



NEWS UPDATE JULY 2011

INTERNATIONAL MOUNTED GAMES EXCHANGE

Pony Club Australia would like to congratulate the IMG Team of Grace Simmons (NT), Kimberley Bariaolo (SA), Mathew North (NSW), Elizabeth Craine (WA) and Joe Pearson (Vic) on their wonderful 2nd placing.

United Kingdom won the competition, held in Kentucky, USA, with Australia second, USA third and Canada 4th.

Our team rode extremely well in the very hot humid weather to finish on a score of 56 points. Many thanks to our coach Sean Corbin (WA) and team manager Sue Young (SA)

DRESSAGE, SHOWJUMPING & EVENTING NATIONAL RULEBOOKS

The rulebooks, for use in Pony Club Australia national competitions, are now finalised and available on the Pony Club Australia website to download.

TRAVELLING ON AN OVERSEAS TOUR

Each year a number of members are selected to represent Pony Club Australia in friendly exchanges with other countries. To help prepare for these tours, which are often spread over 2 weeks, some checklists and presentations have been prepared by Business Risks International. The PowerPoint presentations can be found under the International Exchanges section of the website. A useful resource, even for teams travelling from one state to another.

POCKET GUIDE FOR HORSE ORGANISATIONS & CLUBS – HORSE WELFARE & WELLBEING

Prepared by the Australian Horse Industry Council (AHIC) Industry Advisory Committee members, it will help horse organisations of all sizes and types to think about how to incorporate horse welfare in all parts of the clubs management and operations.

A link to the resource can be found on the Pony Club Australia home page.

Individual clubs who want a Word version to add their own logo are invited to contact the AHIC directly. Email secretary@horsecouncil.org.au

MAKE A HORSE HEALTH YOUTUBE VIDEO – PONY CLUB AUSTRALIA COMPETITION

Young people under the age of 18 yrs have the opportunity to show how they protect their horses and ponies from Hendra or other infectious disease through making a YouTube Video to share. Just pick one or more of the recommended practices below (1-10) and make a short video of between 30 seconds and two minutes.

Here is a horse keeping one made by a group of 13 yr old girls one weekend on a film camp
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GH-omQY3aY8>

Make the video memorable or funny, add music or graphics, design a TV advert or just provide the message from a totally different angle.

Send entries with your name, address, age and your pony club you (if you are a member); to info@ponyclubaustralia.com for uploading to a dedicated YouTube channel to be linked to Pony Club Australia www.ponyclubaustralia.com.au homepage once the first entry is received. A “people’s choice” voting competition will be held to judge the winner when a group of videos are uploaded. Prizes to be announced and more than one prize will be available according to the number and type of entries received. Pony Club Australia holds the right not to upload videos which may not be suitable. Non-pony club members are invited to enter.

Tips for reducing the risk of Hendra

1. Place feed and water containers under cover if possible but not under trees, particularly if flying foxes are attracted to those trees.
2. Do not use feed that might be attractive to flying foxes if they are known to be in the area. For example fruit and vegetables or anything sweet, such as molasses.
3. If possible, remove horses from paddocks where flowering trees have resulted in a temporary surge in flying fox numbers. Return the horses after the trees have stopped flowering. If removal of horses from these paddocks is not possible, try to temporarily remove your horses during times of peak flying fox activity (usually at dusk and during the night).
4. Wash your hands with soap and water regularly during and after handling multiple horses.
5. Keep any sick horses isolated from other horses, people and animals until you have obtained a veterinary opinion.
6. Do not allow visiting horse practitioners (farriers, etc) to work on sick horses. They should only work on healthy horses
7. If there is more than one horse on your property, handle unaffected horses first and then only handle sick horses after taking appropriate precautions.
8. Make sure gear exposed to any body fluids from horses is cleaned and disinfected before it is used on other horses. This includes things like halters, lead ropes and twitches. Talk to your vet about cleaning agents and disinfectants to use.
9. Seek veterinary advice before bringing any sick horse back to your property
10. Know where to find fact sheets about Hendra and other diseases online

INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGES TO BE HELD IN AUSTRALIA

- International Mounted Games – 2012
- Inter Pacific Games – 2015

PONY CLUB AUSTRALIA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2011

The Pony Club Australia National Championships will be hosted by Victoria in 2011. The Event will be held at Werribee Park National Equestrian Centre during the week of the 26th September to the 1st October.

The National Championships showcase the best riders from around Australia. There are four disciplines featured at these championships they are Dressage, Showjumping, Eventing and Mounted Games. To find out more, visit the event website www.ponyclubnationals.org.au

DESIGN A MODERN PONY CLUB AUSTRALIA LOGO COMPETITION

Entries are now open to design a new Pony Club Australia logo for general branding purposes. The logo is to be appealing to today's young people. The logo will not replace the primary logo used for traditional purposes e.g. on rule books, but will be used for promotional items and linked to less formal opportunities.

Entries must be in jpeg format and full colour. Multiple entries per person are permitted.

Send in your entry with your name, address, local pony club (if a member) email and mobile to info@ponyclubaustralia.com.au by 30 September.

A \$50 voucher to spend at Horseland has been donated by Di Cullen of Pony Club New South Wales for the entry selected as the winner.

INTERNATIONAL MOUNTED GAMES 2012 - CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

State Pony Club offices are now calling for nominations for the next International Mounted Games (IMG) Pony Club Australia Team Manager, Coach & riders.

In a new initiative, "shadow" roles for the Manager and Coach are also being called for. These are open to people who may be thinking of nominating for one of these roles in the future but would like to get a feel for what is involved in organising and managing a team. In the case that the Team Manager or Coach cannot attend at the last minute for any reason or needs to return to Australia before the tour is finished, then this position may be asked to step in.