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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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### GAMES

#### State Games

State Games will be held on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2015 at Edith Creek by the Circular Head Pony Club in the North West Zone.

The games this year will be as follows:

Bending, 3mugs, Sword, Rope, Ball and racquet, Bottle, Tack shop, Balloon, Windsor castle, Fishing, Sack race  
Stick pegging, Stepping stones, Ball and cone and 5 flag.

#### International Mounted Games Exchange 2015

Congratulations to Pyper Page who has been selected as Tasmania's representative for the International Mounted Games to be held in Lexington Kentucky in June 2015.

Congratulations also to Anne Cotton who has been appointed as the Team Manager.

#### National Games

Unfortunately there has not been enough interest to allow us to run a selection for the junior games team, nor send a team to South Australia, as we did not receive enough nominations to make the minimum number for a team.

#### Senior Mounted Games

Selections for the senior National Prince Phillip Mounted Games team were held on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May. Congratulations to David Gardner CHPC, Bailey Elias TPRC, Melissa Chugg TPRC, Tegan Lovell BSMPC and Emily Hirst TPRC who were selected to represent Tasmania at the PCA Nationals in September, with Sabrina Docherty LPC 1<sup>st</sup> reserve and Ashley Cowen BSMPC 2<sup>nd</sup> Reserve. Nominations for Coach and Manager have now closed.

### NATIONALS

The PCA Nationals this year will be held in Murray Bridge South Australia, from the 29<sup>th</sup> September to the 4<sup>th</sup> October 2015. Congratulations to the following riders who have been selected to represent Tasmania, Georgia Pearce from Leven Pony Club Riding Oceana Fine for Junior Eventing and Dressage (Pending on Schedule), Tayla Smith from Mersey Valley Pony Club riding Lethal Contender for Senior Eventing, Alexandra Deegan from Fernpark Pony and Riding Club riding Leather Boots for Senior Eventing, Olivia Whatley from Tasmanian Pony and Riding Club riding Parde Du Francais for Senior Eventing, Annika Nowell from Mersey Valley Pony Club riding Bakers Dozen for Senior Dressage and Georgia McCarthy from Monmouth Pony Club riding Keys Under the Mat for Senior Dressage. Coach and Manager nominations have now closed.

### Tetrathlon

The Tetrathlon competition consists of four phases: running, swimming, shooting and riding.

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 however has put in a lot of work and has been in contact with the President of the Van Dieman Pistol Club in Launceston who has been very supportive and keen to help us prepare a Tetrathlon Team and has kindly offered to be responsible and supervise riders during Training. We are pleased to announce for the first time that we will be sending a Tetrathlon team to the 2015 PCA nationals consisting of David Gardner

CHPC, Tegan Lovell BSMPC, Melissa Chugg TPRC, Emily Hirst TPRC and Bailey Elisa TPRC all of which are also competing in the Senior Games Team.

## **TESTS**

PCA has released a new E Test workbook. This is not compulsory for riders but they seem to be very popular. There will also be a new A test workbook coming out in the near future.

A Reminder also to Clubs that D and D\* workbooks are not compulsory for riders.

## **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.

## **PCT CHAMPIONSHIPS**

### **Trials**

The PCT State Horse Trials were conducted by the Northern Zone on 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2015. The event was held at two venues, West Tamar Pony Club, Edinburgh Park, Gravelly Beach and Fairlands, East Tamar Highway, Launceston. Saturday concluded with an outstanding Trials dinner held at the Tailrace Centre, Riverside with 271 riders and guests attending. The cross country phase commenced at 10a.m. on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March and the weather was lovely and sunny. The cross country course was beautifully presented and riders appreciated the flowing and inviting fences which rode very nicely with a few challenges but well within the capabilities of all grades. A huge thank must go to Hunter Doughty and Ian Coulson for their continued support and many hours spent inspecting the course and giving expert advice. The value of these internationally recognised TDs cannot be underestimated as they provide excellent guidance throughout the entire Trials process. Thank you also for their very informative TD clinic at the conclusion of the XC phase. Thank you to Jamie Buckby for arranging two very informative evening cross country jump judge sessions. These sessions were well attended and a great opportunity to bring our XC stewards up to date on current EA/PC eventing rules and particularly fence penalties with many fence judges remarking on their increased level of confidence in judging fences after attending the sessions. Monday morning saw the start of the showjumping, the course was beautifully presented with newly painted rails and equipment and the course well built by designer Ian Jago. The showjumping phase was the final decider for competitors with some placings changing after individual rounds. The presentation ceremony took place at approximately 2.30 p.m. and the sight of Club riders in their teams was a credit to their Clubs and a very proud moment for everyone involved in Trials. There was a good mix of successful riders from every zone. Full results are on the web site.

The overall winning club was Tasmanian Pony & Riding Club represented by Emily Ruffo – G1, Ellie Gillow – G2 and Chloe McFarlane – G3. 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Tom Johnston Dressage Shield was won by Tasmanian Pony & Riding Club. The Northern Zone Scramble team won the Grade 1 Teams Trophy with the grade 2 Team trophy won by Deloraine and Districts pony club and the Grade 3 Teams trophy won by the Tasmanian Pony and Riding Club A Team. The individual placings were as follows Grade 1 Senior- Emily Ruffo, Grade 2-Ellie Gillow, Grade 3 Senior-Sarah Webb, Grade 3 Junior-Chloe McFarlane and Grade 3- Georgia Pearce. The Paul Coulson Memorial trophy was won by David Gardiner and the Off the Track Thoroughbred award was won by Emily Ruffo.

Congratulations to the Northern Zone on a very successful Trials and thank you to all who helped out.

### **Dressage**

Dressage Championships were this year held in the Southern Zone at the Tasmanian Equestrian Centre in Lauderdale on the 11<sup>th</sup> April. Congratulations to the Southern Zone for hosting a very successful event.

For the record these are the winners:

Grade 1 Ella Johnson of West Tamar Pony Club on Sound the Bells, Grade 2 Kenya Braod of Fernpark Pony & Riding Club Twilight Cougar, and Grade 3 Chloe McFarlane of Tas Pony & Riding Club on Little Lady. Grade 3B Senior Sarah Locket of Tas pony & Riding Club on Anawa Kahabi and Grade 3B Junior Juliette Sherrard from Tasmanian Pony & Riding Club on Scrubmaster.

Huntingfield Pony & Riding club won both the Quadrille and Musical Ride,

Teams was won by the Northern Zone Scramble Team which consisted of Tasmanian Pony and Riding club and West Tamar Pony Club...

The Bonn View Roger Trophy was won by Tayla Smith of Mersey Valley Pony Club riding Lethal Contender.

## **Showjumping**

Showjumping Championships were this year held in the Southern Zone at the Tasmanian Equestrian Centre in Lauderdale on the 12<sup>th</sup> April in conjunction with the Dressage Championships.

The winning combinations are as follows:

Jumping Equitation Grade 1-Tayla Smith riding Lethal Contender from Mersey Valley Pony Club, Grade 2-Ellie Gillow riding Portland Miss from Tasmanian Pony and Riding Club, Grade 3 Associates-Sarah Webb riding Silver Royal from Monmouth Pony Club, Grade 3 Members-Alanah Monty riding Yengaree Park Lily from Dobart and District Pony Club.

Shojumping Grade 1-Danielle Whatley riding Cavallo Park Carousel from Deloraine and Districts Pony Club, Grade 2-Breanna Triffitt riding Jellystone Park Curacao from Huntingfields pony and Riding Club, Grade 3 Associates-Ashley McSherry riding Glenvale Bellarose from Hobart and Districts Pony Club and Grade 3 Members-Abi Radburn riding HHM Promise from Huon Pony Club. Teams was won by Tasmanian Pony and Riding Club. Tayla Smith from Mersey Valley Pony Club riding Lethal Contender was the winner of the Judith Kilby Trophy.

Thank you to the Zone and State TDs Andrew Gibson and Jamie Buckby and for all involved for another successful Dressage and Showjumping Championships.

## **COACHING**

PCT have a NCAS accreditation card at the printers which will soon be available for all coaches,. This card will have a section for coaches to record all their attendances. PCA are also in the early stages of developing a card for coaches.

Coaches wishing to upgrade to Level 2 jumping need to fill in the form which will then go to the CCP for approval. A card will also be available. Forms will be available soon.

Now that we have an Elementary Dressage test for grade 1 we need to look at upgrading some of our novice judges to Elementary. PCT will be holding a clinic to upgrade novice judges to Elementary. Any Novice judges that are interested should register their interest to Kyra Jackson sec@pcat.org.au.

## **WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK**

As you would be aware, the State Government has introduced legislation requiring anyone who works/volunteers with children to apply for and receive a 'Working with Children' registration. The implementation phase for the Working with Children Check (the Check) commenced on 1 October, with full compliance required from 1 April 2015. This means that anyone in your sport coaching or in a position of trust with children (under 18s) will need to have the Check completed prior to 1 April 2015 (noting the process to gain the Check can take up to six weeks). This is now law and is therefore mandatory, just like having a drivers licence.

The Process is very simple - complete the application form found at

[www.justice.tas.gov.au/working\\_with\\_children](http://www.justice.tas.gov.au/working_with_children) print off a registration number and take it to Service Tas with proof of identity and payment, your photo will be taken and the process is done and dusted.

There are some exemptions which are listed on the Department of Justice website but as a general rule, anyone who is 16 years or older who works/volunteers with children and is in position where they can develop a relationship of trust is required to hold registration. In pony club's instance, this includes but is not limited to: DC's, Coaches, Team Managers, Chief Coaches, TD's, Assessors/Examiners and Chaperones at club camps/rallies. Photographers have been identified by the Department as also being required to have the registration. Of particular importance is anyone who stays overnight at club camps, even if a parent, looking after other people's children will require registration.

If you have any queries, there are a number of fact sheets and guidelines available on the above mentioned website.

This legislation has been put in place to protect our children.

**For further information relating to the Check please contact:**

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Web: [www.justice.tas.gov.au/working\\_with\\_children](http://www.justice.tas.gov.au/working_with_children)

Clubs are reminded that they will need to check instructors, judges etc have a current working with children check. If all zones could please list in their minutes people who have obtained their working with children check, registration number and expiry date so that the State can keep a database.

### **SERVICE AWARDS**

Congratulations to Carol Collidge for receiving a Senior Service award for her continuous Service to the Brighton & Southern Midlands Pony Club and the Southern Zone.

### **STATE MEETING DATE CHANGE**

The next state meeting was scheduled to be held on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July but has been changed to Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2015.

### **HORSELAND RAFFLE**

There has been a change made to our Horseland sponsorship agreement which makes it a little trickier to run the raffle in the format that we have for many years. To accommodate the new agreement, State will order goods and divide them equally between the three zones to raffle. Half of the money raised will continue to go back to State.

More information will be sent to zones when it comes to hand.

### **GEAR CHECKING**

Riders please be aware that at competitions they must have a number on (bridle or back number) at all times whilst they are mounted.

Also a reminder that they must present at gear check with all the gear they intend to ride in/with.

### **HANDBOOK CHANGES – DC's - in particular, please note the change to qualifications for Trials**

- Trials - If the organising committee cannot cater for the number of riders for a given class, lowest ranked riders will be balloted out to an individual competition. The individual competition will not form part of the team.
- Regarding the team scoring for Trials the scoring system will be the same as the EA rule which is the total of penalties of the three best riders in the team of four, except for the Fairlands trophy which will be done on placings.
- **Qualifications for Trials-for all grades the qualification for Trials will be 2 Events, one event with 60 or less cross country jumping penalties and one event with 40 or less cross country jumping penalties.**
- PCT will pick up the cost of all additional ribbons for extra competitions for all championships and the ribbons will not be dated so that they can be reused if needed.