



## PCAT NEWSLETTER NO 56 – DECEMBER 2011

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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.**

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### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT.**

Judy Pitt has given a very comprehensive report of what the PCAT has been doing this year. It is posted on the website and I suggest that everyone reads it.

She has thanked everyone else for their hard work, but no one works longer hours than Judy for Pony Club both here in this state and for the PCA – she is the National Secretary. So a big THANK YOU, JUDY for all the work that you do for the PC movement. Be it noted that Judy is one of the few who has stayed working for PC even though she has no offspring now riding in it now. Not only does she carry out the presidential duties, but is also our web officer, and that does take up quite a lot of her time, not to mention the handbook revision. We must be sure that we do not burden her with too much or we will lose her, so clubs please do as much of the website update as you are able, such as inserting dates and keeping your records up to date.

### **PCAT AGM**

The state officials remain the same as last year, except that we welcome back to the PCAT fold Jill Viney, who has taken some of the load off Janet Frost's shoulders as the State test coordinator. Janet is still the Northern zone one and is kept quite busy in this role alone.

It was very disappointing to have only one club DC who is not a delegate in some other capacity, attend this meeting. This is the opportunity for DCs, and especially new ones, to observe and learn the workings of the PCAT Council. We always hope that they will stay on for that after the AGM.

### **Finances**

The State body is in a very good financial position, though the balance was somewhat depleted from last year's due to the cost of our state's participation in the National Championships. If my maths are correct these showed a deficit of just over \$21,000. The Council is reviewing the funding of these in the future ones because these costs are unsustainable at the present rate of spending.

### **SERVICE AWARDS**

The following awards were approved by council at their July meeting. Congratulations to all and many thanks for the contribution that they have made to Pony Club over the years. They were:

Senior Volunteer Awards (for 20 or more years of service to PC): Liesbeth Elliott and Andrew Gibson

Associate Service Awards: Emma Anderson, Jess Becker, Melanie Cotton, Bonnie Hall, Stephanie Hendey, Dannika Housego, Tegan Lovell and Claire Rechberger.

### **EVENTING NEWS**

The EA are holding a Technical Delegate clinic for Eventing TDs at the TEC on 17<sup>th</sup> December. It will be conducted by Neil Clinton at no cost to you. I do urge anyone who has the slightest interest in Eventing organisation, course designing, and even riders to go along and learn the latest rules and trends. If you intend going, you need to register with Ian Coulson at [ipcoulson@yahoo.com.au](mailto:ipcoulson@yahoo.com.au). One was held in the north last year so this is a great opportunity for southerners especially to update.

### **JUMPING EQUITATION**

Don't forget the David Quick Clinic and EA refresher course at Westbury on 11th & 12th August 2012 at Westbury. Jo MacFarlane and Judy Kilby are the co-ordinators. Put the date in your diary now and keep it free for this. Everyone who has attended say they have learned so much about how to ride showjumping.

## **NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

The results are all posted on the PCA website so I am not including any in here. Three show jumpers gained a top ten finish – 5th Mykaela Briggs on Starstruck Juliet and 6th Tia Adams on Bo Diddley in the Juniors and Tristian Newitt on Captain Magnum was 8th in the seniors. Meg Bishop and Princess Magnolia led the dressage phase in the Junior Eventing, but unfortunately were eliminated in the XC.

The Prince Philip Games team went particularly well, winning the first four races. Well done all.

The next Nationals in 2013 will be held in WA, the travel to which will be very expensive so it will not be likely that we will be supporting teams, however there may be some individuals that will want to go, and the PCAT will do all it can to help these if they are considered of sufficient standard.

They should consider the cost. As stated elsewhere, the Council is reviewing the funding of these, but obviously participants will have to pay more themselves in future. Families who went to Werribee said it cost from \$5000-\$6000 for them, even with the PCAT support, so it is expensive.

## **GAMES 2012**

These are the games, to be held in the North West Zone, that will be conducted for the State final:

Bending, Three Mug, Egg & Spoon, Daily Mail, Fishing, Ring, Pyramid, Bottle, Litter, Stick Pegging, 5 Flag, Ball & Cone, Hi-Lo, Sack, Tyre, Stepping Stones, Balloon and Two Flag races.

South Australia will host the Junior Mounted Games in September 2012.

Skye Ranicar has been selected as a member of the Australian International Mounted Games Exchange which will be held in NSW and ACT next April. Well done Skye and good luck to you and the whole team.

## **DRESSAGE TESTS for 2011-2012.**

Eventing Grade 1 – EA 2D, Gr 2 – EA 2B Gr 3 – EA 1B. No change for Gr 4 PCAV 4B & 5 PCAV 5A or 5B.

Dressage competitions C Group – 1B & 1D, B – 1D & 2C, and A – 2C & 2D. **Elementary – 3A.** This is the one that will be held at the championships and is a change to that published in the last newsletter. I am sorry for the confusion, but any Elem test in which you have gained 55% will qualify you.

## **SHOW JUMPING**

There has been a slight change to the way the Two Round Showjumping Competition will be run at the Championships in future. It will be conducted under EA Articles 373.3.4 & 4.4 which means that the faults and time in the first round decides the starting order for the second round. Competitors will start in the reverse order of their placings. That means the slowest of those who are equal on faults will go first. This is all it affects. The time you take in the first round has no bearing on the final results.

Organisers must be aware that they will have to process the placings of the first round quickly.

## **C\* TEST WORKBOOK**

The PCAV C\* workbook has now been finalised so we have now adopted it. The cost is \$20. All riders sitting for their C\* need to work through this and get it signed off like all the other tests, including B, before presenting for their test. Only H and A do not have a workbook.

## **SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY**

All riders should read this and be aware of what it implies. The policy can be found in the Latest News section of the PCAT website. Pony Club sees social media as an important tool and this policy is designed to protect the interest of the Pony Club management committee, members, volunteers and the organisation.

There are certain restrictions on what you may and may not say on all social networks, e.g. Facebook and Twitter, so be careful what you type.

## **HANDBOOK**

The Handbook revision is well on the way to completion. Judy Pitt and I, together with Lesley Hall – our proof reader, and Leonie Agius, who is formatting it for us, have spent many hours this past year in bringing it together. We hope to have it all on the website by the end of the year.

It has been completely reformatted. Some of the Sections have been amalgamated, some renumbered, and others removed from it but put into another section on the website. Though some sections are completed, they have not yet been put on the website, because as we revise another we sometimes find we have to add something from that into a previous one or change a reference number so it is intended to put them all up at the same time when all are completed.

There are quite a few different policies that the Sports Commission has published, which we are bound to abide by. These will all be included in the new handbook.

For your quick reference, the other Sections are now numbered 2 (old 1) – Administration By Laws and Notes, 3 – Guidelines for Pony Club Officials, 4 – Testing and Coaching, (includes the Panel of Approved Officials), 5 – International and State Representation, 6 (old 4) – Gear Rules and Club Uniforms, 7 (old 8) – Inter Club Champs and Competitions, Section 8 (old 10) – Eventing, Section 9 – Games and Section 10 (old 11) – Forms. The forms are all numbered according to the section to which they apply.

The Trophies are now on their own separate doc. Many thanks to Lex McIndoe who has photographed all these so they can be easily identified. A bit about them and their history is attached to each one. These, along with the past Representatives and Test Holders are in a Section called PCAT Honour Roll. They are not something that you need to carry around with you for reference.

Personally I think it unnecessary to print out the whole handbook, but suggest that you keep it updated on a flash stick and carry that about. These days there is always someone at a meeting or competition with a laptop into which you can insert it to look at the relevant section.

## **REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION and CLUB UNIFORMS**

We are still in need of some club's photos. Though the secretary says only photos of the approved official uniforms are required, I think it is nice to have one of all parts such as rugby tops, polo shirts, jackets or whatever you have in your club colours so please include them too. Many clubs have similar colours so other clubs can then be sure that they do not get the same ones of those items too.

Riders should be dismounted, modelling the various tops and holding the saddle cloth so any badges or writing on them is clearly visible. Make sure all different colours and bands on tops and caps are showing.

## **PCA MEETING**

Items of Interest from it are the:

### **Ponies to Podium – PCA and EA partnership**

PCA and EA signed a MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) last May with the purpose of establishing a framework for closer cooperation between the two organisations. It is very important to understand that EA are not taking over pony club, particularly in Tasmania as we already do work fairly closely with EA.

Some of the initiatives are:

- The immediate project is to develop a rebate scheme for dual members. Riders who are members of both organisations and who are aged between 12 and 16 will receive a \$50 rebate. Riders will need to prove that they are already a member of pony club when they apply to EA for the rebate.
- To provide Joint Initiatives in Participation. This will provide coaches and officials clear recognition of accreditation within both organisations, as well as provide the ability to move between the two sports, and to provide a formal pathway from participation to elite competition.

## **PCA logo competition**

Congratulations and thank you to Jess Pyke who is one of the two finalists.

## **Biosecurity**

Our future is showing that it will become mandatory for all horses to be micro chipped for many reasons. If a horse is vaccinated for the Hendra Virus for example, it will test positive for the virus and law demands that a horse with a positive test will be euthanased. There would be no problem, however, if the horse is micro chipped and the vaccination is recorded on it.

## **GRANTS SUBMISSION HELP WANTED**

**PCAT is hoping to form a Grant sub-committee.** Phyllis Fairhurst, who has done these for us for a number of years is about to retire, so we are looking for someone/s to take her place. Do clubs have anyone able to assist? I believe it follows the same format more or less from year to year so is relatively simple to take forward but the latest figures have to be inserted.

## **HORSELAND RAFFLE RESULT**

**1<sup>st</sup> Yolanda Dalton/Launceston, 2<sup>nd</sup> Amelia Beazley/Georgetown, 3<sup>rd</sup> Tracey Boon/Westwood, 4<sup>th</sup> Ali Lewis/North Hobart, 5<sup>th</sup> Lex McIndoe/ Hobart, 6<sup>th</sup> M. Glancy/Blackmans Bay.**

**Booksellers winner: J.Carter/Riana**

## WHOLLY HORSES

Pru Cotton of Wholly Horses at Levendale has established this program to retrain and re-home retired racehorses. It is sponsored by Tote and administered by the Board of her core business, Wholly Horses Inc. We are setting up a database of horses who are already being offered by trainers, and our first horse arrived yesterday.

Mountie is a beautiful strong boy, light bay, 16hh and 6 years old. We are also setting up a database of prospective owners, and we already have a prospective owner lined up for him.

Pru has had a long and successful career in a number of equestrian disciplines, and I had six years with Huntingfield Pony Club as a parent, a committee member and finally as DC. We have both been concerned that ex-racehorses often go to young riders who lack the experience to retrain them after their racing careers. This raises not only safety issues, but also sets keen young riders up for possible failure. We want to fill that gap by professionally letting down and then retraining these magnificent horses, and finally matching them with suitable new owners.

We hope that Pony Clubbers and their parents will see the benefits of our program. I can send you a brochure if you are interested. Email [julia.clark@bigpond.com](mailto:julia.clark@bigpond.com) if so.

We would be very happy to attend rallies with our horses to demonstrate what can be achieved with this approach.

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An informational letter, The Member Participation Form and a List of all Tasmanian Participating Produce Stores can be found on the Latest News Section on the front page of the PCAT website.