



NEWSLETTER #2

Blenheim Pony Club with the support of Marlborough Nelson West Coast Area are excited to be bringing you Springston Trophy 2025. We are extremely pleased to announce our naming sponsor "Sollys Freight and Golden Bay Dolomite" whose support is integral to the successful running of this event. Thank you Sollys!

Amongst the anticipation of holding this prestigious event we were incredibly saddened with the sudden recent passing of our Area President, Moana Johnsen. Moana was a larger than life character who, with her infectious enthusiasm for everything she did, made friends wherever she went. Her constant support of pony club was unwavering and she will be sorely missed. We will do our best to make her proud by bringing you a fantastic event.



Moana Johnsen

Springston Trophy is being held from 25th to 28th September 2025 at Marlborough Equestrian Park in Blenheim. MEP is an outstanding facility with all-weather dressage arenas, a showjumping oval and a new cross-country course. The park currently has 54 covered and 194 open yards and plenty of space for camping with toilet and shower blocks. For more info on MEP visit their website www.mepnz.co.nz

If you are looking for accommodation for horses/riders on the way North please contact Terri Chalmers email: tchalmers@amuri.net.

Marlborough Equestrian Park is in Spring Creek, approx. 7 km from Blenheim with several motels/holiday parks within a 10-minute drive. If you would rather accommodate your horses and riders off site, please let us know and we can suggest other options near MEP.

Event Convenor	Felicity Hart/Colette Barrow	St25convenor@gmail.com
Event Secretary	Anna Weeks	St25secretary@gmail.com
Cross country course designer	Lucy Shaw	

Team nominations will open 5th May and close 30th June. We will advise the link for these in due course. This is also the closing date for remits and discussion topics for the AGM.

Teams consist of 6 riders:

Seniors: 105cm, 2 riders 24 years and under (all ages as at 1st August 2025)

Intermediates: 95cm, 2 riders 17 years and under

Juniors: 80cm, 2 riders 14 years and under

If a club cannot form a team of 6 riders, there are other eligible team compositions. These include:

Team of 5 riders (2 in each of 2 classes and 1 in the remaining class)

Team of 4 riders (1 rider in each class plus one rider in any of the 3 classes)

Borrowed riders (to make up a team of 4 or a team of 5 if the 5th rider is in a different class)

Composite team (to allow riders who would normally miss out due to their Branch/Club being unable to field a team, to be able to compete)

Two Age Group team (4 riders making up 2 classes)

Draft rider register for those riders who have not been placed in a team and which is also an opportunity for a Branch/Club to register a vacancy for a rider. The organising committee will hold this register which will be available in May.

This is a *brief overview* of the potential make up of teams so that branches/clubs/riders are aware of the options available. Please consult the rules for the finer details here [ST rules 2025](#)

If you have any queries about team compositions after reading the rules, please talk to us. We would love as many riders as possible to be able to attend the event.

Keep an eye on our Springston Trophy website for all our latest updates, rules and regulations

[Springston Trophy - Home](#)

Springston Trophy 2025 Facebook page will be up and running shortly, watch this space! All enquiries in the meantime to ST25secretary@gmail.com



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So, start your talking, planning and mark the date on your calendars! Thankyou

Blenheim Pony Club & MNWC Area