



PCT NEWSLETTER NO 64 – August 2014

Sponsored by Horseland



Editor – Ann Graves – agraves@activ8.net.au

Acting President: Karina Johnstone – julian.karina@bigpond.com

PCT Website manager – pres@pcat.org.au

Administrator: Kyra Jackson – sec@pcat.org.au

PCT website – www.pcat.org.au

P.O. Box 558, Burnie, 7320

PCA website – www.ponyclubaustralia.com.au

Phone: 0438 366 488

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 their calendar updated as new activities are arranged.

RETIRING PRESIDENT

The PCA has recently undergone a change in its constitution as required by the ASC which now means it is not represented by its state presidents but has a board of directors. This declares that no executive state position may be held by any of the board members. Therefore Judy Pitt has been forced to resign as president of our state due to her duties on the PCA board – she is the secretary. Consequently, Karina Johnstone, as the Vice President, has taken over the position until the next AGM, when the election is held. Karina will, of course, be eligible for election to that position.

We are sorry to lose Judy, but she did intend retiring from that position in November. We thank her for all the hard work that she has put in over the past 12 years, which has been much more than one would expect from a president. She has agreed to continue to assist as much as possible to ensure a smooth transition and to continue with certain parts of the work that she has been doing, such as the website manager and the handbook with me.

DRESSAGE TESTS FOR 2014-15 SEASON effective 1/8 /2014

Pure dressage C Group 1.2 and 1.3; B Group 2.1 and 2.2; A Group 2.3 and 3.1.

Eventing Grade 1: 3.1; Grade 2: 2.1; Grade 3: 1.2; Grade 4: 1.1 Grade 5 – PCAV 5A and 5B.

Note: All trot work at the preliminary level may be either rising or sitting. As the National Champs require an Elementary test for both the Seniors Dressage and Eventing, we have to give our riders a chance to gain experience riding an elementary test to qualify. Note that B group do two Novice tests.

These tests are from the new 2014 EA tests all labelled at the top of the sheet *Effective 1/1/14*. Make sure you learn the right ones.

INTER PACIFIC EXCHANGE

These will be held in Canada in 2015. Riders need to have their B test by the selection date and be under 21 at 1/1/15. Closing date for nominations with the administrator is 14/11/14. We are aiming for a December selection date.

PONY CLUB POSTER

Jess Pyke has designed a poster for us which we hope will encourage new members to join. After a few adjustments to it, the template will be sent to clubs to distribute in saddleries, local stores or general displays. You can print it on white or dark green paper as suggested by her, in any size desirable.

HORSELAND RAFFLE

The Annual Horseland Raffle will be underway shortly. We do thank Horseland for their ongoing support of Pony Club in this state. This is a great fundraiser for clubs and PCT as half the proceeds raised by each club goes to it and the other half to PCT. This is then distributed to the zones to help run any of the state championships they are conducting. We cannot do without this help so all clubs, please support it to the best of your ability by giving every member a book to sell as well as at special venues in your area. There are a great variety of prizes on offer. The store has a good selection of apparel which should suit anyone.

FORTHCOMING CLINICS / WORKSHOPS

Working with Children Workshops are being conducted by Sport & Rec in each area every six weeks until October. Watch out for the date in your area. New coaches will need to be aware of the requirements so it is advisable they attend one of these workshops.

A Show Jumping Course Designers clinic will be given by Fred Freeman (FEI Level 2) from WA on Friday 28th November at Westbury show grounds. It will be a great opportunity for those wishing to gain accreditation, progress to the next level or just have an interest in course design. Please notify karen.heiermann@gmail.com if interested in going.

PCT CHAMPIONSHIPS

Dressage and Jumping After only one trial year with them being held on separate weekends the Council has decided that the experiment did not work and they be held together again as previously. This decision was brought about after reviewing the entries and requests from both the organisers and some parents who cited two separate weekends being taken up as well as an extra journey created so more costs.

They will normally be held on the first weekend in April but, due to Easter next year, they will be held on the second weekend.

We are also looking at running the dressage on a horse test level rather than by rider age, but nothing is definite yet so it probably won't happen until 2016.

PCA NATIONALS 2015

These are being held at Murray Bridge during Sept-Oct. We will release details when we receive them from the PCASA. However, you need to start planning now to make sure that you are qualified. These championships are usually at a higher standard than our competitions so you may need to go outside of PC to acquire some extra qualifiers, especially the show jumpers.

Remember that nominations for State Teams need to go through the DC and riders need to have their C test by selection day. Your expression of interest attend these Nationals would help with our forward planning. This EOI should be given to your DC who will advise the State Administrator, Kyra.

There will be a Tetrathlon – this comprises of show jumping, swimming and pistol shooting – held at these. If you are interested in competing you need some practice at all the disciplines. We have been advised that you will need to take your own horse, but the Tetrathlon horse can be entered into any other discipline provided it has qualified. Games ponies will also need to be taken because no borrowed ponies/horses are allowed at the PCA Nationals. PCT applied for dispensation when the championships were held in WA on the grounds of the travelling distance.

HENDRA VACCINATION

The EA has issued the following Press Release.

To date, Hendra incidents have only occurred within the states of New South Wales and Queensland. While this does not mean that a Hendra incident could not occur in another state in the future, the likelihood of a Hendra incident occurring at an EA event is higher in New South Wales and Queensland.

For this reason all horses attending a HVE within NSW or Qld, regardless of their origin will require Hendra Vaccination.

If your horse resides in another state and you don't travel to NSW or Qld for a HVE event then your horse will not require Hendra vaccination. Only horses which leave these states and attend a NSW or QLD HVE will require vaccination.

When we enquired if this would apply for the Nationals next year, the President replied "That for Nationals only horses coming from infected areas need to be vaccinated." We can presume that this will be ratified by the PCASA so you will not need to go to all the expense of having your horse vaccinated. If they don't you will be notified.

COACHING FACEBOOK

This has been set up as a means of communicating quickly with our coaches. The page is a closed one only for coaches, or some interested people can be invited. If you are one of those contact Kyra or Carol Hobson for more information. Please will all coaches contact them too.

Available soon for coaches will be a laminated card to show they are qualified for them to carry in their wallets and also a small booklet for them to fill in their accreditation requirements.

PONY CLUB AUSTRALIA LOGO

PCA is seeking a new look! Over two years ago the PCA National Delegates Board decided that Pony Club in Australia would benefit by developing a national website and database solution for all levels of Pony Club operations.

The aim was to create an interactive space for members and volunteers to streamline data processing and create a dynamic communication tool so Pony Club activities could be better promoted and supported. However this process highlighted that Pony Club in Australia looks a little disjointed as our branding and websites differ greatly. The PCA Delegates at the National May meeting decided that to brand Pony Club nationally the first step is the creation of a new logo that will be used by National and States bodies.

There is a high possibility that this is the first time you are hearing about these changes! If so, we apologise but would also suggest it clearly illustrates how important it is for Pony Club to create a new marketing and communication framework.

The PCA Board decided to gather logo ideas via a website created for this purpose, submissions have been reduced to eight finalists. The PCA Board would like the members to give us feedback on the designs they like best, therefore they invite all Pony Club members and interested parties to be a part of the selection committee to find a new look for Pony Club in Australia – just simply rate the designs. There is a space to give feedback, constructive is most welcome, if you think you could improve the design please let them know what you would tell the designer to do.

Enter this website into your browser

https://99designs.com.au/logo-design/contests/modern-youthful-look-pony-club-australia-399883/v2/poll/q87xea?utm_source=voting_app&utm_medium=web&utm_campaign=voting

HELMET CAMERAS

The wearing of these at PC is still under review. EA accepts detachable helmet cameras with the approval of the Technical Delegate. PCT will allow them on the same conditions. That is riders must seek their approval from the TD.

The composition of the helmet must not be changed or compromised. They must be instantly detachable in the case of a fall.

Please will all TD's be aware of these rulings. Gear Checkers should tell any riders presenting with them to see the TD. It is not up to them to pass them as alright, though they could advise a rider if they know they are wrong, e.g. screwed on.

INSURANCE

Please remember that all insurance claims must go through the Treasurer/Insurance officer, S. deKaste.

HIGHER TEST PASSES

Congratulations to Hayley Atkins, Alana Blackman and Danielle Whatley for passing their A test, and to Ashton Brown, Jess Cowan, Leeearne McNamara and Kathryn Ord for B test. It is a long time since we have had three A tests being passed in one year. Very well done to all of you.

GAMES

International Mounted Games Exchange 2014

We wish the Aussie team, and particularly our state representative, Alarna Fraser good luck, and the team manager, Sue deKaste, a happy and stressless time caring for them. They are currently in the UK and should have a wonderful time as visits to many interesting places are planned. We look forward to their reports and photos on their return

National Games

The Junior Games will be held at the Perth Royal WA Show on October 4th 2014. Our team members are David Gardiner – Circular Head, Alarna Fraser & Karley Beer – Mersey Valley, Bronte Page – Kentish, and Bailey Elias – Tas. The reserve rider is Emily Hirst – Tas. The State congratulations you all and wishes you good luck and an enjoyable time.

JUMPING EQUITATION CLINIC REPORT

David Quick was at the Westbury Showgrounds on 2nd & 3rd August to conduct this. We were extremely lucky with the weather. After nearly 100 mm of rain during the week and strong winds which outed many homes power supply, it was fine and the going was excellent. There was a cold wind blowing, but not too strongly so we all rugged up well and survived sitting out to listen to what David had to say.

Some of the demonstration riders had to cancel due to the weather, but Judy Kilby managed to find replacements, and those who came learned a lot as well as providing chances for the judges to practise their skills. They all benefited greatly from the free tuition they received. The change in their performance with the corrections David made to their position over just two lessons was really amazing. They were all happy and we thank them all for coming.

There was a good attendance by coaches but unfortunately we only managed to accredit two new judges.

DRESSAGE ARENAS

Remember that from now on that roped dressage arenas are not allowed. They must be boards, or breakable plastic chain.

10.2 FORMS GENERAL

I have split these forms into two documents – 10.2.1 & 2 – and added a couple of others for the office bearers.

The 10.2.1 forms are to list the new office bearers that have been appointed. The one with a C after the number is for the club officials and the one with a Z for the zone officials. Please be sure that you use the correct one and send them in ASAP after the AGM to those listed at the top of the form.

The 10.2.2 forms are nomination forms for the State and Zone officials. If clubs wish to nominate anyone for a position on either of these committees, use the appropriate one. You may email nomination forms to the administrator or zone secretary as appropriate, but it should be sent in by both the proposer and the nominee so they can be sure they have agreed.

10.2.3-7 contains the remaining forms from the original document.

HANDBOOK and RULE CHANGES

The updated EA Jumping rules for 2014 effective from the 1st July 2014 will not impact on us as it seems the only changes affect the *Australian Jumping Championships*.

Dispensation for Championships Riders requesting a dispensation to compete at any of our Championships will need to fill in a form and email to the CCs within their zone. When the form's design is finalised, it will be included in the form section of the Handbook as 10.8.6.

Section 7 There will be several changes to this section so I will wait until all are decided before printing them. Note the different standards needed for the dressage champs as listed above.

Eventing Addendum. There are several minor changes [noted in teal](#), including this – **Qualifying for Trials** – see 521 In future riders and horses will only need **two** qualifying ODEs instead of three.

Jumping Equitation Scoresheet – form 10.7.9. A revised version will be posted shortly.

10.2 documents Additional and split of forms – see above.

PC Forms 10.2.1 & 2 - OBs 2014

PC Forms 10.2.3-7 General, 2014