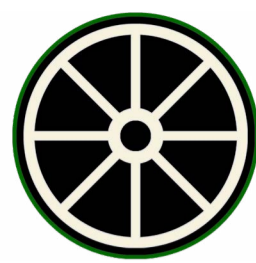


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TT Security under new Management.
Who are they?
PONIFIA.SEC



Sat 5th Feb @ 12pm SLT
1st yr anniversary featuring the two bridges.
PONY CARAVAN
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Ponizei defunded.
What does this mean?

Significant social disorder and unrest as Ponifia.Sec take the reins



Sorry State - Previously a beacon of Law and Order, Ponizei HQ is in a state of ruin [Photo: Anon]

- Falling out between Ponizei chief and Queen Molly.
- Ponizei defunded.
- Captain Axelle stripped of rank and gone into hiding.
- Livestock management computer sabotaged.
- Ponifia.Sec take on TT security responsibilities.
- Multiple incidents of unrest and social disorder.

In a shocking whirlwind of events, there has been a major falling out between Ponizei chief Axelle Beorn and Queen Molly leading to the Ponizei being defunded and Ponifia.Sec (Ponifia Security) being brought in to lead on policing and incarceration on the TT estate.

Ponifia.Sec were quick to set up a new HQ compound and set about implementing their form of policing, which seems to involve installing a lot of cameras and security checkpoints together



Tooled up. Agent Lexi at work [Photo: Ponifia.Sec]

with adopting a zero tolerance approach to minor breaches in rules. The operatives are tooled up with military style flak jackets with citizens finding themselves in trouble for minor offences like not displaying a valid id pass or driving on the TT bridleways without a valid registration plate.

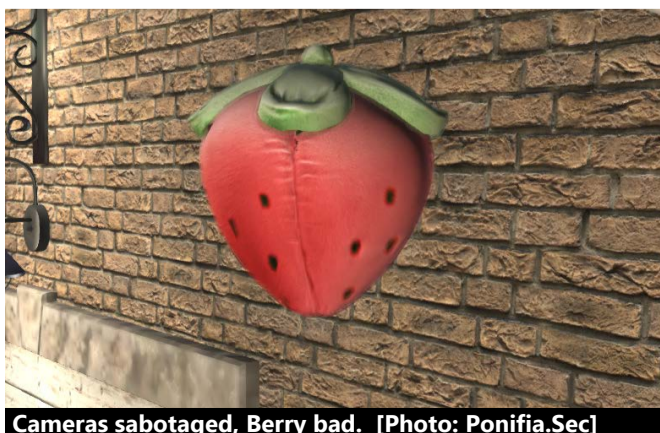
It appears there is no love lost with the Ponizei HQ, formally a beacon of Law and Order, now a sorry sight, boarded up and sabotaged with graffiti.

It was only a matter of minutes after the announcement by Queen Molly that reports of considerable unrest and disorder began pouring in.

The stoats are reported to have set fire to a Ponizei speedboat which was moored in the harbour.

In a separate incident led by another unknown group, glitter bombs were left outside the houses of prominent Ponifia members.

The security cameras installed by Ponifia.Sec were quickly sabotaged, each hooded by an obscenely large berry. No prizes for guessing who is suspected of being behind that...



Cameras sabotaged, Berry bad. [Photo: Ponifia.Sec]



Agent Jane is hit by a glitter bomb [Photo: Ponifia.Sec]

The Ponifia.Sec compound was found plastered with anti-Ponifia posters and placards which Ponifia chief Tricky Trouble personally supervised cleaning up. The message read "Ponifia are the new Ponizei."

There were also reports of unauthorised road blockage barriers being erected causing confusion and traffic snarl ups.

As reports of incidents poured in, so did the arrests and fines leading to a backlash to the new seemingly authoritarian approach to policing by the newly installed security force.



Did they make their point? [Photo: Anon]

In this special edition of the Gazette, we explore and analyse these significant developments from multiple angles and seek to make some sense of it.

Faction Reaction

The gazette reached out to some of the factions to gauge opinion on the current unrest.

A representative for the stoats stated "Dook dook, chitter-squee" which it is understood means "with Ponizei away, the Stoats will play."

A spokesperson for the Ponizei stated "Crime is at an all time high, abuse is happening at levels unseen before, people and ponies no longer feel safe to leave their homes or stalls and its their so called protectors that they fear! Its a new low for everyone involved but fear not, the Ponizei has not abandoned you, and even though we are no longer being funded, we are still fighting for you all! I've even missed like... over half my naps!"

Queen Molly added her thoughts via press release

"I am very disappointed with how people have reacted. I had a constant stream of complaints when the Ponizei was in charge and now before Ponifia.Sec has even had a chance to gets started they seem to be getting attacked for no reason. All these people behave like animals..."



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It did not respect the ponizei before.
But the ponifia are making them look good.
Which it was not sure was actually possible!
It is a truly impressive feat.

There was also rare praise for the new team...

The Ups and Downs of the Ponizei

It is reported that Queen Molly defunded the Ponizei following an argument with Captain Axelle about fashion, specifically "her lack of pants and taste in boots". The Ponizei are also accused of sabotaging the back-end server that manages TT livestock. The system went down at about the same time the controversial organisation was defunded. There were reports that a number of animals escaped, including even Tessa!

Thankfully the server was restored within 12 hours and most escaped animals retrieved and stalled again although Tessa remains at large.

In the last edition of the Gazette, we had an extensive interview with Captain Axelle in which we discussed the relative successes and failures of Ponizei over the last months. They are often accused of frivolous spending - has anyone seen them use their expensive helicopter for anything other than a dramatic entrance?

This was a bold decision by Queen Molly and clearly Her Majesty is keen for this to work given her reputation hangs on a smooth transition to the new security organisation.

There is an unconfirmed rumour that the remaining Ponizei members have set up a makeshift lair to hang out in while they regroup. However, Axelle's whereabouts are unknown and there have yet to be any confirmed sightings. It is hard to predict at this stage whether the Ponizei will ever recover and be given back security responsibilities at TT.

Ponifia Step into the Breach

The Ponifia have always been strong opponents to the Ponizei.

It was rumoured that the uprising last year which featured an aggressive anti-Ponizei campaign of graffiti and propaganda was backed by the Ponifia, although this was never proven. When Queen Molly found herself without a security force, it was the Ponifia she called upon to fulfil the role.



Ponifia boss Tricky Trouble [Photo: Ponifia]



Musical act 'La Resistance' entertain the crowds at the caravan after-party [Photo: Fleur]

The Ponifia is headed by the infamous Tricky Trouble, who now finds the spotlight shining brightly on her and her organisation. To their credit, within hours of being appointed the role they had operatives in uniform patrolling the bridleways and had started setting up their now notorious cameras and security checkpoints. They have been quick and decisive, but only time will tell whether they can make a success of this and secure the role in the longer term.

It is predicted that we can expect the capable Ponifia public relations machine to kick in and start refuting the negative slogans and messages and seek to turn around public opinion.

In her press release, Queen Molly was careful to highlight that Ponifia.Sec are on trial and a contract has yet to be signed.

It is too soon to predict how this will unfold but certainly we live in interesting times. In the meantime, make sure you carry the correct id, stop at security checkpoints and ensure that your vehicle has a valid registration plate!

Gazette Opinion

Thrust into service at very short notice, it is remarkable how quickly Ponifia.Sec have established a strong presence on the ground and started enforcing the TT laws.

It has been very challenging for the team as factions immediately tried to oppose them, as if exploiting some kind of power vacuum. How

wrong they were. The new team have had to stand firm against those that would prefer allow TT to slip into a state of anarchy.

But even with this temporary trouble and strife, we must all take the time to celebrate the happy and positive moments, like a wonderful new music band calling themselves 'La Resistance' that was performing at the caravan after-party.

Are they are watching you? New surveillance cameras at TT



The cameras are clearly signposted [Photo: Ponifia]

In this special report, Eesooov explores the introduction of security cameras by Ponifia.Sec on the TT estate.

Since the defunding of the Ponizei and the recruitment of Ponifia Sec you may have noticed a new technology popping up around Tall Tails.

Public Announcement



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A new surveillance system is here and people want to know if this is a positive or a negative development. Just for you, I have come out of my retirement as a roving reporter to explore this issue. There has been an increase in acts of vandalism on the TT estate, but it seems that some of the residents of Tall Tails are not too happy with these new security measures designed to combat it. Is surveillance as bad as we think or is it just a criminal element stirring up dissent? Well let's look at the pros and cons of public surveillance.

A major benefit of surveillance is that it reduces the need for the huge commitment of boots on the ground providing physical security. It is open and honest, you know they are there because Ponifia. Sec have signposted almost every one even going as far as using iconography for the ponies and mares who have issues reading. Gone are the days of covert surveillance and sneaking in the shadows - these were the tactics of the Ponizei. But you have to ask yourself why the Ponizei didn't use this type of technology, did they have something to hide? Is this why Captain Axelle vanished without warning?

The new surveillance cameras will reduce the crime rate and improve the safety of all the denizens of Tall Tails. Should we really leave our more vulnerable members open to acts of crime? Recently, there has been a series of strange events such as stable doors being opened by a mysterious white pony leaving the mares free to roam... The surveillance cameras will help apprehend these agents of chaos. Remember it is criminals that do not want to risk getting caught on camera. If you are not a criminal, what do you have to fear?

If this had been in place earlier we would know who vandalized the Ponizei HQ and have saved a lot of valuable equipment and information!

Surveillance footage can be used as evidence in the courtroom - you may cry foul, but not only can it prove guilt but it can also prove innocence. So it's working against the criminal element but it is also working for you!

For the sake of balance here are some negatives to using surveillance on a longer-term basis.

The equipment can be easily abused and vandalised but of course there are always more cameras watching, so this is generally a minor inconvenience. There have been successful arrests of vandals who didn't quite understand how facial recognition works. You can generally view them at your pleasure when they are put on display in the Bit and Bridle, busted by a camera they did not know existed.

Some would argue that Ponifia.Sec is responsible for surveillance and could manipulate the video feed, but please rest assured - this is kept very secure and only certain trusted members of Tall Tails and Ponifia.Sec can access this and as we know, honesty is their policy.

- Special Reporter, Eesoov

Mare gets stuck in trap

The Fleur mare found herself caught in a humiliating trap outside the house of Ponifia Chief Tricky Trouble. It is clear it was trespassing on her property and presumably escaped as a result of its stall door being left opened.

Moments before, cameras picked up the mare wandering inside her property perhaps even trying to run a hot bath.

We must all work together to identify the person or animal leaving the stall doors open for the safety of our livestock.



Fleur caught in trap [Photo: Ponifia.Sec]

Ponifia.Sec endorsed by Revolution Coffee



Partnership with Revolution Coffee [Photo: Ponifia]

In a press briefing on Sunday, Agent Lexi was proud to announce a formal partnership with Revolution Coffee.

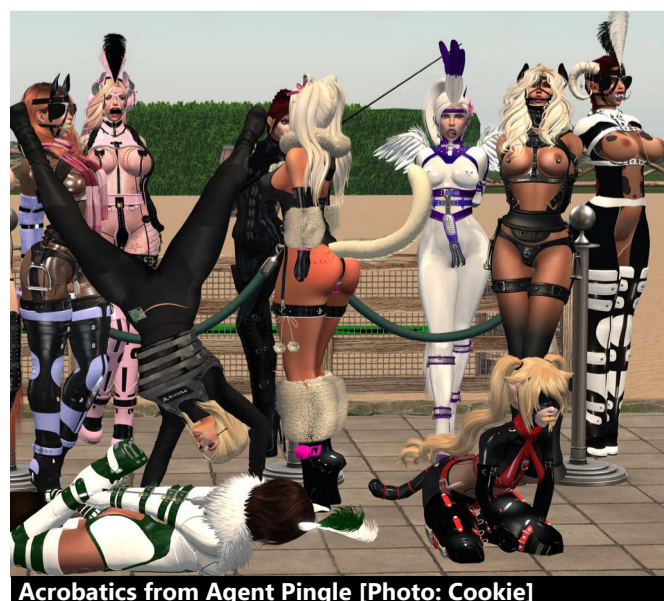
In her statement she briefed, *"We here at Ponifia. Sec are very grateful for the recent promotion from Revolution! Finest Carrot Coffee."*

"So much so, that we've opted to use some of our funding to give back generously to the community who have stood by us during this turbulent transition of law enforcement a safe and secure society. For the next week, there will be a pallet of Revolution! Finest Carrot Coffee™ boxes available free to all citizens and visitors as a thank you for all your support..."

This was followed by an announcement by the enterprising Sorrowman Enterprises that they had started work developing a coffee flavoured tea...

Caravan #16 "Back To The Ice"

Once again the wider pony community came together, to cart and sleigh the icy roads of the Snowlands.



Acrobatics from Agent Pingle [Photo: Cookie]

I had the honour of pulling Agni in her first outing as caravan guide. We were at the back and stopped to assist participants needing support or encouragement.

Personally this was one of my favourite caravans to date, presumably helped by the fact that neither Agni nor I crashed once. Caravan co-director Miss Magic confirmed there were 63 people and around 21 carts on this caravan!

I was very nervous crossing the infamous bridge of light which I have previously tumbled from. One of the 'joys' of being locked in AnaVision is that I don't know how to show transparency, so I just had to grit my teeth and go for it.



Agni as Caravan Guide pulled by ginger [Photo: ginger]

These Caravans seem to go from strength to strength and it was great to see even more new faces representing new stables.

Please get in touch with one of the caravan directors (Loren, Magic, or Sadal) if you want to help out as a guide or even help put together a new route.

- ginger

Have you seen these rabble raisers?

And as this edition draws to a close, let us not forget what we are up against as a community - paramilitary groups looking to challenge the peace of TT. Please help us find them!



How the Cookie crumbles [Photo: Ponifia.Sec]



Fruity resistance [Photo: Ponifia.Sec]