

South Island riders meeting held at Canterbury Xmas Cracker 4/12/21. 6.30pm

52+ riders were in attendance

I spoke about the AMS Saddlery Groom of the year and invited people to vote on this and mentioned the great grooms we have in our Island. We had votes for 6 different grooms the top 3 being Lucy Hellewell, Louise Turner and Alex Horvath.

I touched on how the new traffic light system was working and how it affects our sport.

I asked everyone to please be KIND to all of those involved in ESNZ, from head office to local show organisers and officials. We are in trying times and it is important we all support each other.

I then discussed the latest sport developments, such as jumping series calculations going to be reviewed by the board. The ever changing dates calendar, what is new to us down here. What shows are hosting FEI classes and that riders intending to do these competitions need to get their FEI documents sorted ASAP before ESNZ shuts over Xmas.

I gave everyone a brief over view of our new Jumping administrator Kirsten Hence. We welcome Kirsten to the job!

I passed on congratulations from ESNZ and myself to the South Island riders who have become part of a Squad, it's great to have such promising riders in our sport!

Steffi Whittaker then kindly gave us a talk on her journey to being offered the job of Grooming for Daniel Meech at numerous top competitions such as the Tokyo Olympics! She discussed the routines involved in looking after top level horses and answered our questions about her experiences.

We then opened up for nominations for the SI riders rep position, there were no nominations, I (Harriet Gardner) was asked to continue on in the role.

We had no complaints, comments or queries.

Meeting closed at 7pm