

Centre E-Bulletin

July 2016

PONY CLUB



1. Introduction

Dear All

The summer has finally arrived and with that we have the commencement of the Area competitions and Pony Club Camps. Members will have finished their exams and are, I am sure, ready to let their hair down. Thank you to all your coaches and volunteers for all the hard work they put in making it possible to give so many members such wonderful opportunities.

A gentle reminder regarding checking of the eligibility rules relevant to 2016 and in particular in relation to hats and back protectors. The rules are available in the rule books and on the website. Please also note there were some errors and omissions in the printed rule books so make sure you have any amendments from the website.

The Championships are also approaching. We are looking for volunteers to assist with these. There are many differing opportunities and we would greatly appreciate if you are able to put your name down via the event portal on the website - <http://events.pcuk.org>

I hope you have a successful summer.

Mary

Mary Tuckett, Pony Club Chairman

2. Administration

i. Sport England Club Matters

<http://www.sportenglandclubmatters.com/about-club-matters/>

Hosted by Sport England, Club Matters is a free to register, online resource for all sports clubs. Information can be found on Club Marketing, Management, People and Club Finance.

ii. Promotional items available

a. Wristbands

If you are attending any fetes or hosting open days at your Centre, we do have wristbands available to purchase. They are £10 per bag plus postage (cost price).



b. Intro to Pony Club Badges

These are available to purchase from the merchandise department at £7.95 per bag of 20. They may be useful to help promote membership at your Centre with visiting Brownie, Cub or Scout groups <http://goo.gl/wQqeMD>

iii. **Pony Club Championship Dates 2016:**

Throughout August there are various Pony Club Championship events taking place that Members may be interested to visit.

5th - 7th August	Pony Club Polo Championships	Cowdray Park, Midhurst, W. Sussex
12th - 14th August	Pony Club Tetrathlon Championships	Bishop Burton College, near Beverley, Yorkshire
19th - 23rd August	Pony Club Championships (incorporating Eventing, Showjumping, Dressage, Polocrosse, Mounted Games, Horse and Pony Care, Centre Equitation, Musical Ride, Dressage to Music)	Cholmondeley Castle, Malpas, Cheshire
16th October	Endurance Championships	Central Milton Keynes

New for this year - Regional Championships, Dressage and Showjumping

6th - 7th August	Qualifiers from PC Areas 1, 2, 17 and 19	Ian Stark Eq Centre, Selkirk
27th - 28th August	Qualifiers from PC Areas 3, 4, 5 and 6	Eland Lodge, Ashbourne, Derbyshire
27th - 28th August	Qualifiers from PC Areas 7, 9, 10 and 18	Rectory Farm, near Cirencester
3rd - 4th September	Qualifiers from PC Areas 14, 15 and 16	Bicton Arena, Budleigh Salterton, Devon
11th September	Qualifiers from PC Areas 8, 11, 12 and 13	The College Equestrian Centre, Keysoe, Beds.

3. Competitive Disciplines

i. **Dressage**

Dengie Winter League Dressage Series

We are pleased to announce that the Winter League Dressage series, generously sponsored by Dengie, will take place again in 2016/2017. If your Branch or Centre would like to run a Preliminary Round please download a booking form from <http://goo.gl/JM3KRV> Competition details and rules can also be found here.

Dressage to Music Competitions at the Championships

No need to qualify and entries are open so please see the website for more information. Entries close on 29th July.

Dressage to Music - <http://goo.gl/DCw2EF>

ii. **Show Jumping**

Dengie Winter League Showjumping

If your Branch or Centre would like to run a Preliminary Round please download a booking form from: <http://goo.gl/GxNFNE>

Competition details and rules can also be found here.

Showjumping continued:

Mini Major, Olympia

Applications are now open for members to apply for the Mini Major Competition at Olympia. Full guidelines on applying and an application form are available to download at: <http://goo.gl/INSOTP>

iii. Polo

The Pony Club Polo season kicks off mid July and members, parents, Branch/Centre officials would be very welcome to go along to any of the tournaments to watch our teams in action. Have a look at the website to see if there is a tournament near you: <http://goo.gl/EVNGOr>

4. Other News

i. The Pony Club Championships 2016

We are still recruiting volunteers for this year's Pony Club Championships and would be grateful if you could spare any time to help out. The Championships would not be possible without the valued help of our volunteers.

If you are able to volunteer at either The NFU Mutual Tetrathlon Championships, 11th-14th August 2016 at Bishop Burton College, Yorkshire or The Berkeley Homes Pony Club Championships, 19th-23rd August 2016 at Cholmondeley Castle, Cheshire, please could you confirm your availability and preferred job(s) by filling in the online form <http://events.pcuk.org> A list of the volunteer roles we are trying to fill can be found here: <http://goo.gl/LEFlE5>

Apologies if you have already filled in the online form; we will be in touch shortly to confirm what jobs you have been allocated.

ii. PR and Marketing

Marketing Pack Downloads

You can download and print information leaflets to help you promote your Branch or Centre from our website. Click <http://goo.gl/kReh26> and select 'Professionally Printed' if you're using a print firm, or 'Print at Home' for leaflets without bleed marks.

If you would prefer to create your own materials, or you're ordering clothing, rosettes or saddlecloths, you can request logos in any the colours on our palette and in a variety of formats here: <http://www.pcuk.org/brand>

iii. Health, Safety and Safeguarding

Disclosure Checks for Scotland - PVG

The Pony Club have now registered for an account with Disclosure Scotland to enable us to act as the Countersignatory for PVG membership forms on behalf of Pony Club Linked Centres. If Centres wish to utilise this service, then completed forms and coversheets should be posted to the Pony Club office with the correct payment amount. Checks should be renewed / updated every three years.

Process Timescale

PVG forms are currently being processed and certificates issued on an average of three to four weeks. There may be variation in this timescale with some checks though.

Fees

The administration fees will be as follows:

- New PVG joining forms - £3
- For existing PVG members - £2

Payment can be made by cheque or card payment. Cheques should be made payable to Pony Club and sent along with forms.

Scheme fees are set out by Disclosure Scotland and are as follows:

- New PVG joining forms - £59
- For existing PVG members - £18

Applicants can either complete Part D on the form with their card details or submit a cheque made payable to Disclosure Scotland for the correct amount as indicated above.

Guidance

Further guidance on PVG can be found on the Pony Club website, in the 'Disclosure Checks' section of Safeguarding web-page.

Requesting Blank Forms

Application forms and guidance notes can be requested from the Pony Club Office by contacting Stefanie on stefanie@pcuk.org.

If you have any questions, please get in touch with Stefanie at stefanie@pcuk.org

iv. Merchandise

Caroline Pole is now back in her role as Merchandise Manager after her years maternity leave. She will be working on a part time basis, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursday. Sue Horton Barr will remain in her role within the department. For any merchandise related queries please get in touch to either caroline@pcuk.org or shortonbarr@hq.pcuk.org

The following achievement badges have now been discontinued; Access to Endurance, Butterflies & Moths, Carriage Driving (including mini), Flags, Wildflowers, and Star Gazing.

Unfortunately we no longer have stock of these so will not be able to fulfil any orders of these.

We are also happy to offer merchandise on a sale or return basis for any events your Branch or Centre may be going to this summer. Email caroline@pcuk.org for more details.

Bulk Book Offer

We are offering Branches and Centres a special offer on selected publications - a perfect time to stock up on prizes for your summer camp:

10 publications for £15 or 30 books for £40.

Choose from over 30 Pony Club titles. For more information or to order email either caroline@pcuk.org or shortonbarr@hq.pcuk.org or call us directly on 02476 698313. (Offer excludes Manual of Horsemanship, Year & Rule Books, BHS Riding &

Road Craft Manual, Coach's Folder & Achievement Badge Folder. No other discount applies. P&P to be added.)

v. PonyPrep

PonyPrep is currently unavailable due to ongoing serious technical issues. We are working to resolve these issues, and will put the site back online as soon as we are able to. We apologise for the inconvenience caused.