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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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### LIFE MEMBERSHIP AWARD

Congratulations to Paul Gardam who was awarded this at the AGM. Paul is a long time member of the NW Pony Club community. He is also a life member of the former North West Pony Club, Life Member of the PCAT North West Zone & was awarded the PCAT 20 year service award in 2002.

He began as a riding member of the now defunct NW club, only leaving when forced to re reached 21. The family rejoined again in 1974 with daughter Jodi as the riding member. He was DC of the NWPC for 3 years from 1990-93, and was president of the Fernpark club, (an amalgamation of the NW and Penguin clubs) in 2007-09.

In the 1980's Paul became an accredited TD and cross country course designer/builder. Paul designed and was the major course builder for grade 1 trials held at Ridgley in 1992 & 1995, then the course builder for a new grade 1 & 2 trials course in 1998 & 2001. Paul was also on the steering committee and a major contributor to the next two trials courses built at Penguin in 2004 & 2007. He is also a show jump judge and show jump course designer/builder and has been a TD, designed and built courses or judged at many state championships. All his work has been done on a voluntary basis.

Paul was president of the Pony Club Association of Tasmania from November 1966 to 2002 during which time he represented the state at the APPC meetings and was its vice president from 2000-2002 too. He did not seek re-election as president in 2002 but stayed on for a further year as the vice president.

During the period 1996 – 2002 Paul was also chairperson of the PCAT North West Zone.

### SERVICE AWARDS

Congratulations to the three associates who received the member award for outstanding service to their club. These were Erin Boer, Liana Corbett and Hannah Cranston-Guenzel.

Also awarded at the July meeting were Anne Cotton, Andy deKaste and Sue deKaste. All have given well over 20 years service to their clubs, zones and the state in general.

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The present state officials were all reappointed today with the exception of Phyllis Fairhurst as the vice president, who notified of her wish to resign that position. Karina Johnstone has been elected in her place. Phyllis remains as the state Member Protection Officer.

We thank her for her many years of work on Pony Club's behalf. She was a southern zone CC for a very long time and was appointed as vice chairperson in 2003. Until this year she has done all the preparation for the application of grants, for which collating all the facts needed for this is quite a difficult and time consuming job, as well as mediating when necessary as the state MPO.

Our President's Annual Report, which highlights the year's happenings, is attached to this email.

It was very disappointing to have only two DC's, other than those who were a Zone representative, attending this. It is a great chance for all DCs to see how the council works for the benefit of all PC members.

Our Treasurer always presents a very comprehensive but easily understood financial report at every meeting, and one can see at a glance what has come in and gone out, as well as what we have on hand in the various funds. The Annual report also includes a breakdown of each club's membership. We had 928 members as at 30<sup>th</sup> June. The state is in a very sound financial position, due in part to over \$3,000 raised by the Horseland

Raffle and the Sport and Recreation's grant, which last year amounted to \$8,000, for whose support we sincerely thank. This year \$19,000 for various projects had been applied for. We are waiting to hear if we will be successful.

Anne Cotton, our state's chief coach, has worked hard on National projects as well as State matters regarding coaching, and often steps in to chair the National Coaching panel.

State representatives have attended a number of workshops lately, the reports of which will be attached to the minutes and distributed to the clubs.

### **PONY CLUB AUSTRALIA**

Three Tasmanian delegates attended the round of National meetings in early November – Judy Pitt to the Council, Anne Cotton to the Coaches' and Sue deKaste to the Administrators'. Judy says "There were some quite momentous decisions made and I believe that the National body is now moving forward in a positive way."

Among these:

- PCA has now adopted in principal the Australian Sports Commission best practice model for governance. Final details are to be worked on, but essentially a board will be sought and they will govern PCA and the Delegates and Coaching Panel will oversee the strategic planning.
- Our name will change from being the Pony Club Association of Tasmania to straight Pony Club Tasmania.
- A national database is to be developed, which will replace the BelleVue system that NSW Tas and Vic have been using.
- A new comprehensive insurance policy, which will incorporate all the states, is being researched with the object of combining the best from each state's policies into one.

### **INTERSTATE COMPETITIONS**

**Junior Mounted Games** were hosted by South Australia in September. The team of David Gardner, Allarna Fraser, Kayla Crowthers, Caleb Dales and Jess Price, together with Karley Beer as reserve attended many training days and finished 5<sup>th</sup>, beating Queensland, a state highly experienced in games. They placed quite well in some of the games and did manage to win the last game of the day. Well done to all.

Thank you to coach Liz Murton for training the team – I gather she was quite a hard taskmaster, especially about the rider's fitness – and to manager Sue deKaste for caring for them.

It was great to receive a thank you card/note from three of the riders for the support the PCAT gave them.

**PCA National Championships to be held at the National Equestrian Centre at Brigadoon, in WA 2013** from 26/9/13 - 2/10/13. There is no information about it on the WA website yet, so we cannot tell you a lot except that it will be a costly exercise. WA have obtained a quote from a preferred transporter and the return cost on the truck will be approx. \$1600. WA advise that the minimum cost for a horse and rider to take part would be about \$6,000. We also have to get across Bass Strait and there is uniform to be added to that too so it could rise to as much as \$8,000. Information will be circulated to every club which will contain approx. travel costs, timetable and nomination procedures if any rider is interested.

We are calling for nominations for these, including the games team, which must be in the hands of the secretary by 28<sup>th</sup> February. WA have offered to find ponies for Tasmanian riders for the junior team, so we will select for that team. We also need any expressions of interest for the coach and manager for this. Send to the secretary by 15<sup>th</sup> January.

It is unlikely that we would have sufficient riders to provide a team in any category – only 3 have expressed an interest at this stage – but will support any individual who is considered worthy of representing the state.

#### Required Qualifications:

All riders must compete 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.

Uniform change The Council has approved white or beige jodhpurs for the State uniform for these championships.

**The International Mounted Games** in 2013 will be held in Canada. Congratulations to David Gardner of Circular Head who has been selected as part of the Australian Team, and to Anne Cotton who has been approved as the Team Manager. David has to contribute \$6,500 towards his costs so clubs please get behind his fund-raising activities.

### **STATE GAMES FORMAT**

The proposal to change the Games finals to September was not accepted. All zones found reasons why it would not suit so it will remain in its usual time slot at the end of May. Next year they will be on May 26<sup>th</sup> at the Pontville grounds. A list of next year's games will be posted on the website ASAP.

The proposed changes to the Games rules as outlined in the last newsletter have been prepared and it is now waiting for the CCP to review them. Hopefully these will be formally agreed at the March meeting. The present proposal is for a senior and junior division of 5 members in a team with 15 games conducted. 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.

These suggestions have not, as yet, all been formally adopted, but the new age groups stated below have:

- **Senior** - Rider under 25 on the 1<sup>st</sup> January in the year of the competition
- **Junior** - Rider under 16 years on the 1<sup>st</sup> January in the year of the competition
- Members under 16 years may compete in the Senior Division.

Therefore the competition in 2013 will be run in two age groups, not combined as previously. The new junior age corresponds with that of the IPPMG.

### **DRESSAGE AND JUMPING CHAMPIONSHIPS**

These will be held at Westbury Showgrounds on 23 & 24<sup>th</sup> March.

The dressage tests to be used are the same as last year:- C Group – 1B & 1D, B – 1D & 2C, and A – 2C & 2D. Elementary – 3A. Remember that only one qualifying tests may be an eventing test; the other must be from a specific dressage competition.

### **SHOW JUMPING SPEEDS**

Due to a change in the EA rules for Show Jumping from 1<sup>st</sup> July, the speed for the conduct of pure SJ classes for our grades 1, 2 and 3, i.e. for classes of 80 cm and above, will be 350 mpm, while competitions conducted at below 80 cm, (Grade 4) will remain at a maximum of 325 mpm. As any class below Grade 4 is unofficial, clubs are free to conduct these at any speed they wish. Those limited by size of pony or age of rider may need to be slower than that. Eventing speeds remain the same as before.

### **EVENTING NEWS**

The new PCAT Addendum to the EA Rules for Eventing 2012 is up on the website, however there is a small point that has been changed. See below in Handbook changes.

The dressage tests to be used are the same as last year Grade 1 – 2D, 2 – 2B, 3 – 1B, 4 – PCAV 4B.

### **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 Richard Ireland will be the TDs.

Richard Ireland has taken over from Ian Coulsen, because Ian has been appointed as the TD at an event in Brazil. The PCAT wishes to congratulate Ian on the international appointment.

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.

### **Back Numbers For Trials**

I notified clubs in the last newsletter that riders would need to purchase plastic bibs that hold their numbers for the Trials this year. However the Northern Zone have offered to lend their numbers to save riders having to purchase them. They will have a run of 1 - 150 gold on black cloth numbers by then so the Council accepted this offer and thanked the zone for helping riders who do not already have them.

PCAT have directed the NW zone to use these for all riders at the forthcoming Trials.

## Monitoring ODE Results

DCs are reminded that they should monitor all their members results to ascertain that they have qualified. It is the DCs responsibility to confirm what the riders put on their entry forms, so they need to keep track of all the events they have started in to see that they are correct. All the results of the ODEs are put on the clubs' and/or zone websites. **This is a safety risk management requirement and no rider is to compete at Trials unless they have completed the required standard.**

## Technical Delegates Reports

A reminder to TDs that when you send out reports of the events that you are TD at, please send them only to those that are concerned with its organisation as directed at the end of the form.

## WAIVER FORMS

Now that members have to sign a waiver form in order to be a PC member it is not necessary for clubs to attach one to their schedules for competitions closed to PC members, but if it is open to anyone then they do need other riders to sign one.

## HISTORY MADE

This year, the Tasmanian Pony and Riding Club is celebrating its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary. This club originally covered the whole of Tasmania for ten years, hence its name, so it is quite a historical Pony Club happening. It held a celebration evening on 30<sup>th</sup> November attended by 50-60 people. Most of their life members were present, together with other past and present members. Phyliss Pyke gave a brief history of the origins of the club then went around the room asking many of the past officials and a few recently retired members of their recollections of their time in the club. An enjoyable evening was had by all.

## HANDBOOK

All the sections of the handbook are now up on the website with the exception of the Games Rules, the format of which is still being finalised. The rules of the actual games themselves are still current. There is now a link to the current EA Eventing rules - look under Handbook 2012 for them too.

**STOP PRESS - THE HORSELAND RAFFLE** of \$1000 gift voucher was won by Steph Jones of Longford who is a member of Midlands Pony Club. Second Prize of \$500 gift voucher was won by Jayne Dobie of Huon District Pony & Riding Club. A full list will be published on the PCAT website.

## HANDBOOK CHANGES

The footer dates in these sections should be changed to November 2012 as well as the items listed below.

**Gear Rules Section 6.7.8 d.** Beige ~~or white~~ Jodhpurs

**Eventing Addendum 15.** *Riding Down: Championships* - Delete bullet 2.

- ~~• Combinations qualifying for two grades in one season must compete at the Trials in the higher of the two grades for which they have qualified.~~

## State Games ages

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**The PCAT team wish all riders and officials a happy Christmas and safe and fun riding in the New Year.**