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This newsletter is much shorter than past editions because most of the newsy items get posted directly onto our website so look them up there under the heading of LATEST NEWS.

## PCA INSTRUCTOR CLINIC

and NCAS EFA Update on August 25-26<sup>th</sup> with the National coach, **Di Keach** at the Exton Indoor School. We are rather short on nominations this year, probably because of the recent clinic with David Quick, but we particularly do urge all those coaches who did not attend that to come to this one, and if you can make it to both, all the better. Clubs please urge your coaches to attend. **MAKE SURE THEY KNOW ABOUT IT.** It is of interest to all standards. Accommodation will be provided by the Northern Zone.

Last year's course with Di was voted the best ever, and this year we will provide some real beginners for Di to work with at the start of the first day. This segment in particular went down really well. Then we hope to take the next groups a step further and cover more ground, followed on the second day by the programme we missed out on last year due to EI breaking out. Nominations to this course are to come to [agraves@activ8.net.au](mailto:agraves@activ8.net.au).

## OVERSEAS TEAM VISITS

Pony Club Australia is looking for **nominations from a coach and chaperone** for the two international visits planned for next year. They are for the **International Mounted Games** being held in Canada from the 24th June to the 7th July and the **Interpacific Exchange** to be being held in Hong Kong from the 24th July to the 7th August 2009. If you are interested send you application in to our State secretary on form 11.6.2 for coach and 11.6.3 for chaperone by 30<sup>th</sup> September. Coaches and Chaperones receive from PCA 2/3rds of their fares (including insurance), land fees and accommodation if selected. We can send you a copy of the requirements for Coaches and Chaperones accompanying teams overseas as a guideline for those who may wish to apply, or this information can also be found on the Pony Club Australia website – [www.ponyclubaustralia.com](http://www.ponyclubaustralia.com)

We will also be calling for nominations for **Interpacific riders** before the next Council meeting, so any of your riders who would be interested in nominating should look at Section 6 of the Handbook for more details.

## PCA NATIONAL COACH

PCA is also calling for Expressions of Interest for the position of National Coach for 2009. They may consider appointing different ones if there are Coaches with special interests and qualifications in the areas of: Flat work, Showjumping and Cross Country. For further details check on the PCA website. Closing date is 17<sup>th</sup> Oct.

## JUMPING EQUITATION CLINIC

The Clinic with David Quick at the Westbury showground was very well attended and greatly appreciated by all who attended. A report is on the website. David made it abundantly clear how important the balanced jumping seat with a secure leg position and good eye contact is to a successful show jumping round. I would like to point out to those who shun JE that the present World Cup holder, Meredith Michaels-Beerbaum, who incidentally won it 2 years ago too and was placed in the WEG at Aachen, was brought up by these methods.

## TECHNICAL DELEGATES

More are needed for both eventing and dressage and show jumping competitions. A good knowledge of all the disciplines and their rules, including cross country course design, is needed for an Eventing TDs. For SJ and/or Dressage only the rules of those disciplines are needed.

The state has booked Neil Clinton from Victoria to officiate at the Trials and also to conduct a TD course during them so **ALL POSSIBLE TDS (PRESENT AND FUTURE) ARE URGED TO ATTEND.**

## RAFFLE

The PCAT are again holding the annual raffle and ticket books will be sent to your club shortly. Tickets are \$2.00 each with your club retaining \$1.00 and \$1.00 going back to the PCAT. Please be supportive of this raffle and encourage all members to sell a book as this is the major fund raiser for the year and will benefit all members.

## **OFFICE BEARERS LIST and CALENDAR UPDATES**

Please email your new Office bearer's details **immediately** after your AGMs to your zone sec and to our secretary: Jill Viney – [jviney@activ8.net.au](mailto:jviney@activ8.net.au), president: Judy Pitt – [jpitt@activ8.net.au](mailto:jpitt@activ8.net.au) and me at [agraves@activ8.net.au](mailto:agraves@activ8.net.au) so that we can be sure no information distribution is missed.

Please also keep us all informed of any new or changed fixture dates. All clubs that are operating their own web sites should also have their calendar dates shown on the PCAT Website. Simply tick the State box and the update will be shown on the following day after the system refreshes overnight. If each club would do this, it would ensure that the state calendar is up to date and members can access organisers contact details easily.

## **UNIFORM PHOTOS**

The PCAT maintains a book of photographs of all clubs' registered colours. All clubs are requested to supply a new digital photo showing all parts of the present uniform without a horse. This may be 3 or 4 riders depending on what you have holding the saddle cloth. Be sure cuffs, collars and all badges/markings on any item are clearly showing.

## **MOUNTED GAMES**

Barry Harper, our State Games Coach has been coaching the squad which was selected in May over the last few months, and the final team was selected on the 9<sup>th</sup>. They are Joshua Dales (Hunt), Samantha Gardner (Circular Head), Sarah Henley (L'ton), Chloe Ranicar (Tas) and Samantha Smith (Hunt) with Peter Archer of (Tas) as reserve. It was noted how most of the riders had improved since the squad selection.

Essentials for team selection are to be able to vault well onto both large and small horses, to be fast getting from A to B and accurate with the task at hand. When an error occurs, and they will, be quick in realising it has happened and in correcting it.

## **PCAT CHAMPIONSHIPS**

There are few changes to be noted for the coming year:

- The ages for B and C groups (where applicable) has changed. 14 yrs olds will now be in B group so that C group will now consist of riders under 14 years.
- Riders must still attend 3 rallies to obtain a rally qualification, but that a horse only requires 1 rally.
- Scramble teams will no longer be considered for non-selected teams, i.e. for Grade 3 Trials and the Dressage and Jumping championships.
- Riders may ride two horses maximum at the Trials and Jumping champs – subject to the organiser's conditions – but only one of these may be in grade3, however they may ride two horses in either Grade 1 or 2.

These two are applicable to the Trials only:

- Speed for grade 3 to increase to 400mpm (12 month trial) – NW Zone does not agree
- Qualification – that there are no more than 85 XC jumping penalties.

## **EFA SHOWJUMPING JUDGES CLINIC**

This gives all up and coming judges a chance to learn, as well as present ones to up date, so if you are interested in going, please advise Liz Brough ASAP if you will be attending. Take your rule book with you.

**On 30th August 08**, at the "Man o Ross" Hotel, Ross with Mrs Anne Garner, Victoria an International judge.

**Cost** of the clinic is free and catering will be provided.

**Format:** The course presenter will work through current FEI/EFA rules. Other areas looked at will include responsibilities of a judge; importance of well filled in results sheets and to whom they should be returned; knowledge required on course designing, walking and measuring a course. Time for open discussion on issues.

**Contact** Mrs Liz Brough, Phone: 6343 6496 or 0408 139 246 Email: [stevebrough@hotmail.com](mailto:stevebrough@hotmail.com)

## **TRAVELLING ALLOWANCE**

The Council decided that PC would cover fuel costs rather than set a per km figure from now on. We could not match the government rate in this volunteer based organisation but we need to cover the basic travelling cost.

## HANDBOOK CHANGES

I have been working through the handbook and updated most sections so have also done a new cover for Edition 11 of 2008. It is up to you if you want to print out all the new sections or just make the changes in your present books. Check the date on the footer to find out if it has been updated later than your last copy.

All references to the following have been changed throughout all sections: APCC to PCA, CIs to CCs, CIP to CCP, etc because Instructors are now referred to as Coaches and Horse Trials to Eventing, so are only cosmetic and have not been highlighted. APCC to PCA is the only change in the Constitution and Policy documents so do not need reprinting. I have highlighted only where there is a change of rule or procedure.

Rather than me listing every change here it is easier for you to get onto the PCAT website and check the changes for yourselves. Please check on the Website, and update your printed copies or download the new ones.

There are quite a few changes in the following docs, but check them before printing out. You may only need to reprint one or two pages, not the whole doc. And/or pencil in the few changes.

Recently replaced sections are:-

Section 0 Revised Feb 2008

Section 1 All three docs. July-Aug 2008

Section 2 Both docs have been corrected rather than changed, i.e. with the new initials, etc, e.g. CI to CC. Aug.

Section 4 Both docs, but not many changes. Mac boots allowed. One or two uniforms have slight change. Aug.

Section 5 & 6 Both very little. Aug 08

Section 8 Quite a bit except for pages 8.5-7. Aug 08

Section 9 has no changes since August 07, except that a set up plan for the different games has been added.

Section 10 Annex. Change in Grade 3 speed.

Still to tackle the Sect 3, 10 Eventing rules etc, 11 Forms to sort out, and the Contents and Index which I am in the middle of, but cannot finish it until I have finished all the sections.

These will be done shortly so watch the website.

### Section 7 Official Panel

Add the following:

Erin Pitt as an examiner for most K test options

Alison Cook as C tester and an examiner for most K test options

Helmut Rechberger as an Eventing TD

### PC Hbk 10 EVENT ADDENDUM TO EFA RULES

Change Horse Trials to Eventing (capital E) throughout.

### Rule 16 QUALIFICATIONS

*p10.43 Change to read* The rider must have attended at least three working rallies, and the horse one, of their club during the past twelve months.

*Add at end of page –* \* Completed means finished with no more than 85 XC jumping penalties.

*p10.44 Substitute at top of the page* They may ride two qualified horses in the either grade 1 or 2, but only one in grade 3. The nominated team one must be named and ridden first if two in the same grade.

*Delete near top* Riders may compete on one horse only per grade. and A combination may not compete in more than one grade in the same year.

*Explanation* In future Grade 1 & 2 riders may compete on two qualified horses in the same grade. The limit of two horses at the event is still in force.

### Rule 17 CLASSES *Delete associates and members and substitute so it reads*

State Horse Trials will be conducted for Grades 1 & 2 (no age divisions) and three age groups in grade 3.

Annex 5 *Change* Speed for grade 3 to increase to 400mpm. This is on a 12 month trial.