

## ZONE REPORT JUNE 2018

### **TEAMS HORSE TRIALS HELD AT YERINGBERG**

Congratulations to Healesville for winning the event this year. Well deserved. A big thank you to all the clubs who helped prepare the grounds and manned the jumps, dressage rings, cross country etc. It was a great event. Thank you once again to Jim Page for her terrific effort on the cross country. Also a thank you to our chief score collector who no longer has his daughter in pony club but turns up religiously to collect the score sheets Paul Harris.

### **GOVERNANCE**

New governance structure has virtually been agreed upon between all of the State Councillors with Margot Foster now drawing up the rules. July will see a series of road shows going around the State. PCV expects all club executives to attend to have the new governance explained and answer any queries. The new structure will come out to Secretaries of your clubs first to enable clubs to have a look at the new constitution and then their queries can be answered. Still waiting on the venue and dates but they will be out shortly. I will get Robina to send them to the clubs straight away rather than waiting for the July meeting.

### **NEW CONCUSSION POLICY**

PCA have put out articles in their May newsletter regarding concussion and this is the formal policy. Can all clubs please go to the PCV website and download the concussion Policy and the Concussion Recognition Tool. This is a very handy document for clubs to have. Clubs should display this in their club house so that everyone is aware (especially parents) of this policy. Most importantly if there is any grounds for suspicion that concussion has occurred the rider is not permitted to remount and continue riding. The only exception is if the rider has undergone a medial assessment and written consent to continue riding that day is provided by a Medical Practitioner. Please note that PARENTS HAVE NO RIGHT TO OVER-RIDE the decision of the First Aid Officer/medical practitioner.

### **PCA AWARDS**

A big Congratulations to Jarryd Stanley from Seville Pony Club who won the Best achievement by a rider over 17 years. Well done Jarryd and well deserved.

### **INTERNATIONAL COACHING OPPORTUNITIES IN CHINA**

PCA are looking for Coaches who would be available to teach at pony clubs in China for a period of 2 or 3 months. Applicants should have PCANCAS Preliminary or Level 1 accreditation. If you want further information contact Catherine Ainsworth at PCA.

## **CHILD SAFE SPORT**

Pony club Australia has worked with the Australian Childhood Foundation, Australian Sports Commission and State Pony Club associations and have developed the following three documents –

Statement of Commitment to Child Safety

Child Safety Code of Conduct

Child Safety Report.

Over the next 6 months PCA will be development tools and ideas for clubs to embed child safety in their activities.

There is a free online course from “Play by the rules” is a great introductory resource for clubs and administrators.

## **PRINCE PHILLIP JUNIOR MOUNTED GAMES TEAMS ARE SELECTED.**

Congratulations to Grace Perkins, Caitlyn Seini, Georgina Bissicks, Tyla Davies, Gemma Van Der Rydt and reserve Jack Bissicks. Most of these riders come from NMZ clubs.

## **2018 JUNIOR NATIONAL MOUNTED GAMES CHAMPIONSHIP**

We have some of our riders who have made the team who are Caitlyn Seini from KGPC, Georgia Bissicks from Yarrambat PC. Tyla Davies from KGPC and reserve is Jack Bissicks from Yarrambat. Pony club Victoria is hosting the 2018 Junior Mounted games championship on October 6 at PCVEC. Teams will arrive in Victoria 4th and will spend time in

the Yarra Valley participating in a variety of activities and social functions before the championships. More information to come.

## **AGM**

Most clubs have had their AGM's by now. Please ensure that you send a copy of your new committee to Robina and myself and update your website. It has come to my attention that some clubs are failing to lodge their returns after their AGM with Consumer Affairs Victoria. Please ensure that you let your new secretaries know that they are the returning officer for the club and must lodge a copy of their financials and Minutes of the AGM and pay the requisite fee. This is now a lot simpler as it can be done online now.

## **AWARDS OF MERIT**

Closing date for the award of Merit is 30<sup>th</sup> June at PCV. That means if you have any candidates you should have sent them to Robina by now. Please see Robina if you have anyone in your club or you are unsure about anything.

## **FEES AND CARDS**

We are all only financial up until the 30<sup>th</sup> June. Clubs by now should be doing their returns on line through my pony club portal. Clubs having events early July will have difficulty with riders who may not have joined up so the policy for any club having an event in July is if they do not produce the new grading card then NO CARD NO RIDE. They cannot be verified in July as it takes the office a little while to send out cards etc.

Also if you have a rally early July and the cards are not received riders cannot ride unless their fees have been paid so the club will have to be on guard in this area.

## **QUALIFYING OTHER THAN AT A RALLY**

Riders can obtain a rally attendance when trying to qualify for A state championship event. Once they have qualified for the event they cannot then receive another attendance. Attendances can also be obtained at a minuted zone clinic or state clinic. It does not have to be on their rally day.

HOWEVER these attendances cannot be used as grading. Riders must attend a minimum of TWO rallies at their club in front of their DC in order to be graded and maintain their grading. This rule does not really benefit senior riders who have to have only two rallies a year but it benefits junior riders who have to have a minimum of 5.

## **COACH REGISTRATION**

Similarly all coaches are only current up to the 30<sup>th</sup> June, so when they attend your July rally make sure that you see their current 2018/2019 registration card. When booking them for your July rally please ensure that you remind them to be registered because they cannot teach at your rally if they are not.

## **RIDE TO TIME**

I notice most of the other zones have their practice dates up on the PCV website with the dates of practice and venues. NMZ has no dates or venues up. Who on the panel is organising this and can we get some dates up. The finals is in August which is not long to go.

## **GRADING CARDS AND ATTENDANCES**

All Clubs should note that all riders to maintain their grading must have 2 rallies at their own club within 12 months otherwise they do not maintain their grading. Riders can get attendances at lots of other events but this really only benefits junior riders who must have 5 attendances a year but not senior riders who must have 2 attendances at their club. If they have not had two attendances within the 12 months at their club then they cannot compete.

## **VISITING OTHER CLUBS AND GAINING AN ATTENDANCE**

In some rare instances riders can visit another club and gain an attendance under special circumstances. However the DC from both clubs must agree as well as the zone rep. Exception circumstances are – shared custody of a child who lives some time with each parent and distance is too great. Away at a country University for study and can't get to their rally but will attend a local pony club rally instead etc. However to maintain grading only the DC of the member's club can grade that rider.

Cheers

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