



Perth Polocrosse Club Newsletter

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OFF WITH A BANG IN 2013!

Here we are in May 2013 and finally having had some decent rain. The dust has settled and with the cooler weather there are not so many flies! We have a new media person in our club, Rueben Hale, so if you have anything you would like in the newsletter he is the man. Contact Mary Day and I will get him to contact you. Already over 50 members have affiliated this year, with many of them brand new. Hopefully they're all busily brushing-up on this crazy sport so they can get into it this season. All nonplaying members are encouraged to join up as social members. It costs \$20 and for that you're able to volunteer in the club (I knew you would be over joyed with that!), enjoy our company and be part of the best club in WA.

Perth was well represented at all the early carnivals, except for Margaret River where Chris Dunlop had to go solo as all the other members and their horses were worn out! It was very encouraging to see some of our not so long term members having a go on horses they had educated themselves. It was a great success getting the new horses to a carnival or two. Also, new members Thali and Brodie's mum, Nicci Roche, deserves a medal for finding two suitable horses and all the gear in three days, so the kids got to play at the carnival. Despite this, they've not been seen for a while and the other members were very generous handing out advice and loan gear.

Four of our junior members attended and competed at Albury in NSW. The Australian Junior Classic was held in April as part of their club tournament. Jake Wilding was in our State Team and showed marked improvement throughout the competition. The juniors were given an above average pool horses to use and lots of coaching. Eliane Trahorsch, Victoria Woodall and Patrick Muir travelled interstate with their horses in the truck, as well as two other team mates Lou Lou and Tom Kieghtly. They borrowed a NSW junior over there to make the team. These six players were the unknown and were put into the junior competition and just got better by the game. They were an inspiration to watch as they were tenacious, sportsmanlike, improved their game and were extremely competitive. It was apparent they all had a great time and can thank their coach Allen Edwards, manager, Gille Trahorsch, junior development officer and facilitator, Annie Donovan, umpire & truck driver, Simon Grey & truck provider, Dick Lester ... Also, not to forget to mention all of the parents!

WHEN KIDS PLAY SPORT OUR WHOLE COMMUNITY WINS!!



BIG HELP MOB

I have been communicating with a non for profit organization called Big Help Mob. They are an organization who helps find volunteers for organizations such as ours. The entire paper work and web upload is done and they will put out a call approximately six weeks prior to our event. I have asked for kitchen help and in return we must be polite to the vollies, let them come and pat the horses and explain in a positive manner any questions they may have about our organization. There is more to it than can be put on paper as it was a bit like applying for a grant. I had to show them evidence that our club is very valuable to the community. Their web page is <http://www.bighelpmob.org>, if you want to have a look at. I will forward posts from them in future, so if you wish to be part of it and help out please do. They do some great stuff and would like to get a group of us to go and help on one of their missions.



RSA

To all the members who committed to doing the *Responsible Serving of Alcohol* training, thank you very much for taking the time to do it.



COMMITTEE

We have quite a large committee again this year with most of the issues and running of the club done electronically. As we have many new members I will just do a list of our office bearers.

- President Graham Lane
- Vice President Gillian Trahorsch
- Captain Tricia Hall
- Vice-Captain Simon Gray
- Secretary Mary Day
- Treasurer Sharna Hall
- Coach Mary Day
- Horse Welfare Officer Lyne Bettens
- Volunteer Officer Gille Trahorsch



SELECTORS

Our selectors do the best they can in some not so easy situations and our Captain does a great job making sure all our members get a game. This takes a lot of time on the phone and the internet especially when horses go out, the data base will not cooperate, the internet is too slow, players go out and/or forget to put their name in on time. That is why you get bombarded with reminders and lists are sent out with names in case we (selectors) have missed anyone. In this sport we have some members who are really competitive and some who are not, so the teams can be a bit of a challenge at times; not only for the selectors but the competitors who are playing in them. Last year I sent out all the names who wanted to compete in a carnival to all members and as an exercise asked them to have a go at putting the teams together, not one team came back the same.

These are the selectors:

- Tricia Hall
- Simon Gray
- Mary Day



The Horse Hospital aspires to excellence in clinical care. They believe that excellence can only be achieved to commitment to education therefore they devote considerable resources to the education of their staff and of the wider public.



COACHING CLINIC

The Central and State Junior Coaching Clinic will be held at the South Midlands (Muchea) grounds on the 20/21 July. All members are welcome to attend so keep a look out for updates as

I receive them regarding this event. Well worth attending whether you are a beginner, up and coming player or a really good player!!!

WESTERN MUD RUSH

We have the Western Mud Rush happening again this year in August and hopefully we will be able to help them with parking to raise money for our club. Gille organized us last year as they parked at her farm. All members who helped had a great time for very little work. Will let you know more as we get more information.

CLASSIFIEDS

There is a very nice horse for sale in our classifieds on the web we know him as Elphin
<http://www.perthpolox.com/classifieds%202.html>

