



# Perth Polocrosse Club Newsletter

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## 2011 SEASON WOUND UP

All over for a week or two while we celebrate Christmas. As it was said in the last newsletter, 2011 was to be a big year and it was, with the club entering up to ten teams at one of the carnivals. In amongst that we hosted the WA State Championships, had many members selected to represent our state next year at the National Championships, organized many practices, and had some great get togethers on Saturday night at the carnivals. The wind up was held in the Swan Valley last Friday evening with over 100 members and friends attending. These were the largest attendance the club has seen at carnivals and the wind up for many years, which shows it is a very healthy club. This takes lots of time to organize and coordinate so a big thank you to the committee, sponsors, selectors, coaches, volunteers, members, family and friends for making this happen.



## WIND UP AWARDS

Congratulations to all the prize winners that won awards on Friday evening from E grade through to the A grade. The evening turned out a lot of fun, though I know some of our life members were struggling with the amount of new faces that were there. Do not worry because a lot of the members were hard to recognize, as this is some times the only time we see every one out of club uniform and clean.

Fairest and best:

- E grade Adam Mills
- E grade Junior A presented by Hughie Boyd - donated by the Lane family: Isabelle McLachlan
- D grade Rory Lane
- C Grade Mary Day
- B Grade Tia Hall
- A Grade Robert Sibley

- Most improved Adam Mills
- Best Junior Tia Hall
- Most improved Junior A donated by Lynne Bettens: Saskia Lane and Victoria Woodall
- Best Club Horse for the year donated by Dick Lester: Gosh played by Bruce Smith.
- Best Dressed Mandy Woodall
- Club Person of the year is Lynne Bettens

Volunteer awards donated by Mary and Phil Day.

- Junior volunteers for 2011 are Asha Gibbon and Quin Lane
- Senior volunteers for 2011 are Tracey and Mark Smith. Amy MacDonald and Adam Mills.

The best part of the evening was when PJ spoke about our favourite member Hughie who has had a tough year due to his wife Sue having a stroke. Hughie has had to become a full time carer therefore we have missed him attending the carnivals with us. The club put a tax on all food and drink sold at the state championships, plus donation tins were made up. It got quite emotional when all our junior A members came forward and Patrick Muir presented Hughie with a card, a special shirt and a \$1925.00 cheque from the club.

To lighten the evening we had some idiot awards as well. Hayley was presented with a big set of keys and a large wrecking bar for locking her child in the car. Barney Langford received a roll of danger tape and a bright new safety vest for dropping his tailgate on a child's head and body and then proceeded to mount the wrong horse.

Barney Calnan has his own CPR mask and oxygen mask for resuscitation purposes between chuckers. Barney seems to lack a little oxygen when he is playing.

Adrian Tiver was given his own private ball bag and whistle for forgetting his balls while umpiring at the NSW state champs.



## PRACTICE

I will start up some early practices again in January for any members who wish to try new horses, have young horses and or wish to keep their racquet skills and riding ticking along. I will email out when these will happen, hopefully some evening get togethers at our grounds in Brigadoon. Some will be held up at Phil and Mary's farm as well. This means membership and affiliations will have to be paid for again in January. These will have to stay the same as 2011 until after the PAWA and the club AGM, I will then let you know of any price increase or decrease.



## CLUB AGM

Our club AGM will be held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of January. I will email the agenda out very soon and then a reminder to follow up closer to the time. The PAWA AGM will be held on the 21<sup>st</sup> of January. Our two representatives who attend will be nominated at the next committee meeting.



## BEST PONY AWARD

A bit of information on how the selectors pick the club horse of the season. After each carnival I email out to all coaches and captains for the teams for that carnival who they thought was the best club pony for that grade. I keep all the names and it then makes the decision very easy for the over all winner. Some of the other horses that received lots of votes were Pikachu (Adrian Tiver), Tango (Simon Gray), Hooley (Amy MacDonald) Honda (Isabelle McLachlan), and Dale (Mandy Woodall).



## WARWICK

Advice has been received from the Warwick Polocrosse club about their website for the 2012 Barastoc Nationals. The web address is [www.warwickpolox.com.au](http://www.warwickpolox.com.au) this link is also on the WA website under LINKS, Australian Links.

Congratulations to Jill Warner, Mary Day, Barkley Day, Tia Hall, Sharna Hall, Lyndal Morgan Ottway, Adrian Tiver, Chris Dunlop, Jodi Tiver, Bruce Smith and Robert Sibley for being selected to represent WA at the 2012 National titles at Warwick, Queensland in April next year. Please read carefully all emails from the PAWA, your coach and manager, also the Perth club that relate to this event.

## **CARNIVAL FEES**

The fees to play at carnivals that you are all EFTing into the clubs other account are worked a treat, with the majority doing very well. I will call the main account A and the other account B (where your carnival fees and wind up monies are deposited). When we start again in 2012 I shall give you the account numbers again for A and B via email so you can save them on your computer. This should clear up all confusion what account I am referring to and with all these smart phones operating out there we will have no excuses next year for not paying on time.

## **LADIES WITH BELLIES**

We have three pregnant ladies in our club that are all due in the early months of 2012. Cinty, Hayley and Kate you all look so beautiful and healthy. Make sure they are well cared for and spoilt Robert, Dean and Dave.

## **COACHING**

Some of our club members who are very good coaches and players have not been accredited and it is a shame the club members are missing out on your help at carnivals and practice. Could you please contact Mandy Marriott our director of coaching (contact details on the fixture cards) and she will give you all the correct information on what you have to do, if you wish to coach.

**FINAL TIP:** Anytime you want your horse to come to a stop, you should sit down deep in the saddle and relax. It's what I call, "Sit before you pull." For example, if you're trotting and want the horse to walk, you should post to the trot and then sit two or three strides before asking him to stop. If you sit before you pull you're giving the horse a pre-signal of what is going to happen. With repetition, he'll start reading your body language and realize when you sit down and relax, he should come down to a stop even before you pick up on the rein and flex him.

## **HEALTHWAY**

The Perth Polocrosse Club would like to thank Healthway for their sponsorship of Hilary Beech through their Smarter Than Smoking (STS) Country Sport Scholarship Program.



## **ADVANCED FEEDS**

Advanced feeds manufacture a complete line of horse nutrition supplements. Breeding, racing and equestrian sport horse activities are all catered for in our product range and expert advice is freely available for all nutritional problems and concerns. They also specialise in custom premixing for cattle and sheep feedlots on an individual basis and can assist with advice on your feedlot requirements. Advanced feeds are 100% west Australian owned and operated and supply to a large local market. <http://www.advancedfeeds.com.au/> Advanced Feeds donated the entire runner up vouchers at the WA State championships.



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.



The City of Swan donated 50 wheelie bins for us all to use at the state championships this year. The City of Swan supports the Blue Ribbon Clubs which Perth Polocrosse Club is a member. We can attend any of their educational seminars that they host during the year. The Perth Polocrosse Club thanks the City of Swan for their support in believing sport and recreation builds stronger, healthier, happier and safer communities.

***MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR***

