

HUNTINGFIELD HOOFBEATS



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JUNIOR COMMITTEE

Presidents	Ellen McIntosh & Meg Williams		
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Treasurers	Loren Dobie		
Committee:	Bec McIndoe, Casey Price, George Grover, Isabel Scanlon, Jess Price, Jonathon Ayton, Meg Kluver Jones , Nicole Elliott, Tamika Shea, Tory Percival, Winona Davis, (others to be confirmed – keep an eye out in the next newsletter).		

Calendar

August

Sun 21st

Sat 27th

Rally

Adult Riders Rally

September

Sun 4th

Sun 18th

Sat 24th

SUN 25TH

Monmouth ODE

Rally

Adult Riders Rally

BRIGHTON ODE PONTVILLE

October

Sun 2nd

Sun 16th

Sat 22nd

SUN 30TH

Huntingfield ODE

Rally

Adult Riders Rally

H&D ODE TEC



Websites

For up to date information on events and pony club in Tasmania go to...

www.pcat.org.au and for Huntingfield www.huntingfield.pcat.org.au/

Check the National Championship site www.ponyclubnationals.org.au/

Others to try are www.tashorse.com.au, www.tasmanianhorse.com.au and

www.horsedirectory.com.au (the last one has LOTS of links).

Cover Photo: State Council of PCAT adult Volunteer Service Award winner (and Huntingfield chief instructor) Liz Elliot teaching Winona Davis and Timmy.

HOTLINE PHONE NUMBER

for last minute information on event cancellations

Phone **9539 4772** for a recorded message.

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DC Report

Welcome everyone to a new year at Pony Club! I must confess that I was initially nervous about taking on the role of DC as I don't have a lot of experience. However, Liz Elliott (sweet talker that she is) convinced me I will be fine and that she will look after me. She has also managed to secure a great team around me with experience and enthusiasm. Between Liz "Chief Instructor" and Mike Smith "Assistant DC", there is not much that these two don't know about Pony Club and horse riding so I feel like I'm in good hands. I also know that my predecessor, Steph, will be there to help me with DC stuff whenever I need it which is an additional comfort. Then I heard that Adam Grover was thinking about being President. Fantastic! Everyone likes Adam and I'm sure he will be ably assisted by Phillip Davis as Vice President. I don't know Phillip very well yet, but have heard plenty of good things and admire him for his willingness to step into the fray after such a short time at the Club.

It will be Easy!

My only concern was when Liz told me she was off to Africa for five weeks and showed me photos of small canoes in predator-infested waters. I'm going to be very mad at her if she gets eaten by a crocodile or hippopotamus.

I am especially pleased to welcome two of the Juniors (Nicole Elliott and Tory Percival) onto the Senior Committee and look forward to the Juniors generally playing a prominent role in direction and implementation of the Club's activities. They are a great bunch of kids and young adults and I've already heard a lot of good ideas! Congratulations to Elle McIntosh and Meg Williams who are joint Presidents of the Junior Committee and Isabella Grover and Loren Dobie who are Secretary and Treasurer respectively.

Of course there are many other people in the Club who are on the Committees and/or who help in all sorts of ways to ensure the success of the Club.

WE ARE ALL VOLUNTEERS AND WE ARE ALL IN THIS

TOGETHER!!!!!!!!!!!!!! I look forward to your friendship, ideas, involvement and support.

Thank you to Steph McIntosh, Lex McIndoe, Jayne Dobie, Libby Shea, Frances Kube and Amanda Robson for all their dedication and hard work over previous years. It is appreciated and I hope we are able to live up to the great work you have done.

AND THEN THERE ARE THE RIDERS AND THEIR HORSES

When Liz showed me the Pony Club Handbook, I felt it was important to note that Pony Club is first and foremost a “Youth Organisation”. The new team has already agreed that this must be our focus and we look forward to fulfilling the official “Aims of Pony Club” listed below.

Aims of Pony Club

To encourage young people to ride and to learn to enjoy all kinds of sport concerned with horses and riding

To provide instruction in riding and horsemanship and to instil in members the proper care of their animals

To promote the highest ideals of sportsmanship, citizenship and loyalty, thereby cultivating strength of character and self-discipline in an environment free from harassment and discrimination

Code of Conduct

The safety of the riders and horses is paramount above all else. In all equestrian sports the welfare of the horse must be considered paramount.

The well-being of the horse shall be above the demands of breeders, trainers, riders, owners, dealers, organisers, sponsors and officials.

Treat all participants in your sport as you like to be treated.

Ride by the rules.

Be a good sport.

Show appreciation for coaches, officials and administrators.

LET'S HAVE FUN! There is no point to it all otherwise.

Steve

From the President

It is with pleasure that I write my first report as President of the Huntingfield Pony and Riding Club. Our club, as the 50th Anniversary celebrations amply demonstrated, has a proud history. It is a history not only of rallies, ODEs, games, and the myriad of other equine-related pursuits in which we participate, but it is also a rich history of community, support and the richness of a shared purpose to support each other and our riders. It is this dual heritage, of horsemanship and fraternity, which marks our club as special and distinctive, and it is from this basis that I want to begin my tenure.

I believe that, at its heart, this club is strengthened when we all participate freely and see our members flourish both on and of their horses. Members

work incredibly hard to the benefit of the club, the most tangible example being the recent building works, and I see it as important that we enjoy the benefits of our work. Accordingly, while there are a number of procedural responsibilities which I hold, I believe it is my role to ensure we celebrate the fruits of our labour. [Stay tuned for more on this later...](#)

I want to acknowledge the pivotal role of my predecessor, [Lex McIndoe](#). Unquestionably the significant improvements to the infrastructure and smooth running of our club would not have come about without the leadership, vision and drive of Lex and of the Committee he led. None of us, whether we be rider, parent or supporter, should look any further than Lex as an exemplar of the good that can be done by an effective and efficient President. I am personally grateful for his wise counsel and look forward to working with Lex as he continues to support the club as a Committee member.

Please keep in mind that all on Committee look forward to enhancing the Club as we move into this new phase of growth and development. I look forward to your input, of whatever sort you feel comfortable with, as we look to the future. I am here to serve you and the club, so please let me know if you have any suggestions or comments to strengthen what is already a remarkable community of friends.

Adam Grover

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Birthday Wishes for August

Caleb Dales, Bijou DeJong, Georgia Fyfe, Meg Kluver-Jones, Bronte Lovell,

Rider profile

Your name and age: Josh Dales, 18
Name and age of pony: JP Party Time (9) and Paris, (7)

Your pony's funny habit: Noddy and Paris both think the world is out there to eat them!

Best Pony Club memory: Winning A grade State Eventing Trials in 2010

Favourite Equestrian discipline: Eventing and SJ

Future Equestrian plans: In September, I am going over to Werribee for Pony Club Nationals for Senior Showjumping on JP Party Time. It will be great to get some experience under my belt and am also planning to do some open competitions over there too, which should be some fun.

Personal Best Achievement: Winning the 1* State Eventing Champs in 2011.

Most embarrassing moment: I fell off doing Grade 5 at my first ever horse event - I couldn't tell you the real one. =P

Your favourite horsey item: My woollen knit pony club jumper... ahhh

The best advice you've received: Give it 110% and then remember there's more to life than horses. Liz Elliot and Nicky Brown.



AGM Reports

At the conclusion of the recent AGM, a full report of the year's activities along with financial reports etc were distributed to all present. For those who did not get a copy or were not present at the meeting, please see Lex at the next Rally to get a copy. The reports are far more than an AGM report. They are a year book that hopefully you can look back at in the future of your days at Huntingfield.

Volunteer service award

State Council of PCAT recently awarded adult Volunteer Service Awards to two Huntingfield members - the only two to be awarded in the State this year.

Gibbo

Andrew Stewart Gibson (Gibbo) has been very active with Pony Club for over 34 years, 24 years as an adult after having been an active Ordinary and Associate member with Huntingfield Pony & Riding Club Inc. During his years as an Associate Member Gibbo won the Grade 1 Trials in the 1988 Bicentennial year. He also represented Australia as an Interpacific representative in 1987 (Hong Kong) and Tasmania in the 1988 National Pony Club ODE Championships held at Launceston.

As soon as Andrew turned 21 and could no longer be a riding member he became actively involved in Pony Club administration and leadership. This commenced with being District Commissioner for four years 1990 – 1994 and the Club President from 1995 to 1999. During this time the Club was PCAT Club of the Year 3 years in a row. For three out of the four years that Andrew was DC there was no President so he was effectively doing both jobs. In 1995 Gibbo was elected a Life Member of Huntingfield. This is a fantastic effort when you realize that he started his DC/Club President role at the age of 21!

Over the ensuing years Gibbo has, as an Associate member in 1989, been awarded the PCAT Service Award, been Huntingfield District Commissioner, President and Life Member. He has been Chairman of the organising committee of the State Trials and of the organising committee of the State Trials. This role also saw Gibbo and another Club member effectively building the course between them without payment that is now common procedure. He has instructed at rallies at most Southern Zone clubs on a regular basis for many years and coached and mentored all Southern Hopefuls training squad camps since its inception.

Being one of the few qualified TDs in the south he is always on call to TD and agrees to do them all the time. While being a TD he is often asked to also design the show jumping course while he is there.

Pony Club Association of Tasmania, especially Southern Zone, is indebted to Andrew (Gibbo) Gibson for an outstanding contribution over 20 years for exceptional service. Southern Zone without Andrew's involvement would be struggling to run the level of events that it does and make its contribution to PCAT events which it is.

Liz Elliott

Liesbeth has had a long involvement with the club having begun instructing at rallies not long after her arrival in Tasmania from Holland almost thirty years ago.

Her involvement became more regular when her girls became members, firstly Monique in 1994, followed by Nicole a couple of years later.

Liesbeth has attained her EA Level 2 accreditation and more recently has been appointed as a Coach Educator. This indicates the high regard Liesbeth is held within the equestrian community in Tasmania.

We have certainly been fortunate to have someone with her knowledge and expertise attached to our Pony Club and in 2001 she agreed to take on the role of Chief Instructor (now Chief Coach) of Huntingfield, a position she has now held continuously for the past 10 years. She is also one of three Chief Coaches representing the Southern Zone at State level.

This is a complex role within the club and her judgment and opinions are respected by riders and parents alike.

She is a popular instructor at rallies – everyone always hopes to see on the board that they are having a lesson with her – and she is especially adaptable in that she is always willing to teach any age and any discipline. We are all always impressed by the way she manages to coordinate the whole club into a precision riding display on special occasions.

In addition, Liesbeth has helped our members over many years is preparing them for their Efficiency Test written theory papers. The high standard achieved by our riders in these can be attributed to her dedication to Huntingfield and its members. In fact the success of our riders in competition as well, is also a testament to her coaching. She is always on hand at competitions and State Championships to calm the nerves and give final words of advice or encouragement to our riders.

Raffle

Our next rally's raffle is a lovely Tassal salmon voucher, valued at \$50. If you can donate anything for the raffle (or suggest a business which can) let Robyn McQueeney know while you are buying your tickets.

AGM photos



Arena Harrowing

If you can help us harrow the arena, please contact Steve Percival



Canteen Roster

Please remember to bring a **cake or slice** for instructors' morning teas. You need to be with us at **9am** to start preparing food. If you are listed for canteen roster and are unable to attend rally please contact a family listed for the next month to arrange a swap.



July

Edge & Fox

August

Fyfe & Harvey

September

Hazell & Jeffery



Marketplace

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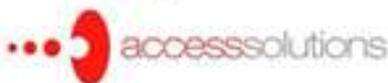
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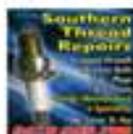
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