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Many people have ideas, but only time and experience can decide whether they will turn out to be good ideas. The origin of what became known as The Pony Club Mounted Games was a casual conversation I had with Colonel Sir Michael Ansell after dinner while staying at Badminton House for the Horse Trials. Sir Michael was a retired cavalry officer and was closely involved in practically every equestrian activity in the country.

The subject of the conversation turned to involvement of children and young people in horse shows. I suggested that the only competitions open to young people were show-jumping events and show classes. I asked Sir Michael whether there was any possibility of involving 'the family children's pony'. He suggested that the 'gymkhana' events, which he had experienced while training for the cavalry, might be an idea. With that the Pony Club Mounted Games came into existence.

I welcome this book by David Harris. The development of any sport depends on the accumulation of knowledge and experience, and I am quite sure that this book will prove to be a great help to future trainers and organisers.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Philip', with a large, stylized initial 'P'.