



October 2016 News from Pony Club Australia

An exciting new chapter for George and Pete

George Grover has been a member of Huntingfield Pony Club, Tasmania since he was 8 years old. Over the past 9 years at Pony Club George has competed in Mounted Games, show jumping, dressage and eventing at state level, and also played polo. George’s coach, Lydia Jackson, suggested he take a look at the Remi Stud Scholarship, which rewards a young rider with a substantial scholarship and a top class Hanoverian weanling.



“There was an incredibly open ended application system, with other applicants submitting video applications, photos, audio recording etc. I decided for something a little more down to earth and wrote a reasonably brief submission along with a support document from my parents and coaches Lydia Jackson and Sonja Johnson. This was in total around 2,000 words and although time consuming well worth the eventual results.” George said.

“I was very surprised to be awarded this very generous and exciting scholarship. The main award was the beautiful Remi Stud weanling, “Remi Lord of the Vale S”, or **Pete** to his friends.” Pete has now been delivered from Queensland to George in Tasmania.

George also received a support package that includes feed until the horse is three years of age, legal support from Horse force, a saddle, bridle and saddlecloth from Edwards Saddleworld, 10 weeks training by Team Van Den Berge when the horse turns three years old, and more with the total prize valued at over \$30,000.

“I certainly encourage Pony Club members to look at applying for this scholarship in 2017” George said.



George Grover with his horse “Apples”



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Nikita Mawhirt – Pentathlon Rising Star

Nikita has always loved sports and been involved in Pony Club in Western Australia since she could walk.

“I have been a Pony Club member since I had my first pony at 5 and started at our local pony club, Swan Valley. I loved being involved in all the activities that Pony Club WA offered, such as the Pony Club festival, State Showjumping Champs, mounted games and Tetrathlons. Having already been a swimmer and doing cross country through pony club events, the Tetrathlon possessed both a great team and individual aspect and I competed in my first one when I was 12. Learning to hold and shoot a rifle was challenging but Swan Valley offered great opportunities to attend practice sessions at a local shooting range. From the success of winning my first Tetrathlon at the age of 12, I've been doing them nearly every year since. I find it a great opportunity to spend time with the club and it's always a really fun weekend.”



“Since picking up Pentathlon in 2014, I've loved competing in it and having the variety of training in 5 different sports. Although I knew it was never going to be easy, I've had many challenges to face and lots of hard work to struggle through. But I've always held onto the dream of competing at the Olympic Games.”

Nikita now has her goals to compete internationally in Pentathlon at the Youth World Championships in Prague and Junior World Championships in Budapest in 2017, then the Youth Olympic Games in 2018.



You can help Nikita get to Europe in 2017 by contributing to her gofundme campaign

[Visit Nikita's page](#)

Best wishes to the International Mounted Games Exchange team, which is competing against US, Canada and UK teams in early November.

Go Aussies - Annie Herzer (WA), Teresa McCallum (NT), Laura Chalmers (Tas), Chris Paton (Vic), Amanda Mills (Qld)

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Jarryd Stanley Recognised for Service to Pony Club

Seville Pony Club member Jarryd Stanley was presented with Pony Club Victoria's highest state award - the Award of Merit for service to the club at the club's September rally.

Jarryd, a very popular 23 year old and member for more than 13 years has designed acclaimed cross country courses, created & built numerous cross country jumps and introduced the use of the cross country mapping app to the club amongst many other things.



The award was presented to Jarryd's great surprise by PCAV's North Metropolitan Zone President and 2016 Pony Club Australia Volunteer of the Year, Jim Page (left) in front of his club at a spectacular gathering at the rally.

Jarryd was flanked by long-time girlfriend Nat Logan, close riding friends and his adored grandfather, Seville Pony Club stalwart, Jock Fraser (right).

Seville Pony Club founders and Jarryd's current employers Angela & John Anker returned to Pony Club after 30-year absence to applaud the presentation.

Never one to shy from a microphone, Jarryd gave a tremendous thankyou speech acknowledging his club, Zone President Jim Page, Pony Club Victoria and his family, despite his admission to feeling "lost for words at the surprise award".

Not only a mentor & inspiration to younger riders, some-time instructor, hard worker, future Technical Delegate and community minded fellow, he is a very talented rider having represented the club & and won at numerous state horse trials events. In his final year at Pony Club in 2017, Jarryd hopes to be selected for the PCA Nationals in Queensland.

Ask your club about the My Pony Club on-line membership tool. All clubs on line by 1st December 2016 go into the draw for a prize of the club's choice, sponsored by Pony Club Australia

A \$2000 cash grant or a workshop with Dr Andrew McLean or a clinic with an elite coach.

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The Australian Government through the Australian Sports Commission recognises PCA to develop Pony Club in Australia.

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