

## **PART G7 INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION**

### **7.1 INTER-PACIFIC PONY CLUB EXCHANGE**

The Inter-Pacific Pony Club Exchange is a competition for teams from countries in the Pacific area (for example, Australia, New Zealand, Canada, Japan etc.) The Exchange is held in odd-numbered years with the venue moving from country to country. Each team consists of four associate riders. Australia chooses it's representatives on a roster system. Each State can nominate a representative if it is their turn in the roster.

Nominations, lodged through Zone Committees, are accepted at the Executive Council Meeting in the year prior to the exchange.

To qualify for Inter-Pacific, a rider must:

1. be between 17 years and 25 years of age.
2. hold their "B" certificate prior to their nomination.
3. have competed in grade 2 or higher eventing.
4. have competed in "A" grade or higher show jumping.
5. display above-average involvement in Pony Club work.
6. have a good general knowledge (particularly of their own country and the host country).
7. have an ability to mix easily with their peers and adults.

#### **A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE INTER-PACIFIC EXCHANGE**

In 1960, Victoria invited Members of a Canadian Pony Club to visit Australia. They also invited Pony Club Members from the other Australian States to come to Victoria to meet the visitors. This rally proved to be such a success that Australia decided to repeat the exercise again in 1961, inviting Canada, U.S.A. and New Zealand to compete.

This meeting was held in Victoria on the Mornington Peninsula. At this rally the first Inter-Pacific Council was formed. The Exchange would take place every two years with each country hosting the rally in turn. The next Pacific country invited to join the exchange was Japan.

In 1965 England, although not a Pacific country, was invited to send a team to take part, as it is the founding country of Pony Clubs. Since then, the Far East has joined the Exchange. The Far East team is made up of Pony Club Members from Hong Kong, Singapore, Philippines and Thailand.

The host country supplies all horses for the competitions and these are drawn for by all countries competing. The events are a One Day Event in which the teams are scrambled, and Show Jumping, where the countries compete against each other for the International Show Jumping Cup. South Australian Representatives have been:

Year	Rider	Club	Host Country
2011	No representative from SA		New Zealand
2010	No Representative from SA	Same team as picked for 2009	Hong Kong
2009	No representative from SA	Postponed due to swine flu	Hong Kong
2007	No representative from SA		Australia
2005	No South Australian representative.		Canada
2003	Carly Brown	Onkaparinga	Australia (Victoria)
2001	Eliza Waye	Goolwa & District	New Zealand
1999	Michelle Butler	Mt Gambier & District	USA
1997	Melanie Ambroz	Goolwa & District	China (Hong Kong & Shanghai)

1995	SA chose not to send a representative		Japan
1993	Bettina Stark	Goolwa & District	Canada
1991	Melissa Jarmen	Westwind Woodville	Australia (Vic, NSW & QLD)
1989	Carla Wienecke	Golden Spur	New Zealand
1987	Nicholas Rowlandson	Mt Gambier & District	Far East (Hong Kong & Philippines)
1985	Tracey Whellams	Goolwa & District	Britain
1983	Scott Keach	South Park	Japan
1981	Jason Gardham	Mount Lofty	Canada
1979	Jim Roberts	Golden Spur	Australia (Perth)
1977	Gillian Jarrett	Mount Lofty	New Zealand
1975	Rodney Angel	Naracoorte Hunt	USA
1973	Maxine Cooper	Emu	Japan
1971	Trevor Edwards	Cleve	Canada
1969	Gwenda Watson	Naracoorte Hunt	Australia
1967	Peter Heagney	Marion	New Zealand
1965	Margaret Shepherd	Golden Spur	USA
1963	Colleen Moore	Naracoorte	Canada
1961	Two SA Teams Competed Team 1 - Graham Cornell, Sandra Harvey, Erica Dale, R Rankin Team 2 - P Harvey, M Rosenthal, F Hamilton, Dianna Hamilton		Australia (Melbourne)

## 7.2 INTERNATIONAL MOUNTED GAMES COMPETITION

This competition is restricted to Great Britain, United States of America, Canada and Australia. Australia was first invited to enter a team in 1988.

The competition is held annually and is hosted by the participating countries in rotation. Where possible, the visits and mounted games competitions are held during the month of July and are restricted to a three week duration including travelling time. A series of scrambled matches with mixed teams made up from members of each country is held prior to the International Mounted Games competition.

The prime objects of this competition are the meeting, exchange of views and better understanding between Pony Club members from the participating nations, and to broaden the scope of the Pony Club Movement.

Each country is represented by one team of five riders. The Australian team is made up of 5 riders, selected at the PCA selection day, hosted by one of the States/Territory. Attending the selection day would be two riders and 1 selector nominate from each Association. A Pony Club member can only represent their country once in this competition.

An acceptable code of behaviour is expected throughout the visit and any training days held beforehand. The taking of alcohol, non-prescription drugs or smoking is not permitted.

It is expected that nominees will make themselves available to attend training days as and when they are organised. A Selection Panel will be appointed at the October Executive Council meeting to assess the applicants and select the successful nominee.

To qualify for International Mounted Games, a rider must:

1. be under 16 years of age on the 1<sup>st</sup> of January in the year of competition (recommended age 15).
2. hold their “C” certificate prior to their nomination.
3. have a mature outlook.
4. be confident and capable riders, be physically fit and agile. A participant in Club/Zone activities
5. have had experience in Mounted Games competitions.
6. have a sound knowledge of Mounted Games rules.
7. have the ability to cheerfully participate in all activities planned either by the hosting nation, their chaperone or coach.
8. must possess enthusiasm for team activities, good sportsmanship and have the desire and knowledge to be good ambassadors for Australia.

Year	Rider	Club	Host Country
2017	Lucy Blenkiron	Barossa Valley	Canada
2015	Caitlin Lloyd	Fleurieu	USA
2014	Sahara Warren	Black Hill	U/K
2013	Amelia Young	Black Hill	Canada
2010	Jamie Kah	Mt Pleasant	UK
2009	Bradley Ward	Mountain	Canada
2007	Jeremy Connelly	The Gums	USA
2006	No representative from SA		
2005	Kelly Adams	Mountain	Australia (South Australia)
2004	Daniel Adams	Mountain	USA
2003	James Young	Black Hill	Canada
2001	Regina Amey	Burra	USA
2000	Sarah Buckley	Mountain	Canada
1999	Robert Baylis	Barossa Valley	Australia (New South Wales)
1997	Jacqui Sandland	Mt Lofty	England
1996	Jessica Roesler	Barossa Valley	Canada
1994	Nicky French	Torrens Valley	Australia (Western Australia)
1993	Christopher Havelberg	Flinders Ranges	England
1992	Emily Eberhard	The Gums	USA
1990	Bill Miels	Golden Spur	England
1989	Lachlan Wake	Keith	USA
1988	Mardi Lucas	Beachport	Canada

### 7.3 INTER-PACIFIC AND INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL FUND

The Pony Club Association has put in place a system (the Travel Fund) which should enable any chosen rider to afford to go to either the Inter-pacific Exchange or the International Mounted Games Competition. Each rider contributes \$4.40 Inc. GST every year.

Costs associated with participating in the Inter-pacific Exchange and International Mounted Games Competition are as follows:

Any rider selected to represent PCASA at any International and/or Inter-pacific competition, is to notify PCASA office when travel costs are received from PCA.

PCA will send all paper work directly to the rider, and PCASA will pay directly to the PCA the full amount of any international airfare cost as soon as notification is received from the rider to our office.

All internal airfare, camp costs (if any) uniform, and overseas insurance fees are to be the responsibility of the rider and if possible the rider's club and zone.

Should the PCASA receive from the PCA a subsidy from any sports grants the PCASA may refund part of the uniform costs?

The rider will be obliged to send to the PCASA office a detailed account of all costs involved as soon as possible on return.

## **PART G8 GENERAL (awards)**

### **8.1 SERVICE AWARDS**

Service Awards are awarded at State level to an Associate or Senior member of an affiliated Pony Club who has given constant practical service and assistance in his or her Club. Each club may nominate three members per class in any year.

As this is considered to be the highest honour for service, only **exceptional** Associate or senior members should be recommended. Riding ability and team participation is irrelevant.

A Pony Club member must have been a member of his or her Pony Club for at least three years to be nominated for this award. If the nominee has been a member of another Club affiliated with the PCASA Inc, the name of the Club, the length of the membership and the reason for the termination of that membership must be stated on the nomination form. A recommendation from the previous Club **must** be enclosed with the nomination.

This award is only made once to each person.

Nominees must be under 26 years on the 1st January in the year in which they are nominated. All nomination forms **must** be signed by Club and Zone Officials **before** they are forwarded to the PCASA office by the end of June each year.

The awards should be received in person in appropriate dress at the venue nominated by the PCASA Executive.

Nomination forms are available from the PCASA office with Strength Returns.

#### **8.1.1 SENIOR SERVICE AWARD**

Nominees must be 26yrs & over.

All criteria is the same as for the service award other than age.

#### **8.1.2 JIM TOOLE MEMORIAL AWARD**

This award was donated by the Hon Caroline Schaefer MLC and is awarded to the Pony Club Member who has shown outstanding dedication to both their Club and Zone throughout the year. Each club can nominate a candidate to their zone who then select the best candidate they feel worthy of the award

Zone, to then forward the resume with a covering letter from the candidates club and zone to state office by the end of June each year.

Nominees are not to be informed or advised prior to the presentation.

All resumes will be forwarded to State Office.

Only one candidate from each zone is eligible for nomination and all candidates are expected to attend the State AGM where the winner will be announced. To be awarded only once per member.

## 8.2 ARM BADGES

### STATE ASSOCIATION

The association will issue Arm Badges annually.

- \* To competitors in the State Championship ODE and State ODE
- \* To each competitor in State Championship.
- \* To each competitor in the State Gymkhana.

Special occasion badges may be struck at the discretion of the Executive for example Royal Visit Parade.

These badges are worn on the **left** sleeve of the Pony Club jumper.

State issued Service Award badges are also worn on the **left** sleeve.

Helper badges will be issued by the PCASA to riders who have actively assisted with a State Function.(worn on left sleeve)

### ZONE

Zone badges/strips may be issued by the Zones for attendance at Zone functions. The strips will be 8 cm long, white tape with red printing. The master tape wording is to be approved by the Executive. Each year an extra tape with the year and venue of the function will be produced. These badges/strips are worn on the **right** sleeve of the Pony Club jumper.

### ACHIEVEMENT PATCHES

Refer to Instruction Section Part I5 pg 58

### PCA COMMERATIVE BADGES

To be attached to saddle blankets only

