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EDITOR'S WELCOME

Welcome to the Pony Club Association of NSW June Newsletter. By this time of year Pony Clubs around the State are in full swing, with members participating in a variety of quality instructional opportunities and receiving invaluable lessons in proper horse care and safety, run largely in part by volunteers. Without the support of thousands of these volunteers, Pony Club simply would not exist. In this issue we highlight the importance of volunteers in Pony Club, whilst providing tips on how clubs can recruit, retain and reward volunteers.

On behalf of the Pony Club Association of NSW I would like to thank our hard working volunteers, we appreciate and are very thankful for your service. Without your help, Pony Club's would not exist.

If you would like to reward someone you know for their contribution to Pony Club, the annual Pony Club NSW Volunteer awards are now open. Nominations close on the 28 June 2014. Visit our website to download the nomination forms.

I hope you enjoy reading this issue.

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AWARDS

The Pony Club NSW Volunteers awards are now open and close on the 28 June 2014. One member from each zone will be selected and will receive;

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DRESSAGE JUDGES CLINIC

The PCANSW Dressage Judges Clinic to be held at Nana Glen from the 21-22nd June 2014 is seeking participants. Please contact Zone 9 Chief Instructor Kris Wood on 02 6653 4810 as soon as possible to confirm your place in this course.

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CAMPDRAFT CHAMPIONSHIP A CUT ABOVE

The Pony Club NSW State Sporting and Campdrafting Championships was held recently from the 12 to the 13 April at Tenterfield Showgrounds, Tenterfield.

With the first formal campdraft competition held in Tenterfield at the Tenterfield Show in 1885, this was a historical event for the competition to return home to where it all began.

Competitors and their families travelled from all over NSW and interstate from QLD to camp at the grounds over the weekend.

The Sporting Championships held on Saturday attracted 180 entries. Riders battled it out in a variety of races including Bending, Flag and Barrel racing.

Well done to the following Sporting age champions. In the under 11's, Charlotte Bennets from Cassilis Pony Club and in the under 13's Amanda Mills from Queensland placed first. Chloe Blackwell from Helensburgh Pony Club, Zone 22 was the age champion in the under 15 age group. Courtney Tinknell from Queensland took out the under 17's, while Kate Patch also from Queensland placed first in the under 25, associate division.

The Campdrafting Championships which was held on Sunday attracted 130 competitors. Campdrafting involves riders demonstrating their skills at cutting a beast out of a mob in an enclosure and then manoeuvring it around a set course.

Congratulations to the following Campdraft age champions. In the under 13's age group, Emma Johnston from Gloucester, Zone 25, and in the under 15's Sam Colwell from Walcha Pony Club in Zone 13. In the under 17 age group, Joel Rewald from Queensland placed first. While in the under 25 age group Jade Edmonstone from Queensland was the age group champion.

In both events, Zone 13 was the winning Pony Club Zone, while Queensland riders took out the overall winning State team award with a strong performance across the board.

Matthew Ireland from Walcha Pony Club in Zone 13 was the Reserve Champion in the 17 and Under 25 age group for both the Sporting and Campdrafting Championships. Matthew would like to thank Ross Green and his mother Maria Ireland for their help and preparation in the lead up to the event.

"It was a great weekend and I always enjoy these events and being able to catch up with friends that I haven't seen in a long time," said Matthew.

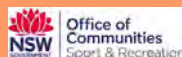
According to Libby Sharpe from Tenterfield Pony Club highlights of the weekend included the "fantastic weather, couldn't have asked for better, safe grounds and good competition."

"Campdrafters also commented on the good quality of the cattle for drafting and acknowledged the generosity of the cattle donors," said Libby.

This was the first Pony Club Association of NSW State Championship to be delivered according to the Associations Hendra Virus Vaccination Policy. All horses attending the championship had current Hendra Vaccination status and microchip scanning was checked on arrival.

The Association would like to thank all event competitors, officials and local event organisers in particular host zone 13 for their assistance in the smooth delivery of this new procedure.

The Pony Club NSW State Sporting and Campdrafting Championships are supported by Sport and Recreation a division of Communities NSW, Mitavite official feed partner, Global Entries Online, as well as other local sponsors.



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CHAMPIONSHIPS A SMOOTH SUCCESS

The Pony Club NSW State Dressage Championship hosted by Pony Clubs in the Zone 5 region and held from the 26-27th April at Gunnedah Showgrounds, Gunnedah is to be congratulated for a smooth and successfully run event.

"Competition commenced on Saturday morning and once started flowed very smoothly with arena's running on time. Sunday saw both riders and horses more relaxed and again some great tests were ridden," commented Judith Alston, Zone 5 Chief Instructor.

"Zone 5 would like to thank all competitors who attended the State Dressage Championships this past weekend at Gunnedah. You were all a pleasure to meet and deal with and your sportsmanship is to be commended," said Judith.

The Pony Club NSW State Dressage Championships, attracted 140 competitors from all over NSW and interstate from QLD.

Competition was close with riders competing across two separate Dressage tests with the overall champion being determined by their collective placing's.

In the under 13 age group Daniele Raheb riding horse Glynyarra Park Classic from Arcadia Pony Club was the champion. Emily Ballard on Hangestein from Queensland the 13 and Under 15 age champion. Wyong Pony Club rider, Hollie McIntyre on Trendee FB took out first place in the 15 and under 17 age group. Whilst in the 17 and under 25 age group, Caitlyn Hiskins from Corowa Pony Club, placed first on her horse Findon Park Rose Folly.

The Pony Club NSW State Dressage Championships is supported by Sport and Recreation a division of Communities NSW, Global Entries Online, Mitavite official feed partner, as well as other local sponsors.





The ACCIONA, Gunning Wind Farm, Pony Club NSW State Jumping Equitation Championships hosted by Zone 27, was held over the weekend of the 17th to the 18th May 2014 at the Gunning Showgrounds, Gunning.

Jumping Equitation is an event in which riders are judged both on their riding style and control of the horse whilst jumping.

Around 160 competitors along with their families travelled from all around the state to the event with most event attendees camping at the grounds for the weekend.

“One of my absolute favourite things about the competition was the opportunity to catch up with the many friends I have made from all over NSW through Pony Club, either through other competitions, camps or in teams. Pony Club has given me so many opportunities to meet with people with the same love for the sport from near and far. I now have friends from all around the Southern Tablelands, the ACT, Sydney, Bathurst, Newcastle, Wagga Wagga and more, and we all have a great time competing together, sharing advice, triumphs and lots of laughs. Horses, riding and competing wouldn’t be anywhere as fun without the friends I have made through Pony Club,” said Madeline Prell, under 25’s event age champion.

Well done to the event age champions as follows. In the under 13 years Grace Reen riding her horse Honey Bee from Arcadia Pony Club in Zone 23. In the 13 and under 15 years Emily Dryden riding Trade Me In, from Tall Timbers Pony Club in Zone 24. Tayhla Vuleta in the 15 and under 17 age group riding horse Angus from Kiama Pony Club Zone 22. While in the 17 and under 25 age group Madeleine Prell on her horse Coolaroo Scamp from Crookwell Pony Club located in Zone 27.



Top Photograph: Lydia Alston, U13 age group, Rankins Springs Pony Club. Photograph courtesy of Xpoze photography. <http://www.xpozephoto.com.au/>
 Right: Event age champions (l-r); Madeleine Prell, Tayhla Vuleta, Emily Dryden, Grace Reen with ACCIONA Gunning Wind Farm site manager Craig Simon. Photograph courtesy of Xpoze photography. <http://www.xpozephoto.com.au/>



Madeline Prell also achieved outstanding results at the Pony Club Australia National Championships held in Western Australia last September and as a result earned the title of Pony Club Australia Junior Showjumping Champion.

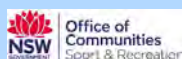
“Such a huge event wouldn’t have been possible without the time and effort given from the organisers and volunteers of the event, both before, during and after the weekend,” said Madeleine.

The next state event is the State Showjumping Championships which is to be held at Condobolin Showgrounds, Condobolin from the 5-6th July 2014.

The Pony Club NSW State Jumping Equitation Championships are supported by Naming Rights Sponsor ACCIONA, Gunning Wind Farm, Sport and Recreation a division of Communities NSW, Global Entries Online, Mitavite official feed partner, as well as other local sponsors.

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Area Sporting Teams Competition, Sydney Royal Easter Show by Jenni Yeo

There was a lot of dust, excitement and noise at the NSWPCA Area Sporting Teams Competition held at the Sydney Royal Easter Show on 23rd April 2014.

NSW is divided into 6 Areas with each Area consisting of several zones. Each team has 5 riders aged 12 to under 17 years, competing in a team relay against the other teams, in 11 different events that are a mix of sporting and modified mounted games. Examples of races include Team Bending; Fishing Race; Two Flag Race; Straight Barrel Race and Balloon Race. These require speed and precision and are very impressive and entertaining for all who were fortunate to witness the skills of these pony club riders and their mounts.

Team members included many state champions and placegetters from PCANSW State Sporting Championships and Mounted Games specialists, so the level of riding and competition between teams was fantastic.

The event was held in the sandy Schmidt Arena with a great commentator and a large crowd cheering, sighing, screaming and supporting these amazing riders. Teams competed in heats, then finals in each event with a running point-score showing that the competition was very tight over the 3 hours of competition. Congratulations to the 2014 winners: Area 4 Pony Club Sporting Team with riders Ryan Martin (Zone 6 – Mudgee Pony Club), Alex Hamblin (Zone 4 – Warren Pony Club); Natasha Yeo (Zone 6 – Coolah Pony Club), Hugh Maxey (Zone 4 – Warren Pony Club) and Lara Hamblin (Zone 4 - Warren Pony Club). Second place was awarded to Area 6, Third to Area 2, Fourth to Area 3, then Areas 1 and 6.

The honour, skill and thrill of this competition is well stated by Kyra Martin of Area 1: "Thank you to the NSW Pony Club Association for holding the Area Team Sporting competition at the Sydney Royal Easter Show. I had such a great time and met so many friendly people from across the State. The competition was really well run and was a great spectacle for the crowd which gathered at the Schmitt Arena especially to see us. I will never forget my first experience riding my horse Buster at the Sydney Royal."

Results Summary;

Place	Team
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2 nd	Area 6
3 rd	Area 2
4 th	Area 3
5 th	Area 1
6 th	Area 5



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Matcham Valley Pony Club by Rachel Walker

Matcham Valley Pony Club NSW first outing as a "team" to Castle Hill Show. We had a great day with lots of happy children, parents and ponies!! This year we plan to go to Bathurst Royal, Hawkesbury Show and Camden - all in the pony club ring.



Zone 28 Regional Eventing School by Christine Kettlewell

On the 3rd & 4th of May Ashli Stephenson, Tilly Adamson, Paula Hitchcock, Piper Christley, Siena Jackson, Olivia Goodwin, Prue Nee, Laura McLaren, Emma Tinslay, Sarah Green, Brooke McPherson, Emma Roach, Jayde Bennett, Hayley Bennett, Jessica Usher, Olivia Salkeld, Jack & Jasmine Haynes braved the cold & wind to attend the Zone 28 Regional Eventing School, at Worrigee with instructor Sam Lyle.

Sam did a wonderful job teaching our riders many skills in all areas of riding. On Saturday each group had a Dressage lesson in the morning followed by a Showjumping lesson in the afternoon. On Sunday Sam took our riders out on the cross country course giving each group a 2hr session. Our riders did a great job & came away with many new skills & a greater confidence in their own ability, with many riders attempting higher level jumps than they had thought possible. Thank you to Mervyn & Ann Bennett who allowed us to use their wonderful cross country course, PCANSW & Elaine Caswell for organising the school, & Sam Lyle for doing such a great job coaching our riders.



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AROUND THE GROUNDS



Zone 28 Camp by Christine Kettlewell

Riders from Berry, Cambewarra, Jervis bay, Kangaroo Valley, Lake Conjola, Shoalhaven & Sussex Inlet Pony Clubs attended our annual Zone 28 camp. Elaine Caswell organised a great program that included, Flat Work, Dressage, Showjumping, Cross Country, Trail Rides, Sporting, Mounted Games & Horsemanship. The weekend started with an ANZAC Service, Tilly Adamson carried the Australian Flag proudly & Brooke McPherson, Emma Tinslay & Laura McLaren conducted the service.

After a week of rain we had beautiful weather all weekend. After our ANZAC service Friday morning, everyone finished setting up & our lessons got underway. Thank you to all of our Club Instructors that helped over the weekend & a special thank you to, Reg Ryan, Olivia Patterson & Linda Spence, who all volunteered their time to teach our riders.

Elaine organized Alyssa Mathers from the Paid Instructors Panel who took the riders for Showjumping lessons. Alyssa did a wonderful job & our Riders took a lot away from each lesson.

Friday Evening we had a Movie Night, Bill Usher did a wonderful job cooking pop corn for everyone. Saturday after all riding activities had finished riders were able to watch another movie before dinner was ready.

Thank you to all the parents, who helped in the kitchen, cooked the BBQ & kept the facilities clean, especially Bec & Glenda who helped organise all meals. Thank you to our riders, they were very well behaved & polite. They listened & actively participated in lessons which made teaching at Camp a pleasure for our Instructors.

On Saturday evening Blake Evans, Nathan Green & Shannon ran a great Disco with a smoke machine, lights & loud music. They played a few games & danced away till rather late. Thank you Blake, Nathan & Shannon I am sure they will be expecting a repeat next year!!

Over the weekend many riders had the opportunity to be graded for Showjumping & Cross Country. Congratulations to all Riders that were graded over the weekend & we hope to see them again soon at our Zone 28 Championships.

It was a very relaxed Camp & we all had such a great time, we are already looking forward to Camp in 2014!



AROUND THE GROUNDS



Zone 16 Camp by Katherine Breitzkopf

It's early April, the excitement is building, and riders are busily preparing and packing. Before you know it, it's here - the annual Zone 16 Pony Club camp!

This year 190 riders and their trusty steeds descended on the Bungendore Showgrounds eager for a week of learning, making new friends and spending time with their horses. The riders ranged from 5-21 years of age and came from all over the ACT and surrounding NSW, even as far as Dubbo and Cooma.

Mother Nature was very accommodating, stopping a week of rain on the Saturday before camp was to begin. The sunny weather continued on during the week with the cold only just setting in on the Friday.

The fun began on Sunday 13th of April with riders arriving, setting up camp, checking in and meeting their fellow troop members.



Monday began the lessons, where riders participated in all disciplines including; Showjumping, Dressage, Flatwork, Eventing, Mounted Games, Sporting, Theory, Horse Massage, Knots & Splicing, Polocrosse, Orienteering, Pony Soccer, Musical Drill and Tent Pegging.

Instructors ranged from volunteer club instructors through to professionals such as Hayley Smith, Trevor Morris, George Johnson, Fiona Gruen, Gina Haddard, Andrew Haddard and Sarah Venamore.

Our wondrous catering team of Mike, Peter, Ed & Steve did a marvellous job of feeding over 250 people every meal. Breakfast ranged from cereal to a full cooked meal, morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea, a different meal each night for dinner and desert. One thing is definitely for sure - you will never go hungry at camp!

Each night the represented clubs ran an entertainment. The biggest hits were the bingo, disco and who could forget Ben and Tom at the skit night performing their own version of American Pie.

Camp drew to a close on Saturday 19th of April with riders putting their new skills to a test in a mini gymkhana.



A huge thankyou must go to the amazing team of volunteers who run the camp each year. Di, Gavin, Toni, Mark, Judy, Barry, Ted (and everyone I have missed). THANKYOU. We can't wait until we can do it all again next year!



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CAREERS

**Tara Gordon, Magazine Publisher,
Downunder Magazine**

**"I love the variety and how it allows me time to
work strange hours, so I also get to ride."**



Tara left school after year 12 and went to work for a local newspaper in Western Victoria. Her main role was selling advertising but she soon discovered a natural flair for writing.

Her love of horses found her working for Horse Deals in South East South Australia for ten years. Selling advertising was her main job and Tara attracted many of the bigger clients who can be seen advertising in Horse Deals today.

By now Tara was breeding Quarter Horses and was lucky enough to be approached by the Quarter Horse Association to work on their members monthly publication. Pregnant with her first child at the time, Tara jumped at the chance to work from home.

"It was perfect timing for me, I was getting stale after ten years at the same thing, and seeing such growth with Horse Deals I felt I had achieved all I had set out to. At the time I was offered the job I was in the early stages of my first pregnancy so working from home was a great option for me."

Tara enjoyed working for the AQHA and the magazine grew quickly. Four years later, with a change of Board of Directors and a change in General Manager, Tara decided to leave. The now mother of two, with some prompting from a Quarter Horse friend and author/writer, Tara ventured into her own business and formed a Company, The Horse Downunder Magazine. For the first two years the magazine was a monthly and kept Tara chained to her desk. "The dollar return for the amount of hours I was putting into it just wasn't worth it so I cut it back to bi-monthly," explained Tara.

Now known as just Downunder Magazine, Tara explained the magazine took on it's own direction. "I started it as Horse content only but it just seemed to want to go in the direction of Horse, Cattle and Country Lifestyle. The people who were reading it were mostly rural or people who loved the rural way of life. We tried to steer clear of anything that other horse magazines were doing and tried to create a niche that Hoofs and Horns had left behind. Real people, real horses, real country life and Aussie pride" said Tara.

Tara's other projects this year include publishing a Western District Shearing Shed book on behalf of client who needed a hand making her dream become a reality. Horsezone the website has also secured Tara as part of their Sales Team. "This is only new, I only started after Easter, but I'm loving working for Horsezone and they are a bit like me, willing to go that extra mile to make sure the customer is happy," said Tara. "Horsezone started roughly the same time as I started Downunder so it's great to see two new and fresh businesses doing so well, and also having the foresight to be able to work together. It's a great economical option for people selling horses, and the fact that people can put a horse up for sale for free if it's value is under \$5,000, sees it attracting between 50 and 60 new listings per day and a great place to go look for your new equine."



CAREERS

Today Tara only has a few old retirees for the kids to ride but she enjoyed breeding Quarter Horses and Paints for ten years.

"I stopped breeding purely because of the cost, it was an expensive hobby" said Tara.

Breeding to such stallions as Chicks Impressive Charm and Spot of Grand, Just Shameless was her number one choice when it came to Paints.

Tara's advice for anyone interested in following a dream in publishing would be to study hard and learn to communicate well. Speaking with people from all walks of life is a huge thing in this industry and if you can communicate effectively you'll be able to re-tell a story, or help an advertiser with their requirements.

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RECRUIT, RETAIN AND REWARD VOLUNTEERS

BENEFITS OF VOLUNTEERING: Volunteers are vital to the successful running of Pony Club. Some of the benefits of volunteering include;

- ☑ Meeting new friends and interacting with a diverse range of people
- ☑ Learning or developing a new skill
- ☑ Becoming actively involved in your community
- ☑ Boost your career options
- ☑ Personal satisfaction
- ☑ Family involvement
- ☑ To do something worthwhile.

BARRIERS TO VOLUNTEERING: Unfortunately volunteering sometimes has a poor reputation, often many volunteers feel their dedication and commitment goes unrecognised. Some of the barriers to volunteering may include;

- ☑ Pressures of paid work
- ☑ Lack of confidence, skills
- ☑ Lack of appreciation/recognition
- ☑ Long serving volunteers not making space for new volunteers
- ☑ Pressures of family
- ☑ Hours involved in volunteer work

Addressing these barriers are key considerations for clubs who want to recruit and retain volunteers. The following tips provide useful information to help you recruit, retain and reward your club's volunteers.

1. **RECRUITING VOLUNTEERS:** To recruit volunteers a club needs to emphasise the benefits that volunteering provides. The majority of potential volunteers are already known by someone in the club, simply asking people is an avenue for attracting volunteers. Another avenue is advertising, for example flyers, community billboards, newspapers and school newsletters.
2. **RETAIN VOLUNTEERS:** Once the club has recruited volunteers, it needs to look after them so they remain with the club. The first step towards effective volunteer management is getting the right people with the appropriate skills in the right positions. Your club should be targeting potential volunteers with the skills you need. For example, if one of the parents of a player in your club is an accountant, ask if they are willing to assist the treasurer. Once the club has targeted and recruited volunteers with appropriate skills, they need to be sure of what is required of them. Volunteers should have some sort of orientation. A well-designed orientation process reduces stress on volunteers, makes them feel welcome and may reduce the likelihood of turnover. The Pony Club Volunteer workshops are designed to assist with this. Free Pony Club Workshops are available for PCANSW members. The Workshops aim to provide education and training opportunities to enable our volunteers to feel supported and fully equipped to participate as a volunteer in their Pony Club. These workshops are ideal for existing volunteers looking for Pony Club Management specific training, they also provide a perfect opportunity for new or potential Pony Club volunteers who may be interested in volunteering in the future. These workshops run for approximately five hours with breaks for lunch and morning and afternoon tea which is also provided free of charge to course attendees. Examples of topics which may be covered include; Grant writing, Role descriptions, Risk Management, Insurance, Managing meetings, and much more. To book a Pony Club Workshop in your zone contact the state office.
3. **REWARD VOLUNTEERS:** An important way to encourage volunteers to remain with your club is to give them adequate recognition. This could be through simply thanking the volunteer in person, or through a thank you letter. Acknowledging volunteers in club newsletters, farewelling people when they move out of the area, presenting awards for years of service such as the Pony Club NSW Volunteer Awards. These awards recognise volunteers who have assisted with the running and development of Pony Club within their Club or Zone. The annual Pony Club NSW Volunteers award nominations are now open. The awards close on the 28 June 2014. Visit our website to download the nomination forms.



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Coaches Corner

This information has been written by one of the Associations State Coaches, as a guide to Pony Club Instructors. If you are interested in obtaining more resources, simply visit our online store.

MUSICAL WITCHES HATS

(Assuming the group have never done a Musical Tyres/ Drums/Blocks/Witches Hats, before)

This lesson plan can give you ideas and progression for a proportion of a rally day instruction.

Aim: To teach and improve the rider's control and agility skills so they can participate safely in a fun games with their horses.

Outcome: To help make the rider more competent at controlling their horse, improve their agility and horsemanship skills and get enjoyment riding their horse participating in some fun games.

Pre-Requisite Exercises: Preferably the riders would have done a flat work session before they would do any sporting events to help eliminate the risk of horses being to fresh and/or to loosen up stiffer older horses and avoid any injuries of horses or riders. Try the following Exercises in your preceding flat work lesson.

Skills required & appropriate exercises:

Skill: Leading their horse in walk and trot.

Exercise: With reins over the horses head (stirrups run up) and rider standing at the horses shoulder asking the horse to walk beside them, using the "Click/voice aid" and the whip behind the girth to encourage the horse to go forward if necessary. Once they have mastered the walk then proceed to trot. Also make sure they can stop their horse as well as making it go forward.

Skill: Dismounting quickly and safely.

Exercise: A preceding lesson of safely and efficiently dismounting the horse firstly at the halt. **Taking both feet out of the stirrups and sliding/ vaulting off** then taking the reins over the horses head to then lead the horse. This exercise should be repeated going from walk to halt and dismount and from trot to halt and dismount.

SAFETY: Emphasis that the riders MUST take BOTH FEET

out of the stirrups and slide off when dismounting for this game. Also they must stop the horse before dismounting, dismount and take the reins over the horse's head to lead.

Equipment required & Setup: Enough witches hats to mark out a large circle 20m diameter minimum and either witches hats, jumping blocks or small drums for the "Chairs". You will need one less of these than the number of children participating. The "Chairs" as such will be in the center of the circle and spaced well apart from each other but spaced evenly to give everyone on the circle a fair chance to reach them.

Surface and Area: The surface should not be hard or slippery. It should have a good covering of grass or maybe a sand surface. Be careful about grasses like Rye grass or clover as they can be a slippery surface.

Safety considerations: Make sure the riders who are knocked out of the competition are positioned away from the circle but can still see what is happening. Stress the importance of not pulling their horses up to quickly and stopping on the line of the circle. Be very aware of any horses that may kick as they may not be suitable to participate in this game. Six is an ideal number to have so if your group is bigger split them into two groups to run separately.

MUSICAL CHAIRS GAME LESSON

Introduction of Instructor and Riders: Before you begin the lesson introduce **yourself**, find out the riders names and some information about their horses eg. How many times they have ridden their horse in the last week or when was the last time they rode their horse? Does it have any vices?

Gear Check: Make sure a gear check for safety and correct fit has been done before the lesson begins.

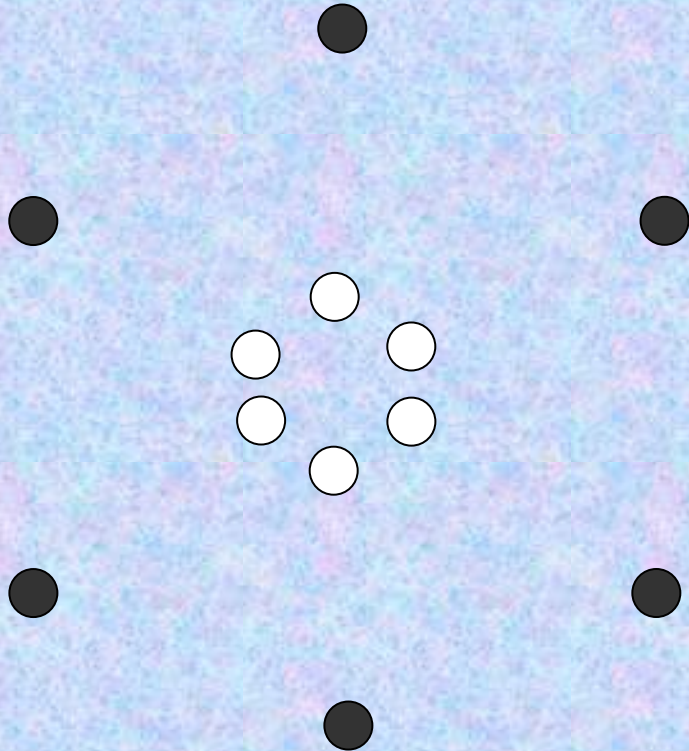
Explanation of lesson: Describe to the group that Musical Chairs is a group run event and after each turn one person will be eliminated. Everyone rides around the circle (whatever pace the instructor feels the group are capable of safely stopping easily) and when the music stops or the instructor says "Stop" the riders dismount and run with their horse into the center to get to one of the markers before the other riders. Whoever misses out is out of that game. Then with the riders left remount and the game starts again until you get down to the final two and they ride off against each other.

Coaches Corner

The riders need to be able to have **good control** of their horses and the horse needs to be obedient with stopping and leading.

Make sure the riders are not rough when stopping and leading their horses. (This is why practicing the skills beforehand is most important so the horses have learnt what to do).

Demonstration: The best way to demonstrate the Musical Chairs is to have a rider demonstrate. Ask the rider to trot or canter around the circle (depending on their standard) and when you say stop they stop their horse, dismount, take the reins over the horse's head and lead it into the center and claim a witch's hat. They must stay on the outer circle until they have dismounted and are not to turn into the center.



The Instructor: From this position the instructor can instruct and still see all the riders.

Teaching the Lesson: Start with all the riders out on the circle. If you have a large group and some are watching, get them each to cheer for the riders participating.

Start them in walk if a fairly novice group, otherwise start in trot and as the numbers lessen on the circle, try canter. After each go, you need to take away one of the witch's hats and keep going to the final two riders. If you have had to have two groups run off, the two winners against each other.

Summary:

- Ask the riders how they felt they went and how they may be able to improve their skills.
- You can offer any advice you feel they need to improve on their skills for this game.
- Also explain how the first sessions on the flat prepared them for the actual skills required for this type of game and the importance of teaching their horse to do all the movements they would then be required to do.
- To finish on a positive note, ask them what they felt was the best thing they did and what they achieved.



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The club offers instruction in the following disciplines Dressage, Show Jumping, Cross Country, Show Riding, Sporting & Mounted Games as well as lessons in proper horse care and safety. A typical rally day involves set up, safety briefing, morning session, lunch and afternoon session.

Other fundraising, or social, events run at Kangaroo Valley Pony club include chocolate raffles & Rally Day tuck shop.

The best thing about being a member of Kangaroo Valley Pony Club is the people. They are caring, supportive, enthusiastic and a lot of fun. The riders are extremely keen and a little bit cheeky. Every rally day is exhausting but the smiles on the rider's faces are simply priceless.

Photo Captions;

- Photo 1- Lola Eagleton, Jemima Gripper & Aria Baker - Kangaroo Valley Show 2014.

Photos 2 & 3 - Kangaroo Valley members competing.



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March Profile of the month: Sophie Taylor

My name is Sophie Taylor, I am 11 years old and a member of Dungog Pony Club.

My horses name is Jacqui, she loves to try and steal my food. I love Pony Club because I get to ride all day with my friends, I get to learn from instructors and I get the excitement of competing and trying to do a little bit better each time. When I am not horse riding I like to think about riding and to draw horses.

If I had three wishes I would own a Pegasus, be able to do an awesome sitting trot and never get hurt if I fell off.



Photo Caption; Sophie Taylor & Coroglen Jacqueline.

April Profile of the month: Hayley Browne

My name is Hayley Browne, I am 11 years old and a member of Queanbeyan Pony Club.

My horse's name is Holly, she loves to eat grass and canter on the right rein.

I love Pony Club because it's a good way to teach me and my horse.



When I am not horse riding I like to watch Modern Family and go camping.

If I had three wishes I would play polocrosse, go to State for sporting and own my own riding school.

Photo Caption; Hayley Browne and Holly.

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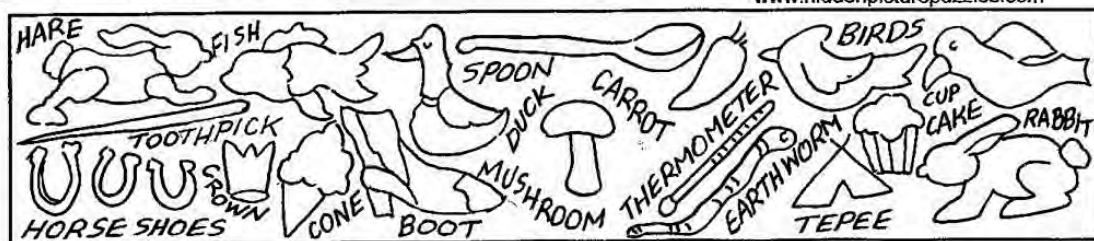
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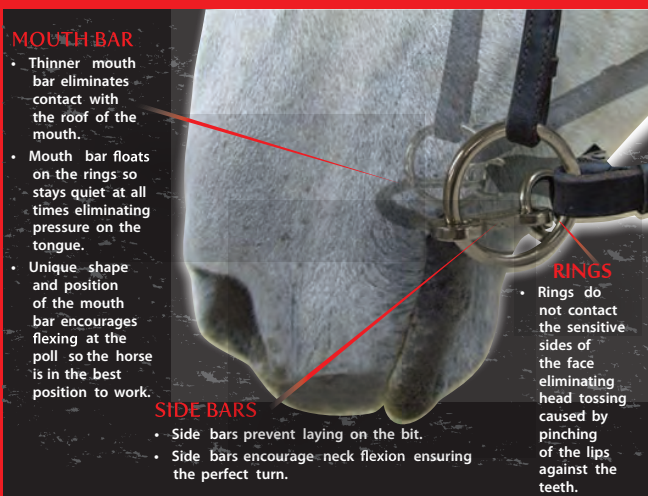
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Previous articles are available on the Pony Club website, pcansw.org.au under the Media tab. If you like Karen's columns, check out her book for horse lovers; <http://www.koorong.com/search/product/spirited-journey-a-a-devotional-for-horse-lovers/9781921589454.jhtml>

You are Special

I was rushing through our local shopping centre the other day, hurriedly grabbing a few things before collecting my kids from school, when I noticed a boy in an unfamiliar pony club uniform sitting alone on the shopping centre lounge.

I gave him a smile as I rushed by. He didn't smile back. I didn't mind though; I was lost in my thoughts of... 'What pony club event is bringing people to Dubbo this week?' and 'What else do I need from the grocery store - school is nearly out.'

It was only after I got home and stopped rushing that the boy on the

lounge came back to me and I realised he had a sad expression on his face. Had he had a bad day? Was he disappointed in a performance? Was he feeling not good enough? I wished I had forgotten about the groceries and stopped for a chat. I wished I took the time to find out what was on his mind and to tell him something that's all too easy to forget... despite whatever difficulty life might be throwing at us at present, we are special, we are precious and we are loved!

Did you know:

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- Before you were even born you started dreaming.
- No-one else in the history of the world has ever been the same as you – no-one has the same combination of your personality, interests, gifts, experiences and genetics!
- You are quite literally irreplaceable!

Perhaps another way to look at uniqueness is by looking at our horses. Have you ever owned two horses that were exactly the same? Of course not! Each of our animals is totally unique too. We might think, 'Brandy has a blaze like Buster', or 'Captain whinnies just like Princess', or 'Bailey's canter is exactly like Darcy's' but no two horses are exactly the same in every single thing. So what's the point?



The point is this... life can be pretty disappointing and discouraging at times. We can often feel like we are not meeting people's expectations for us. We often don't meet our own expectations for ourselves. But that doesn't cancel out the fact that you are still unique, you are still valuable and you are still precious!!!

We need to remember where our value does not come from:

- Not from what other people think of us.
- Not from how we are performing.
- Not from how clever, talented or gifted we are.
- Not from how popular we are.
- Not even from what we think of ourselves.

You and I are valuable because every single life is precious, unique and unreplaceable (even if it's seems ordinary) and because our maker says so!

I wonder if you've ever heard about amazing "laminin". (Laminin are like foundation cells for most of our body). Put simply these cells are the glue that holds us together. Our bodies have billions of laminin cells. The interesting thing is that if you look at these cells under a microscope, each one is the shape of a cross. It's like the 'glue' that is holding us together has God's signature on it. We are precious because our maker has stamped us as his precious creation, billions of times over!

If I could grab a megaphone and shout a message to the world... or whisper it to a sad boy on a lounge... it would be, "You are precious! You are special! You are loved!"

Wishing you the joy of knowing just how much you are worth,

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27-28th September 2014: Pony Club NSW State One Day Event Championships, Albury, (Zone 20)

4-5th October 2014: Pony Club NSW State Mounted Games Championships, Host Zone needed.

6-7th December 2014: Pony Club NSW State Showriding Championships, White Park, Scone (Zone 7)

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4-9th January 2014: Applications to nominate to attend State Camp close 1st November 2014.

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21-22nd June 2014: Dressage Judges Clinic, Zone 9, Nana Glen

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28-29th June 2014: NCAS Instructors School, Zone 10, TBC

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30th June-1st July 2014: Regional Dressage School, Zone 22, Kiama

26-27th July 2014: NCAS Assessment, Zone 16, TBC

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16-17th August 2014: Regional Eventing School, Zone 6, Gulgong

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30th November 2014: Regional Showjumping School, Zone 10, TBC

STATE MEETINGS

27-29th July 2014

30th November — 2nd December 2014

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