

She guided her 11-year-old thoroughbred Chatterton to an impressive win ahead of 25 others – none of whom managed to go clear inside time.

McGregor went clear, with just one time fault, about mid-field and faced an agonizing wait while the rest of field wound out.

The only other combination to complete the course without taking rails was former Lady Rider of the Year Tess Williams (Gisborne) on Alltech Craighaven Nitro, who picked up two time faults.

Reigning champ Rachel McGregor (Auckland) and Kabo Benny Boy retired during their round.

Silver Fern Stakes: Billy Rayment (Australia) Cortaflex Levitation NZPH 1, Clem Smith (Australia) Dark Ages 2, Katie McVean (Mystery Creek) Dunstan Delphi 3, Katie McVean (Mystery Creek) Dunstan Daffodil 4, Team Horse Sales NZ

Simon Wilson (Waipukurau) Swinger 5, Maurice Beatson (Dannevirke) Jedi Warrior, Catherine Cameron (Cambridge) Kahurangi Valentino, Adrian Bruce (Gisborne) Witheze =6.

Young rider: Carissa McGregor (Christchurch) Chatterton 1, Tess Williams (Gisborne) Alltech Craighaven Nitro 2, Anna Parsons () Liquid Lunch 3, Danielle Maurer (Auckland) Blue Rinse 4, Kirsten McLeod (Gisborne) NZ Josef 5, Brad Cunningham (Christchurch) Cheltenham 6.

Junior rider: George Thorburn (Dannevirke) Chequebook 1, Bridget Grylis (Te Awamutu) Yippee-Yi-Yo 2, Bridget Hansen (Havelock North) Monamie NZPH 3, Hannah Burnett-Grant (Taupo) Winston Darco V 4, Jake Lambert (Cambridge) Quality NZPH 5, India Causebrook (Pukekohe) Banbury Spice 6.

Diana Dobson

5-YEAR-OLD OF THE YEAR FOLLOWS IN SIRE'S FOOTSTEPS

Just 5 years ago Lindberg Des Hayettes stepped out to have an exceptional first season of his Show Jumping career, winning the 5-Year-Old Championship and the Breeding Series 2005. Now his oldest progeny R Mister Berg LC, not yet 5 years old, is indeed following in his fathers footsteps. Currently in the lead in the Astek 5-Year-Old Series, the super athletic gelding took home the North Island Championship title and securing a Bronze at the National Championships in his age group. Horse of the Year 2010 saw him win the exciting title of 5-Year-Old of the Year as well as a third place in the Horse Trader Magazine 1.15m. LC Horse Farm is now looking forward to the Young Horse Championships in Taupo, hoping to secure the lead in the 5-Year-Old Breeding Series as well as bringing three 4-year-olds to show off the next crop of Lindberg Des Hayettes progeny.

WILSON WIZZES ROUND TO TAKE PONY OF THE YEAR

It's been a season to treasure for Amanda Wilson in her last year of pony riding.

The 17-year-old from Hukerenui in Northland today won the Pony of the Year at the 2010 Kelt Capital Horse of the Year Show in Hastings.

In a beautifully ridden round, she guided her coloured six-year-old pony Showtym Viking to a superb victory in an action-packed and speedy jump-off against three other combinations.

It was her fifth grand prix win of the season, which included taking the national showjumping title, made all the more special because the gelding only learnt to jump last winter.

Ahead of her in the jump-off Jake Lambert (Cambridge) and Soul Sister had sent a cracking pace, bolting round in 32.71.

Then came Claudia Porter (Hawke's Bay) on lovely roan Tallyho Bandit who took a rail early in the piece, finishing on four faults in 35.67.

Then it was Wilson's turn, and she stopped the clock at 32.45. The showy little chestnut Sweet Addition in the hands of Olivia Robertson



5-Year-Old of the Year 2010 - R Mister Berg LC ridden by Kyle Timm.
Photo by Barbara Thompson

