

MAKING A DIFFERENCE



Club and Zone News

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From James Fitzpatrick, Executive Officer



There are many new and exciting events and changes proposed for the coming months.

After successful negotiations with Equitana, PCAV has two terrific opportunities for members—a show-jumping competition and a group booking offer for clubs. PCAV will conduct a show-jumping event on the outdoor grass and indoor arena on Sat/Sun at the Melbourne Exhibition Centre and a National Mounted Games exhibition on Sunday afternoon. These are opportunities of a lifetime for the lucky entrants. See page 2 as this will be an amazing event featuring PCAV.

There are changes to be forthcoming with PCAV Uniforms. The State Council has agreed in-principle with the recommendation of the uniform sub-committee to add additional clothing items to the uniform in 2004. See page 2 for details.

There was a terrific response from clubs and young riders regarding the uniform and there are many exciting changes on the way that the riders will love.

PCAV was very fortunate to receive a grant from VicHealth of \$120,000 over the next three years to implement a Club Liaison Officer to provide positive assistance to clubs and be a valuable resource for state, zones and clubs.

The PCAV Business Plan was presented to the PCAV State Council and will be discussed at length over the next two months. After approval, it will be presented to clubs in early 2004. This document provides the clarity and vision for the future and will form the framework for the next decade. Many thanks to the numerous young riders, officials, parents and administrators who have been involved in discussion groups preparing this information.

Congratulations to the State Councillors who were re-elected and a warm welcome to Neil Clinton who was elected as the new Vice President of the PCAV.

A new time has been set for a Special General Meeting to discuss the governance of PCAV. This meeting will now be held between February and April 2004 to allow more time for zones/clubs to discuss these motions.

It's been a very pleasing few months with a number of real improvements approved by the State Council.

James Fitzpatrick

Executive Officer

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Special points of interest:

- Dressage Scoring changes for 2004
- Dressage Arena size changes to 60 x 20 in 2004 for Grade 3's
- Uniform changes proposed for 2004
- Horse Trials Rule changes—fall of rider
- PCAV Showjumping event to be held at Equitana
- Rally Attendance—Zone feedback
- 2005 AGM Conference date moved to 29 August 2004





PCAV Points Scoring effective immediately

Dressage and Showjumping Scoring—Changes for 2004

World Cup Scoring is Going, Going, Gone

The Council has discussed the motion raised by Langwarrin Pony Club at the Annual Conference. After a lengthy discussion, the scoring system for dressage and showjumping is being changed back to the PCAV Points Scoring System.

The PCAV has trialled the World Cup Ranking in 2002, 2003 as the Council felt that it allocated points to all competitors and included more young riders. The main reason for the change back is

that it was viewed by the State Council that the PCAV Points Scoring System is fairer. The PCAV Points Scoring System allocates points as follows:

20, 15, 12, 9, 6, 3.

The clubs attending the PCAV Annual Conference voted strongly for the State Council to make the change and the PCAV Council agrees with this feedback.

The scoring is a fine example of how feedback from clubs comes through a conference format and the State Council

can then evaluate whether it deems this as beneficial to the state.

The change to the PCAV Points Scoring System is effective immediately for all new events.

Dressage Arena Sizes for Grade 3

*Grade 3
Dressage Arena
size to be
60 x 20m
From 7 Feb 2004*

The Barwon Zone presented a paper to the State Council requesting that Dressage Arenas for Grade 3 be changed from 40x20m to 60x20m.

The Council discussed this item and viewed it positively as it would allow larger horses in Grade 3 to be on an equal level. There was a perceived benefit as the number of Grade 1 and 2 entrants were

significantly lower than grades 4 and 5.

By altering the size of the arena for Grade 3 Dressage will make it easier to co-ordinate events at the local level as it will spread the competitors more evenly.

The Council wants to implement this for the 2004 State Dressage and Showjumping Championships. It was agreed that zones have

already planned qualifiers and may run the qualifiers in either 60x20 or 40x20 for the period 9 September 2003 to 7 February 2004.

The Dressage Arenas should be set up full size with all the letters.

The new arena sizes for Grade 3 will be standard across all disciplines ie Horse Trials, Dressage, Combined Training Day from 7 February 2004.



Horse Trial Rules Change - From 1 February 2004

Rule 27 Penalties

Current XC Penalties

1st fall of rider 60 points

New XC Penalties

1st fall of rider 65 points

This makes it clear to everyone who reads the scoreboard that they have been given a fall.

Rule 44 Show Jumping

Current

1st fall of rider Elimination

New

1st fall of rider 8 penalties

2nd fall of rider Elimination

This change reflects the current FEI Rule and makes the showjumping and cross

country more consistent.

The rule change is effective on 1 February 2004 and will be included in the reprint of the Horse Trials Booklet.

EQUITANA 2003 PONY CLUB PROGRAM (GROUP BOOKINGS) SHOWJUMPING PCAV VICTORIA CUP NATIONAL MOUNTED GAMES EXHIBITION

Excitement surrounds Equitana for PCAV Members this year with three great opportunities for members to be involved.

Pony Club Program

A fantastic program has been developed for clubs to group book for entry to Equitana. The program is planned for Saturday 22 November and commences at 10am. Pony Club groups can watch the World Cup Showjumping, then

the PCAV Victoria Cup Showjumping in the indoor arena. Groups then wander through the Melbourne Exhibition Centre at their leisure. In the afternoon, each group will have a private presentation in the conference rooms with guest speakers such as Andrew Hoy. The groups go for a behind the scenes tour of non-public areas etc. This format has everything; fun, education, access to the

elite of the sport and much more. See the attached flyer and entry forms.

Showjumping PCAV Victoria Cup

Sat 22 November 2003
PA,PB
Sun 23 November 2003
PC,PD

Limited numbers—see the attached flyer.



Uniform Review

The process of compiling the data from thousands of uniform review surveys and then presenting these findings to the State Council has taken some time.

The State Council has agreed, in principle, to add additional items to the current uniform. At this point I wish to clarify and stress the words “add to”. The current uniform will stay as per the current rules and

new items will be added to the choices for riders. The Uniform Sub-Committee made it's presentation to the State Council and based on the feedback from young riders and the recommendation of the Uniform Sub-Committee, the State Council agreed with the findings. The new uniform options will be announced to clubs after the State Council has looked at the detail at the November Council Meeting.

These new uniform options would be implemented in mid 2004.

The concepts discussed were items such as Polo Shirts, Polar Fleece Jumpers, Rain Jackets, Long Boots, Gaitors, and much more.

When the finer details have been reviewed by the State Council in November, it is envisaged that the uniforms will be released in Mar 2004.

New uniform options approved “in principle” by the State Council

Business Planning

The executive Officer, James Fitzpatrick, presented to the State Council the first draft of the PCAV Business Plan.

After facilitating workshops with young riders, zone and club reps, parents, interest groups and professionals in the industry, a concept plan has been developed.

The concept plan detailed the

vision, strategies and desired outcomes for all the components of the PCAV. Zone Representatives will gain feedback from the zone executives as the next step in the process.

After some fine tuning and development, the PCAV Business Plan will then be sent to all clubs and presentations

in zones so that we are all working to the same desired outcomes as an organisation.

Many thanks to the people who so generously donated their time in making a contribution to the planning of the PCAV.



Other Requests



The Council considered the following requests :

Standing Martingale **No**
 the Council said no as they are a training device.

Long Boots and Gaitors **Soon**
 as they were part of the uniform review. To be implemented as part of the uniform review acceptable from a date to be advised in 2004.

Website Grant **No**
 There are no funds available at this time but the Council would like to do a review to provide assistance in the future. Mark

Hanley is the volunteer PCAV Webmaster and he is willing to assist clubs with website links and setup.

State Dressage and SJ Draw **Yes**

A new draw was approved for the order for showjumping and dressage for the State Champs. See page 6.

Calendar Year Change **No**
 The calendar year for clubs will remain as is and is to finish on the last day of February each year.

State Council Voting **No**
 The State Council will continue to release Minutes that has a mover and seconder. They will not be recording the way each zone voted.

Club to sell merchandise **No**
 Approval was denied for Barwon Valley PC to sell State merchandise at the State Flat Teams, Musical Ride and Games Teams as it conflicts with the strategy of the PCAV for merchandise and shop items.

Rally Attendance – Zone Feedback Required

Rally Attendance

*50% attendance
 or a minimum of
 6 official rallies?*

*Zone feedback
 required*

The State Council discussed the Annual Conference topic of Rally Attendance as presented by Ringwood Horse and Pony Club.

The proposal was to add to the current rule that Rally Attendance be 50% or a minimum of 6 Official Club Rallies.

This was to assist members in clubs where say 20 rallies might be held per year and with a straight 50% attendance clause, these riders were being disadvantaged.

The State Council agreed to have discussion at the next round of zone meetings and they would make a decision at the November Council meeting.

Zones are encouraged to discuss the attendance requirements to have a clear view for November.

Please give feedback to the Zone Representatives.

Membership and Finance

The current membership of the PCAV is 6918 which is 1218 higher than this time last year.

The profit year to date is \$35,465 which is \$2,492 better than budget.

The 2003-2004 Budget was approved which projects a loss of \$17,083 for the year. The summary of net profit is as follows:

Trading Shop	\$19,266
Events	-\$4,221
Administration	-\$30,078
Grants	\$10,000
Zones	-\$12,050

The PCAV put an additional \$70,000 in a fixed term deposit for three months from August to November.



Governance

After two years of development, the State Council approved to release three motions to clubs and zones for discussion regarding governance.

The State Council will hold a Special General Meeting in 2004 where all clubs can vote on the motions.

The motions are attached to this mailout.

The motions on governance reflect a combination of the way we currently operate and improvements to voting.

The items that reflect our current operations and requirements are the name change of a Zone Representative to State Councillor, the recognition in our rules of individual and association members.

The main topic of discussion and change from our current operations is the change of voting rights at Annual general Meetings from 1 vote per club to 4 per zone.

This is not a move away from the grass roots, it is merely a

change to the voting structure out in the field. State Council will not be effected in this proposed change.

The change is suggested as there is a great forum for clubs collectively to share ideas and discuss proposals in the zone that some clubs may not have knowledge on an individual basis.

It's a great topic for discussion and we look forward to discussing viewpoints at the Special General Meeting.



Mailing List

This mailout was circulated to

Club Secretaries

Zone Secretaries

Zone Representatives

District Commissioners

Chief Instructors

Zone Examining Secretaries

Zone Assistants

Zone Deputy Chief Instructors

Paid mail category

November Agenda

Items for the November Council Meeting Agenda must be at the PCAV no later than 30 October to allow sufficient time for the Agenda to go out due to the Melbourne Cup Weekend.

Speed to Safety

The Speed to Safety program has been rescheduled to 2004.

The program content will be similar to the previous two years and we will inform you when a date has been set.



State Games, Flat Teams and Musical Ride

Plaiting is now permitted as an option in the Flat and Musical Ride Teams Event.

Government Grants

The PCAV has been very fortunate to continue its partnership with Sport and Recreation Victoria and Vichealth as they are funding \$210,000 over the next 3 years.

SRV has awarded PCAV \$90,000 over three years to assist the PCAV in a number of significant projects.

Risk Management

The first is to undertake a risk

management assessment for the state, zones and clubs. Year One is a State Plan, year two and three are zone and club plans.

Communication

To implement an upgrade of equipment and specific programs such as newsletters, stationary and public image.

Development Officer

SRV also funded the PCAV to

have a more active role in the co-ordination of the Inter-school movement.

Vichealth has awarded PCAV \$120,000 over three years for: **Club Development and Liaison** There are so many projects to be implemented in this grant. To name a few projects, it includes developing a Club Handbook, Policy Manual, writing rally syllabuses, DC and Instructor training.



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HEALTH THROUGH PONY CLUB





Event Draw – State Dressage and Showjumping Championships

The event draw for the State Dressage and Showjumping Championships as proposed by West Gippsland Zone has been approved.

The draw is designed to rotate the order so that no one zone starts first in consecutive years.

The rotation draw is designed to assist clubs that have significant travel and was viewed by the State Council as a fair model.

This draw commences in 2004.

Dressage

- 1 North Eastern
- 2 Northern Metro
- 3 Midland
- 4 West Gippsland
- 5 Wannon
- 6 Southern Metro
- 7 Northern
- 8 Central
- 9 East Gippsland
- 10 Barwon

Showjumping

- 1 Southern Metro
- 2 Northern
- 3 Central
- 4 East Gippsland
- 5 Barwon
- 6 North Eastern
- 7 Northern Metro
- 8 Midland
- 9 West Gippsland
- 10 Wannon

Disputes Procedure

There is a formal Disputes Process that must be followed in the Incorporations Act

All clubs and zones should be aware that there is a formal process to be used if you are going to suspend or terminate a member or if you have a dispute that requires mediation.

Section 7 of the Model Rules for an Incorporated Association outlines the process to be implemented for discipline, suspension, or expulsion. Clubs must follow

this process as it gives both the club and the member adequate opportunity to have their case heard and a number of levels of decision making prior to effecting the change.

Section 8 outlines disputes and mediation. This process is for all other disputes arising and is very helpful with an unrelated mediator.

Clubs are advised that it is not appropriate to make your own

process and the formal processes outlined in the Incorporation Act must be followed.

To obtain a copy of the Model Rules for an Incorporated association go to

www.consumer.vic.gov.au



2004 AGM and Annual Conference

The date for the AGM and Annual Conference has been moved to the last Sunday in August each year.

The date for the 2004 AGM and Annual Conference is the 29 August 2004.

The reason for this change is that it will allow an additional 4 weeks for the staff to prepare the annual accounts,

completion of the external audit, and printing of the annual report.

As there is an enormous workload at this time of year due to the strength returns/membership renewal, it is an advantage to have a longer period to prepare the annual reports.

The change to the last Sunday

in August is also beneficial as it moves the AGM from the busiest Rally Day to the quietest day in the month allowing more people to attend without impacting on the Rallies.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS				
DATE	HOST	EVENT		CONTACT
20/9/2003	PCAV STATE	Royal Melb Show -Joseph Lyddy Pony Club Showjumping	State Office, North Brighton	03 9596 4778
1/10/2003	North Metro Zone	Pre 5 & Grade 5 Eventing Clinic The clinic runs for two days 1 & 2 October	Yarrambat Park	
3/10/2003	Northern	Swan Hill Show		03 5037 6420
4/10/2003	Rokewood Pony Club	Dressage Day	Rokewood PC grounds	
5/10/2003	Northern	Tatura PC CTD	close 26/09/03	03 5856 1450
5/10/2003	Doongala Pony Club	Doongala PC Dressage Day	Doongala Pony Club	9761-3831
7/10/2003	Central	Zone Meeting	Betty Ross Watts Hall New Gisborne	03 9747 0054
12/10/2003	Oaklands Pony Club	Oaklands Pony Club Horse Trials	Oaklands PC "Sherwood" Somerton Rd Greenvale	98171550
12/10/2003	Barwon	Ballarat HT Grades 3-5		03 5341 3261
12/10/2003	Diamond Valley Horse & Pony Club	Grades 3 to 5, pre 5 and Open section	DVH&PC Rear Diamond Creek Reserve	
12/10/2003	Castlemaine Pony Club	Hickstead & Dressage Day	Wattle Flat Reserve, Richards Road, Castlemaine	54705122
18/10/2003	Central	Beveridge PC CC & SJ Training Day		03 9745 2281
19/10/2003	Northern	Tocumwal PC Peter Dunne Memorial SJ Day	close 9/10/03	03 5873 5306
19/10/2003	Barwon	Ballan HT		03 5368 1641
19/10/2003	Castlemaine Pony Club	2003 Spring Series Show jumping Competition. Series dates : Sep 28, Oct 19, Nov	Wattle Flat Reserve, Richards Road, Castlemaine	
20/10/2003	Hallam Valley Pony Club	Combined Training Day	IVENS RESERVE cnr of narre warren north road	(03) 9796 8811
25/10/2003	PCAV STATE	PCAV CIP Meeting	State Office, North Brighton	03 9596 4778
26/10/2003	Barwon	Colac HT Grades 1-3		03 5233 4521
26/10/2003	Central	Broadford Open Navigational Ride Macedon Cup	close 22/10/03	03 5784 3594
26/10/2003	Central	Cohuna PC Gym		03 5487 7349
26/10/2003	Barwon	Portarlinton Open Horse Show		03 5259 3816
26/10/2003	Nar Nar Goon Pony Club	Dressage & Combined Training Day	Ayr Hill	
4/11/2003	Central	Toolern Vale Cup Day Open Horse Show		0417 597 680
4/11/2003	Barwon	Zone Dinner Meeting	Barwon Hotel Winchelsea	03 5271 1246
4/11/2003	Upper Beaconsfield Pony Club	Dressage & Showjumping Championships	Ayr Hill	03 5944 3275
9/11/2003	Wyena Horse & Pony Club	Wyena Show Jumping Day	Wyena PC, Coleman Reserve, Croydon Road, South	
9/11/2003	Maldon Pony Club	Spring Horse Trial	Maldon Pony Club	Phone: 5474 2520
9/11/2003	Central	Beveridge Open Horse Show		03 9745 2281
9/11/2003	Kyneton Pony Club	Kyneton Pony Club Horse Trials	close 31/10/03	(03) 54223527
11/11/2003	PCAV STATE	PCAV State Council Meeting	State Office, North Brighton	03 9596 4778
15/11/2003	Kyneton Agricultural Show - Pony Club	Kyneton Agricultural Show	Kyneton Showgrounds	
15/11/2003	Bealiba & District Pony Club	Bealiba Pony Club Junior Committee Showjumping & Dressage Day	Bealiba Pony Club Grounds, Park Road,	03 54687440
16/11/2003	Glenngarry and District	Pony club closed gymkhana	toongabbie riders club grounds	VAL 03-510924871
16/11/2003	Central	Gisborne PC Gym		03 9744 1255
16/11/2003	Barwon	Drysdale/Leopold Senior ODE Grades 1-3		03 5255 5810
16/11/2003	Northern	Deniliquin PC CTD	close 7/11/03	03 5881 5094
16/11/2003	Castlemaine Pony Club	2003 Spring Series Show jumping Competition. Series dates : Sep 28, Oct 19, Nov	Wattle Flat Reserve, Richards Road, Castlemaine	
16/11/2003	Mornington Peninsula Pony Club	One Day Event	Sages Rd, Baxter	59759454
22/11/2003	PCAV STATE	NCAS 1 WEEKEND 2	WPNEC	Clare 9459 6864
22-23/11/03	PCAV STATE	Equitana - Pony Club Victoria Cup Showjumping and Mounted Games	Melbourne Exhibition Centre	03 9596 4778
23/11/2003	Central	Riddells Creek DR & SJ Day	close 14/11/03	03 9744 4417
23/11/2003	Northern	Kyabram PC Gym		03 5852 2526
23/11/2003	Yarrambat Horse & Pony Club	Showjumping Carnival	Yarrambat Park	03 9436 1691
23/11/2003	Eltham District Horse & Pony Club	Gymkhana	Eltham Lower Park, Main Street, Eltham	
30/11/2003	Castlemaine Pony Club	2003 Spring Series Show jumping Competition. Series dates : Sep 28, Oct 19, Nov	Wattle Flat Reserve, Richards Road, Castlemaine	
30/11/2003	Lower Plenty Pony Club Inc	Lower Plenty Pony Club Horse Trials grade 3,4,5	LPPC Club Grounds, Janefield Drive, Bundoora	9432 8650
30/11/2003	Hastings Pony Club	Hickstead and Dressage PC Gr 2-5 Training 3&4.	Emu Plains Reserve, Coolart Rd. BITTERN	
1/12/2003	Lilydale Pony Club	Showjumping Championships	TBA	
2/12/2003	Central	Zone Meeting	Betty Ross Watts Hall New Gisborne	03 9747 0054
7/12/2003	Northern	Zone Qualifying Event DR & SJ		
7/12/2003	Central	Kilmore Navigational Ride		03 5781 0983
14/12/2003	Barwon	Zone DR & SJ Eliminations	Drysdale/Leopold	03 5267 2084
14/12/2003	Central	Zone DR & SJ Eliminations	Venue to Be Decided	03 9747 0054
7-8/02/04	PCAV STATE	PCAV 2004 State Dressage and Show Jumping Championships	Midland Zone	Kaye 0354 911487
10/2/2004	PCAV STATE	PCAV State Council Meeting	State Office, North Brighton	03 9596 4778
27/3/2004	PCAV STATE	PCAV CIP Meeting	State Office, North Brighton	03 9596 4778
13/4/2004	PCAV STATE	PCAV State Council Meeting	State Office, North Brighton	03 9596 4778
1-2/05/04	PCAV STATE	PCAV 2004 Horse Trials Championships	Central Zone - WPNEC	Janice 9320 8960
23/5/2004	PCAV STATE	Zone Teams Challenge Grade 3 and 4 ODE	WPNEC	Petie 0355 92 7212
12-13/06/04	PCAV STATE	PCAV 2004 State Mounted Games, Flat Teams and Musical Ride	Geelong Show Grounds	Lynne 03 9439 4294

The events calendar has been taken from the PCAV website and is provided as information only. This is not a full list of events but merely a download of the website. For more events information go to www.ponyclubvic.org



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