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AMERICAN POLOCROSSE ASSOCIATION

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E-NEWS

April 4, 2016

Hello American Polocrosse Association!

We are pleased to report that some important decisions were made during the March 28th Board Meeting:

Ratings System:

The Board has approved to fund the travel expenses for the Ratings Chair, Lauren Ellis so she can attend all sanctioned tournaments this season. This means that we can all expect to see Lauren at every tournament this year, overseeing the ratings process. Ratings will still be done the exact same way that they have always been done, which is where raters watch play, give feedback and agree upon a rating for each player. The main reason the Board approved Lauren traveling to each tournament is to have one constant rater at each tournament across the country who is able to see and compare the skill levels of everyone. Additionally, Lauren will also be on the sidelines watching play herself, allowing her to watch players and rating them compared to their peers across the country. Her main goal will be to make sure that when teams sign up for Nationals, they are appropriately placed in each division. We believe that this is an extremely important decision because it will help us to establish ratings for all players and begin to create more consistency in our rating system with one consistent person attending all tournaments and overseeing the rating process.

Nationals Requirement Reminder:

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member. If you have not participated in a sanctioned tournament in the past 12 months, you need to contact the Nationals Chair or Nationals Committee in order to get a rating. This is so your team will be seeded correctly into the proper division. The Nationals Committee is: Laura Humphreys, Rob Caldwell, Prissy Rumel and Linda Walker.

Membership Change: "Trial" Membership:

After discussion, the Board decided that, starting in 2017, not to offer the 'Day Membership' anymore. Instead, there will be a 'Trial Membership', which will only allow first time players to play in a sanctioned tournament. This gives riders the opportunity to try the sport. After using the Trial Membership once, players will need to become a full member for their next sanctioned event. Tournament Organizers need to make sure they report all names of those who sign up for the Trial Membership to the APA within 3 days after the tournament.

APA Website:

As of 2016, the APA's new website is much more robust than the old site. However, the site is still not totally complete as there are some areas that need to be migrated over from the old site. There are also areas that still need fresh content. During the meeting, the Board discussed the incredible amount of volunteer time Donna Ellis has been donating to help develop our site. The website development firm, 29 Doors, was paid to assist us, but Donna's expertise has been integral in assisting with the full personalization of the site. While it's clear that both Donna Ellis and Kevin Duffy (29 Doors) have gone above and beyond in helping getting the new APA site up and running, the Board agreed that we owe Donna a huge debt of our gratitude for all her efforts. It was unanimously approved to award Donna with a Lifetime Membership for her work in lieu of payment for those services.

Rob Caldwell
President
American Polocrosse Association

OTHER NEWS:

RULEBOOK

The new APA 2016 Standards of Play will be in print this week! If you are a current member, be looking in your mailbox for it to come in the next couple of weeks.

PLAYER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Hi everyone! I am Jen Kimbrough, your current Domestic Clinic Coordinator. I have

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you need help finding a clinician. I am also working on keeping an updated list of clinics so everyone knows about available opportunities.

Please forward information about any clinics you may be planning to get that information on the calendar. The clinic information will be posted on the APA website and Facebook page and updated often. You can reach me at jenkimbroughphd@gmail.com or [336-908-4648](tel:336-908-4648).

The current list of 2016 clinics includes:

April 2-3: James Hackland Clinic hosted by CPC, Pinehurst, NC; contact Michelle Lahr labsec247@yahoo.com

April 23: U16 clinic hosted by Sugarloaf, Boyds, MD; contact Nick Balogh nichb08@gmail.com

April 24: Introduction to Polocrosse with Rahul Desai, Waxhaw, NC hosted by Sugaree Ranch, contact Paula Nguyen [704-607-0255](tel:704-607-0255)

May: (date TBD) Intro to Polocrosse clinic in Nebraska; contact Thea Cross livetorein@gmail.com

May 14-15: Clinic at Mantle Ranch in Three Forks, Montana. Tournament will be August 5-7th.

Players from Canada, Colorado and Rose City, Oregon will be attending. Contact Montana Horses at info@montanahorses.com or see website or Facebook pages under Montana Horses.

May 21: Introduction to Polocrosse clinic hosted by Minnesota Polocrosse, contact Kristy Johnson plxmn@hotmail.com

June: (date TBD) Intro to Polocrosse clinic hosted by US Pony Club, CA; contact Cile Savoy acadsavoy@aol.com

June 24: Polocrosse Clinic and Playday with Dori Johnson, Afton, MN; contact Brent Peterson bjames2066@gmail.com

July 10-15: (multiple 1 day clinics) Horsemanship clinic with David Wilson, ASH breeder and one of the top horsemen in Australia. Cost will be \$100 per one day clinic. Contact Timothy Doust tim@timbaworks.com

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August 6-7: Strategy and Skill Dev clinic with African World Cup players (fundraiser for US World Cup Team), Harvest, AL; contact Heather Shuttles hshuttles@hotmail.com

August 11-12: Strategy and Skill Dev clinic with African World Cup players (fundraiser for US World Cup Team), MN; contact Heather Shuttles hshuttles@hotmail.com

Aug/Sept: TBD, Horsemanship with Scott Keogh (Australian Trainer), likely NC, TX, MN, possibly other locations; contact Sarah Desai SarahCFDesai@gmail.com

YOUR E-NEWS: PROGRAMS, COMMITTEES, CLUBS

If you would like any information to go to APA members and to be posted online in this E-News, please look for emails requesting information. Just send it in by the deadline and it will be included in an E-News! If you do not see an email requesting information.....but you have some....please send it to

lhumphreys@americanpolocrosse.org

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

CENTRAL ZONE DATES

S ♦ April 16-17 ♦ Jon Weber Classic ♦ Lone Star Polocrosse ♦ Coupland, TX ♦
doripolox@yahoo.com

S ♦ April 30 – May 1 ♦ Grand Bay Polocrosse ♦ Grand Bay,
AL ♦ stacyupshaw@earthlink.net ♦ entry on APA website

T ♦ June 11-12 ♦ Tennessee Valley Polocrosse ♦ Harvest, AL ♦ more info to come

T ♦ August 13-14 ♦ Minnesota ♦ more info to come

EASTERN ZONE DATES

N ♦ April 9-10 ♦ Sandie Creek Polocrosse ♦ GA ♦ smcamp@bellsouth.net

S ♦ May 28-29 ♦ Carolina Polocrosse ♦ Pinehurst, NC ♦ labsec247@yahoo.com

T ♦ June 25-26 ♦ Bay Area Polocrosse ♦ Waldorf, MD ♦ more info to come

T ♦ September 3-4 ♦ Sugarloaf Mountain Polocrosse Club ♦ more info to come

MOUNTAIN ZONE DATES

S ♦ July 16-17 ♦ Peak Polocrosse ♦ more info to come

WESTERN ZONE DATES

T * August 5-7: Three Forks, MT; info@montanahorses.com

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APA NATIONALS

S ♦ October 7-9 ♦ Harvest Farm, Harvest, AL ♦ lhumphreys@americanpolocrosse.org ♦

The information sheet that has all the particulars of the event will be posted and sent to members soon!

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