**Winter Series – Dressage and Show Jumping**

We are pleased to announce that the 2020 Winter Series Championships for Dressage and Show Jumping will take place at Arena UK, Grantham, on Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th April 2020.

**Have your members entered?** If not, preliminary rounds run until the end of February so there is still time. If there is not a suitable competition close to you, it is possible to organise and run a qualifying competition.

**Provisional Timetable**

**Saturday 4th April**

- Novice, Intermediate and Open Dressage Championships
- Dressage to Music Competition
- Open Grand Prix Show Jumping Championship (PM)

**Sunday 5th April**

- Debut and Winter League Show Jumping Championships
National Coaching Conference 2020 - Save the Date!

The Training Committee are delighted to announce that the 2020 National Coaching Conference will be held on Thursday 20th February at Hartpury College. The full line up of speakers will be announced soon but it is guaranteed to be a fabulous day not to be missed.

This is the perfect opportunity for current coaches to network and pick up new ideas, and a great experience for older members who have an interest in achieving their coaching qualifications.

Please keep an eye on The Pony Club website and our social media channels for more information.
Pony Club Polo

The Pony Club has received an extremely kind donation from the Hurlingham Polo Association charity, which is available for branches and centres to use for polo taster/training days.

If you have members interested in having a go at this fun team sport, please contact polo@pcuk.org or click below. Members have been encouraged to register their interest with you so you may well get some enquiries.
Mounted Games International Exchange 2020

We are pleased to confirm that The Pony Club Mounted Games International Exchange for 2020 will take place in Australia and begin next September.

This is an exciting opportunity for your members to finish off their Pony Club Mounted Games career with this coveted exchange programme. It is a self-funding programme but there will be plenty of time between now and September to come up with great fundraising ideas and activities.

Nominations for the exchange will need to be have been received by the end of January 2020 and must be submitted by a DC or Centre Proprietor.

To view the invitation letter and make a nomination online just click below.

(Header image: Chris Richardson)

PELHAM Launch Plans

As detailed in the recent communication from our CEO, we have revised our initial timeline for the launch of the PELHAM CRM system. The new schedule is as follows:

The Centres Database will be migrated onto PELHAM at the beginning of January. This will see a third of our membership transferred onto the new database.

Approximately 25 champion branches will be going live later in January / early February 2020. This will then give us a period of live testing with these pilot branches before the rest go live. If all goes well, the remaining branches will start to go live from the end of February 2020.
Christmas picks from The Pony Club

With our new range hitting our Pony Club shop just in time for Christmas, we have some great Christmas gift ideas that you may like to share with your members:

- **Pony Club junior and adults’ quilted gilets**
  - Water resistant and breathable
  - Can be personalised
  - Perfect for all year round

- **Pony Club purse**
  - Leather zip purse
  - Subtle PC branding
  - Perfect for gifting

- **Pony Club waterproof exercise sheet**
  - Waterproof and breathable
  - Reflective strip & PC logo
  - Tough 600D outer fabric
  - Soft solar fleece lining
  - Fit over or under saddle flaps
  - Hook and loop fastening at the withers
  - Fillet string
  - Quick and easy to use

Order yours today by clicking the button below!

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**Christmas Closedown Dates**

Please note that The Pony Club Central Office will close for the Christmas period at 5pm on Monday 23rd December. It will reopen as normal at 9am on Thursday 2nd January 2020.

For any urgent issues during this period, please call 02476 698300 and select option 9 from the menu.

The process for reporting safeguarding issues remains unchanged:

- If a young person is in immediate danger, call the police or social services
- For other safeguarding issues (excluding disclosure checks and workshops) please contact Christine Gould, Lead Safeguarding Officer, on 07833 523626

**National Quiz Rounds 2020**

It’s time to get your question writing thinking caps on – here are the categories for the National Quiz rounds in 2020:

1. The Pony Club
2. The Systems - Respiratory
3. Learning Theory & its Application in Horse Training
4. Grooming & Clipping
5. Birdwatching
New Eventing Opportunities for 2020

We have TWO new exciting changes to Eventing in 2020!

Firstly, at The Pony Club Championships 2020, we are replacing the PC110 class with a new Open 100+ class. This competition is for branch/centre teams and individuals and qualification is only possible through your area competition. The dressage test and the show jumping will be the same as the previous PC110 class and the cross country will not exceed 100cm but will include some more technical elements. Area competitions can choose to keep the course the same as the PC100 course for simplicity.

But don’t worry if your members like the challenge of the PC110! The PC110 Championships is moving to a new venue and will now be held at Gatcombe during their Festival of Eventing on 6th and 7th August 2020, where it will be known as the PC110 Elite class. Qualification will be possible either through a Pony Club or BE route. All qualified individuals will be placed into a team for their area, with the top three scores to count. In addition, if a branch or centre has three or more qualified members then a branch/centre team may also be declared. Details of exactly how to qualify will be released shortly along with the answers to some FAQs.