out a stride in a related distance in show hunter. However, a 15hh horse with a small stride is currently stretching to meet the designated number of strides, isn't that dangerous? If you compare this to a 17.2hh horse that has a big bold stride travelling down a 6 stride in 5 that is told is dangerous, when it's the natural stride of the horse.</p> <p>This is why in all other disciplines the only combinations are a 1 or 2 stride line, as there is less change over the entire gap and all other lines that are related are up to the individual horse and rider as to how they travel down to the second element.</p> <p>The related distances shouldn't be judged on how many strides, it should be judged on how the horse travels down to the second element. A 15hh horse should be able to win a championship round if they were to do 7 strides in a (12') 6 stride related distance. Likewise, a 17.2hh horse should be able to win a championship round if they were to do 5 strides in a (12') 6 stride combination.</p> <p>I know multiple people who don't compete in Show Hunter as they are treated unfairly due to their horse having both smaller and bigger strides to make the distances and are penalised for it. To be more inclusive as a sport we should have longer related distances where the rider can allow a horse to perform out of its natural stride.</p> <p>When Peter Holmes visited earlier in the year, we discussed how they accommodate for hack striding's in North America. He said they don't have less than a 5 (12') stride related distance with most being a minimum of 6 (12') strides. This is with the exception of a combination, a 1 or 2 stride double. He then said that there are more bent lines in a course over there to allow for the slight differences to be consumed in the bend itself.</p> <p>As we are not going to go and separate the horses into different strides, we should be more accommodating to this as Peter Holmes said. In North America they don't have designated strides. It is up to the rider to ride whatever flows, one horse might do 7, one might do 6 and the other might do 5. But as a course designer the minimum strides we should allow for is 5 (based on a 'standard' stride), apart from a one or two stride double. Then those horses should not be penalised for doing either between the fences it should just be judged on what looks the best. Just to reiterate we are not wanting to change the course striding; we still suggest it is based on a 12' stride. However, we are proposing changes to the stride stipulation.</p>
Area Nominated By:	Waitemata
Nominator:	Isobel Vokes
Seconder:	Jo Craddock- Area Delegate

Remit 1

Article:	Page:
<u>Current Rule:</u>	An addition to SHNZ Hunt Seat Equitation series.
<u>Proposed Rule Change:</u>	<p>Pony Rider 12 years & under Equitation Series</p> <p>Competitors must be 12 years & under for the entire season beginning 1 August 2020 and ending 31 July 2021.</p> <p>Classes to be run at Category A striding (10') Maximum height – 70cm</p>
<u>Rationale:</u>	<p>It is the right time to add this series as there are the number of riders there to support it. The past three seasons the Waikato and BOP areas have run a combined series over eight show days with the numbers in the classes increasing each year. At HOY a 12 & under equitation class has been run for the last three shows and has increased in numbers to having 50 this year.</p> <p>The Waikato & BOP areas are prepared to underwrite the cost of this series for the first season.</p>
<u>Area Nominated by:</u>	Waikato
<u>Nominator:</u> <i>(Area Chairman / Delegate / Secretary)</i>	Marilyn Vincent
<u>Second:</u> <i>(Another Area Group)</i>	Bay of Plenty

Remit 2

Article: G 1.2	Page:
<u>Current Rule:</u>	Introductory classes are not eligible for prize money or HOY qualifying points. Results will not be recorded.
<u>Proposed Rule Change:</u>	Introductory classes are not eligible for HOY qualifying points. Results will not be recorded. That is remove the words “prize money or”
<u>Rationale:</u>	This change is requested to bring Show Hunter rules into line with Jumping rules where prize money is allowed in Introductory Classes. It will not mean that shows must give prize money for Introductory classes but they have the choice to do so should they wish
<u>Area Nominated by:</u>	Show Hunter Executive
<u>Nominator:</u> <i>(Area Chairman / Delegate / Secretary)</i>	Lucy Maley – Chair
<u>Seconder:</u> <i>(Another Area Group)</i>	Canterbury

Remit 3

Article: Section N Article 3	Page: 14
<u>Current Rule:</u>	There will be no ESNZ Show Hunter Series classes held at National Young Horse Jumping and Show Hunter show.
<u>Proposed Rule Change:</u>	There may be ESNZ Show Hunter Series classes held at National Young Horse Jumping and Show Hunter show.
<u>Rationale:</u>	ESNZ Show Hunter series classes are the prestigious classes run throughout the season therefore should not be excluded from any national shows. This is a national championship show and believe we should have the choice to run series classes or not.
<u>Area Nominated by:</u>	Northern Hawkes Bay
<u>Nominator:</u> (Area Chairman / Delegate / Secretary)	Ashleigh Forde
<u>Seconder:</u> (Another Area Group)	Central and Southern Hawkes Bay

Remit 4

Article: N.5	Page: 14
<u>Current Rule:</u>	<p>NESNZ Show hunter high points.</p> <p>Full points for all NZ high points series classes held including HOY and nationals championships title classes will be awarded as follows if the competitor receives a judges score of 66% or over - 1st=6 2nd=4 3rd=3 4th=2 5th=1.</p>
<u>Proposed Rule Change:</u>	<p>If there are 3 starters or less in a class and the competitor receives a judges' score of 66% or over, points will be awarded as 1st=4 2nd=2 3rd=1</p>
<u>Rationale:</u>	<p>This proposed rule change would help to keep the series classes on a fair and level playing field</p>
<u>Area Nominated by:</u>	Bay of Plenty Show Hunter
<u>Nominator:</u> <i>(Area Chairman / Delegate / Secretary)</i>	Joan Couper - Chairman
<u>Seconder:</u> <i>(Another Area Group)</i>	Waikato Show Hunter



ESNZ Show Hunter Executive Elections 2020

There are four positions available on the ESNZ Show Hunter Executive for 2020 – Jane Dickson, Tracey Lammas, Michelle Alexander and Maria Collins, all positions available by rotation.

All positions are for two-year terms.

Nominations have been received for:

- Jane Dickson – Nominated Bay of Plenty (Vicki Sharratt), Bay of Plenty (Joan Couper) (Existing Executive Member)
- Tracey Lammas - Nominated Bay of Plenty (Vicki Sharratt), Bay of Plenty (Angela Sharples) (Existing Executive Member)
- Maria Collins - Nominated Otago (Anne Beattie), Seconded Ashburton (Rose Thompson) (Existing Executive Member)
- June Berrington - Nominated Gisborne (Sandy Richmond), Seconded Northern Hawkes Bay (Ashleigh Mitchell nee Forde)

June Berrington CV

Show Hunter Board Nomination

Experience

I personally am in a sport that I actively teach/compete myself. Dressage, Show Jumping and Show Hunter and totally enjoy being a competitive competitor.

I have been an active member of local area clubs for many many years.

Team Coach, gate stewards at many shows.

With my wide experience from grassroots to Top level of which we want better for everyone, I could be of a positive value to the Executive.



Annual Reports 2020

Report		Presented by
7.1	Show Hunter Chair	Lucy Maley
7.2	Jumping Manager	Marilyn Thompson
7.3	Accounts & Financial	
7.4	North Island Co-ordinator	Michelle Alexander
7.5	South-Island Co-ordinator	Lucy Maley
7.6	Course Designers Report	Marilyn Vincent
7.7	Sponsorship	Maria Collins
7.8	Horse of the Year	Marilyn Vincent
7.9	Judges Officer	Sue Whiddet

Annual Report to the Show Hunter AGM 2020
Lucy Maley

I'm sure that everyone has found it profoundly weird and very different over the past few months with the Covid-19 lock-down and all the associated restrictions.

We were so thankful that the Series Finals were held at HoY prior to lock-down – and the organisers did such an amazing job once again – along with Tracey Lammas and Kirsten Pike who organised the finals function which was enjoyed by competitors and sponsors alike. A few changes were made to the schedule – and a few more will likely come next season but overall, the schedule is working well.

Course design seminars were intended to be run in the South Island in the autumn – but naturally, with “the disease” and associated restrictions this did not happen. Likewise, a face-to-face delegates/committee meeting was not possible – but, by conference time, we do plan to have had an electronic meeting.

The Judges Advisors are meeting in a combination of in-person and Zoom – those in the SI and with further distance to travel will join electronically. The meeting will be later than usual but should have occurred by the time the AGM is held.

Sponsorship is always a challenge but Maria Collins has done an amazing job and filled every SH Series slot last season – the first time we have had every Series sponsored for many seasons. The challenges that businesses are facing and will continue to face with Covid-19 will no doubt affect us and we have modified our budget to reflect a down-turn in sponsorship revenue.

We are underway with planning for the NI SH camp which will be joining in with the squad training in Taupo in late August. Thanks to Tracey Lammas and Laura van Velthooven for taking control of this. The SI camp will once again run in conjunction with the Young Rider camp under the convenor-ship of Anna Laing.

I thank the Executive for their on-going support and especially thank the outgoing members of the Exec for their time and service.

Annual Report: Jumping Manager

Presented by Marilyn Thompson

Heraclitus, an ancient Greek philosopher who lived around 500 BC said, "The only thing that is constant is change." How right he was! No one could have predicted what this year has thrown at us, and if they tried none of us would have believed it. However, the passion for our sport lives on and the enthusiasm for a new season is strong as we all excitedly look forward to the new season beginning.

How lucky we are to have so many dedicated people who make it happen: officials, area and organising committees, competitors and supporters, coaches and trainers, selectors, our Board and colleagues in ESNZ, riders reps, and many others who volunteer their time in so many ways. There are many "unsung heroes" we must never take for granted.

In August we welcomed Holly Aliprantis into the team, and how fortunate we are to have someone with experience as a competitor and such a keenness to make a difference. Holly and I have continued to get out to shows as much as possible and are always available to support you in whatever role you play so do not hesitate to approach either of us at any time.

On the competition front, the year has run well and tracked similar to last season in most respects. The East Coast Performance Horses 5-year-old series stands out for growth of over 50%, re-enforcing that breeding purpose bred jumpers and showcasing them is now becoming well-established in NZ.

Planning is well underway for Technical Seminars which this year will be delivered via zoom video conference through August. There will be multiple sessions allowing groups to be kept small and interactive, and giving officials options on dates. We encourage officials to think about getting together with one or two others if there are people in your area that would like support in using the technology.

This year we added several new sponsors – giving us a "full-house". What a great bunch of people they are! Their passion for our sport and the enjoyment they get from being a part of us is quite amazing. A special thanks to all of them for the partnerships we have and the people they are. Some have already confirmed they will continue their support in 2020-21, and discussions are underway with others as we look to secure funding for this season.

Our Star Spotters programme launched at the last AGM has been a big hit and saw several areas inundated with great prospects. A special thank you to Claire Wilson for the idea and Brigit Kirk from NZPH for getting behind this financially. We are excited to confirm NZPH will continue their support for another round of Star Spotters this season. Grass roots is where we all begin and this support is very valued.

We are looking forward with optimism and excitement to the season ahead, and I have no doubt it will be a good one. Enjoy the following summary of the year that was.

THE SEASON 2019 - 2020

109 shows were carded this season with 83 running series classes. Five shows were cancelled – one due to wet weather and the final four shows due to COVID lockdown.

This season it was exciting to see two new shows on the calendar - Tauranga Jumping and Clareville Classic in Carterton (which unfortunately did not run due to lockdown), and pleasing to see these on the calendar again for the coming season.

Competition Starts

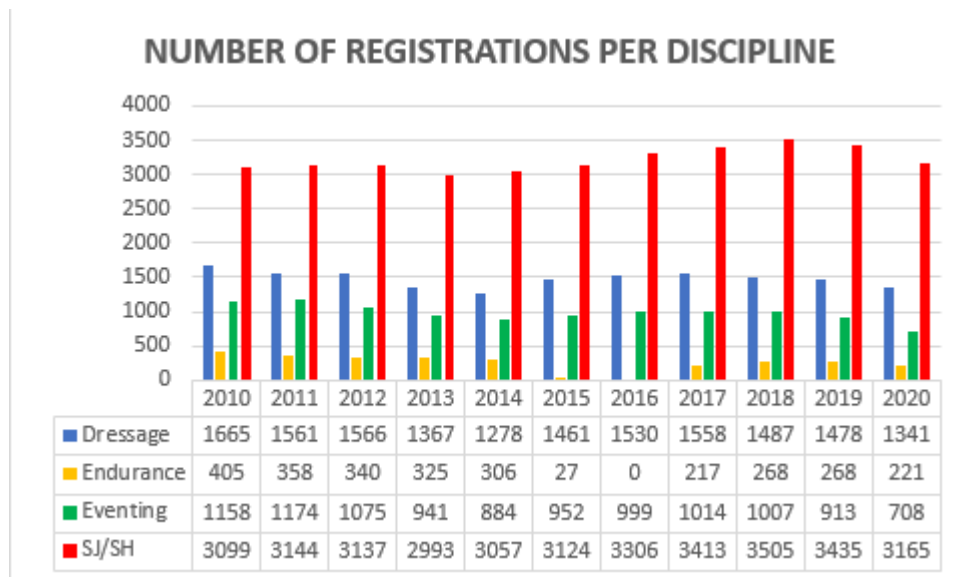
Overall equine numbers at shows were strong with a total of **25,102**. This is a small increase of 34 over the previous season which had been badly hit with cancellations due to weather. Considering four large shows in March – April were cancelled this season due to COVID-19, this is a strong result.

Casual Day Memberships

Casual day memberships for introductory level competition have continued an upward trend with 646 this season, following 579 in 2019, and 477 in 2018. This is a strong sign of demand for more competition at this level, and opportunity to nurture these riders into our sport at whatever level they wish to ride.

Annual Equine Discipline Registrations

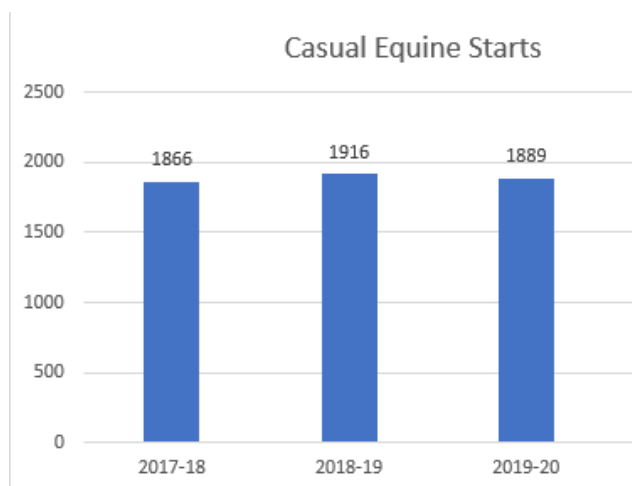
Annual discipline starts were down by 270 on 2019 (ponies 90 and horses 180). As can be seen below this trend is reflected across all ESNZ disciplines.



Casual Equine Starts

Casual equine starts remained quite static with little change over the past three years, indicating the numbers attending a small number of shows to compete at lower heights is generally around 1,900 each year. This may be competitors at lower levels doing only a few shows per season, or horses being brought out early in their career that are potentially on the market and not yet requiring full registration.

Notably, the percentage of casual equine starts is much greater in the South Island, and likely to be associated with riders choosing to attend only their local events rather than travel large distances.



JUMPING SERIES 2019-2020

This year we trialled the Equestrian Entries platform for the Jumping and Show Hunter series leader boards. A special thank you to John Lawson for his time and patience in establishing the rules behind this, getting this up and running and his ongoing support. This has helped immensely with access to the results from shows using EE speeding up the process of updating the leader board. Shows using Main Events are still required to send an export file to the office, and at times the data requires some work before it can be updated. Further education will be provided to show secretaries to assist in understanding of requirements and smoothing out this process.

Sadly, the Jumping Series finals were cancelled due to COVID-19 but we had some fun creating a Series Finals Awards Video and hope you all enjoyed it. Special thanks to everyone who contributed – sponsors and winners, and a HUGE thank you to Holly and the team in the office who mastered the production technology.

Points were removed from a small number of riders for ineligibility.

- One competing at A&P (Show Hunter) unregistered rider and equine
- Four for competing in AR, PA on horse they did not own
- One for insufficient breed information in age group class.

JUMPING SERIES – 4 Year Trend

Four-year trend analysis on competitors in Series competitions is shown below.

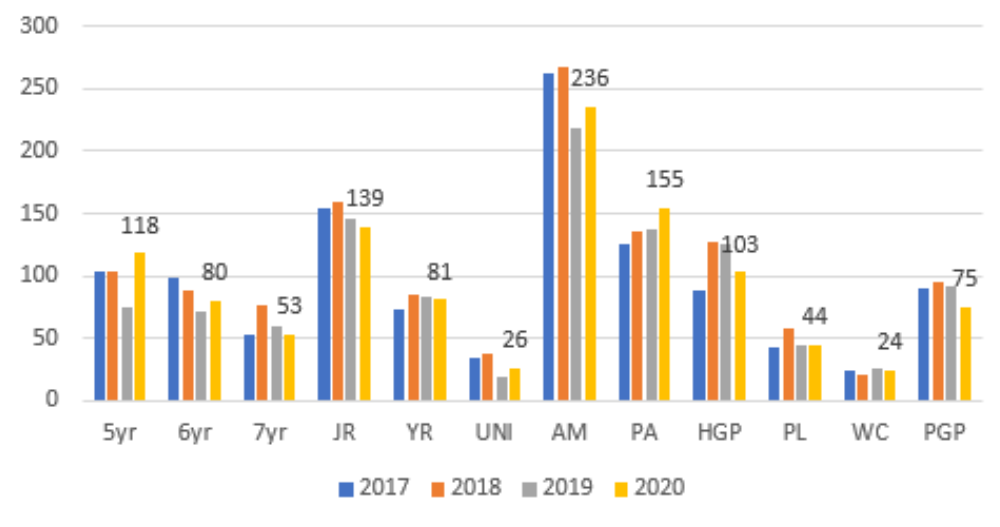
This year we have noticeable upward trending in 5yo, 6yo, AM, PA while there is downward trending in HGP and PGP. It is possible the growth in support for CSI 1* competitions may have impacted on HGP.

We see teenagers moving onto teams of horses at a younger age which may be impacting numbers in PGP.

	2017	2018	2019	2020
5yr	103	103	74	118
6yr	99	89	72	80
7yr	53	76	60	53
JR	154	159	145	139

YR	73	84	83	81
UNI	34	38	19	26
AM	262	267	219	236
PA	125	135	138	155
HGP	89	127	126	103
PL	43	57	44	44
WC	24	21	25	24
PGP	90	95	91	75

Series Competitors



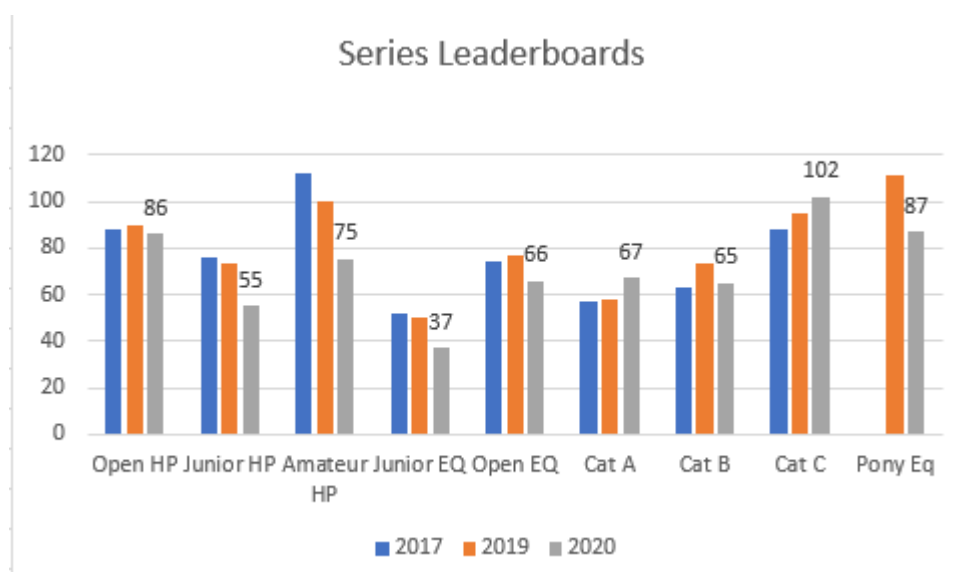
SHOW HUNTER SERIES - 4 Year Trend

Fifty shows ran Show Hunter Series classes, and four of these held two days of series classes.

Four-year trend analysis on Show Hunter leader boards is shown below. No data is available for 2018.

This year we have seen downward trends in support for Junior HP and Junior EQ, as well as Amateur HP. Pony EQ is also down however may be affected due to the number of shows running under 12 EQ classes. (Often shows do not allow entries in both.)

	2017	2018	2019	2020
Open HP	88		90	86
Junior HP	76		73	55
Amateur HP	112		100	75
Junior EQ	52		50	37
Open EQ	74		77	66
Cat A	57		58	67
Cat B	63		73	65
Cat C	88		95	102
Pony Eq			111	87



SPONSORSHIP

We have been privileged to enjoy a full book of sponsors for 2019-2020 season. A huge thanks to our partners listed below who have collectively funded approximately 1/3 of our sport.

JUMPING	
World Cup/PL	Merco / POLi Payments
Horse Grand Prix	Equissage
Pony Grand Prix	Country TV
Young Rider	FMG
7-year-old Breeding Series	Matthews Hanoverians
6-year-old Breeding Series	Cheleken / Ultramox
5-year-old Breeding Series	East Coast Performance Horses
Junior Rider	Equifibre
Amateur Rider	Dunstan Horsefeeds
Pro Am	Harrison Lane
University Challenge	Main Events
Leading stallion	Equibreed
Leading Mare	Equibreed
GRASSROOTS PROJECT	
Star Spotters	NZPH
PERFORMANCE PROGRAMME	
Young Rider	Merco / POLi Payments
Talent ID	Merco / POLi Payments
Talent Development	Waikato Equestrian Vet Centre
SHOW HUNTER	
Open High points	NRM
Junior High Points	Gyro Plastics
Amateur High Points	The Ultimate Egg Co

Junior Equitation	Burger King
Pony equitation	Sure Grip Mats
Open equitation	Petticoat Lane Performance Horses
Cat A	Car Town
Cat B	Grassyards Farm
Cat C	Aniwell

JUMPING INCOME AND FINANCIALS

At the time of writing this report the year end financials are not available. These will be presented separately prior to the AGM.

THANKS

Thank you to the volunteers without whom we would not be able to run this sport, to the dedicated area and show secretaries, delegates, the judges, technical officials, the course designers and all the people behind the scenes. Your countless hours of involvement make our sport happen and we are proud to work alongside you.

Thank you to our Media people who have provided guidance and support, while doing a great job keeping everyone informed. Diana Dobson, Rosa Douglass, the Kampic team, Ana Rattray, Christine Dawkins.

To our wonderful sponsors –thank you for the past season and we hope you can join us again in 2020-21.

Jumping Sport Manager, Marilyn Thompson
Jumping Sport Administrator, Holly Aliprantis

Annual Report: Accounts & Financial

The financial report will be provided as soon as final accounts are available from ESNZ Central Finance Department

North Island Coordinator Report

Michelle Alexander

It was interesting to see all the programmes from the different shows coming through and good to see some new classes being added to some of the programmes. It was also good to see the number and variety of show hunter events that run across the North Island each season largely being maintained. I hope this continues in the upcoming season.

We are very appreciative of our Show Hunter sponsors and it was great to see all of the national series classes with sponsors this season. It is really important that the sponsors are correctly recognised in all the show programmes so please make sure when you do your programmes that you are referring to and including the current season's sponsors.

The other common error on programmes which would be good to see improved in the coming season is in regard to restrictions on prize money – these are not allowed under the jumping rules. All advertised prize money must be paid out.

Once again, Horse of the Year including the Series Finals seemed to be well attended and enjoyed by the sponsors. We were very lucky to have managed to get through HOY before the country went into lockdown! Fantastic effort once again from the Waikato Show Hunter Group on designing an excellent program and building great courses for HOY. A huge thank you must go to them and all the other volunteers who assisted. Congratulations to all the series and HOY winners and place-getters.

I am stepping down from the SH Executive this year and I would like to take this opportunity to thank Lucy (and Trudi prior to Lucy) for the opportunity and support they both gave me. I have learnt a lot during my time on the SH Exec and I appreciate the connections and friendships I have made. I wish the new SH Exec, and Show Hunter in general, every success in the future, it is a great discipline to be part of.

South Island Coordinator Report Lucy Maley

Who would have thought this time last year what a surreal situation we find ourselves in with the Covid-19 pandemic.

Thankfully Show Hunter NZ managed to get our Series Finals done and dusted at Horse of the Year unlike Jumping Series finals that were cancelled. Once again, we had strong representation from the SI in the line-ups and the competitors and sponsors alike were delighted with the format of the presentations.

Once again, Southland had a clash in show dates with their Labour Weekend show – this situation was resolved by cancelling their SH HP at Labour Weekend and carding two days in December. This worked reasonably well although the judge who went down for the show was somewhat overworked having to do course changes, the gate, and design courses for the second day. However, this season, they have opted for the same format and hopefully they can resolve the other issues around manpower for the two days.

The SH schedule for the Nationals was the same as last year with the exception of getting dispensation from the Jumping Board to run Intro classes on the first day. We will remit this for the coming season as it boosted our numbers overall and helped with the profitability of SH at the Nationals. The inter-area teams' event which was once again very well supported, and thanks go to Bridget Alison for her sponsorship of this and also to Maria Collins for organising teams and Robyn Woods for collating the points – quite a large job.

We now have a Course Design progression format in place – unfortunately, Covid-19 has meant that planned seminars in the South Island did not go ahead in the autumn. However, we hope to get this under way in the near future. The process has been well received and, although it is not yet compulsory for shows to use course designers from “the list” it is a start on the journey.

Maria Collins did an amazing job finding and looking after Show Hunter sponsors during and after the season – and for the first time in many years, we had every Series sponsored. A couple have indicated that they may not be able to continue this season with the current economic climate, but many have indicated that they will still support us for which we are very grateful.

Who knows what the economic climate will bring for the coming season – but we certainly hope that the “shows will go on” and that competitors find themselves in a position to support them.

Course Designer Report Marilyn Vincent

This past season we have compiled a list of Candidate National Show Hunter course designers. It comprises of people who had been on an original list, that had become very out-of-date, and indicated that they wanted to be on the new list and those that attended a course design clinic during the current season. There are 30 people listed.

From 1st August those listed may apply to upgrade to National level provided they meet the stated criteria which can be found as an Annex to the SH rules.

I conducted clinics at Ruakaka, Rotorua and Hastings with 15 attendees. We spent an hour or so going through the Course Design booklet and then built a course that would be used the following day for competition. This format worked well. We hope that I will be able to do some clinics in the South Island this season. Southland have confirmed me to do one in December.

At this stage we are not requiring that a show must have one of these listed designers at their show because of the cost. But we would encourage show organisers to contact one of them to supply a course design that is appropriate for their programme of classes.

Sponsorship Report Maria Collins

We were very lucky to have full sponsorship across our Series for last season. What a great bunch of enthusiastic people they were too. I kept in touch with them over the season to ensure they were happy with how their sponsorship was going and that they were receiving feedback from riders. Initially riders were a bit slow to respond but soon got into the swing of things as the season progressed.

The Series Final day at HOY was fantastic, thanks to the Executive members who organized and ran it I have had 100% positive feedback on the event.

But haven't things changed since HOY! Anyone at that event would never have predicted the environment we now find ourselves in.

I have contacted all sponsors from last season, initially to see how they all were and to put feelers out for what their thoughts were on next season.

I have to say the response was incredibly positive at that point and I will be in touch with them again next month. We have definitely lost Burger King and Grassyards Farm as sponsors, but the remainder were cautiously positive about renewing their contracts for 2020-2021.

Cartown will continue but under the Float Factory banner.

At this point we don't have sponsors for Pony Equitation and Junior Rider Equitation.

Horse of the Year Report Marilyn Vincent

Given the threat of Covid-19 – we were so lucky to get HOY completed and with no Covid cases, it must have been the last major gathering prior to lockdown.

Considering the severe drought that Hawke's Bay was suffering from the show hunter area was green and the ground not too hard. The fencing between the rings was wooden bollards with white plastic chain and looked very smart. And there was a new look to the presentation area.

This year we took the Waikato Show Hunter groups new "Jump for Joy" fill – enough for 9 fences – 5 pony and 4 horse – this gave the area a whole different look than in previous years. The stands, rails and the remainder of the fill is provided by Hawkes Bay Jumping. The pony ring was designed by Dorothy Scott and Marilyn Vincent designed the horse ring.

This is the third year that we have organised HOY we have a good understanding of what is required and how to make it happen. We are happy with the programme that we offer, and pony entries are at maximum but there is room for increased horse entries. The addition of some 90cm and master's horse classes worked well.

The format for the Series Final day was well received by competitors and sponsors. It was wonderful to be able to have all the Series presentations mounted at the end of the day with the time for them all to do victory laps and enjoy their success. The casual social gathering was enjoyed by everyone.

This day began with a 12 and under equitation class with 50 and in the future will need to limit the entries into this class. After there being 60 entries in the Pony Rider series equitation final class 2019, we restricted the entries to the top 40 on leader board for this series and had 24 entries which was ideal for a final. To be in the top 40 a rider only needed 9 equitation points. All of the series classes had good entries with 43 in Cat C, 40 in Cat B 46 in Cat A. For horses we had 24 Juniors, 23 Amateur and 23 in the NRM Open Horse class – up from 18 the previous year which is a good sign.

Waikato Area is named as running show hunter at HOY, but it is so much more than just Waikato. HOY is a **team** effort and we had a great team. Thank you everyone who helped make this show such a success. There are so many of you that just pitch in and help when needed and without you we would really struggle. We are always looking for more people who would like to be involved so don't be shy in talking to us.

It has been announced that the HOY Show Board will now manage the show as the five-year contract with SMC has come to an end and has not been renewed. For us we will still be dealing with the same people so there is continuity there.

Judge's Officer Report Sue Whiddett

Highlights of 2019 – 20 Season

1. Judge's Clinics

Our commitment to hold three judge's refresher clinics prior to the season commencing, has again been positively received with a significant number of judges attending.

The following clinics were held:

- Ruakaka, Northland 10 August 2019
- Christchurch 10 August 2019
- Taupo, NEC 1 September 2019

These clinics were facilitated by our Judges Advisors, Marilyn Vincent, Lucy Maley, Jennie Pike and Joan Couper. The consistency of content that is presented to our judges at these refresher clinics ensures that everyone is receiving the same information. There is also provision for open discussion to clarify queries and situations that have been encountered through the season.

The clinic held at Joanne Thomas's property in Ruakaka also had a Course Design element, with the afternoon spent designing and building a course, learning from Marilyn Vincent's depth of knowledge and experience.

Twenty listed judges were in attendance over the three clinics, with three new Candidate judges and one prospective judge. Apologies were received from three judges.

At the time of preparing this report our 2020 judge's clinics are in the planning process and all judges have received notification of proposed dates in August. At our Judges Advisors meeting being held 18 July, venues and dates will be confirmed and judges will then be notified.

2. Judge's Communications

Two comprehensive newsletters were emailed to all our judges in September 2019 and December 2019, and were posted to the NZ Show Hunter Judges Facebook page. The purpose of these newsletters is to support judges in their judging. They covered various scenarios that are often encountered when judging and gave collective perspectives in a question/answer format. Recent rule changes were covered and a reminder for all judges regarding the requirement to have a current ESNZ membership. There is an open invitation for judges to advise of any specific topics relating to judging which can be covered in future newsletters.

3. Update of Officials List

All judges with expired award dates were removed from the Officials list by Head Office in September and the updated list appears on the ESNZ website in a revised format.

4. Judge's Upgrades 2019– 2020 SeasonTo National:

Robyn McIldowie Gisborne

New to Candidate:

Ashleigh Forde Hawkes Bay
Tracey Lammas Bay of Plenty
Sue Carn Nelson

5. Resignations

No formal resignations were received.

6. Building the Judging Pool


Many of our Senior National Judges are providing on-going support to prospective and/or Candidate judges and we had three new Candidate judges join our officials list this season. We all need to be mindful of encouraging anyone interested in becoming a judge to take that step and begin the process. We have had a number of experienced Show Hunter riders who have become judges in recent years.

Current Judge's List Status

Additions and upgrades as outlined.

The current Active Judges List consists of:

- National / Snr National = 47
- Candidate Judges = 8

Area	National Judges	Candidate Judges	Upgrades / Additions During 2019– 2020	
Nth Island	34	7		
Northland	5	2		
Waitemata	1			
Auckland	7			
Waikato	4	2		
BOP	6	2	New Candidate	
Gisborne	3		1 upgrade to National	
Northern HB	1	1	New Candidate	
Taranaki	2			
Central Districts	2			
Wairarapa	1			
Wellington	2			
Sth Island	13	1		
Nelson	2	1	New Candidate	
Marlborough	-			
Canterbury	6			
Ashburton	3			
Sth Canty / Nth Otago	-			
Otago	2			
Southland	-			



Jumping & Show Hunter Awards 2020

Congratulations to all the nominees below:

Please get your votes into jumping@nzequestrian.org.nz
by Thursday 16th July 2020

JUMPING SHOW OF THE YEAR

Nominee	Nominator	Reasoning
Taupo Christmas Classic	Northland	
South Island Champs Marlborough	Ashburton & Canterbury	Great atmosphere, hospitality, grounds, fanfare, competition, and wine
Taranaki Jumping Show	Central & Southern Hawkes Bay	
Opotiki Show	Gisborne	We would like to nominate Opotiki Jumping Show (BOP) for both the jumping & show hunter show of the year. A lot of our local members attend this show for both jumping and show hunter. They are a very small committee and have few volunteers, but the committee are always friendly and very accommodating. The rings always look fabulous and they have good course builders. As well as having a full 2-day programme, they run a horse and pony derby which is fun to watch and pulls the competitor together on the Saturday night. They are trying to improve their show every year.
Nationals	Otago	
Larsens Sawmilling Show Jumping Champs	Waikato	The Gisborne SJ group is a passionate group that provided an excellent, well organised event, which catered for all levels of rider. The grounds were well cared for and watered. Arrivals were met at the gate and directed to their yards and parking. The NZ/Australian Young Rider Test competition was well run and supported with a competitors bonding trip to a local adventure activity, followed by a lovely buffet dinner that was extended to officials and VIP's. A dinner and the bar was available for competitors and supporters on Friday and Saturday nights. A welcoming and appreciative group make the drive worthwhile to Gisborne.
National Young Horse Show	Taranaki	A very friendly well-run show, the entry fees were reasonable, a beautiful riders BBQ, friendly atmosphere and a great all-round show.

SHOW HUNTER SHOW OF THE YEAR

Nominee	Nominator	Reasoning
Rotorua Show	Auckland	Lovely grounds, well run, good courses
Opotiki Show	Gisborne	We would like to nominate Opotiki Jumping Show (BOP) for both the jumping & show hunter show of the year. A lot of our local members attend this show for both jumping and show hunter. They are a very small committee and have few volunteers, but the committee are always friendly and very accommodating. The rings always look fabulous and they have good course builders. As well as having a full 2-day programme, they run a horse and pony derby which is fun to watch and pulls the competitor together on the Saturday night. They are trying to improve their show every year.
Nationals	Otago	
South Island Champs Marlborough	Canterbury	
Waikato Show Hunter	Bay of Plenty Show Hunter & Waitemata Show Hunter	
Auckland Show Hunter Spring Show	Waikato Show Hunter	

JUMPING VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Nominee	Nominator	Reasoning
Julie Kelly	Ashburton & Canterbury	Hardworking, professional, and accommodating secretary. Her retirement leaves us with big shoes to fill.
Jill Martin	Central & Southern Hawkes Bay	Jill lives in Cheltenham just out of Feilding and has been riding horses all her life. She has been involved in both show jumping and hunting. Her nomination is because of the huge contribution she has made to show jumping. This upcoming season will be the 41st year Jill has run the Feilding A&P Show. She hasn't just been the motivation, brains and endless hours uncomplainingly given to this show but also for the past 10 years (since the Manfeild Indoor Arena has been operating), Jill has been running all 5 shows held in a season. These shows are - two spring shows (one in August, one in September), Manawatu A&P Show early November, Feilding World Cup Show at the beginning of December, and then a two day shows in February. Jill is an extremely hard worker and runs these shows often with not a lot of help, but she grinds away enthusiastically with barely a complaint organising everything about the shows including the horse accommodation (a thankless job). She is a top

		person and deserves very bit of recognition she gets for her commitment to these shows.
Rachel Martin	Gisborne	Rachel lives in Northern Hawkes Bay and is a driving force in preparing and organising both the Wairoa A&P and NHB Jumping Show. She also helps out immensely at Gisborne A&P and Larsen's jumping championships as well as ALL the shows she attends. After Rachel has ridden you will see her either gate stewarding, picking up rails or harrowing the practice areas. Rachel conducts herself in a positive friendly manner who goes beyond the call of duty and always willing lend a hand. Rachel always has a smile on her face and is a true volunteer to Jumping.
Denise Sutherland	Northland	Denise is always on hand to assist at shows on the gate etc. She also transports the sponsors banner up to Northland for the Grand Prix Show. Denise also spends many hours on Grant Applications for funding for the G.P show, a job no one else is willing to do!
Blue Clark	Otago	
Glen Beal	Taranaki	Glen is always helping in the ring, smiling, and willing. At our show when a horse was stuck in a yard, he was the first to come running over to help. We all noticed him doing the same at shows in other areas.
Vance Carson	Waikato	Vance is always helping, no matter what the show. He is extremely skilled, whether on the tractor, grooming and watering warmups, or rebuilding courses (and stables). Whatever needs doing he will do it. An incredibly happy chappy who is a joy to work with, and invaluable to the sport. Be like Vance, the jumping world needs more Vance's.

SHOW HUNTER VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

Nominee	Nominator	Reasoning
Angela Sharples	Bay of Plenty Show Hunter	
Hannah von Dadelszen	Central & Southern Hawkes Bay	Hannah is 15 years old and is a passionate young Show Hunter rider. Hannah has always been a willing volunteer and helper for many years. Her pony has been out most of this season, but Hannah still went to shows as her sisters were riding. Due to this Hannah has really gone beyond the call of duty! She has put in an extraordinary number of hours building and packing up courses, picking up rails, stewarding and anything other jobs she has been asked to do. All conducted in an enthusiastic and friendly manner. In recognition of this she has been the recipient of many spot prizes from Show Hunter committees and the Dee Aniwell prize pack. Hannah sets an awesome example for younger (& older) riders with her work ethic and friendly manner at shows and would well deserve the "Show Hunter Volunteer Award"
Marilyn Vincent	Otago	
Chloe Hansen	Taranaki	Chloe is often in the ring picking up poles or offering assistance to younger riders. She always has a smile on her face and enjoys giving back to the sport.
Joan Couper	Waikato Show Hunter	
Liz Vokes	Waitemata Show Hunter	

Robyn Woods	Canterbury	
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OVERALL JUMPING PERSONALITY OF THE YEAR

Nominee	Nominator	Reasoning
Zoe Shore	Ashburton & Canterbury	SI rider's rep, Ashburton delegate & Nationals committee, fun, friendly, approachable, and hardworking. Also, social!
Fiona Bentley	Central & Southern Hawkes Bay	
Paxton Conder	Bay of Plenty Show Hunter	
Tom Tarver	Gisborne	Tom has not just had a very successful year riding, he had been a great advocate for Jumping, his enthusiasm and passion to get NZ to the Olympics was admirable. Tom is very approachable and encouraging of others.
David Bullock	Northland	He is always in good humour, he is approachable and available. He is very helpful and knowledgeable and has had long service to the sport.
Blue Clark	Otago	
Logan Massie	Taranaki	

SHOW HUNTER COURSE DESIGNER OF THE YEAR

Nominee	Nominator	Reasoning
Lucy Maley	Otago	
Holli Marshall	Taranaki	
Emma Barker	Canterbury	
Marilyn Vincent	Auckland & Waikato Show Hunter	Always good courses, involves other officials, seeks feedback to improve things on the day
Charelle Marshall	Bay of Plenty Show Hunter & Waitemata Show Hunter	



Area Reports 2020

Report		
8.1	Ashburton	Rose Thompson
8.2	Auckland	Lynette Jackson
8.3	Bay of Plenty	Vicki Sharratt
8.4	Canterbury	Lisa Clark
8.5	Central Districts	Jane Akers
8.6	Central & Southern Hawkes Bay	Kate Ward
8.7	Gisborne	Sandy Richmond
8.8	Marlborough	Jane Fowler
8.9	Nelson	Janet Morgan
8.10	Northern Hawkes Bay	No Report
8.11	Northland	Taylor Finlayson
8.12	Otago	Melissa Barton
8.13	South Canterbury & North Otago	No Report
8.14	Southland	Jade McRae
8.15	Taihape	No Report
8.16	Taranaki	Holli Marshall
8.17	Waikato	Sharyn Goodwin
8.18	Wairarapa	Christine Rowe
8.19	Waitemata	Sue Whiddett
8.20	Wellington	Gail Goodwin

Ashburton Area Delegates Report

Rose Thompson

What a weird ending to the season! This will be one we will remember for a while to come. Luckily it didn't affect us, and the Horse of the Year was held.

Our show hunter season went very well. We were very fortunate to secure two well timed dates – November 23rd & 24th 2019 and February 1st and 2nd 2020. Ashburton Area is blessed with an excellent husband and wife grounds team. Our grounds at both shows were in magnificent condition. Our November show was very well supported in the hunter classes but not so well in the pony classes. Our January show was great and our North Island judge, Sue Whiddett, had a wonderful time. Our North Island judges always enjoy the opportunity to judge different horses and riders. Sue was very complimentary of our running of the show, the quality of the jumping and also the open friendliness of all competitors.

We found running ponies and horses on the same day somewhat stressful. Unfortunately, at our showgrounds we do not have access to another jumping area because of the layout of our irrigation. Next season we are going back to the old format of horses one day ponies the next. However, we are going to extend the day to make the most of daylight and the introductory classes for hacks which were hugely supported. We are going to focus on getting the little ponies going – which is where the future of show hunter begins – by creating introductory classes for them as well. We battle against show jumping when our riders get to early teens. I guess it is just more exciting to show jump! We are going to continually improve our fences. We have saved some money from warm up rounds which will be put back into maintenance and improvements.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank my two Jennies – Pike and Waddell – who are always great sources of advice and help. Also, to my band of merry women and men – Carmen Burgess, Stephanie Kearney, Gaye Scott, Antoinette, Spud, Thomas and Hamish Kerr, Kate Miller, Emma Johnston and Sarah Harrison – many thanks. Without you all we would not have any classes. The Jennies and I cannot build on our own! Also, I would like to acknowledge Steph Kearney and Kearney Trucking Services and Personal Placements and Gaye Hooper for their generous sponsorship of Introductory classes. I would like to thank Ashburton Forks Engineering for sponsoring the Open Hunter 1.10m (High Points series) and also Penny Metcalf for sponsoring a hip flask to the winner of the Handy Hunter class in November. This proved hugely popular and competitive!

Thank you to all those on the Jumping Committee who also support Show Hunter. I cannot begin to thank Julie Kelly who has been our wonderful secretary for so many years. In February she retired (having threatened to for many years!!!!). Filling the huge gap, she leaves is proving difficult.

So – next season is coming up on us very quickly. Let's hope that Covid 19 doesn't spoil our season and things will get back to normal. We seem to be heading in the right direction, although today we are told of the first new cases in three weeks. It leaves a little disquiet in our stomachs! Fingers crossed.

Auckland Area Delegates Report

Lynette Jackson

Auckland Jumping held the North Island Championship Show this year in November with Auckland Show Hunter helping out with ASHG gear and committee members Rosalie Haddock and Marilyn Thompson assisting Katja Kershaw with judging and course design. Due to limited space ponies ran on one day and the hacks the next.

The following week we held our Spring Show. This ran smoothly with two rings – one for hacks and one for ponies. Our small committee elected to only run the two rings this year as this is more manageable in terms of having the required helpers. This also made it easier to select the best ground for the rings – given that the North Island Champs ran the week earlier. We had pleasing entries with 103 combinations competing over the weekend.

The Denise Crispe Memorial was again a spectacle on the Sunday with Lauren Mitchell taking it out for the second year running. It was an interesting and challenging course that asked for different equitation and show hunter questions.

Our big mission for the winter is that we need to upgrade some of our gear. Currently we would struggle to be make up two rings with quality jumps. We are working through an inventory of what we require and quotes from suppliers. This also requires us to look at better options for storing our gear that is dry and secure. An option is the use of a container at the Show Grounds. We also need to schedule a meeting with the A&P to negotiate costs for storage and hirage for show day.

We are most grateful to our sponsors and everyone who has helped over the 2019-2020 season.

Bay of Plenty Area Delegates Report

Vicki Sherratt

Bay of plenty show hunter ran two, 2 day shows one in October and one in January, both show were very well supported and with having a training ring at our October show on both days and on the Sunday of our January show our October show we had beautiful grounds but unfortunately with the hot and dry weather our grounds got a bit hard, we hosted some winter days but we did get some rain which meant we had to cancel our last day.

Our member also helped with horse of the year by helping on the gates dressing the pony ring and course changes and series evening.

We had one of our little hard working members Wiremu Priest win the Aniwell Sportsmanship award at horse of the year and to top it of he also won the CAT A Pony of the year his first title ever this rider is one to watch, we also welcomed a new baby to our group Master Kurt Lammas to Tracey and Carmon Lammas

With Bay of Plenty being such a large Area it is hard to be in the know of all show that happen, Te Teko was well run and supported all though the weather was a bit wet having horses one day and ponies on the other, Tauranga still run winter days which are very well attended.

Canterbury Area Delegates Report

Lisa Clark

Show hunter in Canterbury is in good heart with three shows run successfully over the season.

The Canterbury Jumping group were lucky that we had run all our shows before the onset of Covid-19, with our last event being in February. The group is also in a very good financial position and will be able to weather out any decreases in entries, sponsorship, or grants in the coming season. The group has been prudent over the years with money put aside – Covid-19 may well just be the rainy day we have had it stashed away for!

By offering a great range of classes and catering for the riders at all levels, we continue to attract good entries, and overall, our numbers were up in both the hack and pony rings this season. In fact, at one show, our pony numbers doubled from the previous year, which was fantastic, but did cause a couple of long days!!

We run several Canterbury series, again catering for both the top-level riders and our grass roots riders, and these are always well supported and closely fought out until the end. These series are Rising Star hacks, Young Horses (4, 5 6yo), Amateur, Pony Rider in first Season, Pony Rider Equitation, and a Pony Points prize over all 3 categories. Our combined series with Ashburton Area is also well supported and this year was run over Hack Handy Hunter. We change this series every year so this year plan to run it for the pony Handy Hunters.

We are very lucky here that we have a great team of judges based in Canterbury, who are very passionate about SH and give their time up to help run the shows.

Although we are only a small group that run the SH, we are very lucky that the Show Jumping committee are very supportive of show hunter in Canterbury and we work as one group to run the three area jumping shows.

Central Districts Area Delegates Report**Jane Akers**

Central Districts area shows were fairly well supported throughout the season. Our CD Show had good entries for so early in the season. Great sponsorship from Pryde's Easifeed for the Hack Championship class. We were very lucky to have Karen Potter and Marilyn Vincent to course design, build, judge and help out over the weekend. We had great feedback from competitors as to how friendly the environment was and brilliant courses to ride. Manfield held the final of the Prebble Equestrian Circuit which encouraged good entries. This is becoming a very competitive mini-series for ponies, juniors, and amateurs. Wanganui are making a huge effort to attract numbers back by running a lovely show. I think the sport is healthy in our area, but we are always short of help for volunteers to set courses, pack up etc at shows.

Central & Southern Hawkes Bay Area Delegates Report**Kate Ward**

C & S HB Area have had a great season, show hunter classes were run at Waipukurau A&P in November, Central and Southern Hawkes Bay Jumping show in January and Dannevirke A & P in February.

Waipukurau A & P runs introductory classes before the open classes, which were well supported. Waipukurau had great entries in both the horse and pony open classes.

C & S HB Jumping show – Ran introductory classes prior to the open classes, which were very well supported. Pony numbers were ok, horse numbers were very good. Some adjustments that have been made to classes and prize money over the last two years have been effective.

Dannevirke A & P- Also ran introductory classes before the open classes, which had good entries. Ponies had good numbers – Particularly the Category A's. The hacks were well supported also.

Overall, our area's three shows ran smoothly, and numbers were good. Thank you to all our sponsors, committees, volunteers and everyone else who helped throughout the season to ensure it all was a success.

We have no issues to report and look forward to next season.

Gisborne Area Delegates Report

Sandy Richmond

Once again, we have had a great season in the Gisborne Region.

We ran 4 Sports Meetings, The Poverty Bay A&P Show, and the Larsen's Equestrian Festival, with all 4 series days been run over the season.

We have Wairoa (NHB Area) only a couple of hours down the road heading south, which Gisborne people supported at their Pony Club Sports and the A&P Show unfortunately due to terrible weather their Jumping Show (following the A&P Show) was cancelled.

Heading north we have Opotiki which once again was well supported by Gisborne locals. We certainly appreciate having these events within the 2-hour drive of home.

Rob McIlldowie, Kat Wallace and I attended the Judges Seminar held in Taupo, we all found this very worthwhile and look forward to this year's seminars.

Rob McIlldowie has been upgraded to a National Judge and this is great for our area.

Merran Hain and I attended the Course Design Seminar that was held in Hastings in September. This seminar like the Judges ones are very worthwhile to attend.

Once again, we ran local show hunter series: the EJ Gordon Open Pony and Open Horse as well as the LP Introductory Series.

Congratulations to our series winners:

- EJ Gordon Open Horse: French Made ridden by Shelly Watts.
- EJ Gordon Open Pony: Ruby Tunes ridden by Ella Watson.
- LP Introductory Horse: Kilmac ridden by Rebecca Watson.

I am pleased to point out that Shelly Watts and French Made won the LP Intro Series a couple of seasons ago and has stepped up into the Open Classes & Series with success. They also competed at HOY for the first time this past season.

Congratulations to local riders Merran Hain and Untouchable for winning the NRM Horse High Points and placing in the Ultimate Egg Co. Amateur High Points as well as Isobel Bevitt gaining a placing in the Car Town Category A High Points.

I would like to thank our sponsors especially EJ Gordon and the Harris Family for their ongoing support of our show hunter series.

This year Shona Zame from Bronwyn Kay Real Estate came on-board and was the naming sponsor of our area sports day in November. I am hugely grateful to Shona for her ongoing support of equestrian events in the district.

Once again, our committee worked well, and we have achieved what we set out to at the start of the season and I would like to thank the committee for their ongoing support.

We look forward to an exciting 20-21 season.

Marlborough Area Delegates Report

Jane Fowler

In the 2019/20 season Marlborough show hunter held two, two day shows, a spring show on the first weekend of November followed by the South Island Championships on the 15th and 16th of February 2020.

With our Marlborough Equestrian park now well established, we were thrilled to be hosting the South Island Championships 10 years on since we had previously done so.

A huge amount of work was undertaken by our small committee in preparation for the event. Our battered and bruised show hunter jumps were in need of a good spruce up. Some time was spent giving them a good coat of paint in our new colour system of Chocolate brown, white and "Jungle path", which is a soft forest green, a really great show hunter colour. We also invested in some new fill, many pots/troughs, and plants, this really paid off and the show hunter ring looked real picture.

We were very privileged to have many of our local sponsors supporting our show. The winners of the most points over the two days in the show hunter classes received beautiful large rosettes and rugs in the sponsors colours, and it was great to see them at show supporting there events.

The horse show hunter was well supported by riders, but pony numbers were down. All and all everyone seem to have a great weekend and we received many awesome comments and feedback.

Our small but hard-working committee were very exhausted after the weekend but are now are excited about the prospect of running more shows of this calibre in the future.

We would like to thank all the very supportive national series sponsors and our Marlborough sponsors.

Nelson Area Delegates Report

Janet Morgan

Our first show for the season was in September. Grounds at Marchwood Park looked fantastic the week leading up to the event. BUT it rained. And rained. Most people took their horses home early including myself.

October and November events ran well with reasonable competitor numbers. Our last event at the end of January was very hot and dusty but with good turnout again.

Competitors new to Show Hunter came away with positive experiences which is encouraging for the committee which worked so hard to make these events a success.

We would also like to thank the judges and ring crew that worked tirelessly.

A big thanks goes out to our sponsors for these events - both local and nationally.

Thanks again

Northland Area Delegates Report

Taylor Finalyson

Northland Show Hunter were lucky enough to be sponsored by Micro Med this season and they have been great given us boxes of micro med that have been handed out at all our shows. This season we decided to add a master's series which catered for the over 40s and was set at a height of 90cm.

This season we held 4 shows all of which had good entries, our New Year's show had the most entries of all our one day shows, next season we are going to make our New Year's show a two day show.

We would like to thank all our series sponsors and northland sponsors.

Otago Area Delegates Report

Melissa Barton

We had a good 2019-2020 Show Hunter season. We have relocated our ring which was met with approval by riders and equines alike.

It's great to see Show Hunter growing in popularity in Otago as riders and owners realise its value. As always, we have enjoyed watching riders and their mounts improving. One thing we have noted is the happy faces on our riders and the great comments. With the add on benefit of increased help around the ring.

The Otago Southland series was well supported, and everyone loved the pink rugs the winners received. We will continue to encourage our Otago riders to support this fantastic series again this coming season.

We are sad to say Maria has made the decision to step down from the position of delegate for Otago. Maria has been in this role for many years and devoted endless amounts of time, promoting and growing the sport in Otago. The results of her work could be seen at our shows with the increasing number of new young riders.

We are in the planning phase for this coming season and hope to build on these strong foundations.

Southland Area Delegates Report

Jade McRae

This season we made the decision to not run show hunter on the Saturday of our Labour weekend show as we could not find a judge willing to come down. Instead we increased our showhunter to both days during our December and February shows to compensate for this cancellation. Southland show jumping has decided to continue this arrangement for the up-coming 2020/2021 season as we clash with Canterbury at labour weekend, which is the main reason, we struggle to get a judge every year. We also made the decision to move the show hunter ring off grass and onto our sand arena in hope it would make riding easier during Southland's adverse weather conditions and secondly, prepare anyone heading to Nationals at McLeans Island.

A big thank you to Jennie Pike who judged for us at our December Festival show and Lisa Clark who judged at our February Circuit show. We always get very good numbers in the lower heights of the horse section and all pony categories.

We would like to thank all the sponsors of classes and series. A special mention goes to Grace Roy who made the long trip from Gore up to HOY with her gorgeous wee pony Comet who got 2nd in the Category A Pony Show Hunter of the Year.

Taranaki Area Delegates Report

Holli Marshall

This Winter

We are currently planning the Taranaki EJ SH Winter Clinic and hope to have a full house with myself and Lydia Quay coaching the 2-day clinic at the Egmont A & P Showgrounds. Looking forward to starting this year's season with the clinic leading into the Winter SH Series. All the early season training set to prepare and encourage riders to give the ESNZ shows a go.

Taranaki Ej January Show

We have had 2 years with a 2-day show and are looking forward to holding a 3 day show again. Friday being a bit smaller jumps and also offering hunter under saddle classes. Champion & reserve ribbons are awarded in each Pony Category and the Horse classes as well. The aim being to encourage more local riders to embrace ESNZ shows. This year the show had High point classes Saturday and Sunday. And a Young horse class was also added. It was great to see how well attended the show was with some awesome horses showing. Thanks to those of you who attended. The Taranaki Equitation Medal is growing every year and although not rated is a great bridge from the hunter to the jumper divisions. The work off this year was really competitive and tough questions were asked and well executed. The riders love the wool cover and the perpetual silver tray on offer.

Stratford & Waverley Shows

Stratford & Waverley shows were enjoyed by the riders who attended, and the entries seemed to be holding steady. But we are always looking to grow our sport.

Wishing all of you a great show season.

Waikato Area Delegates Report

Sharyn Goodwin

Winter Training Weekend, 27-28 July 2019

Record turnout of around 118 horses which is a huge number for a training weekend. Did make for a long wait for the pony riders as unfortunately with only running one ring they had to wait for the hacks to finish. As a result of the work and time involved with this event, we are now running our 2020 winter weekend in conjunction with BOP SH on 1-2 August. This will give us the opportunity to share costs and resources and also allow us to have two separate hack and pony rings. Spring Show, 2-3 November 2019

Over 120 entries and while numbers in the hack and pony rings were good, the introductory ring numbers were down on last year. As all SH committee's know it takes a lot to set up rings so we decided not to run with an intro ring at our Summer show as the extra effort and cost involved did not really make it worthwhile.

We have purchased some fantastic jump fillers from Jump for Joy which arrived from the UK just in time for our show. They looked fabulous and many riders paid compliment to how lovely the courses looked. We ran champion accumulators for the Intro ring as well as our Spring Championship classes across all pony heights and in the hack ring.

Summer Show, 8-9 Feb 2020

Entries slightly down this year with around 107 compared to 125 for 2019, but still a good result. Two days of High Points classes plus Classic classes held on the Sunday.

Acknowledgement and gratitude to the following sponsors:

- Reel NZ Productions Plate donated by Leigh Watkins for Overall Pony High Points winner
- Hanalei Trophy donated by Robbie Millar in memory of her Show Hunter mare Hanalei for Overall Amateur winner
- Grant Nickalls Memorial trophy for Overall Junior Points winner
- Nowell Jagger Memorial donated by Karen Potter in memory of her father who won a beautiful ice bucket this with his racehorse Cut The Cake for overall Thoroughbred Points
- Matamata Veterinary Services - Equine Cat A Classic
- Harcourts Kevin Deane Real Estate (Kevin & Andrea Deane) - Category C classes
- Pike Racing (Tony & Kirsten Pike) - Cat B Classic
- Sally Dyer Cat B Equitation class
- Canter for Cancer - Open Hunter
- Northwood Farm Matamata (Phillip Stevens & Charlie Beckett) - Cat A Handy Hunter

In addition to the above sponsors we also had several of our committee members sponsor some of our classes naming them after their ponies & horses:

- Paxton Conder - Ascot Dainty Minx Cat A Equitation Challenge
- Kat Dixon - Crackerjack Open Hunter
- Abby Robinson - Puffing Billy Cat B Handy Hunter

Our Summer show also saw the last round of the Chookys Auto (Annette & Darryl Conder) 12 & under Equitation Mini Series with the winner taking home the gorgeous POSH Pony along with the final round of the Tara Groenstein Memorial Amateur Series.

Committee Support

A special acknowledgement again to our tireless committee and a special thanks to Marilyn Vincent, Annette Conder and Karen Potter. Without them we would have no Waikato Show Hunter Group. They have put in many years of dedication to make our group a success.

What makes it that much harder for our groups is the fact almost all of our committee members don't reside in Taupo and for many of us it's a 2+ hour drive home, so at the end of a 2 day show after packing up rings etc the long drive home can be very tiring.

Special thanks as always to the SH judges who travel from all over NZ and give up their time and weekends to attend our shows. Also, thanks to everyone who helps on gates, picks up rails, runs sheets and all the other odd jobs that need doing.

Horse of the Year, 9-15 March 2020 Another year of HOY has come to an end and I think everyone agrees how extremely lucky we were with the timing and how different the world would be just a matter of weeks after HOY. No one could have predicted what were about to experience with Covid-19 and when we look back even now it still seems a bit surreal.

Both SH rings looked amazing and we received numerous positive comments on our new jumps and fill. We extend congratulations to all the winners and place getters and a special congratulations to our Committee member Abby Robinson for taking out another SH of the Year title with the lovely Hillman Hunter. In addition to Abby several of our other Committee members, including Paxton Conder, Stephie Joustra-Smith, Molly Pike, and myself had good success. There were also several other Waikato riders who did well and came away with wins and placings.

Waikato SH committee can pat themselves on the back again for running another very successful and professional HOY. Massive thanks also to the amazing BOP Committee for their support and to all of the awesome volunteers and everyone else who helped to put on such a fantastic show, we would not have been able to do it without them. So many people pitched in to help with course builds and changes and we were especially impressed with the number of people who came to help pack up at the end of the competition on the Friday and we had both rings cleared in record time.

The positive comments and compliments on how well the show ran and the presentation of the rings from HOY competitors that appeared on our FB page was testament that we should be proud of our achievements. Other SH Events Our President Paxton Conder coached the Hamilton Pony Club SH Champs Team at Foxton in October 2019. This is another great opportunity to promote and encourage some of our young PC riders into show hunter. The Waikato Equestrian Centre is holding a winter SH series in June, July & August this year. Show Publicity All show results are published on our Waikato Show Hunter Facebook Page including photos with sponsorship signage. We acknowledge our sponsors and ask our place getters to email or Facebook message with a thank you note & if possible, a photo with their rosettes, sashes and covers. Sponsor signage is displayed at our shows in the presentation area. We must never forget that without our sponsors there would be no shows. We support Canter for Canter and purchase their show rugs for our series prize winners

which are printed with sponsors logos. Prize Points Series We held 2 days of Series High Points at both Spring and Summer Shows. The Series Final Awards were presented to riders at the conclusion of the final series class at HOY on the Wednesday with a drinks and nibbles. This was a great way to again showcase the series winners. There was a good turnout and a special thanks to BOP SH committee for their support in organising this.

ESNZ Support

Delay of SH results not being uploaded to member pages. As at 18 June it appears there are no results for 2020 showing (including HOY). Unfortunately, the delay with updating points data seems to be an ongoing problem.

Still no SH area details or contact people showing on ESNZ webpage for a number of the groups incl Waikato – this was raised at the last Area Delegates Meeting but has still not been updated.

Wairarapa Area Delegates Report

Christine Rowe

Our first show held was the Wairarapa Area Show Jumping & Show Hunter Show held last Labour weekend. Entries were good and up on previous years.

This show was followed up a week later with Show Hunter being held at the Wairarapa A& P Show.

Our last show was at the Masterton A & P Show. Again, entries were good especially in Cat. A.

We are unfortunately down to only 3 Series shows for our Area.

The Glistening Waters Show Jumping Series finals show at which we usually hold Show Hunter HOY qualifiers was unfortunately cancelled due to Covid 19. I had planned something quite different (weather permitting) for the Derby course. Hopefully, next year?

This years' Labour weekend Wairarapa Area Show Jumping and Show Hunter Show is being reduced to 2 days Saturday and Sunday. This is unchanged for Show Hunter.

As Masterton A & P have called time on running a show, the Wairarapa Show Jumping & Show Hunter Group will be running a 2-day show of both Show Jumping and Show Hunter Series classes. This will be held on the Friday/Saturday of the last weekend of February.

There is a probability of holding one or two Show Hunter practice days in conjunction with our last 2 planned Show Jumping practice days, but again weather dependent as will be held on the grass. This will also be dependent on demand and manpower support.

A great result for the Wairarapa Area was Hollie Falloon riding Farleigh Caterick to win the Category B Pony of the Year Title at HOY.

Waitemata Area Delegates Report

Sue Whiddett

The 2019/2020 season began with huge changes for Show Hunter Waitemata, with the sudden resignation of the group's President, our newly trained Show Secretary and seven committee members including the Treasurer. However, true to the longstanding positive spirit that has been present within Waitemata over so many years, a small group of enthusiastic people came on board to make up a relatively new committee. Under the leadership of Isobel Vokes, who after just a few months stepped up to the role of President, we have all pulled together to take on new roles and share the load.

We held two winter training days where riders received information and feedback from the judges regarding what they are looking for in Handy Hunter and Equitation classes. Lots of positive feedback was received, especially from parents as many are new to Show Hunter and are eager to gain more knowledge and understanding.

The first of our summer shows was held 23/24 November and disappointingly, due to low entries we had to make the decision to run just two rings rather than three. We wondered whether Equitana, which was held during that weekend in Auckland, effected our numbers. Our second show was held over the weekend 23/24 February and along with our Pony and Hack rings, we ran a Premier ring on the grass. This showcased our Handy Hunter (HOYQ) class and a Dynamic Hunter class over a longer course. All riders had the opportunity to ride in this beautifully presented ring. After completing their hunter/equitation classes in the Pony or Hack ring riders moved to the grass arena beginning with Cat A. We received lots of positive feedback and riders welcomed the opportunity to jump on the grass over these well-designed courses, dressed with natural fill; plants, hay bales and a planter filled with carrots. Huge thanks to Liz Vokes for her time and effort with this. We have a training day set for July 26 which will be welcomed by our show hunter riders and new combinations to the discipline as they prepare for the season ahead.

Wellington Area Delegates Report

Gail Goodwin

Wellington had a great start to the season with the Showhunter P.C. Champs in Foxton supported by 23 teams of 8 riders each from around the North Island again really well run by Manawatu area – with Horowhenua PC winning the competition (Levin to Kapiti area)

Our 2 days highpoints at Foxton again went well and had good numbers. Our other series show is Horowhenua A & P Show in January which is always a good show and again graced with good weather. At least this year we did not have to dump 21 tankers of water on the oval to make it useable.

We had a few new riders coming through and competing during the season and also managing to get to HOY which I think everyone there enjoyed. Quite a few younger children got to HOY for the first time so were very excited (and a lot of these came from going to Showhunter champs and wanting to do more) – of the older girls Antonio Matangi did really well 4th in the Adult Eq Series, 5th in the Amateur HP Series and 3rd in the Open 1.10m High Points Series; fabulous effort. Madison Wiffen (Pauatahanui) again had a great season on her horse Ponga with 3rd in the Junior HP Series and 2nd in the Jnr Equitation series and placed in the Junior HOY class and coming home with 8 ribbons from HOY so all in all a good season even if we got it cut short with Glistening Waters being cancelled.

Discussion Points

None received