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**Most news items get posted directly onto our website under LATEST NEWS so look up that section regularly, especially in busy PC times and keep an eye on the Calendar for forthcoming activities. Will clubs please keep the Calendar updated as new activities are arranged.**

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### FORTHCOMING ACTIVITIES

#### JUMPING EQUITATION CLINIC

PCT is again hosting a Jumping Equitation Clinic given by David Quick at Westbury Showgrounds on **2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> August**. Please note change of date from that originally advertised. David is a qualified level 3 General coach, but also coaches both dressage, and showjumping along the same lines as highly acclaimed International coach George Morris. He specialises in JE so every rider attending will certainly benefit from his advice. Everyone who has attended his previous clinics say they have learned so much about how to ride showjumping.

Judy Kilby and Jo McFarlane are the co-ordinators. Put the date in your diary now and keep it free for this.

We are particularly in need of more judges and pencilers for this discipline and the main aim of this clinic is to educate our officials. In order to do this we also need riders of all standards on a reliable horse capable of jumping 75 cm as demonstration riders.

There is no charge for any pony club participants whether judges, riders, coaches or pencilers. This is a good opportunity for pencilers to practise, and is a helpful start for their progress to become a judge.

This clinic will count for coaches wishing to gain points for revalidating their certificates when the time comes.

JE is the basis of show jumping training because it concentrates on the correct techniques of the rider and the horse. An obedient horse going in a good rhythm and with the correct bend remains better balanced, so finds it easier to jump bigger fences. If riders have a strong seat independent of the reins, they can influence the horse so much more easily than one who has not, so will come up with better results.

Attached is a flyer for both riders and participants, also on the website. More information and the entry form will be sent out later. For riders, if it is over subscribed, selection will be on a first in, first served basis.

**NB** George Morris recently conducted a Coaches Clinic in Sydney at which Tasmania was represented by Jo McFarlane, Judy Kilby & Claire Casey. It is great to see our state coaches keeping up with the Internationals.

#### GAMES

##### State Games

Please will everyone note that Stepping Stones has replaced the 5 Ring Race. This race has been removed from the International, and therefore National rules, due to safety issues. The running order for the games this year will be as follows:

Bending, Sword, Postman's Chase, 5 Mug, Stepping Stones, Daily Mail, Stick Pegging, Bottle, HiLo, Hurdle, Housewives' Scurry, Potato race, Balloon, Sack and 5 Flag.

##### International Mounted Games Exchange 2014

Congratulations to Alarna Fraser who has been selected as Tasmania's representative for the International Mounted Games to be held in the UK this year in August. Bronte Page is the reserve.

Congratulations also to Sue deKaste who has been appointed as the team Manager.

##### National Games

The Junior Games will be held at the Perth Royal WA Show on October 4th 2014. Invitations for nominations for riders, coach & team manager have been emailed out. Nominations close on 16th May, and selections will be Saturday 31 May. The venue will be announced when the nominations come in.

Liz Murton had put forward a proposal for PCT to host NPPMG in 2014 but there was a poor response to the request for ponies and also, as a budget had not been provided, Tasmania did not put in a request to host them.

### **Senior Mounted Games Invitation.**

Tasmania has received an invitation to compete at a Senior Mounted Games competition in Queensland. This competition is not sanctioned by Pony Club Australia and Tasmania have it minuted that we would send a Senior team only in the year of the PCA National Championships in line the National policy. The PCT executive have endorsed this policy and we will not be sending a team to Queensland this year.

### **HORSE WELFARE TOOLKIT**

**The Australian Horse Industry Council** has produced a Horse Welfare Toolkit (actually a booklet) which is designed to 'train' a Welfare Officer at Club Level. We have received 160 kits which have been distributed to the zones for clubs to collect and give to club officials and activity organisers.

Clubs are encouraged to appoint a Welfare officer to oversee the horse welfare in their club. This position is not mandatory. All members should have access to this booklet so that they are informed and aware of horse welfare.

### **ANTI DISCRIMINATION TRAINING SESSIONS**

Louise Adams (OADC) wrote stating it was her pleasure in conducting the community education training sessions which were held in each of the Zones recently. Louise said that they were well received with great participation. So well done to all that attended.

### **SPORT AND RECREATIONS LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP**

From time to time S & R conduct various workshops that are an invaluable resource. Unfortunately there was a disappointing attendance at the Leadership Workshop presented by Sport and Rec recently and facilitated in the Northern Zone.

It was an excellent and informative presentation on governance and leadership with many resources provided. If these types of workshops are presented in the future it would be great if you could have at least one member from your club attend and report back to your committees.

### **TETRATHLON**

Interest was shown from seven riders only. If there is anyone else let Kyra know ASAP. The shooting element is proving a bit difficult to work out how our riders can become familiar and practice with our current gun laws. Phyliss Pyke is checking this out and all information will be passed on the interested riders once there is something concrete to report.

### **OFFICIAL UNIFORMS**

**Jodhpur colours** Due to the many colour descriptions of light coloured jodhpurs, anything from white to banana, it has been decided that clubs should refer to them as light coloured in their descriptions of their official uniforms in future. Therefore all clubs with other than dark shades will have their uniform descriptions changed to this.

### **WORLD EQUESTRIAN GAMES**

Australia is sending a full team for most disciplines to these which are being held in Caen, France in late August. PCA-Equestrian Australia will be running a monster raffle to raise money for the Australian Equestrian Team for the 2014 World Equestrian Games. Alongside this raffle EA will be running a competition for EA clubs to win a training day from members of the Australian Equestrian Team and they have invited Pony Clubs to be involved in this initiative. So, if your club supports this you will be eligible to participate in the competition.

### **TESTS**

**E Test** Our state has agreed that any rider who has not gained their D certificate may sit this test if they wish. We do have older children joining PC so this will allow them to take this test now. Any rider who has already passed their D Test and was not aware that they could do the E test first may still do so if they wish.

## **Test Results**

Will all clubs give the results of any test achieved by their riders to their zone, and will all Zones remember to list all efficiency tests achieved in their minutes with the individual riders' name, and that of the club, so the data base can be updated.

## **WARNING**

Make sure that you check the expiry date on over the tongue pastes, or for that matter, any other medication you purchase from a store. A horse had a reaction at Trials from using an out of date paste from a recently purchased product.

## **PONY LOAN REQUEST.**

Flinders Island and King Island have asked if there is the opportunity to borrow horses to attend state championships. The Zones in the north and northwest have loaned ponies for zone games but they are wondering if anyone would lend a horse for the other champs. The council thought that some may be available for dressage if not for the others.

Would anyone be willing to lend them one or two next season? A direct approach to the FI and KI DCs would probably be the best way to let them know.

## **PCT CHAMPIONSHIPS**

The Jumping champs were split from the Dressage champs this season for a trial. The chief reasons for this was to spread the champs out a bit, so not having all within a three month period in the autumn, and to split the work load as some people found the organising of it was too much for one weekend.

Whether these will remain split remains to be seen. The NW Zone conducted them both, and while the Jumping ones were very successful, with the Stanley show the day before giving our riders an opportunity to compete at it too (as many did), the dressage numbers were well down. One only has to look at the numbers in consideration for the Bonn View Trophy awarded to combinations taking part in all three champs. There were only four in contention, whereas there were eighteen last year. There is only one complete state team in this, and as they did not have a team in the Jumping, the Barwidgee Snowden Trophy cannot be awarded.

With both held on the same weekend, quite a few jumpers also took part in the dressage, but this year they have not made a second trip. The organisers have also indicated that they would rather have held it all on one weekend now, rather than have to spend two on the job as it is 200% work rather than 150%. I gather some of the parents too would rather have travelled once also to get to both.

If you have an opinion on whether you would prefer them combined over the one weekend as before, and when they should be held, if you would like to email them to Kyra (copy me too) she will forward your thoughts to the CC meeting – to be held very soon – where a decision is likely to be made.

## **JUMPING**

As these were held four months ago, I am only going to congratulate all concerned for a very successful event. The full results have been on the website for some time now so I am only going to record the winners for the record. The Deloraine team of Jessica Cowan, Danielle Whatley and Bonnie Dell won the team trophy and Ashley Steele won the Judy Kilby Trophy for the best combined score in JE & SJ.

Individual grade winners were: G1SJ Ashley Steele (Mon) Country Gold Pritchard, G1JE Mykaela Briggs (H&D) Diamonds on Ice; G2SJ Danielle Whatley (Del) Cavallo Park Carousel. G2JE Ellie Gillow (Tas) The Grand Blue; G3A SJ Bonnie Dell (Del) Spellbound Wizard, G3A JE Jess Pyke (Tas) Jimmy Possum; G3M SJ Abbey Velnaar (Hun) Sophia Loren, G3M JE Sasha Cantwell (Hun) Mr Anton. Well done to all.

## **TRIALS**

Another very successful event with praise all round. This was one of the very few Trials I have not attended so I cannot report first hand, but Narelle Rowlandson's XC course attracted a special mention as being a true Pony Club one, having a good balance, so well done Narelle. It was indeed great to see so few eliminations, especially in grade 3, though the grade 2s were not so successful. High praise to the scorers too who got the results out in double quick time and with no errors!

There was a good mix of successful riders from every zone. Full results are on the web site. The overall winning club was Tas represented by Liv Whatley – G1, Isabel Gibson – G2 and Ellie Gillow – G3 with representatives from Launceston 2<sup>nd</sup>. A Northern Zone scramble team won the Tom Johnston Dressage Shield while Southern zone clubs' did particularly well in the grade teams. A combined Southern Zone team won G1, Hobart and District G2 and Huon G3. However, the Individual winners all came from the Northern half of the state. These were G1 Tayla Smith (Inglis) - Lethal Contender, G2 Isabel Gibson (Tas) – International Covergirl, G3A Ayla Shepperd (Inglis) – Master Style and G3M Ashley Reader (Lily) – May Milano. Congratulations to all.

## **DRESSAGE**

Not having been present, I cannot report much on these except to say I believe that they all went off very well, though the numbers were very disappointing. As a result, not all the judges that had been booked for the tests were needed as some could double up and do two tests.

Sue has sent the score sheets through to each club, whereas I have done the full results for the website, including placing the riders in each test by judges as well as overall, which all prints out on to 2 pages.

For the record these are the winners:

Group A Anika Nowell of Mersey Valley on Baker's Dozen, who also won the Elementary, Group B Ella Johnson of West Tamar on sound the Bells, and C group Meg Archer of Midlands on Blues Point Gadget.

Only three teams entered the Quadrille – Inglis fielding two which placed 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> while Midlands defeated FernPark in the Musical Ride – such low numbers of participants!

Teams were all combined, with West Tamar and Midlands winning.

The Bonn View Roger Trophy was won by Georgie Pearce on Oceana Fine for the second year running.

## **QUAD/ MOTOR BIKES**

For safety reasons, any riders on a Quad or Motor Bike at a pony club event must wear a helmet and be 16 years & over.

## **HANDBOOK CHANGES**

**Section 1 - Member Protection Policy** PCT has adopted the updated PCA policy. Available on the Website.

**Section 6 Appendix 1** Any club including jodhpur coloured beige, fawn or white have had their description changed to [light col.](#)

**Syllabus** See E Certificate **age on** pages 4 and 6. Delete *under 7* from the age.