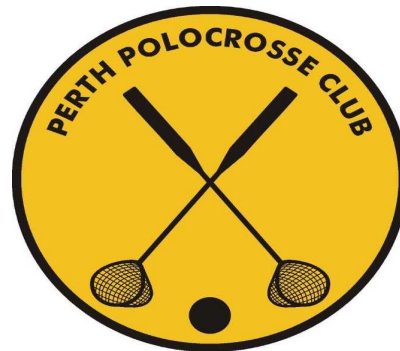




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2014 is nearly over.....What a year we have had as a club busy busy busy. Will have to work backwards so let us start with the club windup which was held at Whiteman Park, perfect weather and venue. The selectors Mary, Trish and Dean got together at Trish's tea table for the last time for the year to sort the awards and here they are

Fairest and Best for E grade to A

E Grade Kaddy Murch

D Grade Asha Smith

C Grade Rachel day

B Grade Adrian Lester

A Grade Tia Hall

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



Best E grade is Kaddy Murch

Most improved player, remember this is measured from the start of the season to the end. Patrick Muir

Best Junior Taj smith.

Most improved Junior E donated by Lynne Bettens: Georgina Abbott

Best Club Horse for the year donated by Dick Lester Zac played by Patrick Muir.

Best Dressed Patrick Muir

Club Person of the year is Sonia Broi due to her dedication to the club with the launching of the new web page and keeping it updated, turns up at all busy bees, rides Mary's horses, cooks sausages at fundraisers, works all weekend at the State Champs and hardly plays a game of polocrosse!

Gille Trahorsch talked on our volunteers and we all know how valuable they are so no need to talk about our best asset Volunteer awards donated by Mary and Phil Day.

Junior volunteer for 2014 is Bailey Trahorsch and also Kaddy Murch for their willingness to help at the state championships.

Senior volunteer for 2014 is Mandy Woodall for her organization and cleanliness of our dunnies and showers, her running around for Mary and Rachel, donating her daughters for helpers and running the coffee machine.

Also Shaynon Easter for his effort in cooking 89kgs of chips, working at busy bees plus anything else you ask him to do any time.

We have a couple of idiot awards that are noted during the year such as Michael Abbott forgetting all his children's and his riding tack including saddles and helmets for one very wet northern carnival. There is really a good excuse but am not going to print that as it spoils the story. Another was Tracey got

her fly spray and oil mixed up for the frying pan. A selfie stick for Courtney's mobile as she has such a beautiful photogenic face.

There were more, but the best one was won by Patrick Muir which THE EVE MUIR RUNNER UP PERPETUAL LATE TROPHY. A big red alarm clock beautifully mounted on wood which has the next five years tabs on there with Eve as the winner and Patrick will get the runner up at least until he gets his licence as Eve is his driver.



STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Our major event for WA polocrosse for the year and this one included games under lights. The Club successfully hosted an International Test Series under lights between the New Zealand and the Australian Womens' National Teams. This was also supported by a visiting Queensland Under 21 team playing against Western Australia's finest under 21 players. Our team numbers were down a little due to being a non selection year and many competitors and their families having attended the national polocrosse titles in Darwin at the beginning of July. The event was very successful in showcasing our sport on the best fields in Australia at one of the best facilities. A big thank you to all our sponsors and volunteers that made this happen.

Sponsors Central Stockcare

Simon Gray Saddlery

Jo and Barney Langford

Perth Equine Hospital

Australian Premium Feeds

Big Help Mob

Challenge lamb

Promectin plus mini all wormer

Tao Jordan

PJ and Trish Hall

PA and ML Day

Lesters Group

Berry Sweet

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Polocrosse Association of WA

Red Rustler

Please try and patronise these small business' when possible and let them know you are from our club and appreciate them being part of it.

FUNDRAISING

The club did another sausage sizzle at Bunnings in September on and in a very wet, cold and windy day, but we raised a few hundred dollars for the club. We also helped with the car parking for the Mud Rush held near our fields in August and made over \$3K in mostly coins. A raffle was ran at the State Championships and \$1200 was put in the kitty for the club. This money was most helpful in keeping the club financial.

FIELDS

Close to \$30K has been spent on our six playing fields this year \$23K on the verdi draining and sand, the rest on mowing, picking up the clippings and chemicals.

DARWIN NATIONALS



This event just seems so long ago and it was only held in July. Congratulations again to Tia Hall, Patrick Muir, Taj Smith, Eliane Trahorsch, Victoria Woodall, Bruce Smith, Sharna Hall, Chris Dunlop, James Lester and Jake Wilding for representing our state. Thank you to Rachel Day, Zoe Martin and Trish Hall managing a team each. Matt Welsh and Beau Bettens for coaching a big thank you. To all the supporters and families from WA you make this journey happen. Next one is in 2016 in Albury, so selections are on again next year!

COACHING

I have enjoyed my year as club coach and find like all roles we have to spend a lot of time on the computer. Whether this be making sure all names are in on time for the selectors, practice, organizing coaches, organizing coaching sessions whether they be riding lessons or polocrosse. A big thank you to our coaches who have helped out at carnivals and practice. Our lower grade and new players really like you to be there to give them direction. This sport is very daunting to non polocrosse people who end up playing at carnivals and the most common comments I get is " it just feels like I am in a washing machine and it will not stop. It is so fast!"

Thank you to all the parents of our juniors and junior E for making it possible for our club to have so many junior players with some of them playing B grade consistently.

Some members have just enjoyed a couple of bush rides we have done usually followed by a few refreshments and lots of laughs. A great opportunity for some of new riders to join in and get to know some of our members in a very relaxed atmosphere.

Next season we need to do a coaching session on nutrition and fitness for lower grade player's horses as this can be very complex and difficult for many of our members. We also have a new sponsor in 2015 The Perth Equine Hospital and he is keen to hold a teeth and drenching session at our club grounds.

THANK YOU



I would like to say a huge Thank you to Mary for all the time she spends encouraging me personally to be a better more confident rider. I know one day I will be able to catch that infamous white ball from a moving horse and my horse will understand what the game is all about which will make it much easier, especially when she learns to stop. I'm hoping to maybe do more than one carnival next year, we shall see. Sonia Broi

CARNIVALS

Our club supported the majority of carnivals that were hosted in our state this year and many times had 33 percent plus of the total teams entered. You have all put a huge effort in submitting your names for practice and carnivals on time. The teams are selected on the Monday before the weekend but Trish our captain is still on the phone on Friday with other clubs and our selectors making sure we all get games for the weekend. The payments for carnivals are going really well but still not time friendly for the treasurer. Certainly great to see that it is mandatory that all clubs have to pay the host club, one less job for them on the weekend of their carnival. Another

innovative idea taken from our club to make life easier for volunteers.

ROYAL SHOW

I would like to congratulate Eliane Trahorsch, Quinlan Lane, Victoria Woodall and Patrick Muir on making the WA team to play NSW at the Royal Show and Luke Reid Coach, Rachel Day Umpire and Gille Trahorsch Manager. Unfortunately Quin had to pull out due to ill health so his sister Saskia stepped in. This opportunity is always enjoyed by our juniors.

PERTH EQUINE HOSPITAL

We have the Perth Equine Hospital as a partner with our playing shirts for the season of 2015 to 2018. Dr Paul O'Callaghan has changed the name of the Horse Hospital so we will have the same playing shirt with new logos on it. Players will still be wearing their original shirts, the new shirts are sublimation printed so the sizing has all changed, I would try before you buy.

MEETINGS

Committee meeting on the 7th of January at the club rooms at 1930

PAWA annual general meeting on the 10th of January at the State Equestrian Centre at 0830

Club AGM and general meeting on the 28th January at 1900 at the club rooms.

WEBSITE

Don't forget that all members can advertise any horse/polocrosse related items on our CLASSIFIEDS page FREE or a small donation towards the club for non-members.

Teamwork makes the dream work!!

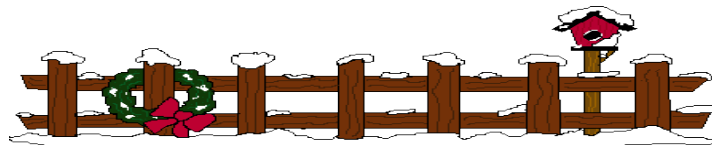
The committee know better than most that a desire to improve things is only as good as those behind it. We love that you're enjoying what we're doing and can't wait to show you what is in store for 2015.

HAYLEY HAS A PLACE TO LEASE

We are going sell it this winter but would love a temporary person there from Jan till June....

5 acres, fully fenced, 3 paddocks, automatic troughs when using bore, dam, unlimited spring/bore water, full rain water tank. 2 bedroom, 1 bath massive living area with outdoor entertaining. 69 Shady hills view Bullsbrook.

Will only lease to friends as not certified as a dwelling. \$250/week. Let me know if you know anyone who might be interested.



VOLUNTEERS

What you do for the community should never be underestimated. Clubs bring people together and offer a safe environment for our children to play. Without you and your team all the good that comes from clubs would simply not happen.

As you can imagine I have been flooded with lots of articles to put in the newsletter. Have a fantastic Christmas break and see you all in the new year.

Merry  *Christmas*