

# MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Club and Zone News

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**Special points of interest:**

- Rules change for Horse Trials Elimination
- No change to certificates requirements
- AGM and Annual Conference is to be held on 3 August 2003
- Australia came second in the Inter Pacific Rally held in Vic.
- Zone Teams Challenge for Grade 3 and 4 to be an annual event held in May each year at WPNEC.

**From the Executive Officer**

Communication is vital to all our roles in this large and diverse association. This newsletter is written to assist Zone and Club Committees keep up to date with the direction of the organisation and the changes in operations and rules. I will keep you informed of the upcoming events that you need to be aware of and supply useful information to run your club/zone better.

This newsletter is a new addition and should be added on to your Agendas. I will write in a few pages what was previously buried in 100 pages, saving you lot's of time.

I commenced my position in early April and am really enjoying the new role. Having had a background in associations for the last 15 years, this role is familiar to me. Thanks to all those people who have made my first two months very enjoyable. I like being out in the field and I will meet all of you as I come around on my Zone visits.

The main focus for me over the next few months is to get our planning/vision right and the strategies to ensure that we achieve these improve-

ments. Clubs and Zones are going to notice a huge improvement in the contact and communication with the PCAV inc.

Thanks

*James Fitzpatrick*

Executive Officer



PCAV Trainee Georgia Appleton at Lilydale Hunt Club in April 2003.

**New Clubs**

The PCAV Council approved the proposal for two new clubs for Probation Membership.

Probation Membership lasts for six months and allows clubs time to establish the full range of PCAV Services.

Welcome to

Kardella South Pony Club in the West Gippsland Zone.

Ph: Andrea March  
0356624755

Newstead Pony Club in the Midland Zone.

Call Don Roach from Midland Zone on 03 54 742520

Both clubs have worked with the Zone Reps / Committees to establish their respective clubs and have progressed quite quickly to be ready to operate.

Welcome to both these clubs and we look forward to a long and fruitful partnership.

## Horse Trials Elimination and D Certificate



Horse Trials Rule Changes

### Elimination

The Council and the Rules Sub-Committee had a detailed look at the Rules for elimination in Horse Trials (see section 34 a,b,c.

The new rule says

#### 34. ELIMINATION AND RETIRING

- (a) A competitor eliminated or retiring for any reason must leave the course at once and has no right

to continue. A competitor must walk his horse off the course either mounted or dismounted.

(b) Competitors eliminated or retired may compete in the showjumping phase if time permits, provided the horse has passed a Vet Check.

For safety reasons, this is effective immediately.

### D Certificate

The Council had a lengthy discussion regarding whether a “D” Certificate should be a requirement before being eligible to compete in the Horse Trials Competitions.

Zone comments were noted and the final outcome was that for the time being, a “D” Certificate is NOT required for Horse Trials Competitions.

## “C” Certificate for Games

*“C” Certificate remains a criteria for State Championships*

A request from two Zones for the “C” Certificate to be deleted as a requirement to compete in the State Games, Flat Teams and Musical Ride Championships was considered by Council.

The current Council resolution is that a “C” Certificate is required for all Statewide Championships.

There were two main issues—should a rider have to have a

“C” Certificate and at what age should is appropriate for obtaining a “C” Certificate.

The motions at Council reflect a status quo approach allowing for the Council to undertake more research as to the number of children affected, impacts on other rules, etc.

The Council felt that it was very important to get the rules right the first time and will now go

about thorough research. It will be considered again when the Rules Committee is ready to present a recommendation to the Council.

Summary

“C” Certificate remains a requirement for State Championships

Age for “C” Certificate remains at 13 years.

## Insurance



The new insurance paperwork will soon arrive with zones/clubs. The APCC has renegotiated insurance for 2003-2004 year.

You will receive as soon as PCAV has it, a copy of the Public Liability Certificate of Currency.

It is my intention that once the detailed policy document

arrives, that I will summarise the key components of the policy for you.

All committees need to know what they are covered especially for events and injuries.

The Executive are investigating the recent changes to the law with insurance waivers and will report to you next edition.

## PCAV Governance

The Council, in consultation with Landers and Rogers (sports law specialists), and with input from the full Council, Zones and Clubs have developed a system of governance. The Governance Model has been amended many times before this final proposal which is now ready for discussion and decision. The Council believes the new model is the best model to address the shortcomings of the present system but acknowledges that an ongoing review process is both

desirable and necessary.

A separate mailout will outline the proposal which will be a discussion item at the Annual Conference on 3 August 2003. We would really like a representative from each club to attend to understand and have involvement in this process.

### Summary

PCAV will be managed by the PCAV Council.

Individual members, Life Members, Zones, Clubs and club members will all be

members of PCAV but voting rights shall be as follows:

Individual Members vote for Club Committees.

Clubs vote for Zone Reps, vote at the Annual Conference.

Zones vote for constitutional changes of the PCAV through four elected delegates, vote for the Election of PCAV Office Bearers, vote for Issues at General Meetings.

Council vote on By-Law Changes and general operational matters.



## AGM and Annual Conference

The AGM and Annual Conference will be held on Sunday 3 August 2003.

The venue is the Dandenong Agricultural Society Hall in Bennet St, Dandenong.

The Agenda will be mailed separately and zones/clubs wishing to have a item on the Agenda should do so in writing

and be received by the Executive Officer no later than the 3 July 2003.

Submissions must be accompanied with a brief subject explanation (100-word max).

We have a few great items for the Annual Conference already including :

Membership Year—should it be on a Calendar Year.

Leaving Age—should it be 26

Governance—discussion on membership categories and voting rights

Land Retention and improvements

The AGM and Annual Conference will be a great forum for all levels of the association to have valuable input.

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*AGM and  
Annual  
Conference to be  
held on 3 August  
2003*

## Business Planning

The Council recognises the need to have a very clear vision for the future and documented strategies to achieve these improvements. These strategies will be prioritised and form the basis on which we allocate resources and focus our attention toward.

The process for developing a 10 year vision will incorporate

all the aspects and participants of our association.

A group representing all these sections will meet to develop a broad plan. This group will be made up of Councillor's, Zone Reps, Club Reps, Event Reps, industry experts, professional specialists, all with Pony Club experience.

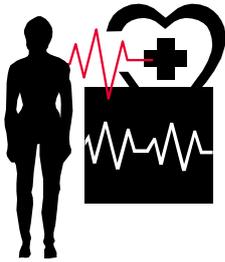
The staff will develop the

broad plans and add ideas, clarity and feasibility to the exercise.

The Council will then add ideas, ensure the process has met the guidelines in providing goals, strategies, outcomes and priorities.

Once adopted by Council, the Business Plan will be presented to Zones/Clubs.





### First Aid Services

The Council is reviewing the provision of First Aid Services at State Championships with a view to providing the best possible service available.

It may be that we continue with our current service providers as they are the best in the field, or alternatively we may come up with a better service.

Once the best service has been identified, it will be implemented. After field trials, the outcome will be presented to zones/clubs.

The aim of this review is to ensure that our kids and helpers get the very best assistance when an injury occurs.

### Zone Teams Challenge

*It's on again!!!*

*Zone Teams Challenge*

The Council approved a new event to be added to the State Calendar of Events.

year on the 24 May to hold a Grade 3 and 4 Zone Teams Challenge.

dars.

In May we ran a One Day Grade 3 event linked to the 2003 Inter Pacific Rally. With 28 teams competing at Werribee Park National Equestrian Centre, it was extremely successful.

PCAV Councillor, Petie Marshall, will chair a committee that will ensure that this event is well run and enjoyed by all the participants.

If you would like to volunteer to be on this committee, please call Petie on 03 55 927212.

We have booked WPNEC next

Information will be released closer to the time, but book this weekend into your calen-

If you would like to volunteer to help at the event, please call Petie.

Grade 3 and 4's, now that's a great event to look forward to!



### PCAV Representative – EFA

Mr John Barlee has been elected by the PCAV Council as our representative on the EFA Branch Council.

For more information or comments, you can call John on 0359432327.

John has been on this committee for three years and volunteered to contribute a further three year term representing the PCAV Inc at the EFA.

## 2003 Inter Pacific Rally

In May this year, Australia staged the 2003 Inter Pacific Rally. The PCAV was the host with 35 riders and coaches from Canada, Japan, New Zealand, USA and Australia competing and touring in a range of activities.

Congratulations to the participants who were extremely good ambassadors for their respective countries and they had an absolutely terrific event.

“NATIONS CUP” - Wodonga 1<sup>st</sup> June 2003.

1 <sup>st</sup>	USA	8 penalties
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Aust	16
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Japan	20
4 <sup>th</sup>	NZ	28
5 <sup>th</sup>	Canada	131

I wish to thank all the volunteers, horse providers and billets for their contribution to the 2003 Inter Pacific Rally.

What a tremendous opportu-

nity for the international participants and our members to enjoy such a wonderful tour program taking them through the best Victoria has to offer, very friendly hosts and billets, a perfect program of events, generous horse owners, endless meals and functions, and a tireless committee (now tired) and volunteers. Many thanks and congratulations.



Team USA and the Mayoral Reception in Wodonga

## PCAV Finance

The PCAV financial result for the month ending 30 May 2003 is a small deficit of \$506.

With income of \$503,798 and expenses of \$504,304 the result is very close to the Council's expectations.

The result for the 30 June 2003 is projected to be a small surplus in line with previous years.

The result is very pleasing and represents good financial management and responsible decision-making from the PCAV Council.

An overview of the accounts shows the following activities contributing to the net result. The financial result includes the Inter Pacific Rally which is only hosted every 12 years in Australia.

Area	Net
Trading Shop	\$20,966
Gov Grants	\$30,803
Zones	-\$9,583
Admin	-\$13,796
Events	-\$28,896
Total	-\$506

*Great financial result forecast for 2002-2003*

## NCAS Level 1

The first part of the NCAS PC Level 1 Course will be conducted on the weekend of July 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> 2003. Candidates will be expected to participate in some “hands on” work as well as take a short written paper set at “C” Efficiency standard. There will also be an assignment which will be forwarded to applicants prior to the course. This is designed to introduce you to the relevant literature.

### ELIGIBILITY

Candidates must be 18 years of age, have completed a Pony Club Orientation to Coaching Course and be a member of an affiliated Pony Club. All Candidates must purchase the NCAS Level 1 Pony Club Syllabus Log Book. They should be competent in the practical components of the Syllabus. Work sheets are available to guide Candidates through the Syllabus and

should be used between the OTC and NCAS PC 1 and in conjunction with the Log Book.

The venue is WPNEC and the cost is \$50.

This event is full and closed.

The next NCAS Level 1 course will be in November 2003.

For more information call Clare Lewin on 9459 6864.





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