



## PCAT NEWSLETTER NO 58 – AUGUST 2012

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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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### SERVICE AWARDS

Congratulations to those whom the Council approved for Service awards. Two long-time members of Council - Anne Cotton and Sue deKaste - were approved for the Senior Volunteer Service award, as was Andy deKaste for his service to his club, the NW zone and as a TD. There were also three associates that received the member award - names later.

### UPDATING CLINICS

**A Show Jumping** Judging Update and Discussion will be held on 9th September 10.30- 4pm at 24 Houston Drive. Cambridge. All interested are asked to RSVP 2nd September to [ireadett@netspace.net.au](mailto:ireadett@netspace.net.au)  
Some food provided for lunch.

**A Cross Country and Technical Delegate** clinic will be conducted by the EA on 21<sup>st</sup> October. The venue has not been decided, but it will probably be somewhere in the north. Watch out for further Info on the EA or PCAT website. We are desperately short of TDs - there is too much work falling on too few shoulders - so if anyone is at all interested please try to attend it.

**An Assessors Course** will be run by Adrian Patch, Sept 16<sup>th</sup> at the Perth Community Centre. 9.30 start. All Assessors, Test Co-ordinators and Visiting Commissioners should attend. Others are welcome. Do not have costing as yet. Watch the website for more information.

### TECHNICAL DELEGATES REPORTS

When TDs send out reports of the events that they are TD at, please send them only to those that are concerned with its organisation. They should not be in the public domain for everyone or every person on the TD list to see. That list is so they all receive notices of forthcoming clinics and updates of rules, etc, and is not a distribution list for the reports.

### EVENTING NEWS

The new PCAT Addendum to the EA Rules for Eventing 2012 is almost ready for publication. The only thing that we are waiting for is the finalisation of the wording for Medical requirements. As soon as it is completed it will be distributed to all DCs and TDs.

**Back Numbers** The NW Zone will be using personal number holders in place of cloth bibs. Riders going to Trials in 2013 will need to provide their own. NZ and SZ still using cloth bibs.

### STATE GAMES REPORT

Thanks to the Kentish club for hosting the state games at their club grounds in Sheffield. With some clubs camping and some billeted, and a counter meal at the Sheffield Hotel the night before, it was a great social weekend and a good time was had by all.

There were six teams in A and five in B division with a team of reserves. After a very close competition all day and some very exciting moments as well as some top riding skills, the day finished safely and thankfully the first aid people with little to do. Final results were

**A division** 1<sup>st</sup> Huntingfield 104, 2<sup>nd</sup> Deloraine 97, 3<sup>rd</sup> Mersey Valley 89, 4<sup>th</sup> Circular Head 80, 5<sup>th</sup> Lilydale 73, 6<sup>th</sup> Huon 41.

**B division** 1<sup>st</sup> Inglis 108, 2<sup>nd</sup> Kentish 96, 3<sup>rd</sup> Launceston 90, 4<sup>th</sup> Hobart 78, 5<sup>th</sup> Brighton 76.

## INTERSTATE COMPETITIONS

**Junior Mounted Games** hosted by South Australia in September 2012. The team of five are David Gardner – CH, Allarna Fraser, Kayla Crowthers – L'ton, and Caleb Dales, Jess Price – Hunt, with Karley Beer – MV as reserve. Thank you to our Coach Liz Murton and to our Manager Sue deKaste for organising training days, uniforms and entry.

**The International Mounted Games** in 2013 will be held in Canada. Tasmania will be selecting a rider to be part of the Australian Team. Nominations close on the 15<sup>th</sup> August and selections will take place after the PPMG team return from South Australia. Riders must be under 16 on the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2013, preferably be near the limit and must have competed at a high level of games to be considered

### **PCA National Championships to be held in WA 2013.**

We are calling for nominations for these. There is still no official information from Western Australia for this but the schedule should be available in November. The tentative date has been announced as the 26/9/13 - 2/10/13 at the Brigadoon Equestrian Centre in Perth. Funding for riders will be as per the current handbook. We would like early expressions of interest by end of next month (September 2012), so think about it now and let the secretary know if you are interested.

Required Qualifications:

All riders must be competing at the PCAT Championships at the required height or grade and must meet the minimum standard for the following disciplines:

Eventing - must be working at elementary level and competing at Grade 1 or EA equivalent or higher;

Dressage - must be competing in pure dressage competitions at higher novice for junior and elementary for senior;

Showjumping - must be competently competing at 1.10 or higher for senior and 1.05 for juniors.

## CHAMPIONSHIPS DATES

It has been decided that the Dressage and Jumping Championships will revert to their original date of the first weekend in April 2014, so giving a little more time between them and the Trials. Next year's will remain as previously decided on 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> March, and will be held at Westbury.

After much discussion at the recent State Meeting, Councillors felt that it would be better to move the Games to the second weekend in September as this would spread the championships out a little and give riders a better chance to train over the winter without trying to have horses ready for other competitions. Will clubs discuss this and take their thoughts back to their zone for finalisation at the November Council meeting.

## 2013 TRIALS

The Trials will be held at Wynyard next year on the second weekend in March. Dressage and show jumping will take place at the Inglis PC grounds (where camping is available) and the cross country at 59 Murdering Gully Rd, about 10 minutes away. Liz Murton is designing the cross country course, and Hunter Doughty and Ian Coulson will be the TDs.

A word of warning to competitors. The course will be quite hilly, though not as bad as the last NW course, so horses need to be really fit.

## CLUB UNIFORMS    Requests for Photos

I named all the clubs that had not yet sent in their photos in the last newsletter, thinking that might prompt the guilty ones to act, but it had little effect. Please will you attend to this PROMPTLY. It is not really that big a job. Just ask one parent who has a digital camera to get their child dressed in all the different components of your club's uniform and take a photo of each lot. We do not want a horse included.

If you do not want to cut and paste them onto one doc, I can do it so I do not mind how many photos you send. Just make sure that everything is showing, and please, Please, PLEASE do it SOON. We are sick of asking for them. These clubs still have not sent one in. Brighton, Derwent, Flinders Island, Huntingfield, Huon, Inglis, King Island, Mersey Valley, Lilydale, Midlands, North Eastern (wrong format), Suncoast and West Tamar.

**Please will you attend to this urgently.**

Please check the descriptions in the present section of the handbook too and make a note of any changes to them. Follow the link below to Section 6 - Gear Rules, Page 34 of the Handbook for a sample of how the photo is to be taken.

<http://www.pcat.org.au/site/ponyclub/tas/downloads/Handbook%202011%20-%20New%20Format/Section%206%20-%20Gear%20Rules/Section%206%20Gear%20Rules%2030.4.12.pdf>

If you control and click it will take you to the Gear Section to check out what the uniform photos should look like. The D'Entrecasteau one is the one I cut and pasted together from three separate photos, and no, I did not cut off the top of her head. That is how they arrived.

Apparently a couple of clubs have forwarded photos, but they have either not been suitable for reproduction or have not been received.

### **GAMES FORMAT**

Anne Cotton is looking into formats from other states. All other states are running Junior and Senior competitions. Some have teams of 6 riders and some 5. At this stage she feels that the format used in Western Australia is probably the one which would best fit Tasmania's requirements. There would be a reduction in the number of games held, so giving time for more teams to take part. Clubs would be allowed to enter any number of teams at zone level. If clubs have an odd number of riders they may be able to combine with other clubs.

**SHOW JUMPING Horse Boots** The PCAT has decided not to implement the EA rule regarding hind leg boots that I included in the last Newsletter, so that riders may still use the boots that they have already purchased, however, do make sure that they are not strapped up too tightly. Make sure, however, that if you are jumping at shows under EA rules they must conform and if you are buying new ones, buy the correct ones.

### **OFFICIAL BUSINESS**

**Direct Transfer of money.** The treasurer requested that anyone using EFTPOS to transfer money into the PCAT account put a reference stating what the money is for. Some monies have gone into the account with no reference and it is very difficult to trace them back.

**Membership cards** will not be issued without a disclaimer form which must be personally signed, not electronically so clubs are asked to make sure these are filled in.

**Recording efficiency certificates.** Not all clubs are reporting results to zone secretaries. This is important for our S&R funding so please make sure that you do this after every batch of members who pass tests.

**Constitution Update.** It has come to our notice that many club constitutions have not been updated to include the change of upper age of members to under 25 on first of January, so that riders over 21 have not been included. Clubs are asked to check their constitutions and if making any amendments to please forward the new document to the state secretary.

**Raffle Books** have been distributed to the zones. Draw date December 8th. Please return to state AGM in November, pulled apart if possible, but remember to keep a record of the sellers. This is a major fund raiser for Pony Club through out the state so please make every effort to sell as many as possible. Remember, your club keeps half of what you sell and the rest goes to the state, which then distributes it to help run the PCAT championships.

### **JUMPING EQUITATION CLINIC**

The clinic with David Quick was held at Westbury Showgrounds on 11th & 12th August 2012. There was quite a good attendance and Sarah Bellchambers, Rebecca Evans, Nicola Faulkner, Amy Hyde, Katrina Lumsden, Sue Newitt and Karen Pearce gained accreditation. Congratulation to them all. Because we do not get many opportunities to judge JE, it is hoped that all our JE judges will keep in practice by judging ordinary show jumping rounds occasionally at shows and events that they attend.

Thank you to Judy Kilby for organising it and to all the riders who participated in the clinic. Without their support, we would not have been able to accredit so many JE judges. All the riders thought they had benefited greatly from the four or five rounds they did, which was evident by everyone of them showing a lot of improvement in the way they and their horses travelled over the course between their first and last rounds.

The Northern Zone has booked Carol Hobson to conduct a session with judges, with particular emphasis on how to use the scoresheet, before the next PCAT championships. Anyone interested will be welcome. A date and venue will be announced nearer the time.

### **KEEPING CONTACT DETAILS UP TO DATE**

Every time I distribute this newsletter I get 8 – 10 returned to me with 'address unknown'. If you change your email, please let me and all the other PCAT executive know of it.

## HANDBOOK CHANGES

After every Council meeting, there are inevitably a few changes to the Handbook so keep an eye out for these. Watch the footer date – the latest ones will be updated to August 2012 – to see if there are any changes to what you may have on your computer in your Handbook folder. I hope you all have one with all the sections in it. Recent changes are being shown in a different coloured font – teal this month – with a different colour adopted after other meetings. These will remain as such for 12 months after adoption, thereafter reverting to black. If you do not want to go onto the website you can cut and paste them from here.

**Section 1 Member Protection Policy** This is a new policy which has been adopted. Check the website to see it. This now contains all our previous policies in the one document.

**Section 4 - Efficiency Tests** - will be updated to reflect that workbooks will be used for all tests and that written papers are no longer required. 40 K ride is no longer a pre-requisite for K - it can be taken as an option - but has been replaced by Ride at a Given Pace.

**Section 5.8 - Australian and Tasmanian Representation** There is a change to the funding, as there is an increase for the further away states, to:

For the Prince Philip Mounted Games and the Senior Games team:

- \$300 each if in WA, NT or Qld;
- \$200 each if in NSW, SA;
- \$100 each if in Vic.
- Nil if held in Tasmania.

**Section 7 - Competitions** There are a number of changes to this section

**Zone Scramble Teams** To overcome the problem of zones often having more riders available than clubs for the teams in the championships where there is one from each age group (Dressage and Trials) or grade (Jumping) it has been decided that two clubs within a zone, who do not have sufficient riders to form their own team, may combine together to form a team. So when entering, you must state which club you will be combining with on the team entry form. This will be on trial for 2013.

The changes to be recorded in the handbook are as follows:

- 7.2.3 d The request must be lodged with all members of their zone CC panel **through their club DC or their representative**, not later than 24 hours after the last qualifying event.
- 7.3.1 d. Clubs with insufficient riders may combine with **another club** within their zone to make up zone **joint club** teams – **no scramble teams allowed. Note changes.**
- e. **Clubs may have more than one zone team, but only two clubs may join together to form a team. Only Zone-scramble teams are permitted. Delete and substitute as indicated.**
- 7.3.5 b. The organisers must ensure that all zone **scramble joint club** teams' members are also listed on the score board at the beginning of the event / championships.
- 7.3.6 a. Sashes will be awarded to fourth place for the teams and individuals – **see Annex 3**
- 7.4.4 a. Both rider and horse must have gained at least 55% in two dressage tests of equivalent or higher standard, under approved judges, **only one of which may be gained at an ODE.**
- 7.5.4 a. To be judged by two judges **if possible** using JE scoresheet form 10.7.9.
- 7.5.6 g. Riders eligible for zone teams must be displayed in their classes on the notice board. No state **or zone** scramble teams.

## FUTURE RULE CHANGES

We are bringing these to your attention now in order to give you time to prepare.

**Body/back Protectors** Will be compulsory for Grades 1, 2 and 3 Cross Country by 1<sup>st</sup> August 2013

**Show Jumping** Back rails must have quick release/breakaway cups by 1<sup>st</sup> August 2013

**Dressage Arenas** Rope and steel pegs for dressage must be phased out by 1<sup>st</sup> August 2014.

## CORRECTION TO 2008 JUMPING EQUITATION MANUAL

There has been a change to the faults awarded since this was printed. Please note 4 penalties are now given for both a knock down and for the first refusal. Please change it in your manuals near the top of page 3.