

Sunday, 21 March 2021

Chair of the Zone Chief Instructors Report March Meetings 2021

The past twelve months has been a learning curve for everyone. I wish to thank each and every one of you for the input and work you have contributed to your clubs, Zones and members. Notwithstanding all that you do every day for the association, all our volunteers deserve to be valued. Sadly the Executive say goodbye to Hillary Fletcher and Carol Hodges from Zone 16 and Zone 9 respectively. Their humour, attention to detail and integrity will be missed. The continuing adjustment Covid 19 brings to our events and clubs has made many decisions difficult this year. It has changed how we work and highlighted that we need to continue to adhere to the Government advice. A bonus has been the opportunity to use Zoom meetings this year has been a godsend and I hope this will continue. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the Association staff for the work they do in their roles which has included a year of significant change. I'm not sure where we would be without their help in understanding the Omni system.

State Coaching Manager. Jane has been very busy organising the National training clinics in the four areas of the State. I do hope that all the riders that wanted to go were able to put in an expression of interest. This year the Nationals being in Victoria are still accessible for most riders in the State. I can only wish all the hopeful riders and their horse the best of luck for selection. I will be in attendance at all the clinics, available for any questions and to support our State Coaches and invited coaches in delivering such a good initiative. Places on the short list for Team NSW will be hotly contested.

State Championships. Tetrathlon and Formal Gymkhana 2021 at Merriwa was wonderful. Thank you to the committee for such a well run event and thank you to Rachel for running the office so calmly. The covid requirements worked well and the atmosphere was exciting. I would like to think that TET will provide a future for riders in Pony Club that also love to compete in running, swimming and shooting. Formal Gymkhana was such fun, lots of laughs, good sportsmanship and it ran to time. This should also grow, it works well, we all understand the events and our riders love Gymkhana's, it suits the all-round horse and pony combination. Sporting and Campdraft, One Day Event and Jumping Equitation are coming up. ODE Entries are open. This will be a busy year with riders keen to compete, I would like to see that as many riders as possible are encouraged to attend, it really would be a benefit to your Zones and to our brand. PCANSW wants as many riders at our State Championships as we can fit in. Jumping Equitation has not been held as an event since 2016 and please encourage your riders to put an entry in. In fact lets look at 2021 as the year we turned our declining membership around.

- Interestingly all other Equestrian associations are also experiencing a decline in memberships, which doesn't help us and we need to work hard to keep our association valid.

PCA Nationals. 2021 PONY CLUB AUSTRALIA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS : Benalla Equestrian Reserve
EVENT DATE: 26 SEP - 2 OCT 2021 Team NSW is in its initial coordination phase with training clinics underway.

RAS 12th April

It's on a Monday but we would love to see as many supporters there as possible. It is a great day for Pony Club and with the sporting, hacking and show jumping going on it's an exciting time. Good luck to all our Pony Club riders and teams.

PCA – an update on information received from PCA in response to our collective letter regarding the new certificates.
Advisory Committees - All Advisory Committee's will have had a meeting prior to the AGM. Walcha will be hosting the Campdraft and Sporting over the easter school holidays.

State Senior Instructors Clinic – This is in the planning stage for a 2022 rollout. This is mostly due to the calendar filling up with clinics, Nationals and Championships. This is something that Jane Frankum and I feel will be a bonus for all Instructors. The dates booked are the June Long weekend in 2022.

Thank you for your support towards me in a tricky year and I hope I can continue to help you as 2021 progresses. It will be a softer year, fingers crossed.

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