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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.

CHANGE OF NAME.

The Pony Club Association of Tasmania is now formally known as Pony Club Tasmania. This is to bring it into line with all the other Australian equestrian bodies so the new initials will be PCT.

PC SECRETARY/ADMINISTRATOR

Carol Collidge has unfortunately had to resign earlier than she originally gave notice due to personal issues. We are sorry to hear of this from Carol and thank her for all the work that she has put into Pony Club over her years in office. The interim secretary, until the AGM in November is now Erin Hunn.

It has been decided that we will now appoint a part-time administrator working from home to handle the every day business of the state.

A position description will be prepared and the position advertised but Expressions of Interest are welcome at any time. Wanted: a person with computer skills and time, preferably one who has gone through PC, so has knowledge of its workings.

Meanwhile, Kyra Jackson has kindly agreed to fill in on these terms until the AGM when the new appointee is agreed. Kyra's address is P.O. Box 558, Burnie, 7320 and phone 0438 366 488. email as above.

PCT REPRESENTATIVES

It is drawn to the attention of zones and clubs that they do appoint people who are willing and able to give time to attend the various PCT meetings. The Council holds one three times a year on the last Sundays in March, July and November, so please select delegates that are in a position to attend these. Their voice is important.

The Chief Coaches usually meet a few weekends before these so a similar requirement is necessary. A lot of important business is carried on at both these meetings. The CCs are eligible to attend the Council ones too – though only one from each zone gets a vote – but this does not stop them giving an opinion on any matter. If it is a case of choice for them, the CC meetings should take preference.

The AGM is held on the last Sunday in November. It has agreed to allow clubs to run other activities on this day, but NOT official ODEs because they take a lot of key people who we would like to attend the AGM.

We do encourage club DCs to attend the PCT AGM and stay on for the Council meeting afterwards as it gives them an insight in how the Council works. It is also a great networking opportunity to meet and greet the executive, other council members and new DCs. The Council will provide lunch for those attending.

APPOINTING COACHES FOR RALLIES

Clubs must be sure that their coaches are covered by insurance so they need to be aware of the following:

- EA coaches are insured under EA insurances
- NCAS Preliminary and Level PC coaches are insured under PCT insurance
- Non NCAS instructors can only be paid minimum expenses (travelling) and listed as volunteers to allow coverage by insurance. If they are paid for instruction they are not covered by our insurance
- Recommend regular instructors obtain NCAS accreditation, firstly Prelim, then encourage them to upgrade to Level 1 so as to ensure they are covered by insurance.

PONY CLUB OFFICIALS' PANEL

The Chief Coaches are at Present updating the panel. They feel there are a number on it that are no longer participating and are therefore out of date with current trends and rules. Some that are known to have not been active for a while will be contacted to see if they wish to remain on it. If you know of anyone on it that is no longer interested or able – they may have left the state – please let your zone sec or me know.

We are always looking for new people who are interested in any discipline / subject to be included. To be put on the panel we need to have your personal CV of qualifications (if any) and experience so we can evaluate your level of expertise. We do not expect people to be super efficient when first included so they will be entered as Probationary at first, however they do need to have some knowledge of the rules of competitions. Open book exams are being prepared in all disciplines for all new applicants to undertake in their own time to submit with their CVs.

Carol Hobson has kindly taken over the co-ordinating of officials for Showjumping. If you are interested or have a club member interested in becoming a show jump course designer or judge, please contact Carol on 0429 008 889

HORSELAND RAFFLE

The Annual Horseland Raffle is now underway. 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, and should a winner not want what they have won they can always dispose of it, or maybe Horseland would allow them to change it. The store has a good selection of apparel which should suit anyone.

DRESSAGE TESTS for 2013-14 season

Eventing Gr 1 - 2D, G2 – 2B, G3 - 1C, G4 – 1A, G5 – PCAV 5A or 5B (unchanged)
Dressage A – 2C and 2D, B – 1D and 2C, C – 1C and 1D, Elem 3A.

DRESSAGE CLINICS

There was a good attendance of present and hopefully would be dressage judges at the clinic held at Bert Gibson's recently. An interesting day with a talk about principals etc to begin with then viewing 5 riders of various standards doing some movements with Bert commenting on them as they went.

In the afternoon these 5 plus another did a complete test 2 doing each of the 1C, 1D and 2C which the participants judged. Marks were then compared with Bert's and discussed. It was a very informative day.

Sue McDermott is conducting one in the south at 303 Sandford Rd on 17th August so all coaches, interested parties and possible judges should attend it. Both these clinics can be used for update points to maintain accreditation. Let Sue know if you can attend at asforesthill@bigpond.com or 0421 954 472 by 14th August,

PCT JUMPING CHAMPIONSHIPS

The NW zone is conducting these at the Stanley showground on Sunday, 8th December. The Organising committee have planned a wonderful weekend if you wish to take advantage of the Stanley Show on Saturday 7th December. As it is the day after the Stanley show, members can make a weekend of it and jump at the show itself. It always has very good courses and a good spread of classes so there is opportunity for everyone to have a go. Accommodation is available on Saturday night and the committee have planned a very friendly and festival feel to the whole weekend. More details to follow

GAMES

Unfortunately there was an error with the Huntingfield entries **at the State Games** which resulted in their junior team being disqualified due to having two senior riders in it.

This situation does highlight that committees must be very careful and read the rules when entering teams. At the Zone level other configurations may also be run, e.g. division 2 teams in any age group/s for the less experienced riders. Reserve riders may be scrambled into a team so they do not have a fruitless journey if not needed for their club team. This can also happen at the State games too.

There are a few minor changes to the Games Rules - see below - one of which is that horses may be plaited.

National Games Teams

to be held at the National Equestrian Centre at Brigadoon, in WA 2013 25- 29th Sep 2013.

The following have been selected for the Nationals being held in WA in September:

Coach: Liz Murton for both Junior & Senior

Junior: Alexandra Deegan, Alarna Fraser, David Gardiner, Tiahna Munday and Bronte Page,

Team Manager/Chaperone: Karen Pearce – reserve Bailey Elias

Senior: Alesha Chilcott, Sabrina Docherty, Tegan Lovell, Tayla Smith and Carina Walton.

Team Manager/Chaperone: Phylliss Pyke, reserve Mikaela Chilcott

Congratulations to all and good luck. They will be riding ponies kindly lent to them by WA. We thank them wholeheartedly for this offer. We are fortunate to have this happen because some of the other states have declared it too far to travel and will not be taking part.

KELLIE SHEPHERD

We hear that Kellie is progressing slowly but will still have to stay in the RHH for the unforeseeable future. A fund has been set up to help the family with all the expenses that will be incurred due to her horrific accident. PCT has donated \$500 towards it, while the Northern zone and many of its clubs have also made donations. If any club wishes to help the family out, the account into which to make a payment is Shepherd Family Trust, BSB 807009, Act number 1031414.

UNAUTHORISED USE OF GROUNDS

Parks and Wildlife service have noticed unauthorised horse riders using the Launceston's clubs grounds at Trevallyn. It has been brought to their attention that many clubs believe this is a public use area and that they are allowed to use the x-country course. There are designated horse riding trails around the perimeter of the reserve which are open for public use provided the correct trails are followed. These are available for viewing on the parks and wildlife website. The X-country course can only be used when an EA or PC instructor is present which LPRC and Parks and Wildlife have approved. This is a public liability issue. Northern clubs, could you put this in your newsletter so that other clubs and riders may see it.

EVENTING RULES The new PC Addendum to the EA Eventing rules is now on the website. Clubs Coaches and Eventing riders should study it and the EA Rule book too.

A few of the changes from last year are listed here but it does not include all so the responsibility is with the riders to make sure they know the ones that affect them. They are advised to study these in particular.

- Penalties for carrying whip - 4 penalties for carrying around the arena (error of course) but elimination if rider completes more than three movements of the test.
- Rider must be checked out after a fall by the paramedics.
- The horse must be checked by a vet if had a fall.
- Time wasting rule - Clock can be stopped before the finish, i.e. at the time that the rider begins the time wasting. EA Rule 5.40.3. Will be classed as dangerous riding.
- Fly hoods/bonnets are now allowed in Dressage as long as not starched, nor hiding ear plugs.
- A fall in any phase of the event is elimination.

REMINDER

Please will all those clubs who have not sent their latest Officer Bearers into us please do so ASAP. I have not received any from the southern clubs and only one from the NW. The North is the only zone from which I have a majority of the new OBs.

Please note change of email address as above for Kyra, our new administrator, from the form I sent.

Another point when sending them in, it would be greatly appreciated if you could change the name of the form when you send it to your **club name, OBs, 2013-14**, identifying your club by an abbreviated name, rather than using the name that is on it. Getting 20 forms with the same title on it means we have to change them all so we know which is which. That means 60 changes by the time we all three have done it, instead of 1 per club.

If this newsletter has gone to previous OBs please would you forward it to the new ones.

HANDBOOK CHANGES

2.2.3 Meetings *Change to*

- a. The Annual General Meeting, which all clubs should attend, is held on the last Sunday in November each year. No official ~~ODEs competitions or activities~~ may be conducted on the day of the AGM.

Section 9 GAMES RULES

NOTE Most recent changes in dark red font

CODES OF BEHAVIOUR AND WELFARE OF THE HORSE

Add at end of this clause

Abuse of the bit will be carefully monitored and any infringement will constitute elimination from the game in which it occurred.

3 TEAMS

Add at end of this clause

- Zones may run division 2 teams in any age group/s for less experienced riders.

5 PONIES

Change as below

- Must be groomed and well presented. ~~trimmed, mane and tail should not be plaited.~~

6 SADDLERY

Change as below

- Only snaffle bits are permitted for senior riders. Riders under 17 years may use any PC approved bit.

21 CHIEF JUDGE

Add in as second bullet

- Shall act as the TD and oversee the general organisation, including the schedule and draw, etc.

3 TEAMS

Add at end of Substitution clause

- With approval from the TD & DC's of competing clubs, if a rider or horse is deemed unfit to continue, the team may complete state games with 4 riders.