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President's Letter

Kellee Campbell

Ah, early summer! It's warm, the grass is still green and this year's foals are growing as fast as the weeds that I have yet to spray. Bill the Cat, Priscilla's Flight, Abra Cadabra, Blue Moon and Vandal play until they drop, fight when tempers flare and eat each others food. Sounds like us at a tournament, doesn't it? They have a great life, and when I watch them scramble, fuss and finally rest I can feel my stress sliding away. By the time they have run their imaginary derby, fought to be Queen of the hill or paddled across the ocean (a very small ocean, to be sure) I am wearing a big smile and my life is good as well. Good that is, until I turn my head and see that the weeds are nearly out of control...

But the point here is to remember that life *is* good and we need to take the time to enjoy it. Take a summer vacation and travel to new (or well-loved) spots to play the sport you love. We are having the first ever Iowa tournament in early June. Pennsylvania offers great competition later that month and you can take you pick of gorgeous summer weather in either the wine country of Minnesota or the high desert of New Mexico over the Fourth of July weekend. You will be welcomed and well entertained in any of these events, so hook up the trailer and beat feet!

Continuing in the life is good zone, I'd like to congratulate Dori and Daniel Johnson on their recent wedding. Family, both genetic and polocrosse in origin, traveled to celebrate the marriage of two of our own, and the laughter and joyful support were shared by all. We wish the newest Johnson's the best of luck in their new Minnesota home and expect that the Minnesota Extreme will celebrate their arrival as well.

I would like to encourage those among you who have the inclination to offer to host traveling players and coaches. In Texas this spring Amy Keith imported English player and horse trainer Guy Robertson while Kiki Pantaze had Austrians Jane Cooper and Kristy Crook come to coach and play. Most travelers are like ourselves; they are not looking for the Taj Mahal to stay in or a world-class horse to ride (OK, they would probably not turn the second one down). They want to see new places and meet new people and are willing to share their knowledge and skills to make that happen. Don't be afraid to put your hand up and offer to host someone- you're likely to make a fascinating new friend and learn something in the bargain.

And speaking of travel, good friends and great polocrosse, remember to make plans for a wonderful weekend in early October- the balmy fall weather and beautiful location are sure to make the St. Louis National Tournament one for the books. We'll be looking for you!

'Till the next chukka-
Kellee

NATIONALS ENTRY FORM AND INFO DOCUMENT was unable to be in this issue, but will be published shortly. The date for the 2009 Nationals is October 2-4, in Defiance, MO at the Busch family farm. The St. Louis Polo Club plays there:
.....THE FIELDS WILL BE WONDERFUL!.....Make plans to join us!.....

Ratings:

Reminder...there are player and Tournament Committee responsibilities for ratings done at APA sanctioned tournaments. See the top of page 8.

The website: You may have noticed the APA website is experiencing some technical difficulties. In April, our website was infected with a virus and we were advised to close down our old site and change the address. Our new address is www.americanpolocrosse.com. We also decided it was best if the site was rebuilt and Donna Ellis has graciously donated her time and expertise to tackle the daunting task. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me. —Kiki Pantaze, 512-924-7566 or kpantaze@pvco.net



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New Rules Proposed:

The Chief Umpire has considered wording for a new rule on helmets. The proposed new wording will be substituted for Rule 8.2.9.4. Wording under consideration but not yet final is:

APA requires that all players wear a helmet that is specifically designed for equestrian use. Players must wear a helmet that is certified as complying with the European (EN), British (PAS), North American (ASTM), Australian/New Zealand (AS/NZ), or International Organization for Standardization (ISO) testing standards for helmets used for equestrian activities. An umpire may declare a helmet unsafe at any time and allow up to 10 minutes for a player to find a replacement helmet.

This rule will be effective July 1, 2009.

Along with the rule change, the Chief Umpire will advise by newsletter that the membership that no requirement will be made on face guards but it is recommended that a player use a faceguard that is designed to break away, if he chooses to use a face guard, and that a player use pro-

tective eyewear while playing. (see below for more details)

International Umpiring Issues:

The Chief Umpire is planning to attend the IPC/Umpires meeting in England this summer. Her goal is to understand the way that rules are called or interpreted by other countries and either bring our calls in line or set out an explanation why the US umpires will make calls differently.

Clinics

Mountain Zone - The Abajo Club hosted an umpire clinic on March 20-21 in conjunction with the Guy Robertson clinic. There were 5 persons in attendance but the 17 clinic attendees participated in the rules discussions. 9 people took the umpire test and 8 of those passed the test. The Texas clinic which was planned for March 14 was postponed and will be rescheduled. Clinics in CZ and EZ will be rescheduled sometime this fall after the IPC/umpires meeting in England.

New Umpires

Rahul Desai and Renee Sissons have been certified as Level I Umpires.

PUT YOUR MONEY WHERE YOUR MOUTH IS – YOUR HELMET.

Here's an idea: instead of just spending money on your horse or its tack, spend some money on your safety! Buy a new helmet.

Effective July 1, 2009, APA Rule 8.2.9.4 has been modified to REQUIRE a helmet that is approved for equestrian sports. Read below for the language of the new rule. But what that means is that any officiating umpire may require a player to replace her/his helmet before allowing play to continue.

How do you make sure that you comply with this rule?

1. Make sure your helmet is approved for equestrian use. It doesn't matter if it is approved for motorcycle riding and meets a higher standard than for equestrian sports. You must have a helmet suitable for equestrian sports.
2. Make sure that your helmet has its approval tags on it. Just like carrying your insurance and registration in the car, make sure your helmet has its original tags and that the approval tag is not covered by your favorite bumper sticker!
3. Make sure that your helmet is not too old. Helmets and the material they are made from degrade over time. I get better but my helmet does not. Buy a new one every 2 to 3 years. And standards and technology changes. Older helmets that may once have complied may be out of compliance because of changed standards.
4. Replace your helmet after a fall. And don't throw your helmet on the ground. It is designed to absorb shocks by cracking. If you have pre-cracked

your helmet by a prior fall or by a temper tantrum, you may have negated the efficacy of the helmet.

5. Polo helmets allowed? Certainly if they can be shown to comply with the standards set out in the rule. But note that many polo helmets are manufactured in South America and have not been put through the testing or approved. Without the testing and approval, the polo helmet is not legal for polocrosse.
6. Umpires: you are not required to be the helmet police or to check every helmet. But if you have a doubt, check the player's helmet and give him or her a chance to find a replacement – quickly.

What's the real purpose of this rule change? Safety. We argue endlessly about the interpretation of a rule or how we call crossing. But those subtleties are meaningless if players are using ineffective or unsafe helmets.

Many thanks to Manny Diemer for his time and energy in championing and researching this rule change.

New Helmet Rule – Effective July 1, 2009:

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BOARD NEWS

Present: Kellee Campbell, Erica Vallee, Laura Humphreys, Wayne Cooper, John Jameson, Betsy Lovelace, Jessica Lovelace, Deb Zito, Alli Venne, Kiki Pantaze, Donna Ellis, Jim Byrd, Amy Keith, Liz Gleeson, David Brooks, Victoria Prince

Membership Committee

Victoria Prince had talked with some Board Members in looking for ideas for what this committee should do. She felt that the best way to grow was to have strong clubs and saw three areas to focus on: where there are members, but no clubs; to strengthen existing clubs and develop a 'Booster Packet' for clubs to help increase numbers. Kellee Campbell said there was no money in the budget for this, but things could be put onto the website for clubs to use. Victoria wants to gather knowledge from other successful clubs and put it into one resource that everyone can access. She also wanted to develop another video. A discussion followed about Britt Lovelace asking Norm Clasen about the one he did.

Amy Keith brought up that Audrey Schmidt (with the PDP) is scheduling clinics and wondered whose job this came under; Kellee stated that clinics are not totally under the PDP; the Board voted in January that Zone Reps would coordinate clinics in their area.

Player Development Program

Kellee Campbell stated that the Board cannot fairly review last minute reports. Dave Brooks said they'd been working on a restructure of the PDP to alter its direction. The program was three pronged: Coaching, Domestic Development/Clinic Coordinator and International Tour Program. The committee needed to finish writing the coaching and instructing part of it, but they would be more active in planning clinics. The international part of it was geared as a youth development program with exchanges. There'd also be opportunities for mid level players. Kiki Pantaze said that this would help the level of play across the board for all players.

Kellee Campbell reminded the Board that the Chief Coach was not only for the elite players; the position was for the general population of players. It is an oversight position for those who want to coach. She would like to see someone in this position. David Brooks wants to see levels of coaches; like there are levels of umpires in the Umpire Program.

Kellee said the Board would review the documentation sent, and recognized that Dave was put forward for the position of Chief Coach. John Jameson wanted Dave to submit a budget next month so it could be reviewed. He said there is an organization called the American Coaching Association and they had seminars; maybe Dave could attend. Kellee said this could be a direction to the PDP.

David Brooks was voted in as the interim Chief Coach.

Chief Umpire Report

Amy Keith gave some highlights of the Umpire Program: there had been a successful clinic in New Mexico and she was planning on attending the IPC meeting to meet international umpires to ask why rules are taken differently. There may be an intermediate certification so umpires can get

more experience; and she was introducing a helmet rule.

There are many different sport helmets and they are showing up on the polocrosse field. We need to have players use helmets designed for equestrian sports; and they need to be a type approved by a US (ATSM-SEI), UK (BHS) or Australian testing group. Kellee Campbell asked if this rule was designed to avoid things like lacrosse, construction, football and motorcycle helmets. It was; Amy said that many are inappropriate for our sport...such as those with fixed face guards or made of fiberglass.

This will be published and done for summer tournaments. Amy will insist on it by Nationals. Deb Zito suggested that clubs can help find and encourage members to wear correct helmets. Amy said the APA cannot be the 'helmet police' but umpires can check them so that old ones, ones where the umpire knew the person took a fall with, construction helmets are not on the field. A point was brought up that we have visitors sometimes...and sometimes they borrow equipment. Alli Venne suggested that they need to borrow from their own team, so we won't have liability issues. If you loan a helmet, you are liable for it.

PDP International Test Match Packet

Donna Ellis sent a final draft of the Test Match Packet pending editing. Kellee suggested questions be brought up at the next Board Meeting, but Donna wanted approval or comments before the Youth tours began.

Secretary's Report

Laura Humphreys had brought up a conversation with the Affiliate Development Coordinator for USEF. We had belonged to USEF for 3 years and they were wondering why we did not rejoin. Basically, we were not getting much back for our membership money (Laura was bluntly told that USEF could not possibly do blurbs in their magazine on all the affiliates that join) and Kellee said that the \$150 was not in our current budget. A few of the benefits might be good for us, such as submitting our press releases to an affiliate or club list. USEF also has other member benefits, such as insurance and discounts, but their insurance will not cover polocrosse.

Finance

Erica Vallee has had no access into the account until mid-March, which delayed various payments. She was very concerned that our budget was about *projected* income; this was not how it is usually done. She said that she wanted Laura Humphreys to have a prepaid card for supplies; Nationals expenses would be a separate debit card.

Nationals Report

Liz Gleeson said that we might get sponsorship for the event if we could accommodate the Busch company by maybe hanging a banner or having a hospitality tent or something. Kellee Campbell reminded the Board that past Boards have gone back and forth over the alcohol thing and we have an alcohol policy. But, this might be a good thing for us if we can cover liability; and, after all, alcohol is for adults. If we could make sure there were no liability issues, the Board thought that we'd be crazy not to get the sponsorship.

International Liaison Report

Liz Gleeson talked a bit about the South African exchange,

BOARD NEWS (Continued)

it was strictly like the New South Wales program; more of a social tour. She also told the Board that she felt the APA needed to decide where its focus was; she felt we were spread too thin and we don't have money or energy to produce lots of tours. We might want to consider having 3 or 4 years to put money towards international tours for top players...and let the other exchanges be social ones. We can't have C Grade horsemanship in A Grade. We need to decide because we don't have enough resources. Kellee Campbell reminded everyone that we do try to keep all costs at their lowest.

How to Incorporate Your Club

Wayne Cooper had put together the steps it takes to be recognized by the state for club incorporation. It was praised by the Board and will become a document for APA use.

Debit Cards

There was a small discussion about getting these cards for the traveling teams to use and one for Laura Humphreys. Kellee Campbell said that our Treasurer wanted to keep tight control of the money.

New Liability Wording

Amy Keith suggested that we add the following to the bottom of our release waiver section: "I agree to abide by the APA Code of Conduct and to comply with all State laws pertaining to the possession of distribution of alcohol to minors. Further, I acknowledge that it is my responsibility to comply with all APA rules, including those pertaining to equipment and helmets. It is my responsibility to check the safety of all equipment and the animals that I use." The Board was unanimously in favor.

Budget

The Board needed to accept or change the budget done in January. The need for outside umpires at tournaments and what cap fees pay for (umpire travel) were discussed. The Board did not have a problem with changing the "Umpire Travel" line item in the budget to "Umpire", as there are other needs of the Umpire Program. Our membership income at this point is about \$7,500; about half of what is expected. It is realized that many members pay at tournaments as they start in their areas. There are prob-

lems now because of inaccurate bookkeeping in the past, but it is being worked on. The Board voted in favor of accepting the budget.

By-Law Addition

Kellee Campbell pointed out that Officer and Director Removal had been a concern of a previous Board; there was a discussion if it was really needed. Our current By-Laws do not make a clear provision for this, but it was felt there were ways around it...someone causing trouble could be negated.

The Board voted unanimously in favor of this addition:

An Officer or Director may be removed from office, with just cause, by the vote of those entitled to elect, designate or appoint the Officer, Director or Chair. If the position was an elected one, removal requires an affirmative vote equal to the vote necessary to elect the position. There will be written notice with 30 days for a written response. The President or Vice President, if necessary, shall appoint a committee to hear the response if an oral response is necessary and make a recommendation in writing to the Board. The Board can vote 30 days after the response from the accused – unless more time has been requested by the committee or by the accused.

International Liaison/PDP Motion from January

The Board voted to table the motion from January suggesting certain job descriptions for the International Liaison and the PDP until Board Members have a chance to read the PDP draft presented.

Horse Welfare Officer

This is still being researched and finalized; David Brooks and Amy Keith are working on it. Amy pointed out that the wording is not up for negotiation. The Chief Umpire, Tournament Committee and International Liaison appoint a Horse Welfare Officer. The person does not have to be a veterinarian, but there should be a qualified third party to make calls on horses stress levels and welfare. We need to make polocrosse promotable to other equine sports.

Player Development Program Draft

The Board agreed to table the PDP draft, since it arrived just before the meeting.

PROGRAM NEWS

Player Development Program

The program committee is now re-planning the summer tour with NSW. **NSW withdrew due to concerns over swine flu.** Our current plan is to hold a camp with the kids selected for the tour in conjunction with the TN Valley tournament. The kids will be split up into teams, each with a coach, and play against each other as part of the tournament. We are currently getting the commitments and working out the details.

On May 30 and 31, we hosted the Carolina Pony Club Region Rally. I taught a clinic with 24 participants with help from Youth Team member Maura Thornton and Youth Team Manager/past Team member Shannon Molsky. We also umpired and supplied umpire horses .

We have several plans in the works and are trying to

work out dates. We are planning a Quadrangle event for the Central and Eastern Zones for players rated 2 - 6, targeting adults. The plan is for 4 teams to have coaches and play 2 or 3 games over the weekend. We are also trying to work with the umpires to hold an umpire clinic with the event. Dates may be a problem in the east because of the full schedule. I have asked the International Liaison to inquire about a mid level adult player exchange with Ireland. This would be an event to again target those adults caught in the middle.

We will be working on a plan for 2010 with NSW that would now involve an inbound and outbound. We have enough kids interested so we are moving forward with a plan.

COMMITTEE NEWS

World Cup Committee

I am very excited to announce that Jane Cooper of Australia has accepted the coaching position for the 2011 USA World Cup Team. She brings a lot of energy and excitement to the program. Squad applications have been emailed and ground mailed. If you have not received an application, please go to the APA website where the application is posted or you can contact me at kpantaze@pvco.net **All applications need to be returned to Kiki by July 10.** The squad will be selected soon after the deadline.

To be eligible for the squad, you must:

- Be an APA member in good standing;
- Have a player rating of a 10 or above;
- Competed in at least 1 Test Match or tour, recognized by the APA in the last 10 years;
- Be invited to apply for the lists by the coach or committee.

If a player does not meet the above criteria and seeks a waiver of one or more of the eligibility criteria, the player must:

- Complete an application and send it to the APA World Cup Chair (Kiki Pantaze)
- Submit a written letter, which must include the player's experience and background as well as their accomplishments.

Jane Cooper is returning to the States for a coaching event in the fall of this year. She is planning a two month stay in the US next spring, where she plans on traveling the country to coach, play and evaluate players for the team. At the end of her stay, the final cuts will be made and the Traveling Team will be selected.

Another thing is that the USA will not be expected to participate in a qualifying event with Canada and Zambia as announced in a past update.

If you have any ideas or questions, please feel free to contact me.

—Kiki Pantaze 512-924-7566 or kpantaze@pvco.net

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You can see below as a starting point for information on equestrian helmet safety standards:

For FEI international competition that involves competitors from many different nations, protective headgear complying with the European (EN), British (PAS), North American (ASTM), or Australian/New Zealand tested standards is required.

United States: The most common standard used by sanctioning organizations in the United States is known as ASTM F1163. It is periodically updated, the most recent is ASTM F1163-04a (2004).

In the United States, conformity assessment of riding helmets to defined standards is performed primarily by the Safety Equipment Institute (SEI). Helmet manufacturers voluntarily provide samples of each model and size of helmet to the Safety Equipment Institute (SEI) for simulated crash testing using the test methods defined by the ASTM standard. If the samples pass the tests, the producers may label other helmets of the same model and size to indicate that the helmet is ASTM/SEI certified. SEI also monitors the market for helmets fraudulently labeled as being ASTM/SEI certified; for this purpose, SEI publishes a list of all the helmet models and sizes which it has certified.

The Snell Memorial Foundation, best known for its safety testing standards for motorcycle helmets, also publishes a safety testing standard for Equestrian helmets, E2001.[11] However, no national sanctioning equestrian organization to date has adopted the Snell standard, the ASTM standard

is more generally used.

United Kingdom: Product Approved Specification (PAS) 015 is one British safety standard for equestrian helmets. It defines test methods to evaluate shock absorption, penetration resistance, strength and effectiveness of retention system, durability of quick release mechanisms, and deflection of the peak. The other standard is BS EN 1384:1997. The EN 1384 and PAS 015:1998 are now essentially the same. Conformity assessment in the UK for the EN 1384 and ASTM F1163 standards is performed by INSPEC.

Europe: European Normes EN 1384 (Helmets for Equestrian Activities) and EN 14572 (High Performance Helmets for Equestrian Activities) are standards published by the Centre for European Normes in Brussels, and widely used for purposes of conformity assessment in Europe.[1] The codes for EN standards is sometimes prefixed by other codes to indicate adoption by national standards organizations. For example, the acronym "DIN" is used to indicate the Deutsches Institut für Normung, and "BS" indicates a standard adopted in the UK.

Australia/New Zealand: The helmet standard in Australian and New Zealand standard is AS/NZ 3838:2006.

International: The International Organization for Standardization (ISO) Guide 65:1996 is a widely respected international best practices standard for entities operating certification programs such as SEI and INSPEC.

—Amy Keith

TOURNAMENT NEWS

REMINDERS FOR RATINGS:

Player responsibility:

- Advise zone rater if you are attending an out of zone tournament.
- If a player has a question or concern about a rating, they must contact the ratings chair (Prissy Rumel) prissy@hotmail.com

Tournament Committee responsibility for raters at APA sanctioned tournaments:

- Have 4-6 copies of player lists with current ratings available to zone raters by Friday afternoon of your tournament.

REMINDERS FOR TOURNAMENT COMMITTEES:

You do not need to send scoresheets to the APA Secretary. What she does need: 1) cap fees and player number (do not deduct the sanctioning fee, we'll send it back if you make the 14 day deadline), 2) player list, 3) tournament results (list placings of who won in divisions), 4) membership fees and SIGNED forms (these go together) from those who signed up at your tournament, day members included. This is listed on the sanctioning form your club contact signs and it is in the tournament letter that is in the tournament packet sent to the contact.

International Masters/Charlie Horse Spring Classic: March 7-8, 2009

Masters:

1st Place- Charlie Horse Masters: Jim Last, Dale Caughey, Debbie Zito
2nd Place- Orange County Masters: David Brooks, Susan Schneider, Alan Hale
Best Player: Dale Caughey
Best Horse: Changa

A Grade:

1st Place – Lone Star: Heather Shuttles, Dori Wiseman, Prissy Rumel, Ryan Strider, Renee Thompson, Kiki Pantaze
2nd Place- Charlie/Hill: Renee Hicks, Guy Robertson, Quentin Jameson, Jamie Zito, Greg Russell, Ryan Trueblood
Best Player: Guy Robertson
Best Horse: Zena

B Grade:

1st Place – Conroe Cowboys: Larry Jowers, Travis Rawls, Greg Russell
2nd Place – Texas Mix: Daniel Johnson, Caroline Gardiner, Troy Chamberlin
Best Player: Sara Cifelli
Best Horse: Chili

C Grade:

1st Place – Good Times C: Daniel Kelley, Jason Pascarella, Kelly Fisk
2nd Place—Carolina C: Jeremy McDougal, Peggy Ferebee, Maura Thornton
Best Player: Daniel Kelley
Best Horse: Ginger

D Grade:

1st Place – Charlie Horse D: Melissa Bigsby, Harrison Wise, Amy Lewis
2nd Place—Galloping Girls (Charlie Horse): Patty Caughey, Michele Peters, Leslie Patterson
Best Player: Ashley Crane
Best Horse: Mike

Juniors:

1st Place – Bay/Bucks: Jake Shriner, Gracie Gill, Paige Vallee
2nd Place—Good Times Jrs.: Jennifer Pascarella, Bailey Stradinger, Jason Pascarella
Best Player: Gracie Gill
Best Horse: Posh

Lone Star Jon Weber Classic; April 18-19, 2009

Men's A

1st: Lone Star; Derek Rumel, Billy Shuttles, Robby Shuttles

2nd: Carolina; Ryan Strider, Ryan Murphy, Rahul Desai

Best Player: Derek Rumel

Best Horse: Lusinda, Derek Rumel

Women's A

1st: Lone Star Blue; Heather Shuttles, Tessa Rumel, Jane Cooper

2nd: Lone Star Red; Prissy Rumel, Renee Thompson, Dori Wiseman

Best Player: Jane Cooper

Best Horse: Skye, Renee Hicks

B Grade

1st: Charlie Horse; Dale Caughey, Deb Zito, Jamie Zito Greg Russell, Samantha Stewart

2nd: Pit Crew; Houston Hutcherson, Anna Whorton, Tina Hutcherson, Zach Hulbert, Clayton Frederick

Best Player: Tina Hutcherson

Best Horse: Hazel, Eric Zaizar

C Grade

1st: Youth Team; Houston Hutcherson, Erin Bottner, David Lynn, Alecs Pettis, Maura Thornton, Colton Johnson

2nd: Lone Star; Tallie Thompson, Mike Thompson, Brittany Crawford, Kiki Pantaze, Erika Crawford, Heather Martinez

Best Player: David Lynn

Best Horse: Leo, Brittany Crawford

D Grade

1st: Houston; Jennifer Bruyneel, Nikki Bruyneel, Bernadine Britt

2nd: Charlie Horse; Leslie Patterson Melissa Bigsby Patty Caughey

Best Player: Nikki Bruyneel

Best Horse: Angel, Leslie Patterson

Junior Division

1st: Horse Lot; Lawrence Frattalone, Clayce Vickers, Dustin Simons

2nd: Minnesota Extreme; Tristan Chamberlin, Makenna Crawford, Bree Hendrickson

Best Player: Tristan Chamberlin

Best Horse: Dash, Tristan Chamberlin

Orange County Spring Fling; May 2-3, 2009; Spring Fling was a huge success. We had 79 entries.

A Grade: 1st: Carolina Polocrosse Club

2nd: Charlie Horse

MVP: Rahul Desai

Best Horse: Bess, Sarah Ferebee

B Grade: 1st: Charlie Horse

2nd: Orange County

MVP: Deb Zito

Best Horse: Heguy, Chris Wolf

C Grade: 1st: Charlie Horse

2nd: Carolina Polocrosse Club

MVP: Samantha Stewart

Best Horse: Blue, Samantha

D Grade: 1st: Wild Turkeys

2nd: Orange County

MVP: Melissa Bigsby

Best Horse: Virginia played by Nicole Spooner owned by Dawson Brooks

Junior A: 1st: Triple Trouble

2nd: Thunder Down Under

MVP: Peter Balogh

Best Horse: Possum, David Lynn

Junior B: 1st: Charlie Horse

2nd: Crab Cakes

MVP: Alex Guzman

Best Horse: Echo, Glenn Bigsby

TOURNAMENT NEWS (Continued)

Hill Country Mother's Day Tournament; May 9-10, 2009

Hill Country had its 15th annual Hill Country Mother's Day Tournament. The weather was a bit hot but the play was hotter. The Veit family trailered their big rig in from New Mexico to mix it up with the Texas players.

- A Division: First – Hill Country: Sam Pohl, Kyle Young and Quentin Jameson
Second – Camp Stewart: Mat Linson, Pat Hensley and Jeeper Ragsdale
MVP: Sam Pohl; Best Horse: Steely owned by Renee Thompson
- B Division: First – Pit Crew: Tina Hutcherson, Gordon Duff and Anna Whorton
Second – Waldemar: Eric Zaizar, Sam Pohl and Tessa Rume
MVP: Tessa Rumel; Best Horse: Hazel owned by Eric Zaizar
- C Division: First – Camp Stewart: Mike Priour, Kim Kneese and Summer Kneese
Second – Sundance: Carolina Livi, Jim Bower and Kerstie Allen
MVP: Mike Priour; Best Horse: Maverick owned by Holt Hutcherson
- D Division: First – Lonestar: Brittany Crawford, Kiki Pantaze and Tallie Thompson
Second – Horse Lot: Garret Frattalone, Larry Frattalone and Kenneth Simons
MVP: Garret Frattalone; Best Horse: Leo owned by Brittany Crawford
- Jr. Division: First – Horse Lot: Lawrence Frattalone, Garret Frattalone and Dustin Simons
Second – Abajo: Hunter Veit; Hilton Veit and Claycee Vickers
MVP: Lawrence Frattalone; Best Horse: Retama owned by Lawrence Frattalone

We all send our best wishes to Katie Henderson for a speedy recovery and expect to see her back out on the fields next fall!

ZONE NEWS

EASTERN ZONE

We have been working on getting a demonstration game together for a big Quarter Horse show in Atlanta, Georgia on July 6th. So far, it looks like we will have 12 riders and 2 umpires. It will be in an indoor arena. I am still getting the details figured out. Also, we got an email from a pony club in North Carolina that was doing a pony club clinic. They included Polocrosse in their pony club clinic and got 30 kids signed up for the clinic. So, we are sending up materials and going to NC to help with that.

There are tournaments in the Eastern Zone every month until December.

—Deb Zito

Membership Dues Reminder for 2010:

Last January, the Board voted that membership fees needed to be increased as they have been at a low rate for years. The APA needs to cover its costs and increase its operating revenue.

Starting in 2010, the Family rate will be \$105 for checks sent in and \$110 for credit card payment (there are credit card costs to the APA). The Individual Senior rate will be \$65 for checks sent in and \$70 for credit card payment. The Junior rate will be \$35 for checks sent in and \$40 for credit card payment.

A late fee of 20% will be in effect after January 31st.

APA SANCTIONED TOURNAMENTS

(To Be Considered Sanctioned: Sanctioning Form and Fee is sent to APA Office)

June 20—21, 2009

S—Bucks County Summer Tournament . Pipersville, PA
Jessie Reed . 267.246-7482 . buckspolocrosse@yahoo.com

July 4—5, 2008

S—Abajo 4th of July Tournament . Los Lunas, NM
Kendra Veit . 505.280.6510
Comments: Come and join us for some New Mexico sun and New Mexico fun.

July 4—5, 2009

S—Minnesota Extreme Tournament . St. Croix, WI
Kristi Johnson . 952.457.3704 . plxmn@hotmail.com

July 12—13, 2009

S—Tennessee Valley Polocrosse's Summer Under the Lights Tournament . Harvest, AL
Marianne Kearns or Tim Fisk . 256.653.0245 or 256.527-6692 . tennvalleypolox@gmail.com
Comments: This is our 5th tournament, and it gets better every year. Come and meet the group visiting from NEW SOUTH WALES, AUSTRALIA. We know it is summer and it is hot; we will play under lights. We promise you a well organized tournament, A GREAT VENUE and a very pampered field! So fill in your entry forms early, pack your bags, and join us for the FUN!!! We look forward to seeing everybody soon.

July 18—19, 2009

S—Collegiate Peaks Polocrosse Tournament . Buena Vista, CO
Lachlan Clarke . 719.345.2468 ext. 139

August 8—9, 2009

S—Spring Valley Tournament . Felton, PA
Lynn Thompson . 717.244.7573 . LTEasyrider@aol.com

October 2—4, 2009: Nationals 2009 . Blue Heron Farms; Defiance, Missouri