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TOP GUN COACHING CLINICS

Top Gun Coaching clinics are ready to go for 2021. Over the weekend of 6th and 7th March the following Top Gun Coaching Clinics will be held at:

Northern New England Zone hosted by the Inverell Polocrosse Club for all their zone members. Contact Alex Wroble 0438 799 05.

Leichardt Zone held at the Wandoan Polocrosse grounds for their zone juniors, intermediates, and ladies' members. Contact Kylie Gould 0429 140 874.

Warwick Polocrosse Club at Morgan Park for all their members. Contact Tom Cobon 0484 337 157.

To attend any of the Top Gun Coaching Clinics, you must be a financial member.

Top Gun Coaching Caps are now available to purchase @ $30 each. You can order your cap by emailing the NEO – neo@polocrosse.org.au.

If your Club or Zone is interested in hosting a Top Gun Coaching Clinic, please email the NEO – neo@polocrosse.org.au or PAA Board Director, Sandra Weston, weston917@gmail.com

TOP GUN POLOCROSSE CLINIC

NEW HELMET

The Australian Government through Sport Australia recognises Pony Club Australia to develop Pony Helmet Standards.

This chart shows the helmets permitted in Pony Club.

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PONY CLUB AUSTRALIA

Helmet Standards

The following shows helmets permitted in Pony Club

Helmets generally have a useful life of 5 years, but must be checked after a fall

Standard	PCA	EA
Australia New Zealand standard 3838 Marked SAI Global SAI GLOBAL	✓	✓
Australia New Zealand standard ARB HS 2012 (racing helmets) Marked SAI Global SAI GLOBAL	✓	✓
American standard ASTM F1163 Marked SEI or SNELL E2001 SEI SNELL	✓	✓
British Standard PAS 015 (1998 or 2011) BSI Kitemarked	✓	✓
European standard (old) EN1384 **2020 is the last valid year for this standard and only with date of manufacture of 2015**	✓ **Only for helmets with manufacture date up to and including 2015**	✗ **Not permitted from 2017**
European standard (new, interim) VG01.040 (2014-12) This may be abbreviated as 'VG1' on the helmet label	✓ **Note that new helmets may carry both the EN1384 & VG01.040 marks**	✓

CONCUSSION IN SPORT

The PAA is currently working with ASC in developing a national policy on concussion in our sport.

Watch this space for further updates.

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW THE RULES OF POLOCROSSE?

During the month, Kent Well, National Manager of Umpiring has sent out his 4th SurveyMonkey on the rules of polocrosse.

To complete the survey, follow this link:https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BQSNXMB

SOUTH AUSTRALIA COACHING CLINIC

Polocrosse South Australia (PASA) held its Annual 3 Day Coaching Clinic at the Naracoorte Polocrosse Grounds in January, the fourth year Justin Hafey and Trent Collins have successfully ran the clinic for PASA.

COVID-19 tried its best to stop the PASA Coaching Clinic going ahead but it did not reck the determination of Justin Hafey, Trent Collins and the high-profile coaches Beth Hafey, Andrew Phillips, Michael Semmens, and Joe Gleeson to get to SA and make sure it happened.

The goal of the Clinic is to help South Australian players of all ages improve their game, horsemanship skills, polocrosse tactics and racquet skills.

The results are beginning to show with South Australia entering two teams for Barastoc this year in the Mens and Under 21 Girls.

Highlights of the clinic included:

- A Woman's Coaching Clinic Day with Beth Hafey.
- An Xtreme Cowboy event ran by Guest Coach Kym Smith
- Equine Dentistry session with Paul Maloney
- The Hafey Collins Cup

The Clinic was a great success and feedback received is every player who participated gained a lot of knowledge, confidence and most importantly had fun and extended their polocrosse family even further.

PASA would like to extend their sincere gratitude for the commitment Justin, Trent, Beth, and Andrew have shown to not only South Australian Players but players from all states for the past four years.

Your passion for our sport of polocrosse shows.

The above photo shows the people who attended the clinic.

BERRAGOON, RAY WHITE, GTSM INCENTIVES 2021

The 8th Annual Berragoon production sale was held on over 3 days in early January with the introduction on the Berragoon, Ray White and GTSM Incentives in 2021. With over $20,000 dollars in cash and prizes, the incentive Polocrosse and Campdraft competitions took place on Friday and Saturday and then 72 lots when under the hammer on Sunday.

Four polocrosse teams battled it out for the $10,000 winner's cheque with some of the best players in the country riding all Berragoon branded horses or Berragoon sale graduates from the last 7 years. After some of the best competition seen in a long time, team R&K Rubber took on the Anvil team for the big money cheque with the Anvil boys coming home with the goods.

The play off for 3rd and 4th was again an intensely close game with Dan Clarke Racing running out winners over Dolgwili in what a great spectacle of some outstanding young horses was having their first games on a Polocrosse field.

Many thanks to our chief umpire Trent Mortimer for officiating the entire weekend.

Best Number 1 - Berragoon Thea ridden by Chris Anderson - Berragoon Rita x Stonebrook Finno (Lease horse)

Best Number 2 - Berragoon Bruno ridden and owned by Russel Davison - Berragoon Off Key x Mewburn Bewick

Best Number 3 - Berragoon Puzzle ridden and part owned by Matt Davison - Roseridge Indianna x Stonebrook Finno.

The campdraft was an unbelievable showcase of horse flesh about two thirds of the horses in the draft just finished playing Polocrosse, roll into the drafting arena, put one around, and then back to playing the finals of polocrosse.

It was great to see the horses showcase their talents across the two sports in a matter of hours.It was the very lovely Bonlac Gigolo mare, Dolgwili CoCo bred by Simon and Libby Ward, owned by Kapunda Pastroal, and ridden by Matt Davison that took home the trophy winning the draft with scores of 90 and 89.

The highest cut out was won by another Dolgwili horse, Dolgwili Norman (Westons Crinkle X Bonlac Gigolo) owned and ridden by Morgan Webb.

Highest placed ASH went to Dolgwili CoCo, owned by Kapunda Pastoral and ridden by Matt Davison.
Highest placed HSH ASH went to Berragoon Ditty (Rosebrook Harmony x Bonlac Gigolo) owned and ridden by Bronson Macklinshaw. The best performed Polocrosse team in the draft went to Dolgwili.

We would like to thank Scott Bandy for judging the draft and look forward to seeing the horses back to compete in the incentives in 2022 with over $25,000 already in the prize pool.

We would sincerely like to thank our selling agents, outside vendors, judges, umpires, incentive competitors, volunteers, and our team for making our 2021 sale a huge success. We look forward to seeing you all at Holbrook in 2022.

Winners of the Polocrosse; Team Anvil.

Abby Finlayson, owner and Matt Davison, rider (2nd from the left) winner of the draft.

BEHIND THE "D"

Meet Matt Johnson, Senior Mens Player for Queensland.

How long have you been involved in polocrosse?

Would have to be 30 odd years now, Mum and Dad were dragging me around from a baby and I don't think I've missed a season. We were even lucky enough to get some carnivals in last year in QLD during COVID.

What do you do outside polocrosse?

Between my day job as linesman, planner, scheduler at Ergon Energy, breeding and training a few horses and chasing around after our 2 boys there isn't time for any other hobbies, have just started doing a little bit of campdrafting which is good fun, but can be very frustrating as well.

What is the most memorable occasion associated with the game?

Probably my first nationals win in the U21 men at Camden in 2006, we had a great team who I am still good friends with. I threw the goal in extra time to win it. Was by no means the best game I've ever played, nor was it the biggest occasion, but the combination of my first win at nationals and the bunch of men I played with made it particularly cool.

Where do you see the game going in the next five years?

Really hard to tell, a sport like campdrafting is going from strength to strength whereas polocrosse seems to have stagnated a bit, and our game is so much more fun!! There is a lot on offer for the top-level players currently (which is awesome and credit to all those who are involved) but we need to be mindful of keeping the mid and lower-level players engaged and wanting to stay in the sport

Tell us something unusual about you?

Apart from being a fantastic singer and dancer (in my own opinion) I can't really think of anything, everyone who knows me will tell you I'm incredibly boring!!

Thanks, Matt, for your time.

Senior Queensland Mens team.

CONTRIBUTIONS

The PAA would like to thank Donna Gurney, PASA SEO and Lucy Grills for their contributions to this month's newsletter.

Remember, if your club, zone, or state would like to promote an event that is happening please let me know via an email to; neo@polocrosse.org.au

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"If it hurts, make it hurt more. Pain is the purifier, love pain, embrace pain. Hard things take time to do, the impossible takes a little longer".

Herb Elliott – Australian middle distance running champion.