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Dear Members, Parents and Guardians,

The summer of competitive sport is underway and I would like say huge congratulations to all of you for taking part. Competitions are the culmination of lots of time spent preparing and building the partnership with your horse or pony. Congratulate yourself on all your hard work and dedication to your training.

I hope to see some of you at our upcoming Championships on August 11th-19th at Offchurch Bury in Warwickshire. Remember entries are open now for competitors, I know some qualifiers are yet to take place, but don't forget the direct entry classes available AND we have a brand new fun ride this year! <u>Click here to find</u> <u>out more.</u>

I would also like to invite you to come and volunteer at our Championships, whether you are a seasoned professional or new to volunteering there is something for everyone to get involved with. We are calling for Dressage stewards and writers, buggy drivers, crossing stewards, pole pickers, fence judges and many more. It is a great way to build up your YELA hours and create a network of friends - to register your interest <u>click here</u>, if you have any questions please contact <u>volunteering@pcuk.org</u>.

I hope you continue to have a great summer of fun activities and I am looking forward to seeing pictures of Pony Club Camp activities!





## **Membership Survey**

We welcome Member feedback throughout the year to help us grow and improve. The Pony Club never stops learning but we need your help! Below is a link to a short survey that will enable us build a better picture about what our Members enjoy and what you would like for the future. If you could spare just 5 minutes of your time to complete it, we would be very grateful.

**Click Here to Complete the Survey** 

## What's Coming Up

# Ever wanted to meet Piggy March in real life?!

On **Tuesday 15th August at The Pony Club Fan Zone**, we will be hosting the famous Piggy March for a Meet & Greet!

Piggy and Tom March will also be attending to film a guided cross country course walk that will be freely available via Piggy TV. Exact timings for the Meet & Greet are yet to be confirmed.



For those of you who don't know, Piggy was a former Pony Club Member and is now a 5\* Event Rider who has represented Team GB at multiple World and European Championships as well as winning the two most prestigious events in our sport: Badminton 2019 and Burghley 2022 with Vanir Kamira.

## Prize secured for Senior H&P Care Champions!

This year, the Worshipful Company of Saddlers are delighted to present a special prize to the winning Senior Team *and* their Team Manager.



"Taking care of horses is a complex and important task: it's not just about grooming and riding, it's about ensuring that our horses are healthy and fit for the work we ask them to do. There are many factors that affect a horse's wellbeing, including their diet, their training, their social life, the fit of their bridle or saddle, and their veterinary care. All these factors are interconnected, so if one aspect isn't right, it can have a negative impact on the others.

The Saddlers Company prize recognises the winning team and their team manager as important contributors to the future of equestrianism".

#### Full Details of the Prize!

# Equine Insurance...

The deadline for the Howden Centre Equitation is fast approaching, but there's still time to get involved with entries closing on the 28th of July. This innovative competition, welcomes teams from Pony Club Linked Riding Centres in the UK and Overseas to submit video entries of Dressage and Show Jumping tests to be judged online. Catherine Morgan, Divisional Director of the Equine Team at <u>Howden</u>, said:

"We are delighted to be continuing our partnership with The Pony Club through the Howden Centre Equitation Competition, for another year. Howden have a strong connection with many different aspects of the equestrian world from grassroots to professional equestrian sport but we are particularly passionate about supporting our Riding Schools which are the starting point for so many people who go on to have a lifelong love and respect for horses. We couldn't be more proud to be associated with this exciting and inclusive competition for Pony Club Linked Riding Centres across the globe".

### **The Need For Speed**

#### **GOOD LUCK!**

to all members taking part in Wolverhampton Pony Racing Day on the 1st August.

#### Preparing for your Race Day?

#### To help get ready for Race Day you can take part in a Pony Racing Authority/ Pony Club Training day, on the day you will learn more about the sport including ridden exercises, on-foot balance, and fitness whilst also learning about the equipment used.

#### Give Pony Racing a go!

At the Wolverhampton Race day there will also be the opportunity for members wishing to find out more about the sport to take part in a Taster session. This is an unmounted session to explore the sport and have a go at racing position, take part in balance and fitness whilst also finding out about the tack and equipment. The Taster sessions at the upcoming Pony Club Race Days are bookable

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### Good Luck for the Polocrosse Four Nations Tournament!

The Pony Club Polocrosse Committee would like to wish every success to members taking part in the training camp and tournament later this month.

For those who would like to see them in action at the Four Nations Tournament, this will be taking place at Cheshire Polo Club, in Area 5 on 22<sup>nd</sup> / 23<sup>rd</sup> July. Spectators are welcome to attend. Full details on the players can be found here:

#### SAVE THE DATE!

The Polocrosse Committee are pleased to share a Save the Date for the Autumn Challenge, this will take place on 23<sup>rd</sup>/ 24<sup>th</sup> September at Little Bentley Polo Club in Essex.

#### Find out more



## Pony Club Congratulates...



Congratulations to the first team out of six to qualify for Horse of the Year Show show, Amman Valley!



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