

# Perth Polocrosse Club Newsletter

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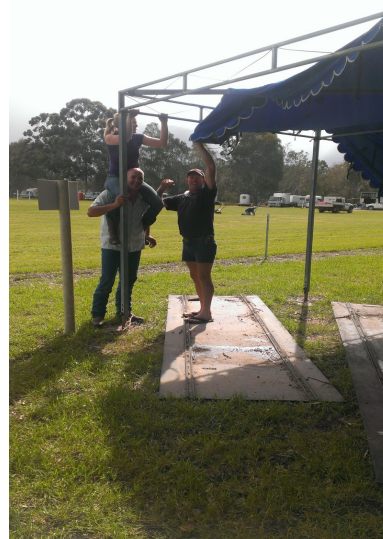


### **Polocrosse Association of WA State Championships**

The weekend of the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> at the Perth Polocrosse grounds was greeted with over 350 horses and 318 competitors ready to showcase the best polocrosse in WA. The Perth Club hosted the 2013 polocrosse state championships for the Polocrosse Association of WA. It was also the clubs 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The fields were prepared so the players and their horses could play on the best surface in the West.

53 teams entered to play from as far as Kojonup in the South and Geraldton in the North, most arriving Friday and staying on ground for the weekend. The club had all the camping area beautifully prepared, 300 safe steel yards for the horses, abundance of water and water pressure, clean ablutions and toilets, plenty of refreshments available from the canteen and bar.

The club cannot thank our sponsors and volunteers enough for the effort and time they gave the club not only during the weekend but the lead up to the event and also post event. There is a huge amount of time put in behind the scene months before the event and even for a few weeks afterwards. The club cannot thank our volunteer coordinator Gille for all the hours she does for us. Trish for the standard of trophies and the time in coordinating this. Trish is also the captain of the club and the zone umpire so has to spend many hours on the phone and computer coordinating the draw, teams and players. There is so much more than buying the trophies and getting them engraved. Hayley for taking over the role of the bar, bins and all the licensing for the whole event, a very time consuming role that has to be done correctly or else we have no event. Mandy and her Dunny Dames for keeping our toilets and showers in pristine condition. The Big Help Mob volunteers who



came and helped in the canteen this freed up our members for other jobs and gave the parents a little less guilt to go and watch their children play. Amy and Adam for organizing the kitchen and Rebecca for organizing all the meat at such a low price. Rachel and her helpers for the best raffle we have ever had. Well done to everyone for making it happen.



### **Nationals teams announced**

Congratulations to all players selected to play at Darwin in 2014. Best of luck to all!

#### **Masters Mixed**

Bruce Smith  
Laurie Martin  
Lyle Scott  
Richard Smythe  
Patricia Jones  
Nicole Waddingham  
Sally O'Brien  
Felicity Webb

#### **Men**

Rob Sibley  
Christopher Robinson  
Peter Malady  
BJ Thomas  
Aiden Thurkle  
Jeremy Thurkle  
Islay Young

### **Women**

Lauren Cant  
Kristy Crook  
Suzette Thomas  
Elizabeth Lyster  
Vanessa Freeman  
Katie Hulse  
Tia Hall

### **Open Mixed**

Christopher Dunlop  
Jamie Dowsley  
Wayne Woods  
Scott Gurney  
Nikki Cant  
Hannah Watkin  
Hailey Martin  
Sharna Hall

### **U21 Boys**

Harrison Ahmat  
Bert Coleman  
Jake Klein  
Justin Martin  
Dan Puglia  
Luke Puglia  
Harrison Vines  
Brent Martin  
Patrick Muir

### **Junior Girls**

Kacie Crabb  
Tara Chown  
Charlie Freeman  
Adele Martin  
Victoria Woodall  
Lucinda Covill  
Eliane Trahorsch

### **U21 Girls**

Hilary Beech  
Tennille Crabb  
Kimberley Barram  
Christie Martin

Rachel Cobley  
Emily Walton  
Shaye Serna Pastor

### **Junior Boys**

Jake Wilding  
Mitchell Tiver  
Gus May  
Taj Smith  
Tom Keightley

I am sure all Perth members who are in any of these teams have received an email from your managers asking you to be affiliated before the 14th of February. Please pay the PAWA direct the affiliation and the Perth club your membership ( Perth fees will be set tomorrow night) Affiliation for 2014 is \$345 for seniors, \$250 for juniors, \$225 for sub juniors, \$161 mini juniors, limited \$288 and trial player \$100.

### **WIND UP**

Perth club finished the polocrosse season with their annual wind up at Dale and Bec Mateljan's property in Herne Hill. Up to 100 members, volunteers, their family and friends attended. the high light was Father Christmas arrived on his horse and gave out small gifts to the children. It was a fantastic night with a barbecue fire as a bonus and plenty of smoke to keep the mosquitoes at bay. Congratulations to the club on another successful year. A big thank you to all our volunteers and sponsors for helping the club be the club it is. These are the award winners below for 2013.

**E Grade:** Michael Bells first year at playing polocrosse and is already on his way up the grades.

**D Grade:** Lindall Morgan Otway improved on every carnival she played at and is having a great time with her new horse.

**C Grade:** Jake Wilding a very talented player playing on a very talented horse a great combination.

**B Grade:** Tia Hall what can I say she is in the women's state team to play at Darwin in 2014.

**A Grade:** PJ Hall showed us all how to play polocrosse.

**Most improved player:** Patrick Muir is really starting to shine and think about the game. Spent a lot of time at the start of the season on another field at

times, but really put an effort in to show us what he can do in the last couple of carnivals. The improvement was huge.

**Best Junior:** Jacob Wilding is one of our best intermediates as well.

**Most improved Junior E:** donated by Lynne Bettens: Chloe Martin is an absolute little ripper of a girl and we know she is just going to get better and better.

**Best Club Horse for the year:** donated by Dick Lester: Houdini played by Tia Hall. Houdini is a favourite horse in WA so let's all go and watch him perform at Darwin and then hopefully Trish will play him into his retirement.

**Best Dressed:** Emma Scogna always came out to play her games looking a million dollars and her horses were always nicely presented.

**Club Person of the year:** is Simon Gray. He drove the juniors to Albury, coaches, selects, sprays the yards, fixes anything, runs around doing errands, cleans up, sets up, marks lines the list goes on. Simon also played at just about all the carnivals in amongst all his help.

**Volunteer awards:** donated by Mary and Phil Day. Senior volunteer for 2013 is Corrine Palmer, a lady who works extremely quietly and well unsupervised. Give her a task and she will work out how to do it without any questions.

**Junior volunteer for 2013:** is Joe Cappon a young man who can cook and not afraid of hard work. Thank you Jo.

We all had a great laugh at our members who received their idiot awards, Michael Abbott even received two. one for having a great body and the other for not having too much balance (got on his horse and promptly fell off the other side) Mandy was very consistent in getting another one this year as well for growing the best mould in a microwave (cook book is out now). Hayley did well again for handling a polocrosse that much in a playoff it turned blue and battered. Simon showed us how to bog a truck and Bruce was given some equipment and advice on how to fill his truck up with enough diesel. Well done to all we all love a good laugh.



## MEETINGS

PAWA annual general meeting was on the 18th of January at the State Equestrian Centre. Gille and Marina attended for our club.

Patrons: Robert Hayes Thompson and Norma Squires

President: Graham Lane

Senior Vice Presidents: Kerry Mickle

Junior Vice President: Andrew Pendley

Executive Officer: Kim Maguire

State Chief Umpire: Trent Cooper

Director of Coaching: Amanda Marriott

Junior Development Officer: Annie Donovan

Intermediate Development Officer: Carly Beech

Publicity/Communication Officer: Hayley Smythe/ Zoe Martin

Southern Zone Delegates: Annie Donovan and Jen Malady

Central Zone Delegates: Bev Ingham and Jenny Mitchell

Northern Zone Delegates: Jenny Martin and Nikki Cant

Central Zone AGM was on the 16th of January and have not received the officer bears as yet.

Club AGM is at the club rooms on the 30th of January at 1930 and all office positions are open. We call for nominations at the meeting so if you are interested get a member to nominate you. Mary will not be continuing as secretary, but has set the position up for the role to be carried on. Our member fees will be set at this meeting as well.

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL MEMBERS WHO INTEND ON PLAYING THIS YEAR.**

- Team entry closes **9PM TUESDAY NIGHT** prior to the carnival.
- **ALL POOL AND BORROWED** get entered into the database so they are not missed, with the number of teams and players going to each carnival. For this reason it is important they are entered into the pool so the host club can match them to a team based on the email you send to inform them.
- **AFFILIATIONS** are to occur **PRIOR** to 12pm on the Wednesday the week prior to carnival, this includes upgrades for limited players (three carnivals only). **Not the Wednesday before you play at a carnival.**

- **TRANSFERS** of any kind are to be submitted 7 days prior to the carnival that the player wants to play at.
- Make sure you put your carnival fees into the correct account and early in the week before the carnival please. The majority are great but there is the minority that are making it difficult.

### **OUR JUNIORS DID US PROUD ONCE AGAIN**

Jake Wilding, Quin Lane, Saskia Lane, Victoria Woodall, Eliane Trahorsch, Bailey Trahorsch, Harrison Panizza, Georgina Abbott, Patrick Muir, Archie Duncan, Brook Pierce and Tyla Maguire played polocrosse on Australia Day at Langley Park.

The Perth Club was invited to exhibit polocrosse in front of the crowds from three in the afternoon until about six thirty and that is just what they did and they could not have done it better. It looked fantastic and show cased our sport so well. the horses never battered an eye lid to all the noise and activity which included paint ball, motorcrosse trick riding, fighter planes flying upside down a few metres above, helicopters and massive banners, sky divers, planes doing the most amazing manoeuvres with all the coloured smoke pouring out of them. they just carried those little kiddos around as safe as all parents would want.

I massive thank you to Gille for organizing it all whilst I was holidaying in the snow. This would not have happened without the help of all the parents, vet, line markers, truck drivers, umpires, coaches, sick horse transport, borrowed horses, water carriers, manure collectors, supporters and of course our juniors. The event organizer was easy to work with and well organized especially the area they had secure for us and getting all the vehicles in and out without getting any parking infringements. A great day had by all.

**WHEN KIDS PLAY SPORT OUR WHOLE COMMUNITY WINS!!**

### **BUNNINGS**

The club is did a sausage sizzle at the Bunning's store in Ellinbrook on the 19th of January. So many helpers turned, so a big thank you to you all. Rachel organized it and said it was not as busy as she expected but said Bunning's said it was their busiest days and would like us to come back as we left all their gear sparkling clean. It has only just opened it's doors so next time should be better and hopefully if we can do it on a cold day will help.



## UMPIRING

If you wish to umpire and are accredited but do not play anymore you still can by registering with your club as a social member and you are registered on the data base. You do not have to be a registered player.

## 2013

Last year has gone and what happened?? The club is just thriving with enthusiastic members and parents. As a coach and coordinator I could not ask for a better group of people. Thank you to everyone for all your help, no names will be mentioned as I am sure to miss a couple. We did win more games in 2013 than we have for more many years, but as we know as long as we have all achieved our short term goals for the year, and in 2014 we are getting closer to our long term goals.

Being my last year as the club Secretary I have attached my talk I did at our wind up for the members who could not hear or were not there.

## Resigning

Now I do not speak at these occasions but thought I might at this one.

1\* I have some very exciting news for you all.... I will not be taking on the role of coordinating this club in 2014. With the support of many of our members I have helped get this club into a very healthy position. Only a very few know how much time has been spent networking with the City of Swan, Sports and Rec, State Equestrian Centre (and their many managers and CEO's), other riding disciplines, the PAWA, the PAA, attending meetings and conferences and many other voluntary and non for profit organizations. We are a well-known club even out of polocrosse. I often hear "you are Mary Day from the Perth Polocrosse Club". What I am saying is this club has good leadership which ensures the club operates positively and constructively within the broader community. The secretary will have a much easier job to coordinate in 2014.

Think about it there are many senior members who have not taken a role on this club who could do this role, and I will not tell you how much of your time it takes up as it is up to you whoever takes it on. I can assure you always ask a busy person if you want something done. It is a serious role and I will help you along who ever wishes to give it a go.

My greatest achievements with this club have been: Hosting the State champs for the past how many years I do not remember.





- Hosting and helping coordinate the best nationals ever held in Australia. I will touch on that event later as I know many do not know what the impact it had on our club.
- Receiving my life membership for the club and for the PAWA.
- Being administrator of the year nationally and at state level.
- Watching this club grow in members, especially our juniors and low grade adult members and starting many of them off, remember many could not even ride.
- Matching a new rider to the right horse.
- Helping get our fields from hard river flat weed infested dirt to the best fields to play on in Australia
- Getting a grant, somehow getting through all the red tape to build 300 hundred steel yards
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- Hosting and helping coordinate the best nationals ever held in Australia. I will touch on that event later as I know many do not know what the impact it had on our club.
- Receiving my life membership for the club and for the PAWA.
- Being administrator of the year nationally and at state level.
- Winning coach of the year nationally.
- But you know the best thing out of all this is the friendships, the sense of belonging and helping the community be a better place. I know I have not won many, but you can win best horse trophies, best player, best team but nothing surpasses the feeling of being able to belong, having a family and many friends and help someone out.
- The 2008 National Polocrosse Championships gave the club an opportunity to update its technical and administrative skill. I had to learn very fast. Our sponsors walked away believing it was money well spent and our patrons enjoyed it. The reason I know that is because Events Corp had a survey done and 99% were satisfied with event overall and 1% don't know. Our partnership came about with Events Corp after I sent them a copy of our bid for the event. Jo and I were invited to a meeting with them and they said they were gob smacked with the presentation and the professionalism of our bid. After many meetings and much data collecting they came on board. 3.3 million dollars was spent in WA by interstate and international visitors. WA visitor's dollars are not counted. Events Corp received \$40.80 return on investment. They were very happy sponsors. That event set a bench mark for our club.
- I am not going to disappear altogether, do not get too excited. I am more than happy to help with the coaching, being the point of contact for brand new players and helping them along, the data base and the accounts. Easy roles but maybe a bit much for a new secretary at the

start but can gradually hand them over. The club has many members who have taken on large roles which free up the secretary somewhat.

- We have Gille, who does the volunteer coordinator role very well, Thelma has taken on the dunnies like a duck to water and any other little job like come and spray the yards with me won't take long ha ha. Adam and Amy have nearly taken over the whole kitchen, Sonia is keen on the web page and merchandise (so best we pounce on her while she is hot), PJ has always cared for our fields and questions the accounts (I like that, least I know someone is reading my emails), Trish does the captaincy role extremely well and also is our zone umpire, and purchases and organizes all the trophies. Which all take a huge amount of time to do. Simon never stops whether it is marking lines, watching games, coaching or spraying the surrounds. Hayley does all the alcohol and licencing for the state champs now. Graham and Marina fix my computer; open their house up for meetings and do anything I ask. Barney comes and sprays our fields for weeds. Barney Calnan is just the best nothing is ever a big deal all I hear is yes boss. Rachel should stay as our fundraising queen she has done a fantastic job and she starts off again as soon as January for the Bunnings sausage sizzle. Many roles have been taken over by people who do it thoroughly, do not worry we have had failures and that is very time consuming. But other members pop in and help soon as you ask, whether it be can you go down and unlock the club rooms, cut new goal posts to stay in the holes for the year, buy the chips and oil for the weekend, clean up after the event, do the stock take, organize all the meat, drag the fields, the list goes on. Our new families who have joined the past few years, what a pleasure to have you in our club, you have done a massive job in getting your kiddos horsed up and helping out.

I thank you all for all your support and hope you have a great Christmas.



## **2014 SEASON**

State Training – location TBA	1/2 March or 7/8 March
Foothills	5/6th April
Margaret River- Easter Carnival	18/19/20th April
Capel-Autumn Carnival	3/4th May
Foothills	17/18th May
State Training- location TBA	24/25th May
Perth-Green Horse	31/1st June
State Training - location TBA	7/8th June
Moonyoonooka- Handicap	31/1st June
Murchison	12/13th July
State Coaching Clinic- Midwest Zone	Date to be confirmed
Irwin	9/10th August
Walkaway	2/3rd August
Mullewa	23/24th August
South Midlands	30/31st August
Twin Pines	6/7th September
Moonyoonooka – Main	13/14th September
Greenough	27/28th September
Bruce Rock- Mini Carnival	27/28 September
Perth Royal Show- NSW	2nd October
Perth	11/12th October
Kojonup	25/26th October
Capel	1/2 November
Foothills	7/8 November
Margaret River	15/16 November

Central zone clinic

Southern zone clinic

State Training NO horses 1/2 March or 7/8 March