

Calendar

January

8th – WTPC/NTEC ODE @Quercus
15th – NZ Dressage
15th –Huon ODE 1-4 @ Huntingfield
15th -Circular Head ODE
22nd -Mersey Valley ODE
29th -Lilydale ODE

February

5th -Fernpark ODE
5th -Huntingfield ODE
12th -Deloraine ODE
12th – Hobart & Districts ODE 1-4 @TEC
18th/19th -Inglis ODE 1-4 plus 1*
19th -Monmouth Dressage & Show Jumping Day

March

11th/12th/13th –PCT State Trials-Southern Zone
19th – WTPC Mini ODE
26th - PCT State Council Meeting
26th - IPC Shield

April

1st -State Dressage Championships-NW Zone
2nd - State Show Jumping Championships-NW Zone
30th – Northern Zone Games

May

June

4th - State Games Championships DDPCC

July

30th – PCT Council meeting

November

26th – PCT AGM & Council Meeting



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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.

Insurance 2017

Insurance fee effective 1st January 2017 - attached: updated Insurance/affiliation return, waiver form & day insurance

Insurance & affiliation paid between 1st January & 30th June - **\$80**, cover is until 31st December 2017. Paid between 1st July & 31st December - **\$40**

Trial rally levy - **\$40** - covers three rallies only, after 3 rallies if they wish to attend pc they must pay club membership & balance of \$40 for insurance/affiliation to PCT

Day Membership - \$10 - \$5 retained by club & \$5 to be forward to PCT with 7 days of event. **Note day insurance is public liability only** & does not cover rallies or O.D.E's

To be covered for insurance riders **must** be a current member of a club.

WAIVERS **must** accompany insurance/affiliation return. Please do not take membership without waiver being supplied. Riders are not insured without wavier.

There are compulsory fields on the waiver form, could club office bearers please ensure that these are all filled in – they are compulsory in the new data base.

Returns must be received by the treasurer by the **2nd of each month** for the rider to be covered by insurance the month they pay. i.e. Insurance paid in January must be received by the 2nd February for that rider to be covered for January, if received after the 2nd they will only be covered from February onwards.

To be fully covered 24/7 and at all events riders (both pony club & adult riders) must be a paid member & insured & affiliation of \$80 paid to PCT.

NCAS coaches are not insured for riding unless they have paid pony club insurance/affiliation & membership.

DATA BASE: when an email address is supplied a receipt is emailed automatically with riders details, membership no. and website for them to log in, they can then amend any of their details, add efficiency certificates, horses details etc & working with children certificate can also be added (sample attached)



AND THE WINNERS ARE...

Horseland Raffle

Congratulations to the winners of this years Horseland Raffle.

1st prize-Horseland products to the Value of \$1500.00-Jodie Morton from Middleton

2nd Prize-Horseland products to the value of \$500.00-Louise Scott from Birralee

3rd prize-Horseland products to the value of \$200.00 and a Woollen Horse Rug.-Aprille Lionello from East Launceston.

Thank you to all who supported the raffle.

PCT AGM

The November The PCT AGM was held on Sunday . All Office Bearer positions were filled and the only change for this season is the state Test Co-ordinator-Jenna Lucas being elected.

International Championships

2017 International Mounted Games Exchange to be held in Vacouver, Canada June 30th-July 18th 2017. Nominations closed on Wednesday 14th December and selections were held on Saturday 17th December 2016 at the Westbury Showgrounds. Congratulations to Georgia Elias from Tasmanian Pony and Riding Club.

2017 PCT Championships

PCT State Horse Trials- The State Horse Trials for 2017 will be held on the 11th, 12th, 13th March 2017 at the Tasmanian Equestrain Centre (TEC), Lauderdale for all phases. Information packs will hopefully be out early January.

PCT State Dressage and Showjumping Championships- The State Dressage and Showjumping Championships will be held in the North West Zone hosted by Leven Pony Club at the Ulverstone Showgrounds on 1st and 2nd April 2017.

PCT State Games Championships- The PCT state Games championships will be held in the Northern Zone on Sunday 4th June 2017.

Handbook

Our newly formatted Handbook has been emailed out to clubs. It looks great and has the added advantage of being able to search from the contents page. Just click on what you want in the contents and it will take you straight to the page. The 'home' icon on each page will take you back to the contents.

Please, if you come across anything that is contradictory, send me an email, as we've done our best to try to fix any anomalies, but being such a large document, it's possible there may have been something overlooked. If we know, we can have it fixed. Happy Reading!

Database and Website

It is important that people understand that the new website and database are now two different sites. All calendar updates will need to be sent to Judy Pitt and Kyra Jackson for addition to the website.

Judy Pitt and Kyra Jackson have been manipulating the website behind the scenes, there will be a new web address, we are just waiting for the new version of the handbook before we go live. Clubs can now have access to their club database for checking membership. If each club could send the name and email address of the person they would like to have access and username and password will be organised.

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK

A Reminder once you have completed your working with children check could you please send your number and the expiry date to Kyra Jackson sec@pcat.org.au for inclusion on the state database, these will also need to go to your Zone AGM for inclusion on the minutes. Please see below for further information on obtaining your working with children check.

As you would be aware, the State Government has introduced legislation requiring anyone who works/volunteers with children to apply for and receive a 'Working with Children' registration. The implementation phase for the Working with Children Check (the Check) commenced on 1 October, with full compliance required from 1 April 2015. This means that anyone in your sport coaching or in a position of trust with children (under 18s) will need to have the Check completed prior to 1 April 2015 (noting the process to gain the Check can take up to six weeks).

This is now law and is therefore mandatory, just like having a drivers licence.

The Process is very simple - complete the application form found at:

www.justice.tas.gov.au/working_with_children

Print off a registration number and take it to Service Tas with proof of identity and payment, your photo will be taken and the process is done and dusted.

Of particular importance is anyone who stays overnight at club camps, even if you are a parent, looking after other people's children you will require registration.

If you have any queries, there are a number of fact sheets and guidelines available on the above mentioned website.

This legislation has been put in place to protect our children.

For further information relating to the Check please contact:

Phone: 1300 13 55 13

Fax: (03) 6233 8338

Email: workingwithchildren@justice.tas.gov.au

Mail: PO Box 56 Rosny Park TAS 7018

Web: www.justice.tas.gov.au/working_with_children

Kelato Quiz

Congratulations to the August Newsletter Winners. Hayley Atkins, Georgia Pearce, Georgia McGrath, Kenny Walch and Ella Prestage. Unfortunately this was the last of the Newsletters Quiz's as Kelato have withdrawn the prizes.

Thanks you to all who participated.

2017 PCT Meeting Dates

Sunday 26th March 2017

Sunday 30th July 2017

Sunday 26th November 2017 which will also be the AGM.

2017 PCA National Championships

Information is now starting to come to hand regarding the 2017 Pony Club Nationals to be held in Toowoomba QLD – September/October next year.

Obviously it is a long way to travel for Tasmanians, but having said that, it would be fabulous if we had riders attend.

Please note for all of the above disciplines including games riders will need to take their own horse.

A Call for Rider nominations will be out in January for the below categories, please note selections requirements as per handbook.

Juniors be under 17 years of age on 1st January in the year of the competition and Seniors be under 25 years of age on 1st January in the year of the competition.

Junior and Senior Dressage- Dressage Tests not gained at a One Day Event can be used for Qualifying, Both Senior and Junior riders shall compete at the State Championships, Senior riders shall have Elementary Qualifying Tests, Junior riders are encouraged to have Elementary experience, but minimum high Novice will be considered.

Junior and Senior Show Jumping- Riders shall be competing at 1.10 minimum at pony club and EA events.

Junior and Senior Eventing- Riders must be regularly competing at Grade 1 or EA equivalent and shall compete at PCAT State Horse Trials, Senior Riders shall be working at Elementary Dressage Level, Senior Riders shall be competing at 1.10 minimum in Show jumping, Junior Riders shall be competing at 1.05 minimum in Show jumping, Both Junior and Senior Riders shall be competing at State Show Jumping Championships.

Junior National Prince Phillip Mounted Games- Juniors be under 16 years of age on 1st January in the year of the competition

Senior National Prince Phillip Mounted Games- Seniors be under 25 years of age on 1st January in the year of the competition

Tetrathlon-

Age Group*	Run#	Swim#	Shoot	Jump**
Seniors 17-25	3000m	200m	Laser pistols 10m	90cm
Juniors 13-16	2000m	200m	Laser pistols 10m	85cm
Sub-juniors 10-12	1000m	100m	Laser pistols 10m	80cm

Age at 1st January 2017 ** Maximum height of any fence #Scoring based on participant's result compared to optimum time for their age group

All teams will be made up of 6 members, with top 3 scores to count. All teams mixed genders with a maximum of 3 males per team.

All teams will have the opportunity to practice with laser pistols prior to competition. A license is not required to use laser pistols in Queensland.

The individual competition runs concurrently, with scores taken from the team participants. Full rules for Tetrathlon will be released in February 2017. These will be the new national rules.

National Prince Phillip Mounted Games Report

By Theresa Elias

Firstly let me start by saying what a privilege it was to work with our junior team this year. They were a great bunch of kids that tried their hearts out at every training even when they weren't feeling 100%. We had an extremely trying few months of training in what would have to have been the wettest winter on record. We were so lucky to have had the use of the Baker family's arena which we used for every training.

Western Australia put on an excellent few days for the teams with kayaking , evening activities, bush laser tag plus a dinner cruise on the Swan river. Games day started with a quick look over of all the horses and a chance to read a brief description on every mount. During the games the kids had less than 5 minutes to find their horses in the next lane alter stirrups, jump on, hang on and ride flat out down the lanes on horses they hadn't ridden before using equipment they weren't completely

familiar with. To say the team took it all in their stride would be an understatement, I was extremely proud of their achievements finishing 4th overall against kids who are competing in MGA comps 1 - 2 times a month all year round.

I would really like to thank PCAT for giving us the opportunity to compete in these competitions as the experience gained by these riders I believe will carry them on to be very competitive individuals in their chosen disciplines. My Manager David Quinn who did an excellent job of making sure everything ran smoothly, Nikky Sherwood who took on the boot camp fitness training and her daughter Brooke Hanham who was our reserve rider and managed to turn up to every training session. Our dedicated parents who kept us all well fed. Lastly I would also like to make mention of last year's senior games team riders Melissa Chugg, David Gardiner and Bailey Elias who jumped at the chance to come along to a few of the trainings to help answer questions, give training and equipment tips and advice to the riders which was greatly appreciated.

International Mounted Games Exchange Report By Laura Chalmers

IMGE 2016 18th Oct – 6th Nov 2016

(18th – 21st Oct ~ Training Camp; 22nd Oct – 6th Nov ~ IMGE Tour)

On Tuesday 18th October 4 of the 5 members of the Australian Mounted Games team headed off to the airport to begin one of the most amazing experiences Pony Club has to offer. When we all arrived in Victoria the people who had been to Prince Philip National Mounted Games had a quick catch up and then an introduction to our 'unknown' member. The team consisted of Amanda (George) Mills (Queensland), Christopher (Chris, Patsy) Paton (Victoria), Annie Herzer (Western Australia), Teresa (Nigel) McCallum (Northern Territory) and Laura Chalmers (Tasmania), along with team manager Anne Cotton and Coach Tim Moreton.

We then headed to Werribee National Equestrian centre and Werribee Pony Club grounds, which would be our campsite until Thursday night. Tuesday was our get to know each other day and chill out and catch up on sleep as the other states/territories had different time zones.

On Wednesday we commenced training for the games, we were lucky enough to source 5 ponies which were also being used for the competition to practice with. We ran through all the games multiple times working out orders and rules and what type of ponies would suit each rider. Later that afternoon we had a change in scenery by having a crack at a show jumping fun day with our little games mounts!

Thursday was our 'competition run through day' where we planned on running through all the games once perfectly and the way we would perform them on competition day. This day however resulted in one of our members having a trip to hospital with a badly split lip! Our Friday didn't go as planned as we said goodbye to Teresa and Anne early Friday morning as they headed into Melbourne for further treatment. Those who remained headed into Hoppers Crossing to check out Aqua Pulse and the Pacific Werribee Shopping Centre (shame Anne wasn't there to go wild). We then headed back to base camp to say goodbye to our amazing ponies and pack up to head to Melbourne for the night. Come Saturday we headed down to the South Wharf DFO to kill some time before the other teams arrived. After a couple of hours shopping we headed to our accommodation a.k.a the North Melbourne YHA. Here we met up with the UK and US teams before heading down to the Queen Victoria Market. Now I'm pretty sure you could ask anyone who witnessed the food on the first night what they had eaten and they would only be able to answer with either fish or chicken that was inedible unless you were Australian and coated it in tomato sauce, but then again we only managed to eat about 3 mouthfuls.

Sunday we headed out towards Halls Gap where we would be staying for the next couple of days. We stopped briefly at Ararat Pony Club grounds to show the other countries how Australian pony club rallies run. Here we met up with Team Canada and after a quick vaulting demonstration continued our journey to Halls Gap.

Each day at Halls Gap was fun-filled with an amazing view. On the Monday we split into two groups and went for a walk up the Grampians while the other group rock climbed and abseiled. We then all headed back for lunch and swapped over for the afternoon. Monday night was filled with card games and ice breaker games these were interesting, with one game resulting in an Australian gang up to take the other teams out!

Tuesday morning we were off again half the group going kayaking and the others doing another walk.

We again met up at lunch time and swapped over. After we had finished these activities we headed up to another viewing platform within the Grampians.

Wednesday we packed up and headed back to horrible food and the city, making a stop at Ballarat for lunch. Dinner that night was dried rice and slop which Tim decided needed more flavouring by adding chocolate sauce to his rice thinking it was gravy (he then stated it was to moisturise the rice and add flavour).

The next day we headed down to the MCG for a tour and to check out the sporting museum, sadly we were unable to have a full tour as the Sheffield shield was on and certain areas were restricted. After going around the MCG we headed down to Bourke Street to do a spot of shopping.

On Friday we headed back down to the market for a little while before heading to the aquarium. After our visit there we headed back to the YHA to meet up with our billet families. I along with Lexi (Canada), Olivia and Dani (US) and Caroline (UK) were lucky enough to be hosted by the Rodger family. We were definitely the luckiest people as they had a pool, spa, 5 min walk to the beach and amazing food!

Saturday was the day of our warm up competition where all teams were split up. This was a day for countries and people to learn how to play the games for the competition and get to know the ponies.

It was also made a bit of fun by making it a scoring competition. At the end of the day the placings were; 4th – Team ‘Australia’, consisting of Christopher Paton (Aus), Teresa McCallum (Aus), Natasha McKee (UK), Virginia Carpenter (US), Shalom Ledger (Can) and Tim Moreton (Coach); 3rd – Team ‘Canada’ Caroline Barber (UK), Molly Robinson (UK), Jaycee Blythe (US), Lexi Vahey (Can), Amanda Mills (Aus) and Nikki Robinson (Coach); 2nd place – Team ‘USA’ Annie Herzer (Aus), Shayna Dyrland (Can), Savannah Weber (Can), Dani Drbal (US), Aidan Doud (US) and Cathy McLeod (Coach) and in 1st

place – Team ‘UK’ Owen Davies (UK), Laura Chalmers (Aus), Danielle Henderson (Can), Olivia Owens (US), Hannah Thompson (UK) and Allison Bell (Coach). After the competition everyone headed back home with their billet families and for the Rodgers group we had a well-deserved trip down to the beach.

Sunday was a free day to do something with the billet families. My billet family along with Annie and Teresa’s billet families headed out towards Healesville to go to Hedgend mazes, where we spent the day throwing boomerangs, going through mazes, playing mini golf and having a couple of rounds of laser skirmish. After our couple of days of freedom we returned to the bus Monday morning where we commenced the tour with a good old bus trip down to San Remo and Philip Island. At Philip Island we visited a Koala sanctuary and a farm where we saw demonstrations of milking a cow, shearing a sheep, whip-cracking, which we had some members participate in and also a sheep dog demo. After this we headed back over the bridge to San Remo where we had a bit of down time and dinner before returning back to Philip Island to watch the little fairy penguins come in for the night. On the day that the race stops a nation and we headed in the opposite direction! We went to Healesville Animal Sanctuary making a quick stop at The Yarra Valley Chocolate Factory to collect some goodie. At Healesville Sanctuary we watched an amazing birds of prey show and then showed the other countries more of our Australian wildlife.

Wednesday saw us headed to Sheik Mohammed’s Thoroughbred Victorian breeding stud. Here we were introduced to a couple of his stallions, were shown around the breeding areas and the foaling paddocks. We also found out the Sheik Mohammed had never visited the stud but could control it all

with his phone and that one of the paddocks is designated just as a helicopter landing one in case he ever decides to visit! We then headed to Nagambie to visit the Black Caviar statue and stopped for pizza for lunch.

On Thursday we headed out to do the tree top challenge, by the time we had finished it was time to head back and get ready for the official dinner, with Australia needing to make a quick stop in town to purchase some last minute belts! Our official dinner was on a river cruise and we were lucky to have Alistair Ling as DJ for the night.

On Friday we split into countries and went our separate ways for a chill out day before the competition. Us Aussies headed down to the Olympic ice skating rink to have a crack at that, luckily it resulted in no serious injuries. Later that afternoon we came together as a team for a last minute meeting and then chilled out and hit the sack pretty earlier. This was due to not only our early start the next day but also as we wanted to be well rested and performing at our peak. As we headed out to Whittlesea you could sense the change of emotions on the bus, everyone was a little tenser and you could feel the nerves. We had a bit of time when we arrived to check out the showgrounds and then we headed back to tack up the ponies and get ready for game time. When the games began it looked to be anyone's championship, however we battled on. The UK looked like they might've been heading home with the win, however the last two sets saw a change in the results as the UK started to stress mistakes started to be made. Lucky for Aussie however our teamwork helped us to encourage and support one another through the nerves which resulted in our coming away world champions! Saturday night was a night of partying and celebration and a night of fun! However Sunday morning had a few tears and lots of hugs and planning for a catch up.

I'm sure I speak for everyone involved when I say this is a lifetime experience and that we are so grateful to have been the ones selected to represent Australia and participate in such an amazing event. We were so lucky to have such a wonderful tour planned out for us and a brilliant pool of games ponies lent to us for this competition. To any young riders, who are thinking about applying for this or have an interest in games, go for it! It can take you anywhere in the world and give you the chance to meet people from all around the world who have the same interests as you. We now have contacts from all around the world who we could borrow ponies from in order to compete from all different parts of the UK, US and Canada. Our plans are to catch up in Ibiza or Bali or anywhere ...

I would like to thank Pony Club Australia and Pony Club Victoria for all their organisation of this fantastic event. Thank you to the pony owners who lent us such great, fast, amazing ponies. Thank you to Anne for being our Exchange Mum and to our wonderful coach Tim. Thank you to PCAT for supporting my nomination and my wonderful pony club, TPRC for encouraging me to take part in mounted games. Last but not least thank you to my family and friends who supported my trip.

Laura Chalmers

November, 2016



Presenation evening: Laura Chalmers (Tasmania), Annie Herzer (Western Australia), Christopher Paton (Victoria), Teresa McCallum (Northern Territory), Amanda Mills (Queensland)

Pony Club Tasmania Would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy and Safe New Year.

