



ESNZ SHOW HUNTER AGM

Saturday 1st July 2023



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Conference Welcome & Hall of Fame – tickets required.

Friday 30th June 2023

7.00pm	Start / Welcome - canapes will be served
7.30pm	AWARDS PRESENTATION
	Rider of the Year
	Horse of the Year – International
	Horse of the Year - National
	Team of the Year
	Youth of the Year
	- Dressage
	- Eventing
	- Jumping
	Pilmer Plate Award – ESNZ Lifetime Volunteer/Officials Award
8.05pm	Break and small plates will be served
8.25pm	Hall of Fame Awards
	ESNZ Special Award
9.00pm	FINISH



Conference & AGM Timetable

Saturday 1st July 2023
Rydgges Latimer, Christchurch

8.15am	Registrations
8:30am	Conference Opening
	Remit and General Discussion Items
10:00am – 10:30am	Morning Tea (combined)
10:30am – 12:15pm	General Discussion Continues
12:15pm – 1.00pm	LUNCH BREAK (combined)
1:00pm – 1:50pm	Guest Speaker – Prof Natalie Waran (combined session)
2:00pm- 3:30pm	Show Hunter AGM Begins Confirm Voting Delegates Receive Reports Remit Voting Confirm Executive Members Area Reports AGM Closed
3:30pm – 3:45pm	Afternoon Tea
3:45pm – 4.30pm	Join Jumping for ESNZ Update Jumping & Show Hunter Award Presentations
4:30pm	Conference Ends



Professor Natalie (Nat) Waran BSc (Hons), PhD (Cantab)

Natalie (Nat) is an internationally recognised equine behaviour and welfare scientist. She was Professor of Animal Welfare, International Animal Welfare Centre Director and International Dean at Edinburgh University's Veterinary School, before she moved back to NZ in 2016 to take up the role of Professor of One Welfare and Executive Dean at EIT/Te Pūkenga. Over the past 30+ years, she has researched and published across a range of areas including; horse transport, indicators of equine stress and pain, equine problem behaviour and equine quality of life and welfare assessment. She was a member of the UK research team considering the impact of heat and humidity on event horses, before the Atlanta 1996 Olympics and has provided independent expert welfare advice to a number of equine industries including the UK and HK Jockey Club. Her most recent research funded through the Hong Kong Jockey Club's new Welfare Foundation, and in collaboration with an international team is to develop methods for assessing positive emotion in horses. She has been a trustee for a number of international equine charities such as The Brooke and International Fund for Animal Welfare, and worked closely with others such as World Horse Welfare. A co-founder of the International Society for Equitation Science (ISES), she is now Honorary Fellow and Trustee for the organisation. In 2024 she will chair the local organising committee for the ISES conference to be held in NZ with the theme of 'A Good Life for all Horses'. She is also the Board Chair for Companion Animals New Zealand, the national organisation responsible for the NZ Animal Register – a microchip-based identification and traceability database for all companion animals (including horses) in NZ. As the invited chairperson of the new FEI Equine Ethics and Wellbeing Commission, she has just returned from Switzerland where she presented the FEI Sports Forum with a proposed new 'Good Life' Vision, Charter and 30 Recommendations to ensure equine welfare in sport is prioritised and to maintain equestrian sport's social licence. When at home in Hawkes Bay, Nat enjoys coaching riders, as well as training and riding her own horses.

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 Thomson
 Lynette Jackson
 June Berrington (Proxy for Alice Barrow)
 Lisa Clark

 Kirsty MacLean
 Jane Fowler
 Lynley Wilson
 Taylor Finlayson
 Ike Baker (Proxy for Ashleigh Mitchell)
 Pippa Collins
 Lewis McLellan
 Emma Baker
 Gabrielle Rennie
 Geradine Wood
 Kirsten Pike

 Sue Whiddett

Executive

Lucy Maley
 Maria Collins
 Tracey Lammas
 June Berrington
 Lisa Clark

Chair
 Member
 Member
 Member
 Member



Obituaries



Obituaries

John Couper – Bay of Plenty

Gus Meech – Bay of Plenty

Graeme McClintock – Canterbury

Roberta Hampton - Ashburton



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DRAFT MINUTES

ESNZ Show Hunter Annual General Meeting

Saturday 9th July 2022

Chancellor 5, James Cook Hotel Grand Chancellor

MEETING OPENED: 11:50am

1. MEETING ADMINISTRATION

a. Attendance

Lucy Maley	<i>Chair</i>
June Berrington	<i>Executive</i>
Maria Collins	<i>Executive</i>
Tracey Lammass	<i>Executive</i>

b. Apologies

Jane Dickson (Executive) Proxy to June Berrington
Jane Fowler
Sharyn Goodwin
Laura van Velthooven
Janet Morgan

Moved: Lucy Maley **Second:** Holli Marshall

c. Roll Call – Delegates

<i>Ashburton:</i>	Stephanie Kearney
<i>Auckland:</i>	Lynette Jackson
<i>Bay of Plenty:</i>	Alice Barrow
<i>Canterbury:</i>	Lisa Clark
<i>Central & Southern Hawkes Bay:</i>	Ashley Mitchell proxy for Zoe Haylock
<i>Central Districts:</i>	Gail Goodwin proxy for Laura van Velthooven
<i>Gisborne:</i>	Kirsty MacLean
<i>Marlborough:</i>	Lucy Maley proxy for Jane Fowler
<i>Nelson:</i>	Karen Rhind proxy for Janet Morgan
<i>Northern Hawkes Bay:</i>	Ashleigh Mitchell
<i>Northland:</i>	Taylor Finlayson
<i>Otago:</i>	Pippa Collins
<i>South Canterbury North Otago:</i>	Lewis McLellan
<i>Southland:</i>	Anna Clearwater
<i>Taihape:</i>	Gabrielle Rennie
<i>Taranaki:</i>	Holli Marshall
<i>Waikato:</i>	Marilyn Vincent proxy for Sharyn Goodwin
<i>Wairarapa:</i>	Dianna Behrns

Waitemata:
Wellington:

Sue Whiddett
Gail Goodwin

Other attendees:

Karen Potter
Marilyn Vincent
Rose Thomson
Annette Conder

d. Obituaries – 1 minute of silence

Phil Fitzsimon	Lynne Primrose	Jenny Dudding
Shaun Thompson	Joy Cruikshank	Donald Alexander
Helen Liddle	Claire Williams	Dudley Hammond
Jean Letham	Kevin Hurley	

2. MINUTES FROM AGM 2021

a. Approved

Moved: Rose Thomson **Second:** Lucy Maley

b. Matters Arising

Remove un-allowed gear list from website.

3. REPORTS

a. Chair & South Island Co-Ordinator: Lucy Maley – *Report received as read*

b. NI Co-ordinator: June Berrington-*Report received as read*

c. Course Designers Report: Marilyn Vincent – *Report Received as read*

d. Sponsorship: Maria Collins - *Report Received as read*

e. Judges' Advisors Report: Marilyn Vincent – *Report Received as read*

f. Judges Officer: Sue Whiddett – *Report Received as read*

g. Jumping Manager – *Reports received as read*

Reports taken as a true and correct record

Moved: Lucy Maley **Second:** Tracey Lammas

4. ELECTION OF EXECUTIVES

- Lucy Maley
- Maria Collins
- Tracey Lammas
- June Berrington
- Lisa Clark

No votes required

5. REMITS – DISCUSSION & VOTINGS

Remit 1 – Adult riders aged 17 years and older may ride ponies in Introductory classes but will not be eligible for prizes.

Not seconded so did not move forward to be voted on.

6. Area Reports

Reports taken as a true and correct record.

Moved: Lucy Maley **Second:** Tracey Lammas

7. Accounts and Financial

Report in draft form taken as a true and accurate record.

Moved: Lucy Maley **Second:** Holli Marshsall

MEETING CLOSED: 12:21pm



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ESNZ Show Hunter Executive Elections 2023

There is one position available on the ESNZ Show Hunter Executive for 2023 – South Island Coordinator is available by rotation.

All positions are for two-year terms.

Nominations have been received for:

- Lucy Maley – Nominated Otago (Maria Collins) Existing Executive Member, Canterbury (Lisa Clark) Existing Executive Member



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Annual Reports 2023

Report

Show Hunter Chair and SI Coordinator Report
North Island Co-ordinator Report
Course Designers Report
Sponsorship Report
Judges Advisors Report
Judges Officer Report

Presented by

Lucy Maley
June Berrington
Marilyn Vincent
Maria Collins
Marilyn Vincent
Sue Whiddett

Show Hunter Chair and South Island Co-Ordinator Report
Lucy Maley

May 2023

We are so thankful that we did not suffer the flooding that the North Island areas did – and our hearts still go out to the people affected by the devastation – particularly those who lost their equine friends.

Of course this meant that HoY was cancelled for the third year running. There was an enormous effort to try to get a show going for the HoY titles but it proved too difficult in the end.

Once again, we joined with the Jumpers at Series Finals at Glistening Waters but, due to the SF show being later than normal again, not many of the SH riders attended. Most shows were complete or some weeks prior to SF so many chose not to attend. More improvements were made to the SH part of the show – but there are still more improvements to be made. The SH Exec is meeting this Monday to discuss and we would welcome feedback on your experiences and decisions to attend/not attend.

Thankfully we did not have Covid-19 to cope with this season however, the effects of the economic conditions appear to be playing a part in lower than usual entries – our A&P cousins (whilst not being associated with SH in the South Island) were well down in entries.

SH entries were somewhat down for ponies at Nationals this year – but the hack entries were on a par with the previous year. The weather played its part and we managed to get the four days of competition completed. My thanks go to Lisa Clark who is an amazing and tireless worker for both Canterbury and the Nationals – we couldn't put the show together without her.

Our title presentations this year were in the hack arena in a purpose-built presentation area. Although it is great for our winners to be acknowledged in the jumping ring one, it is usually difficult to find a slot in there that suits everyone – and we have to rush our presentations through all together. This does not allow us to celebrate our winners properly – whereas our own presentation area allowed the due time to do this – and only two presentations at a time meant that supporters were able to attend in a timely manner.

I attended shows in Taupo, Ashburton and Gore this year – the latter to judge and Course Design. I was delighted to see the improvements in Gore with respect to the surface being used (and being closer to the jumpers rather than out the back) as well as the new gear and the judges box. Well done to their delegate and their organising committee for these improvements. Let's hope that the competitors appreciate this and more start to compete in SH.

Sponsorship has never been so challenging as in Covid times and with the economic down-turn. Maria Collins continues to be a super star signing new sponsors and keeping our existing ones happy.

As ever, it is the volunteers that keep our sport running – there are so many of them and we would be paying a far higher price for everything without them. Please remember to be nice to them and to thank anyone who helps.

I would like to wish all areas all the best for the coming season.

Lucy Maley
SI SH Co-ordinator
SH NZ Chair

**North Island Coordinator Report
June Berrington**

Another difficult season has seen the North Island with more than normal precipitation, causing ground conditions extremely wet for shows to continue. At least 8 postponed shows and 4 cancelled events in the North Island.

Including HOY due to Cyclone Gabrielle also causing so much grief to humans and horses. How fantastic to see such caring people in our sport supporting all that are affected.

A lot of shows were up on numbers in the lower training heights with some very nice young horses competing in Show Hunter. Category A quite low, B numbers were up, and C was down at a few shows.

In late May, Bay of Plenty SH organized a SH clinic in the Taupo Indoor which was enjoyed by all that attended and learnt a lot.

Our thoughts go out to Joan Couper for the sad loss of her husband/best mate John.

Congratulations to Ashleigh and Cameron a beautiful baby boy George Matthew Mitchell.

Delegates it is your job to get the corflutes to your shows, don't wait until the week of your show start thinking what show is before yours.

Thank you to all our sponsors, volunteers, course designers, judges, and competitors.

Looking forward to 2023-2024 season.

June Berrington

**Course Designer Report
Marilyn Vincent**

Three online seminars were held with very good attendance of 30 listed course designers and 15 interested people.

This was a great way for people to update their award and there is only 1 person that has an expired award.

At present there are 33 CD's. Six are L2 and the remainder L1.

There was one upgrade during the season.

It is intended that an online seminar will be held this season.

Sponsorship Report Maria Collins

I will begin this report as I have done in the past years by sending our wonderful Series sponsors a heartfelt thank you for their support.

We continue to be supported by some very loyal sponsors and we welcome our new ones.

Unfortunately, the weather demons created chaos which meant HOY was unable to run, but it was quite something to see the NZ equestrian community pull together and provide support to our human and equine friends.

Thank you to those who made Series Finals run smoothly it was great to see the presentations live streamed.

I took some time recently to contact all of our sponsors and get their feedback on how they felt their sponsorship had gone. Overall they were able to report they received good feedback from riders and good exposure on social media.

However, a few of them were very surprised and somewhat annoyed they had been approached by some Areas for a 'top up' requesting more money from them. In some cases to cover the prize money for the classes. Can I please ask that our series sponsors are not to be approached for further financial support. They sign a contract with ESNZ that clearly outlines what is expected from them and us- this does not involve further financial support for individual shows other than Nationals, South and North Island championships.

None of them have an issue with local sponsors coming on board but it is important that the National sponsors name comes first. eg Fiber Fresh Category B Pony in conjunction with Honky Hooves Ltd.

We need to work really hard to keep our sponsors, our riders are definitely doing their bit so now it is up to us as delegates to ensure the corflutes are out, that if a sponsor or a rep is on the grounds they are given the opportunity to present ribbons. An invitation to the show would be great, even if they can't come it shows we are recognising their sponsorship.

If any of you need help with writing emails etc please don't hesitate to contact me.

It's been great seeing lots of posts with the winners and corflutes-keep it up its great exposure. If you have problems uploading please let me know and I'll try and help.

I appreciate that you are all volunteers and giving your time to this wonderful sport. Please

know that I am appreciative for all the work you do and I am more than happy to assist you in any way I can.

**Judges Advisors Report
Marilyn Vincent**

The Judge's Advisors continue to monitor judging and are always aware of working to have consistency in the judging of show hunter. We have dealt with a couple of judging issues through the season which were resolved satisfactorily.

At the recent meeting it was agreed that SH judges need to attend a clinic every second year and preferably every year.

At present the Judge's Advisors are:

Jennie Pike, Lucy Maley, Gail Goodwin, Leigh Taylor, Joan Couper, Sue Whiddett, Rosalie Haddock, Katja Kershaw and Marilyn Vincent.

Judge's Officer Report Sue Whiddett

Highlights of 2022 – 23 Season

1. Judges Clinics

Three judges refresher clinics were planned to be held as follows:

Palmerston Nth	20 August 2022
Online via Zoom	28/29 August 2022
Christchurch	3 September 2022

Gail Goodwin facilitated the Palmerston Nth clinic held at the home of Louise Ilton, one of our Pre-Candidate judges. This was attended by two National judges and three Pre-Candidate's who are interested in continuing the pathway to judging.

The Christchurch clinic was facilitated by Lucy Malley at her property and was attended by four National judges.

Again this season there was a positive response to delivering a clinic via zoom and due to large numbers wishing to join online it was decided to hold two sessions. These were facilitated by Leigh Taylor with the support of other judges Advisors.

Invitations were sent out to those in the South Island who hadn't been able to attend the 'in person' clinic and to Pre-Candidate judges who had either previously attended a clinic or had recently begun the process under mentorship of a National L3 judge. Twenty judges and two Pre-Candidate's joined these sessions.

Our judges clinics provide a forum for open discussion, to clarify queries, and are a valuable opportunity to talk through various scenarios that have arisen through the season.

Following our recent Judges Advisors meeting held Sunday 22 May, dates and venues for this years Judges clinics were discussed. All judges have been notified via email. The clinics will be held in person, in 4 areas.

Whangarei	13 August (venue to be advised)
Cambridge	5th or 6th August (venue to be advised)
Palmerston Nth	19 August - at the home of Louise Ilton, Ashurst
Canterbury	2nd September - at the home of Lucy Maley, Darfield

2. Judges Communications

At the beginning of the season an email was sent to all judges to clarify the definition of Cavesson nosebands and this was also posted to the NZ Show Hunter Judges Facebook page.

For this new season we are planning to hold Judges Forum’s on a monthly basis, via zoom. This support system will be available to current NZ Show Hunter judges and will provide regular opportunities to table any questions or comments regarding show hunter/ judging for discussion.

3. Judges Upgrades 2022– 2023 Season

National L1 Jacob Razek Auckland
 Louise Ilton Central Districts
 Kylie Brown Northern Hawkes Bay

National L2 Ashleigh Forde Northern Hawkes Bay
 Kiri Finlayson Northland

4. Building the Judging Pool


We currently have some prospective judges being supported/mentored by National L3 Judges through the Pre-Candidate stage. We all need to be mindful of encouraging anyone interested in becoming a judge to take that step and begin the process.

Current Judges List Status

Additions and upgrades as outlined.

The current Active Judges List consists of:

- National L2 / National L3 = 46
- National L1 = 10

Area	National L2 & L3	National L1	Upgrades / Additions During 2022– 2023	
Nth Island	32	10	5	
Northland	5		Upgrade to Nat L2	

Waitemata	1	1	
Auckland	7	1	New National L1
Waikato	3	2	
BOP	5	3	
Gisborne	2		
Northern HB	2	1	New National L1 Upgrade to Nat L2
Taranaki	2		
Central Districts	3	1	New National L1
Wairarapa	1		
Wellington	1	1	
Sth Island	14	1	
Nelson	2	1	
Marlborough	2		
Canterbury	7		
Ashburton	2		
Sth Canty / Nth Otago	-		
Otago	1		
Southland	-		



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Remit Submission Form

Please refer to the latest Show Hunter rules at the following link:

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Article or Annex No#	H. Equipment for Show Hunter	Page No#:	5
Current Rule:			
Proposed Rule Change:	Rule H - Equipment for Show Hunter 1. Equipment allowed List Provision to allow the use of Nose Nets "Nose Net permitted but must be discreet and not cover mouth of horse"		
Rationale:	Many horses appear to suffer from allergies which cause discomfort and there is evidence that nose nets can provide relief and can assist with the symptoms of head shaking & irritations. Consideration of this as an animal welfare issue.		
Area Nominated By:	Waikato Show Hunter Group		
Nominator: <i>(Area Chairman/Delegate/Secretary)</i>	Area Delegate: Sharyn Goodwin		
Seconder: <i>(another area group)</i>	Bay of Plenty Showhunter		

PLEASE NOTE: This has also come from Judge's Advisors



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Article or Annex No#	H. Equipment for Show Hunter	Page No#:	5
Current Rule:	1. Equipment Allowed		
Proposed Rule Change:	To Add: Nose Nets – To be correctly fitted, discreet and must not cover the horse's mouth.		
Rationale:	Recent research shows that more horses are suffering from head shaking and that a nose net helps to ease the problem. We consider it to be in the interest of the welfare of the horse to allow the use of nose nets.		
Area Nominated By:	Judge's Advisors		
Nominator: <i>(Area Chairman/Delegate/Secretary)</i>	Marilyn Vincent		
Seconder: <i>(another area group)</i>	Joan Couper		

Please return to the Jumping Sport Manager – Marilyn Thompson, marilyn@nzequestrian.org.nz by
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Article or Annex No#	B. Age of Rider	Page No#:	5
Current Rule:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Pony Riders<ol style="list-style-type: none">1.1 Competitors may take part in competitions and points series for pony riders until the end of the Show Season Calendar year that they reach the age of 17.1.2 A pony rider eligible to compete on the 1st day of an event may continue to compete at that event as a pony rider if they turn 17 during the event. At the conclusion of that show, refer to Rule B.1 regarding date of show for further eligibility as pony rider.		
Proposed Rule Change:	<p>To Add:</p> <p>1.3 Riders Age for 12 & under Equitation Series. Competitors will be eligible to take part in this series until the end of the season during which they reach the age of 12, the season being from 1st August to 31st July.</p>		
Rationale:	<p>This is what appears in Annex 1 Show Hunter NZ Hunt Seat Equitation but it needs to also appear in the rules as not everyone reads the Series Conditions.</p>		
Area Nominated By:	Judge's Advisors		
Nominator: <i>(Area Chairman/Delegate/Secretary)</i>	Leigh Taylor		
Seconded: <i>(another area group)</i>	Marilyn Vincent		

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Thursday 18th May 2023



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Area Reports 2023

Report		
8.1	Ashburton	Steph Kearney
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8.4	Canterbury	Lisa Clark
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8.7	Gisborne	Kirsty MacLean
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8.11	Northland	Taylor Finlayson
8.12	Otago	Pippa Collins
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8.18	Wairarapa	Dianna Behrns
8.19	Waitemata	Sue Whiddett
8.20	Wellington	Gail Goodwin

Ashburton Area Delegates Report

Steph Kearney

The 2022/2023 season we had similar weather challenges as other areas, the first day of our November Show saw torrential rain, lots of hardy competitors braved the weather and produced lovely rounds on super ground that held up well. The January Show ran well with the weather gods on our side.

Special thanks to Janet Morgan & Jennie Pike for judging our shows this season.

Special mention to Penny Medcalf, who sponsors an engraved hip flask to the winner of the horse Handy Hunter class, this has become the class to win, always with high entries. And also Ashburton Forks Storage for their additional sponsorship of the 1.10 open class.

Thanks to everyone on the committee and wider area helpers, you all made me feel very welcome and supported for my first year in the role, it was very challenging at times, but I muddled through with lots of assistance.

Hopefully the 23/24 season shapes up to be a good one, and not only rings being supported, but areas too in terms of volunteers. Pony numbers are well down in Show Hunter, so fingers crossed they increase this coming season. Horse numbers have been great for both shows, with the Intro classes very well supported.

Thanks everyone and roll on the new season!

Auckland Area Delegates Report

Lynette Jackson

2023

This season Auckland Show Hunter ran the North Island Champs in conjunction with Auckland Jumping in November. We ran the Show Hunter programme one week after the North Island Jumping Championship. The lovely Franklin A&P Showgrounds are not big enough to accommodate both Jumping and Show Hunter, so we elected to run over consecutive weekends.

Unfortunately, both weekends were hit with heavy rain. The Jumping committee did their best to repair the grounds following the jumping weekend with the use of heavy rollers. We were able to provide a good jumping surface on the first day of competition, but a heavy deluge overnight meant our grounds were sodden on the Sunday when the North Island Championship classes were scheduled. Rain throughout the day resulted in further deterioration of the grounds.

We had 104 horse and rider combinations entered, however we did have several competitors elect not to complete on the Sunday.

Our courses were aptly designed by Marilyn Vincent, who had a big task on her hands to position the course on the best jumping surface possible, given the conditions. We extended out the arenas and shifted the lines to better ground when required. Marilyn planned a technically challenging track for the Denise Crispe Memorial Special which was taken out by Rebecca Wylie and Larkspur Trinity.

Our event secretary Karyn Blake was kept very busy collating scores for the Tuakau Pony Club Teams Show Hunter Championship. Tuakau Pony Club #1 team took out the teams competition.

We were very lucky to secure Barfoot & Thompson Rural and Lifestyle Pukekohe as our overall show sponsor. Our committee would like to say a huge 'thank you' our generous sponsors and everyone who chipped in to help the show run smoothly. We would have been lost without Catherine from Site Land Development who was on hand to roll arenas and tow trucks into and out of the grounds. As well as being a valued sponsor, Catherine was there to help set up and do whatever was necessary.

After completing a big revamp of our jumps last season our committee were keen to get our gear back under cover to keep everything protected. We were very pleased to secure a couple of bays in the storage shed at the A&P grounds.

Bay of Plenty Area Delegates Report

Alice Barrow

2023

This year has seen a number of up's and down's for the committee with the likes of Angela and Joan stepping away from the committee and the sad passing of John Couper.

The new officers and the committee have done an amazing job to step up to take over and run such great shows.

We received great support by riders from around the upper north island at our Training Day and Schooling Show held in conjunction with Waikato Show Hunter Committee at the NEC in July and welcomed a number of new riders and parents who are venturing into Show Hunter.

The Spring Championship Show held on 22 & 23 October 2022 was well supported and attracted high entries across all five of the categories which the show has on offer. Along with the committee hosting a meet and greet pizza night which was enjoyed by the riders and supporters the weather also played ball and the atmosphere was very enjoyable.

With the unfortunate weather we had to cancel the Summer Show which also had reasonably high entries however the tough decision was made to cancel the show with the input from the Rotorua District Council and the effects of the quickly rising Ngongotaha Steam.

We are proud to have sponsored the Bay of Plenty and Waikato Show Hunter Groups under 12 Equitation Series and a huge congratulations to Lucy Oliver for winning the series. The committee has approved the continued sponsorship of the series for the 2023-24 season.

Overall the committee did a fantastic job running the two shows which did go ahead and I wish to thank them all for the endless hours and effort they put in to make it possible and we thank the riders from around the country who travelled to support us.

Canterbury Area Delegates Report

Lisa Clark

2023

The Canterbury Jumping group were once again run three successful days over the season, including Xmas Cracker which has double series classes and is always a very popular show with riders.

Entries were on a par with the previous season, with our Canterbury Series run over our three shows all well supported. The Tavern Harewood Young Horse Series with its super prize money is becoming popular and it is lovely to see such nice young horses getting such a good start in the show hunter ring.

Our combined Ashburton and Canterbury Series this year was for the Cat A Ponies and was also 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.

It was sad to see HOY not run yet again, and we feel for the organisers. We also send our thoughts to all those affected by Cyclone Gabrielle – it was hard to see the devastation and we can only imagine how harrowing it has been for everyone that have been affected in some way.

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

With support from the Show Jumping committee, we have new jump trailers planned for this season to replace our rather tired ones.

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 4 days of show hunter at the NZ Nationals SJ & SH Championships.

We are a great team!

Central Districts Area Delegates Report

Laura van Velthooven

Competitions in the Central District again attracted good numbers despite a very wet season.

We were appreciative committees were able to utilise the all-weather surface and facilities at Manfield Park in Feilding.

Central Districts Group were once again forced to change the date of their October show due to the Foxton grounds sadly resembling a lake.

After the cancellation of HOY, show hunter numbers were lighter than usual but it was a great show and again we appreciate Marilyn Vincent making the trip down to judge and course design.

We congratulate a number of our local pony and hack riders who followed National High Points series, with some deserving wins and placings seen at Series Finals.

We look forward to the season ahead and fingers crossed for a little more sunshine!



Central & Southern Hawke's Bay Area Delegates Report

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Zoe Haylock

The Central & Southern Hawkes Bay Jumping Show was held on the 6-8th January 2023 in Dannevirke, the grounds were well watered for the show hunter ring which ran on the Saturday 7th.

Christine Rowe put together several great courses which were moved multiple times throughout the day to preserve ground conditions for our horses & riders.

A big thanks to Christine for your time and to Paula von Dadelszon, Dannevirke Pony Club, the Bibby family, Amy Peacock and the other various rider/supporter volunteers who generously lent us gear and time to set up, alter courses and keep the classes flowing throughout the day.

Our welcome, practice rounds were well received, being the first show back after Christmas.

There were good entries in both horse and pony classes and very few scratchings on the day.

Aggie Shearer & Vanance Rosalie won the Vero Insurance Cat A HoyQ Pony High Points 70cm

Lucy Oliver & Mr Mika Choo won the FIBER FRESH Cat B HOYQ Pony High Points 80cm

Emily McMaster & Onetai Cover Girl won the ANIWELL Cat C HoyQ Pony High Points 90cm

The NRM HOYQ Horse High Points 1.10m was won by Mandy Illston & Arizona Park, who also won the PETTICOAT LANE PERFORMANCE HORSES Adult Rider Equitation.

A big thank you to our generous sponsors and the riders and volunteers who continue to support our show.

Looking forward to next year!

Gisborne Area Delegates Report

Kirsty MacLean

2023

2022/23 was a challenging but successful season for our area. The A and P show in October went ahead despite torrential rain. Showhunter classes were held in the indoor and our new team were very grateful for the experience and help offered by our Bay of Plenty neighbours. With their help we were able to smoothly run the horse classes on the Thursday. By Friday the rain had really set in and the pressure on, to run all the pony classes, pack down and set up for the washed-out ring 1 classes to move indoors. We did it.

Our Larsen's show in January saw the addition of new Showhunter jumps. Thanks to Larsen's Sawmill for the timber and Farmers Air for building them. They look fabulous. We ran 2 days of series classes over the three days. Classes were outdoors and the show ran very smoothly.

The Kuri Sports went ahead in February. Again, bad weather loomed but the show ran successfully, and everyone managed to get home safely before our region was slammed by Cyclone Gabrielle.

Our local Showhunter riders had a great season with many sitting in a good position on series leader boards. Sadly, no one from the area made it to series finals due to the main travel route being closed. The trip just too far going the other way. However, Ella Rouse was placed 5th overall in the ESNZ Junior Equitation series and Georgie Coop placed 6th in BOP and Waikato SH Groups 12 yr and under Equitation Series. Congratulations girls.

Our area has talented riders, horses and ponies and I can't wait to see them all in action in the 2023/24 season, hopefully in the sunshine. And of course, a big thank you to all our sponsors and volunteers, you are hugely appreciated.



Marlborough Area Delegates Report
Jane Fowler

In 2022 Marlborough show hunter held our first show of the season; 2 days of series classes at the start of October. This was a successful show and we had good entries. We added a little "Itty Bitty" series to our show schedule, which was for riders 10 and under. This included 1 class on each day of our show, making 4 classes in the series for 2022/2023.

Our next show was on Waitangi weekend, unfortunately entries were very low at this show. I believe this was because Canterbury Champs was the weekend before and the Nationals was the week after. Hopefully this season coming, we have a better run with dates.

On a brighter note the Marlborough show hunter riders are excited for an extension of our show hunter arena at Marlborough Equestrian park. The work to extend the arena has been confirmed to start this November and should be finished in time for our February show.

As we have done for years we are running our winter show hunter series again this year. This is always popular and we often get new riders that we haven't ever seen before.

In June there is a Tasman secondary schools equestrian event been hosted by Marlborough this year, in which show hunter is included in the schedule. We're excited to hold this in Marlborough and pleased that riders have another opportunity to participate in show hunter at the top of the south.



Nelson Area Delegates Report

Karen Rhind

Nelson Area Jumping Group held three shows, with our August 2- Day Show Hunter Show kicking off the South Island show season.

We were extremely happy with the increased support of SH classes, in some cases the entries were double and even treble that of previous seasons.

We have run a show hunter autumn series this March/April/May/June in 2023. We like to think that previous efforts made to promote the benefits of SH have helped lift its profile and popularity for our local riders.

Our first registered show for 2023 will be the first weekend of September and we are hopeful this momentum carries through the season, with confidence and enthusiasm gained by those new to SH and renewed for seasoned campaigners.

We wish all competitors, volunteers and officials a successful 2023/2024 season.



Northern Hawkes Bay Area Delegates Report Ashleigh Mitchell-Forde

Unfortunately, we once again experienced disruption to the start of our season with Combined sports and Pukahu (Early September) not running due to ground and weather conditions. National series classes from Pukahu were rerouted to Hawkes Bay A & P in October meaning two days of high points and equitation were to be run. We ran two rings over two days in the president's oval and was well supported with over 200 rounds to complete each day. Plenty of positive comments re this location, size of warm up areas and schedule change were received.

Up next was the National young horse show on the 9-11 December. We had action in the SH ring on the Saturday with HOYQ and national series classes and Sunday saw the young horse age groups in the spotlight. We again ran the ring out in the president's oval and the luxury of space was much appreciated by all competitors in both the ring and in the warmup arena.

Congratulation to our age group champions:

4-Year-old –Zola Ridden by Caroline Coop

5-Year-old – Epona Light Em Up Ridden by Vicki Wilson

6-Year-old – Corvette ECPH Ridden by Sam Carrington

7-Year-old – Matai Serendipity Ridden by Mikayla Herbert

Our final annual fixtures within our areas calendar are Wairoa A&P and jumping show in January and always proves to be two long days of competition with both ponies and hacks running both days in one arena. The local committee and volunteers had done a great job to ensure despite the soft ground that the footing was good, and the arena well presented. With a slick team and plenty of ringside helpers the two days were a success, ran well and were completed in record time considering the number of rounds needing to complete on each day.

Despite all the challenges over the season, we successfully managed to run all four (plus the set for NYHS) national series allocations for our area. I think this is a real testament to our local show committees, volunteers and jumping group. I would like to say thank you to everyone who has supported and helped to get gear to the rings this year, the local jumping group for the continued support and backing that enables SH to run, the ringside parents and riders who weren't afraid to pick up rails or ring steward and all those that travel and support our shows.

Look forward to seeing you all out there again next season.

Northland Area Delegates Report

Taylor Finlayson

2023

This season has not been easy for us as a committee as we had two of our main committee members leave us mid way though the season putting a lot of stress on our already very small team. We were lucky enough to gain a couple of members that have done it all before to get us through the rest of the season.

Our season started at the beginning of October with our Spring Show which we were lucky to hold on grass but sadly that was our only show held in 2022, the other two shows were held in January and April. We sadly couldn't run Show Hunter at the GP Show this season because the grounds were too wet and then we had to postpone our December show due to the grounds being too wet to jump on. Other than that we still managed to run two 2-day shows and one 1 day show around the weather.

Our entries were low through out the season especially at our April show due to weather conditions and riders not being able to make it over the brynderwyns after Cyclone Gabrielle cut Northland off from the rest of the country. We have purchased a new gear trailer making all our lives easier for setting up and packing up our two rings.

We are looking forward to running three shows again next season with our first being held at the beginning of October and then we will be holding our first of the Series classes at our GP show on the 21/22 October and our final show will be held on the 20/21 January.

Thank you

Otago Area Delegates Report

Pippa Collins

2023

The Otago Showjumping and Showhunter group ran two shows with the first in October followed up by the south islands champs in January.

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. The competition ran well over both days.

Before the January show we were very lucky to get lots of help with painting the rails by having our working bee coincide with the working bee to erect the yards-it was great. The jumps all looked a lot better with painted rails and fill. The improvement in gear was noted by many competitors and made the ring look great.

The January Showhunter championship show went well with reasonable entries although some were put off by the ground conditions. We had Marilyn Vincent travel down to design and build, she makes a huge difference to the workload for the convenor and her courses are always well designed and easy to change. The three days ran really smoothly and everything was packed up early on Sunday.

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.

SCNO Area Delegates Report

Lewis McLellan

2023

I'm pleased to present the following report for Show Hunter for the 2022/2023 season.

It was great to run our three shows without interruption and restrictions.

Thanks to Lisa Clark and Jennie Pike for judging at these events.

We are very lucky with our series sponsors and also to our local sponsors for supporting the high points series - Equine Veterinary Services and Glenardon Sporthorses. Thank you for your support.

Special mention to our committee and volunteers that help me run the Show Hunter, it is much appreciated. Entries remain steady and riders appear to be enjoying our grounds and courses.

Hopefully we can continue to deliver great Show Hunter events in our area and encourage more riders to participate in this section.

Going forward I'm hopeful we will have a new local judge, Kate Fraser that will be available in addition to our other judges that support us.

After a few years our gear is needing some maintenance and will be looking to get a working bee underway in conjunction with a training day. Many hands make light work so hopefully people can be available to give the gear a clean, paint and general maintenance.

I would like to move adoption of my report.

Southland Area Delegates Report Katrine Smith & Emma Baker

Firstly, we would like to thank our judges Lisa Clark and Lucy Maley who travelled down to judge our shows this season.

Our two shows were a success without interruptions and restrictions. However, our entry numbers are still not huge but we still manage to provide a strong level of competition.

We are very proud to say that two of our younger members won their respective National Showhunter Series this season. Congratulations to Summer Roy and Affloons Royal Salute who won the Category A Title and to Anna Smith riding Starlight Smarda on winning the Category B Series and National Category B Title. This is a massive achievement to win from the bottom of the South Island. The long travel each weekend to Series Shows from Southland is a massive undertaking for these families.

This year we have brought a completely new show hunter jump set and it looks fantastic. We are delighted with the new jumps and fills; it is easy to shift around and safe for our riders. We would like to thank southland Showjumping committee for the support of this purchase.

We also want to thank our Series Sponsors and local sponsors for their continued support to show hunter.

This year, Katrine is stepping down from the show hunter delegate role and Emma will now be taking over the reins to represent Southland show hunter.

Lastly, we would like to thank our committee, our riders and volunteers for your support at our shows.

Taihape Area Delegates Report Gabrielle Rennie

Taihape area no longer has many shows running Show hunter and like many areas the one show that does was plagued with weather issues.

Rewa Sports thankfully was supported by Jill Martin and the Manfield crew to relocate down there and managed to run and was well supported by many. Riders from all over attended and thankfully ran smoothly with last minute change.

I am hoping to run another show in our area but as for dates or location this is in question who, what, where as many may have of heard Taihape Show grounds took some track damage from another group before our Show jumping event which limited parking and hindered vehicles easily getting into or out of grounds.

So need to reassess and the Taihape Jumping group are working hard in the back ground to safe guard the grounds for future events.

Hope to revive more Show hunter in the Taihape area in the future.

Taranaki Area Delegates Report Geradine Wood

2023

The Taranaki Area successfully ran 4 days of series points over 3 shows, for the 2022-23 season, despite this being another challenging season for the running of equestrian events. These shows were all part of the regions' local A&P shows, namely Waverley, Egmont and Stratford.

Waverley Show held it's 100th show. The show hunter riders were privileged to ride in the main oval. Former Olympic show jumping rider, Harvey Wilson, always considered this surface to be one of the best in New Zealand. The competitors really enjoyed jumping on such a surface and classes were well supported.

Egmont A&P had a change of format and ran an 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. The available area although small was still workable. There are 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.

Despite heavy rain in the week leading up to its show, Stratford Show organisers worked hard to successfully run the show hunter classes for both horses and ponies. High points classes were run for the first time at this show and even attracted competitors from Cambridge to compete.

Holli Marshall, Taranaki's Area Delegate, was course builder for all three shows. Holli also organised and ran her popular Winter Show Hunter 3 Show series, which is always well supported and enjoyed. Holli puts a lot of effort into the running of this series. Covid prevented

the annual show hunter winter training clinic from happening but it is already scheduled for July of this year.

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.

Waikato Area Delegates Report Sharyn Goodwin

2023

After the cancellation of HOY in 2021 and 2022 I don't think any of us anticipated we would see this show cancelled yet again in 2023.

With the Auckland flooding in January, to then have the devastation of Cyclone Gabrielle in Hawkes Bay in February was something no one had expected to endure, and the cancellation of HOY paled in comparison to the loss and suffering so many communities in the Hawkes Bay and Auckland endured during that time.

It certainly put a perspective on what really matters and showed the strength of people power, not only in the equestrian fraternity but across the country with the generosity and support offered with so many fund raising events. There will be another HOY but for many people in the Hawkes Bay and Auckland region their losses can never be replaced.

Past WSHG Events

The BOP and WSHG sponsored 12 & under equitation series is still proving popular, being taken out this year by Lucy Oliver from the Kapiti Coast and the Posh Ribbon Pony is a fantastic addition as part of the prize for this series.

We were incredibly lucky with the weather for our Summer show on 11-12 February as many equestrian events didn't fare so well prior to and after our event with the continued atrocious weather. It was a great weekend with good attendance numbers.

Upcoming WSHG Events

We will be holding our annual winter training series in conjunction with the BOP SH group at Taupo NEC on 29-30 July. It is great to share this event and spread the organising and support across both groups. We are again very grateful to the generosity of Canter for Cancer for providing rugs for the accumulator classes we run at this show.

Our Spring show is scheduled for 28-29 October 2023 and our Summer show 8-9 February 2024.

Regional Show Hunter Events

Diamond Lodge at Showfields ran a 3 day series throughout April so it was encouraging to have Sam and Jeremy Whale continuing to support SH in our region. The Waikato Equestrian Centre are also running 4 winter series days again from May through to August.

Wairarapa Area Delegates Report

Dianna Behrns

The 2022/23 season started well but like so many, especially in the North Island, we faced challenges within the Wairarapa due to the weather.

The show hunter ring at the Wairarapa Jumping group Labour Weekend show was well supported with ponies on one day and Hacks on the second day. Those helping to set up learnt a lot from Gail Goodwin as course designer and the riders had a great weekend of judging by Gail too.

Wairarapa A&P show was held the following weekend. With Gail judging and course designing the weekend was well received but sadly due to outside factors including Equifest the numbers were low.

When the rain over 'summer' set in it became increasingly difficult to ensure we would be able to present a show in February to do our riders justice, so the sad call had to be made to cancel the show.

The Wairarapa Jumping group focused on the upcoming Glistening Waters, again to be hosting Series Finals. With new poles, stands and fill the planning for the Show Hunter rings was falling into place. Extra flowers and shrubbery were obtained, and it was a great feeling to have enough gear to set up two complete rings.

For a second year we were lucky to have Charelle Marshall as course designer and with a few last-minute changes to our judges panel we were grateful to have Joan Couper and Trudi Duncan and Charelle stepping in as second judge for the series classes.

With a huge amount of rain leading up to the show there was some last-minute decisions made regarding location of all the rings. Unfortunately, we had prepared for the show hunter rings to be relatively close together (at one point next to each other) so one course designer, Charelle Marshall and her very reliable offsider, Pearce would have been more than capable of course designing both rings should this have happened. Unfortunately, the only rideable areas for show hunter were on opposite sides of the show grounds.

Coupled with persistent rain on Friday, the location of the rings meant our course designer / second judge had an insane weekend and I am so grateful to everyone for helping us get through the two days of show hunter.

The numbers were low, and I believe the main reason was because we are on the back of a very difficult two years with Covid and we were in the middle of a season of devastation from the weather meaning that, to a degree, we only had the riders that were in the running for series finals places.

It was a wonderful site to see the mounted Series Finals awards presentation in the main oval. While I feel that this is a much better awards ceremony than being part of the showjumping series finals awards dinner, I feel that there was still a lot of room

for improvement to show case the best of New Zealand's show hunter ponies and riders.

I am in support of our jumping groups thoughts that show hunter series finals would be show cased better at a venue separate to show jumping series finals and would have a favorable vote for it to be returned to HOY.

The start of 2023 was personally challenging for myself and my family, so I was grateful for the help of a lot of people leading up to and during Glistening Waters/Series Finals. It is for this reason that I have chosen to step down from my role as Wairarapa show hunter delegate. I will remain on the Wairarapa Jumping Group committee and in full support to the new delegate, encouraging and promoting show hunter as the great sport that it is.

Waitemata Area Delegates Report

Sue Whiddett

A season of challenges!

Having worked through the issues thrown up by the previous season 2021/2022, which was disrupted by Covid restrictions, the 2022/23 season also set us challenges due to the Auckland floods and Cyclone Gabrielle. Our hard-working committee remained positive, working together to re-organise our February show at short notice.

Season

Highlights

Winter Series

2022

We ran a successful winter series, sponsored by Lani Allard Real Estate, which saw many newcomers entered over the three series days.

Summer Series 2022/23

Our 5/6 November show saw our Category A classes well supported and our Rising Star classes (for horses not jumping over 90cm over the show) also continued to be popular with good entries.

We ran a Teams Challenge with a maximum 3 riders per team, made up of at least one pony and one horse, giving some flexibility for the make-up of each team.

Fibre Fresh feed vouchers were awarded to members of the winning team.

Our February 2023 show, scheduled for 18/19th was held on 4/5 March. This was down to local damage - SH16 was closed in places post the cyclone and our venue, Woodhill Sands also had a fairly extensive clean up due to trees down, debris, and sand being swept away. Entries were lower than we had anticipated, possibly due to HOY having to be cancelled and the extreme weather event which impacted many of our local riders. ESNZ announced that points gained at this show would be qualifying points for HOY 2024 which was fantastic.

Again our Rising Star classes 85-90cm attracted the greatest number of entries.

The four Introductory Horse classes followed Saturday's Open classes and proved a popular series over the two shows with the winner receiving a lovely rug sponsored by Burger King.

Our application to Four Winds Foundation was successful and this grant covered the costs of providing a medic for both of our summer shows.

We were fortunate to receive a good level of sponsorship \$7,900- for our summer shows which we are so grateful for. We would like to thank Lani Allard Real Estate, Chris Fougere Orthopaedics, Burger King, Giltrap Group, G J Gardner

Homes, Withers & Co - Chartered Accountants, West Auckland Engine Reconditioners and Fibre Fresh for their continued support.

Winter Series 2023

Our upcoming Winter Series which starts on June 18th, is again being sponsored by Lani Allard Real Estate. We greatly appreciate Lani's ongoing support enabling us to offer beautiful garlands and rugs for the series winners. Our goal with this series is to encourage newcomers to our discipline. We are introducing a new X Bar class and combining this with the lowest two heights, we have created a new Low Hunter division with its own series prizes. We are also focusing on Equitation and to incentivise riders to give it a go, we are awarding one new rider to Eq (drawn from those who enter an Equitation class) their classes for the day free of charge.

Our Show Hunter Waitemata Facebook page is regularly updated promoting our sponsors and featuring individual profiles. We have also recently started a quarterly newsflash. It is a great platform for sharing information regarding events, notification of results and presentation photographs.

Wellington Area Delegates Report

Gail Goodwin

Wellington had a mixed bag during this past season. There was no Showhunter Champs due to the state of flooding at Foxton. Wellington show went really well but we had to hold it at Manfield (Feilding) due to flooding at Foxton. (November)

Horowhenua A & P was the opposite bag of tricks. This was held 6 weeks after Wellington in the middle of January where we had to get the grounds irrigated by tankers due to them being dried out and not suitable for jumping. However, by the time the show got there it was great and the grounds were lovely.

Other than the above there has not been a lot of action in the Wellington area with Showhunter champs being cancelled for the 2nd year in a row and no HOY to prepare for its been very quiet.

Our committee are looking forward to seeing many new riders and combinations out during our 3 Winter Series days and we are preparing for another great season ahead.