# CANADIAN PONY CLUB



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2016

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Pam Dillingham\* Adele Rockwell\* Barbara Kemp\*

D. Kendal Jacky Cooper Virginia Buchanan-Smith Val Crowe Margo Gaglione

# **Honourary Life Members**

Deirdre George Doris Jacobi Don Armitage Guy Koopmans Basil Kuglin Elizabeth V. Mann\* Gordon Monro Maura Muspratt Captain Mark Phillips John Phillips\* Millie Pratt Adele Rockwell\* Sandra Silcox\* Robert Smith Harold Thompson Crawford Dales Phil Crowe\* Barbara Grimm Mary Henry Bob Inglis Liz Inglis Nonie Mulcaster Jeane Owens Dorothy Kirby

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Heather MacDonald

# **Examiner Emeritus**

1992 Barbara Kemp\* 1993 Jean Simpson Trixie Montgomery Dawn Ruthven

2000 Sandra Sillcox\* 2009 Milli Pratt

June MacGillvray Doris Jacobi Yvonne Pink Minna Renz

# **National Chair's Award**

1999	Phil* & Val Crowe	2000	Crawford Dales & Barb Grimm*
2001	Alanna Palmer	2002	Carollyn Crewe
2003	Margo Gaglione	2004	John Moehring & Ken Craig
2005	Gwen Barnes	2006	Del Zelmer

2005 Gwen Barnes2006 Del Zelmer2007 Mike Macbeth2008 Liz Inglis\*75th Anniversary Karol Shipley2009 Cheryl Leask2014 Kent Gudmundson

\*deceased

# I. AIMS & OBJECTIVES OF THE PONY CLUB

To encourage young people to ride, and to learn to enjoy all kinds of sports connected with horses and riding.

To provide instruction in riding and horsemanship, and to instill in members the proper care of their animals.

To promote the highest ideals of sportsmanship, citizenship and loyalty, thereby cultivating strength of character and self-discipline.

# II. MISSION STATEMENT

To develop competent and knowledgeable young horse persons who combine enjoyment, responsibility, sportsmanship and good citizenship with the pursuit of various equestrian activities.

III. <u>MOTTO</u>

Loyalty Character Sportsmanship

# **CANADIAN PONY CLUB**

# **Report of the National Chair**

Much has happened in the months since my last report at the AGM in April. Shortly after that meeting I attended the EC Convention in Montreal where I participated in roundtable discussions on various elements of the equine sport and industry and shared Pony Clubs value in creating an entry point for new participants and strengthening the knowledge and competency of the horse community, heard the FEI mandate relating to funding of horse sport based on media popularity, had good discussion with the head of the USPC on their relationship with Pony Club, was interviewed for a local equestrian blog and met one of our representative voting members on the EC Board. Jane will share more regarding our EC interactions in her Liaison report. We have also been in talks with EC regarding our equivalency status and Gwen and Dorothy Kirby are working with Brian McSorley of EC to identify and refine the mesh points of the two programs.

Thanks to the dedication and hard work of Cat Hunter, we have continued to provide a bi-monthly newsletter to our membership and volunteers to educate, entertain and connect this organization. As well, at the request of our youth, we declared and celebrated the first annual National Pony Club Day (#PonyClubDay2016) with participation from alumni, parents, volunteers, members and board members. The testimonials and comments received were very moving in some cases. I had one family member on my Facebook feed say, "you couldn't open Facebook that day and not see Pony Club!" I would like to commend our youth directors on their efforts to increase our visibility through social media and other interactions - they are doing a great job.

In early October I attended National Quiz in my home region of NBPEI and on Oct. 30, gave a presentation (with the help of Olympian Rob Stevenson) on CPC and our model of progression to the NBEA AGM. We also received a personal invitation to attend an Equine Symposium of many representatives from various segments of the equine sport and industry sector, at Guelph University. This will involve roundtable discussions on how we can cooperate to advance the equine industry.

By the end of that time, I will have travelled 30 days this year on behalf of CPC, representing its programs, people and potential to those who have the power or position to partner with us for mutual benefit. We are slowly beginning to see some progress in our stated goal of increasing credibility and visibility as the invitation to Guelph and the NBEA AGM, and the EC response to our letter of concern indicate.

As always, I thank the men and women of the Board, and in the greater organization beyond for their hard work and dedication, and for their continued support for me as we together seek to restore Pony Club in Canada to a position of stability, respect and strength on behalf of our current members, as well as those who may not yet realize they should be.

Respectfully submitted

Kim Leffley National Chair

# **BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2016**

National Chair Kim Leffley

National Vice Chair Jane Goodliffe

National Finance Chair Debi Jensen

National Secretary Maria Berry

Director – Alberta South Marcia Reid

Director – Alberta Central Debi Jensen

Director – Alberta North Jane Goodliffe

Director – BCIR Danica Rice/Michelle White

Director – BCIN Karen Ritchey

Director – BCLM Ian MacLean

Director – Central Ontario Nancy Codlin

Director – Manitoba Maria Berry

Director – New Brunswick/PEI Jennifer Hanson/Valerie Paton

Director – Nova Scotia Alissa Cue

Director – Saskatchewan Naomi Girling

Director – St. Lawrence Ottawa Valley Cat Hunter

Director – Western Ontario Sherry Jackson

Active Member West Maeghan Forster

Active Member East Kathryn Robertson

National Past Chair Cathy Miller

National Treasurer Elaine Webster (non-voting)

Administrator/Membership/Supplies Val Crowe (non-voting)

# **Section 2 Discipline Reports**

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# **National Chair for Disciplines Report**

Several Regions hosted some very successful Championships; National Tetrathlon, National Quiz, National Dressage, National A PPG, National Masters PPG and an International Selection camp. Sadly, we could not find a host region for Rally 2016 and the National Show Jumping Championships had to be cancelled.

There are individual reports for all the National Events of 2016, and the good news is that we have hosts for all National competitions for 2017. Plans are also well underway for the International Mounted Games Exchange 2017, which will be hosted by Canada out in B.C. The B.C. Islands Region has offered to co-host with BCLM and we can look forward to an action-packed event next summer. The Tour will start on June 30<sup>th</sup> and conclude on July 18 2017. Our Team Canada is selected (see report) and we are ready!

National Dressage also has a date and location for 2017 (again see details in the Dressage report) and plans are well underway for National Rally 2017. Information is also being circulated about IPE 2017 which is being hosted by the USA. Quiz of course knows exactly what they are doing and where they will be hosting just about into the next millennium! National A PPG will be hosted by Alberta North not BCLM as they will be hosting the IMGE next year. All other National competitions will be confirmed with actual dates and locations and will be announced at the SAM in April.

The Mini Disciplines Conference was held early in the year and was very successful. It allows the 6 National Discipline Chairs, the Chair for Disciplines and the Active Member Directors to get together for a weekend and work on new plans for the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

O.A. Grand

Jane Goodliffe

CPC National Chair for Disciplines.

# **National Dressage Report**

# **National Competition (2016):**

This year's National Dressage competition was hosted by Manitoba under Regional Dressage Chair, Megan Zebrun (MacLean). The competition ran from August 18 – 20th and was hosted at the MHC Facility at scenic Birds Hill Park and it was a wonderful time. We had 17 competitors and one out of province groom attend from many provinces; Nova Scotia, New Brunswick/PEI, Ontario, Alberta and BC all sent competitors.

The competitors and their grooms were presented with Welcome Bags and competition t-shirts. Riders were allowed to go for a hack or to try out the mounts before a clinic in the afternoon. Riding tests included 2 tests at their level + 1 mystery test. Stable management and turnout were judged each day. Social events included a trip to the beach and dinner and a race in their honour at the Assiniboia Downs Raceway (picture below).



A group from the 2016 National Dressage Championships presenting a halter to the winning horse and a plaque to the winning jockey of the race especially named for CPC.

# Results:

We had a total of 17 riders represented by 9 regions.

Division	# of Riders
1 <sup>st</sup> Level	8
Training	9
<b>Grand Total</b>	17

Region	# of Riders
Alberta Central	2
Alberta North	2
Alberta South	2
<b>BC Lower Mainland</b>	1
Central Ontario	2
Manitoba	4
New Brunswick / PEI	1
Nova Scotia	1
Western Ontario	2
Grand Total	17

The following are the champion and reserve champions of each division.

Division	Competitor	Region	Score	Placing
Training	Alexis Vahey	COR	76.247	1 <sup>st</sup>
	Hannah Simpson	WOR	73.257	2 <sup>nd</sup>
First Level	Patricia Rothenburg	COR	72.734	1 <sup>st</sup>
	Danielle Suzuki	WOR	71.930	2 <sup>nd</sup>

Sponsors include: Apple Saddlery, Manitoba Horse Council

# **National Competition (Next Year):**

National Dressage in 2017 will be hosted by Alberta North Region. First notice has been sent out and is due March  $31^{st}$ . The event will be held at Whitemud Equine Learning Center in Edmonton from July  $27 - 30^{th}$ .

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Jackson National Dressage Chair

# **National Show Jumping Report**

Show Jumping is a very popular sport in almost every Region and we look forward to holding Nationals 2017.

# **National Rally Report**

National Competition (Past): No National Rally Held for 2016 **National Competition (Next Year):** 

National Rally hosted by COR from August 3-6<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Unfortunately, no Region offered to host National Rally in 2016. Central Ontario Region has stepped up to host in 2017 and Alberta North will be hosting in 2018.

Across the nation a lot of regions hosted a Regional Rally. It is good to see New Brunswick/PEI and Saskatchewan hosting a working rally. Very impressive for Saskatchewan as that province has no Sanctioned Horse Trials to support Rally and New Brunswick/PEI who has traditionally joined Nova Scotia. Levels and numbers are rising in the smaller Regions.

# From the Regions:

**Saskatchewan** – held a working Rally over 3 days. 14 riders with 16 horses with only 100 CPC members province wide. Levels were 4PT, 4 Entry, 4P/T, 4 Starters. Rally ended with a surplus of \$365. Are aiming to send a team to National Rally in 2017.

**BCLM** – a very heartfelt thank you to the Rally secretary and Computer guru who helped the Rally Chair organize everything. Vancouver Island and Sunshine Coast members joined in for a total of 80 members participating. No bear sightings, just garbage cans knocked over at night. Lots of input from SM judges to help prepare teams. SM continues to be excellent and judges finding it difficult to find any faults. Increased grooms this year added a 2<sup>nd</sup> one to each team. Rally included games night, swim time, and special guest speaker – David Freeze to talk on "enhancing Sport Performance".

**Nova Scotia** - held over 2 days in conjunction with Central Nova Horse Trials. SM set up and judged. 4 teams with 14 riders and 9 grooms/Captains. 4 Branches participated. Levels – 8 Entry, 5 PreTraining, 1 Training. Revenue-\$1725, expenses \$2628 (including \$10.50 subsidy per rider) = deficit of \$903. Although costly numbers continue to grow, and rider levels are increasing. Pony Club officials wore Blue Hats to distinguish them. Very easy to organize. Had to organize SM judging and scoring. Higher cost per member with HT fees, but helps if they are already members of the HT & EC. Have 2017 dates set.

**WOR** - Combined one day D&C Rally. Ran from D (in small contained field – 18-24" jumps) to C1 level. 35 riders – D&D1 open- 16, D1-4, C-2, C1-4. Profit of \$820. Given that the Rally Chair is an event coach, Technical Delegate and previous high-level competitor, her skills allowed the event to run smoothly.

**New Brunswick/PEI** – 3 day working rally. 35 members attending including 13 riders. Levels were D to C. Everyone had a great time.

**MB** – held another very successful Regional Rally in conjunction with Willville HT in Carroll, MB. We had 4 full teams, with 22 competitors representing 5 Branches and a Centre. Riders competed in Pre-Entry, Entry and Pre-Training. One team was comprised of all boys!

The **Inter Pacific Exchange 2017** applications have been put on the website and sent out to the Regional Rally Chairs.

# **National PPG Report**

# **National Masters**

On the September long weekend Nova Scotia hosted National Masters PPG. This was our first time hosting after a bit of a break, so it was nice to be able to host again. The weather started off a little on the chilly side for Fridays meet and greet but the rest of the weekend was beautiful. We had four teams compete this year; one from WOR, COR, NS and Alberta. The teams on Friday did a team building exercise trying to tack up horses in appendage format, which proved to be challenging and fun. They also got a chance to see the equipment and get their pony bios.

On Saturday Teams went out to Ski Martock to the OnTree Adventure Park and toured Blomidon Beach to see the famous Fundy tides. The day concluded with another meal back at Rohan Wood Stables. On Sunday the day started early with ponies arriving at 8:00 am and games starting at 9:00 am. It was a great day of game play and in the end, COR was first, Alberta 2nd, WOR 3rd and NS 4th. A huge thank you to the Evangeline Pony Club for helping out all weekend and the Cue Family for keeping us all well fed.

# National A's

The National A Championships in August was co-hosted by COR and WOR and this was a really great way to work together to find enough high quality ponies for the event. The kids had a tour of the backstretch at Woodbine, met with a trainer, had a box lunch in the grandstands, and then met with 2 jockeys. This outing was followed by a BBQ and team building games at the competition venue in New Market.

Sunday was competition day and all 5 teams rode well and it was a safe and fair event. WOR had 2 teams competing; Guelph Pony Club (WOR 1) and the scramble team (WOR 2) made up of Mill Ridge, Albion, and Westover. The scramble team placed second and Guelph placed third. The overall competition was won by Toronto North York.

# **Scores**

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WOR	1	3	2	0	2	6	4	6	4	3	3	6	5	3	3	5	3	4	2	5	6	75	
WOR	2	6	6	5	5	4	3	5	- 6	4	4	3	0	2	2	6	6	2	5	3	3	80	
COR		5	5	6	4	5	5	4	5	6	2	4	6	5	6	0	S	6	6	6	4	95	
ABC/	ABN	0	3	3	6	0	0	3	3	5	6	5	0	4	4	3	4	5	4	2	5	65	
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# **International Selection Camp 2016.**

The Alberta North Region pony clubs hosted the International selection camp over the weekend of September 18/19. Seven riders came from across the country to showcase their skills in the hopes of being selected to represent Canada at the 2017 International Mounted Games Exchange to be hosted by Canada in British Columbia next summer.

On Friday September 17<sup>th</sup> we collected riders from the Edmonton International Airport. After a pizza supper we all headed back to the Goodliffe farm where the camp was being hosted. We billeted everyone together at the farm which was quite the experience. The girls were just fabulous guests. They were up early offering to feed ponies (we had several ponies billeted with us too) and help with breakfast. After feasting on sausages and pancakes we all headed out to the arena to meet with the judges and to welcome the other pony lenders. One of our judges was the prospective coach for the team, and the majority of the candidates had already bonded together whilst playing in various National PPG competitions over the years. On the Saturday we went through the vaulting skills and games skills. We had a really good mix of ponies for them to showcase their

skills on. From super-fast to average speed, and from downright frisky to calm and steady. We had them all! After showering and getting spruced up we took all the girls to the West Edmonton Mall for supper and an evening of fun. After shopping and eating we all went to the Dragon's Breath Glow in the Dark Mini Golf for some light-hearted entertainment.

The ride home was really quiet as they were so tired that they all fell asleep (in both vehicles!). The next morning, we set up a skills course which was great fun. Each rider took it in turns to ride the pony of their choice through a course set with skills like placing a flag, getting a sword ring placing a ball on a cone etc. It was timed too so there was pressure to be the best and the fastest. After lunch we had a mini competition designed to see just how well they all performed in teams. After their interview it was time to head back to the airport to get the girls safely back home.

They were a simply amazing group of young ladies, and it was such a pleasure getting to know them all. The judges made their selections (we informed all candidates the very next day by email).

# Here is Team Canada 2017:

Lily Solomon, Toronto North Pony Club Nicole Blair, Medicine River Pony Club Sara Chauvin, Mill Ridge Pony Club Celia Markovinovic, Guelph Pony Club Meigan Mullen, Boundary Bay Pony Club.

Alternate rider: Katy McCoy, Toronto North Pony Club.

Here is a picture of the wonderful crew:



From left to right, Lily Solomon, Melissa Summer, Meigan Mullen, Sara Chauvin, Nicole Blair, Katy McCoy and Celia Markovinovic.

The International Selection Camp is always fun to host, as it is a relatively small event, and it's a great chance to get to know each of the participants really well. These young ladies will make an awesome team!

Jane Goodliffe, ANR PPG Chair.

# **National Competition (Next Year):**

A's to be hosted in Nova Scotia September long weekend 2017. Details to come. Masters to be confirmed Try-outs to be confirmed IMGE Vancouver BC June 30<sup>th</sup>-July 17<sup>th</sup> ,2017

# **IMGE 2016**

The tour was held in Australia.

# Canadian Team 2016

Alexis Vahey Victoria Pony Club COR

Danielle Henderson Medicine River Pony Club ABC

Savannah Weber Grand River Pony Club WOR

Shayna Dyrland Medicine River Pony Club ABC

Shalom Leger Guelph Pony Club WOR

Alternate - Dakota DeJong COR

Coach - Nicole Robinson

Chaperone - Barb Robinson

# **Placings**

AUS 1<sup>st</sup> GB 2<sup>nd</sup> USA 3<sup>rd</sup> Canada 4<sup>th</sup>

# **National Tetrathlon Report**

# **National Competition:**

2016 was the first year a national Tetrathlon event was held in several years. WOR/COR hosted with 13 riders from British Columbia Island (Erik Zimmerman, Lauren Belyea-Nisbet, Winter Koyote), Saskatchewan (Kylie Couture, Jaclyn Aarrestad), the USA (Emma Massa) and all three regions of Ontario (SLOV - Acacia Gifford; COR - Patricia Rothenburg; and WOR - Alyssa Yu, Shalom Leger, Georgia Rudolph, Sara Chauvin, Jonathan Denoon, Stuart Synnott, and Aiden Outerbridge). This event was run at a balanced budget with the \$2000 grant from national.

# Results:

Junior Women	Region	Results	
Acacia Gifford	SLOV	1st	
Lauren Belyea-Nisbet	BC islands	2nd	
Winter Koyote	BC islands	3 <sup>rd</sup>	
Sara Chauvin	WOR	4 <sup>th</sup>	
Junior Men			
Erik Zimmerman	BC Islands	1st	
Senior Women			
Alyssa Wu	WOR	1 <sup>st</sup>	
Emma Massa	USA	2 <sup>nd</sup>	
Georgia Rudolph	WOR	3 <sup>rd</sup>	
Patricia Rothenburg	COR	4th	
Jaclyn Asrrestad	Sask	5 <sup>th</sup>	
Kylie Couture	Sask	6th	
Shalom Leger	WOR	7 <sup>th</sup>	
Senior Men			
Aidan Outerbridge	WOR	1st	
Stuart Synnott	WOR	2nd	
Jonathan Denoon	WOR	3 <sup>rd</sup>	

# **National Competition 2017:**

WOR has offered to host National Tetrathlon 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Piddocke

National Tetrathlon Chair

# NATIONAL QUIZ CHAIR'S REPORT

Submitted by Maria Berry, National Quiz Chair

National Quiz 2016 hosted by the NB/PEI region was a great success and the location of Charlottetown PEI was wonderful. The Rodd Charlottetown is a CN Hotel built in the 1920's and was a charming venue with wonderful food and service. The quiz itself was held at the Vet College at the University of PEI just a bus ride away from the hotel. Attendance wasn't quite as high as last year's 98 but still a great turnout with 90 individual Pony Clubbers taking part in the competition this year. Karen Larter and Tracy Singleton did a tremendous job organizing all that is required at the National Quiz each year. We all missed Phil as I'm sure we will continue to do each year. And since Phil loved quiz so much it was very fitting that an award was established in his memory. 2016 was the first year that the Phil Crowe Memorial Award was awarded, with the \$300 going to A/B level member from COR Kaitlyn Henderson and C level member from BCIR Anna Buck.

The number of attendees included 10 A/B teams and 13 C teams taking part. The individual A/B level winner was Jordan Krywonos from BCIN, with the WOR team of Caitlin Brast, Elizabeth Hulet, Emily McKague and Danielle Suzuki taking top honors in the team competition. Taking top spot in the individual C category was Sabrina Kendall of Manitoba and the Manitoba team of Sabrina, Cassidy Moore, Samantha Fontaine and Abbey McLeod placed first in the team competition. For full results you can visit the website and look under National Quiz 2016.

The weekend was a busy one as usual, with a full buffet supper on Friday evening as well as an icebreaker which consisted of tables set up with a variety of games that the competitors could go to and meet other quizzers. Team photos were also taken during the evening, as well as a chaperone meeting and a youth meeting held before everyone called it a night. On Saturday evening after supper the kids all went glow bowling before turning in for the evening. After the ID tables on Sunday and lunch in the university cafeteria (where it took place both days) everyone loaded onto the buses to take a short tour of the Standardbred race track as well as some sights in Cavendish. Sunday evening was the awards banquet. The ballroom was decorated beautifully and the meal of turkey with all the trimmings was excellent. The evening ended with a DJ playing music and everyone having a great time dancing the evening away. Competitors were treated to a continental breakfast on Monday morning before they departed to other parts of the country. Quite a few decided to stay around and enjoy the beauty of the island for a few days before heading home.

Sharon Walters of BCIN and lead organizer of next year's National Quiz, was able to attend to observe and take notes on how National Quiz should run to ensure its uniformity each year. As National Quiz Chair I continue to believe that the money spent to ensure that national competitions are run at a consistent level each year is money well spent. I'm sure Sharon took home with her a lot of valuable info that she will put to good use in helping her region host a successful quiz next year. Karen Larter also promised to send her a full report of the do's and don'ts for her information.

This year's order of the quiz program had to revert back to ID being held on Sunday due to the fact that the Vet College was donating all the items for that part of the competition and the organizers couldn't get in to see what they had to work with until after 3 pm on Friday afternoon. I still believe that changing the order of the quiz program with the written and ID on Saturday followed by the games on Sunday has been a good one. It makes for easier marking and far less chance of any errors being made.

I look forward to being able to continue in my role as National Quiz Chair for 2017 and am looking forward to IQE being hosted at National Quiz in Kelowna, BC. I will do my best to continue to ensure that communication is one of my key priorities which in turn ensures that our National Quiz remains a viable and enjoyable event for all pony club members and volunteers for many years to come.

# **North American Challenge (NAC)**

The 2016 NAC was hosted by the USPC in Tryon International Equestrian Centre in North Carolina.



Kassidy Moore (MB), Tamara Booy (ABS), Michael Congdon (NS), Meghan Penner (ABC)







Second Place, Silver Medalists Well Done Team Canada!

# **National Education Report**

Education is alive and well across Canada! Once again I have had the privilege to travel to different regions and observe the fruits of people's labours, and it is wonderful to see the commitment people are putting into educating Pony Club members across the nation.

With the rise of numbers of Horsemaster's members, finding and delivering Stable Management material in a format that will be suitable to our adult members may be a challenge we will soon need to address.

This spring, we received more applications for the Education grant than we have in the previous two years. This grant is used to allow the Regions to bring in qualified people from other Regions to conduct their Evaluation Clinics for their upper level members.

We offer three scholarships each year for members who are continuing their education at university or collage. Receiving the 2016 Scholarships are:

# **B2/A Scholarships**

Marlies Kerkhoven BCLM

Megan Kornder Saskatchewan

C2/B Scholarship

Carolyne Wishart Manitoba

We had a lot of information posted on the CPC website in the spring and have had a lot of positive feedback on it. Updated lesson plans were added for SM levels D through C2. Ellen Huckabone from SLOV has submitted a number of educational posts. Kelly Brouwer from Alberta has offered to work on some topics, as well. I have information for a post on the HA Longeing the Unknown Horse section that I will be working on shortly.

The Facebook page continues to generate a lot of interest.

Respectfully submitted

Lezah Williamson National Education Chair

# **National Testing Report**

# National Test Results 2016 - "A" Level

Congratulations to the following:

RA - Melissa Bayer SLOV HA - Shayla Minosky BCLM
RA - Katiana Fleck SLOV HA - Miranda Spencer BCLM
RA - Silvana Huber BCIN HA - Lindsay Whitehead BCIN

RA - Tori Morgan SLOV RA - Lindsay Whitehead BCIN

A – Miranda Spencer BCLM

A – Katiana Fleck SLOV A – Tori Morgan SLOV

# **Testing Grants 2016**

CPC offers each Region up to \$500 to help run Examiners' clinics or Test Prep activities.

# **Regional Testing**

Testing is very active in all regions, with 9 Regions running successful C2 and above tests

## Written test committee

Each year, experienced examiners and educators from various Regions, volunteer to make up the written tests for the following year.

# HA/RA Tests 2016

The tests ran smoothly, the weather cooperated, all went well. BCLM hosted us in 20-22-degree, rain-free weather, even at Maple Ridge. A real pleasure. SLOV even cooled off from the extreme heat wave of July for our RA test in August. The HA candidates this year submitted their candidate evaluation forms and all six complemented the examiners – positive, friendly attitude; professional without being intimidating; I had fun.

**Documents** – The pdf fillable documents are making the application process easier. We are working on making other documents pdf fillable.

**Horsemasters** are now eligible to use the testing system, so we hope to see many of them taking advantage of the this in the future.

Submitted by

Gwen Barnes National Test Chair

# **Section 3** Regional Reports

**BCLM** 

**BCIN** No report submitted.

BCIR No report submitted.

**ANR** 

**ABC** 

**ABS** 

Saskatchewan No report submitted.

Manitoba

**COR** 

**WOR** 

**SLOV** No report submitted.

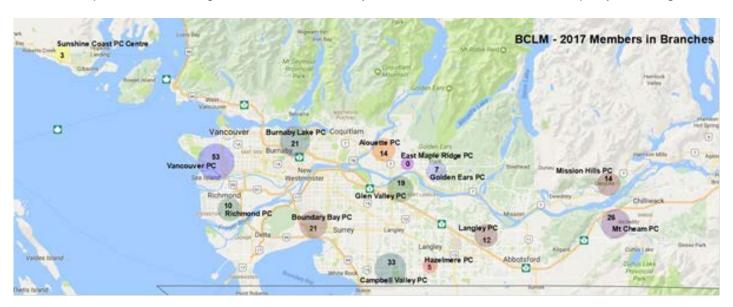
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**NB/PEI** No report submitted.

# **BCLM YEAR END REGIONAL REPORT**

2016 has closed out with more winter than we have seen in many years and through social media our PC friends and families are posting their creative ways to recreate, tubing to skijoring and pleasure riding in the snow; Happy New Year!

BCLM has for many years enjoyed the benefit of a regionally tightknit and healthy membership base. In recent years, though, Lower Mainland traffic and population density has slowly created a natural shift in our membership. Where in times past many owned their own horses and kept them on property, increasingly our members now lease and train at boarding barns and share their mounts. Consequently, many are limited in their riding opportunities and practical testing at the regional level creating a shift where many are forging ahead in their Stable Management testing and streaming or delaying their practical testing. The map of our region below further details how widely spread our membership is and the congested distances many travel to remain active in our pony club region.



With any volunteer run organization (be they private, business, or self-employed), succession planning is both vital and integral to the overall health, stability and continued prosperity of the organization. I have surely tired everyone with my persistent notices to "bring a friend" to meetings (regional, discipline and branch) to invite and encourage parents to take on a new role, to build our volunteer base so we see many new faces, to be successful there must be a succession plan.

# **Communication Chair / Marketing**

Our lack of presence in a booth at the Mane Event this year was duly noted and declared, as the saying goes, "you don't know what you've got until it's gone". The absence of our booth was deeply felt and commented upon by many, even those outside of our membership. It appears that our booth was small but mighty if so many missed us!

Our High Point program continues to successfully achieve its goals of inspiring and motivating our membership to stretch themselves and try new disciplines, with the added benefit of increasing our pony club exposure in the local area. For a third year running, BCLM held the popular and public celebration of our BCLM Three Day Eventing and Combined High Point Awards at the Mane Event in

Chilliwack in October. This year's winning recipients were presented with their awards in the Main Arena at Heritage Park by Leslie Law, a highly successful international eventer. Our region is fortunate to have individuals who recognise and freely capitalize on high profile opportunities that raise the perception of CPC both locally and nationally. The spin off from these events is seen monthly in the photos and articles circulated in the Gait Post and Saddle Up magazines, submitted by our communication Chair Tracy Carver; power of the press has created numerous marketing opportunities for us!©



Despite past successes, the BCLM regional committee has decided not to continue a booth at the Mane Event, nor to continue the Eventing 3-Phase High Point award. A lack of specific measurable benefit has been cited, and coupled with the trends in the region mentioned earlier, contributed to the sentiments to withdraw regional funding for the award and booth.

Individuals who feel strongly, that preserving both the Eventing 3-Phase High Point award and pony club presence at the Mane Event is beneficial, will take the initiative to maintain and preserve this vital public presence, which inevitably has benefit for all BCLM members and families.

BCLM also participates in and enjoys the spoils of the famous show at the Pacific National Exhibition (PNE). Our local Sport Organization Horse Council of BC (HCBC) sponsors "Horse Week" each year and invites BCLM to help put on a show. Lezah Williamson and her entourage boldly venture into the Pacific Coliseum by dawn to set up for the day's events, and so history is made by those who show up. We owe heartfelt thanks to the dedicated and enthusiastic volunteers who put BCLM/ CPC front and centre in the spotlight. Sadly no photos this year (:-

# **Education and Testing**

The move to make education more accessible to our members has definitely made the transition to an online presence and is now available on the BCLM website. Several years back, discussions focused on providing stable management study material via the web to address lengthy and difficult commutes for our members. The results of Lezah Williamsons' notable efforts are now enjoyed by our members who are able to access an impressive educational library on the <a href="http://bclm.ponyclub.ca">http://bclm.ponyclub.ca</a> and <a href="http://www.canadianponyclub.org/what-we-do.php?page">http://www.canadianponyclub.org/what-we-do.php?page</a> education websites from their home computer. We should not lose sight of incredible education our CPC

members stand to gain, if they have the resources available to invest in a full and long term program to strive to maintain the utmost in educational expectations.

For the past three or so years, individual branches have begun creating and sharing enhanced Stable Management sessions. These sessions, infused with local professionals, knowledgeable members, and PC graduates in a common catchment area, have effectively reduced expense (direct expense to BCLM), travel time, commute risks and carbon footprint, while enhancing Stable Management education and making sessions more available to all of our members as a result.

Below are some of the SM opportunities that were offered by individual branches but open to all: We learned about equine nutrition and hay analysis from Shelagh Niblock, watched equine dentistry in action with AgWest Vet Group, learned how to lunge an unknown horse with Maureen Walters, toured with Marielle St.-Laurent behind the scenes in an equine vet hospital at Paton & Martin Veterinary Services, developed a better riding seat with Sandra Verde, discussed barn safety with Chris Wilson, learned how to help recognize lameness in our horses with Dr. Mike Stanford of J.C.S. Veterinary Services, observed proper saddle fitting with Katherine Penner, learned how to successfully compete in Medals classes with Lisa Schultz, and learned how to focus our minds for our best competitive success with Dave Freeze. Whew, and that does not even include the multiple educational sessions held by individual clubs and branches throughout the BCLM region! It must be noted that many of these opportunities were made possible through the donations of time and energy from many of the professionals that spoke at these clinics, and Dave Freeze's talk was paid for through a grant from Horse Council BC. There are so many professionals who are willing to donate their time to teach our members, and so many financial grants available; our goal should always be to present these amazing educational clinics as cost effectively as possible.



Testing at all levels continues to be a financially and physically challenging endeavour for volunteers, candidates and examiners alike. The time dedication for organizers/volunteers can be staggering and we rely heavily on their generosity so that candidates may test up the PC levels. The same volunteers continue to organize and offer new examiner clinics which contribute to a solid foundation for interested new up and comers. We have two new volunteers for 2017 examiner clinics, both A graduates of pony club, and we look forward to their fresh input. One will assist all branches with setting up their branch tests and helping them with organizing any test related branch

activities, while the other will act as a liaison between regional examiners and the testing committee to ensure accurate information flows to all parties.

# **Regional Qualifying Events**

BCLM volunteers continue to provide competition opportunities for our members participating in <a href="mailto:Dressage">Dressage</a>, Rally, PPG, Quiz, Tetrathalon, and Show Jump. At each competition venue, our members actively display loyalty, character and sportsmanship, whether working as a team or individually. Attendance is mandatory either as a volunteer and/or competitor to satisfy qualifying criteria for a National application. A rich and well-rounded resume will take many years to compose, so this message must be shared often to inform our members and prepare them for the long-term goal. Furthermore, families who do not currently own a horse are encouraged to support and attend regional qualifiers so that they too may expand their knowledge, contribute volunteer hours, and develop their resumes, thus keeping their doors open for opportunities that may present themselves. Another benefit? Grade 12 graduates require 30+ volunteer hours which can be easily achieved through PC! ©

All of our regional events were successful due to the many show committees and the tireless efforts of their many volunteers. One in particular stands out if only for the fact that it was held during torrential record setting rains; but the wettest day in a decade did nothing to dampen the winning spirits of our Regional Show Jumping volunteers, who themselves displayed loyalty, character and sportsmanship as they forged ahead and kept the show running, helping to create a successful, if unforgettable, show experience for our members!



When planning and organizing regional events for our membership, BCLM's not-for-profit volunteers and committees endeavour to not only raise enough funds to cover the operational expenses of the regional activities, but a little bit extra as well in order to be able to provide financial assistance for regional and national CPC events. Sponsorship, both private and corporate, at these regional events is becoming a significant factor in achieving this financial surplus, while sourcing venues with lower overheads helps us achieve this goal and allows us to hold entry fees at affordable and attractive rates for all member families. 2016 was the first in many years that BCLM realized a greater self-sufficiency in running its events, evidenced by a drawdown of only \$2000.00 on our regional account, versus the consistent \$5000.00 drawdown for the last 6 + years. Fundraising, sponsorship and creative thinking is responsible for this positive financial result in 2016.

BCLM has had the physical and financial benefit of sending 2 teams to national quiz for decades; however rising costs related to travel inevitably strains resources and can only be sustained through fundraising efforts. National candidates for both PPG and quiz held numerous fundraisers such as car washes, concessions and chocolate bars sales months ahead of travel reaching and exceeding goals. Hopefully this marks the start of a lasting trend in having National candidates playing a significant role raising funds to make their trips affordable and possible. Financial self-sufficiency is a goal of all our committees going forward.





# **Streamlining Reporting:**

Every quarter our branch DCs submit two reports: a Branch Activity Report and Branch Report and with each new year and new DC's there is inevitably and understandably confusion. By working with some of the DCs directly, standardizing the reports themselves marked a clear and decisive increase with the accuracy and number of reports submitted. Describing the Branch Report as a "Brag" Report, saw an increase in the number of reports submitted, as well the content of

information shared. The benefit in being able to distribute, these reports amongst the branches inspires other clubs with concepts and activities that has shown benefit in enhanced branch education, fundraising, and other positive trends.

A new fillable "Activity Report template" was circulated to our branch volunteers making it clear what information is required in the report, separating riding schedules from Stable Management sessions and scheduled branch activities, also dates, locations and instructors. Of noteworthy benefit the quarterly, "Activity Template" lists updated # members, SM and rider levels, transfers and attrition. The benefit of information contained in the activity reports allows for informed sharing of resources and combining of activities perhaps critical for smaller branches and less experienced volunteers.

CPC has been in existence much longer than any current individual so, with much history to fall back, we need look no further than the CPC downloads for policy and procedures. Many of the challenges we see today have been extensively defined by our predecessors, although there is updating to be done with the advent of centers, standard reporting forms and simply keeping current to best address the social, financial and physical needs for all involved. BCLM archives reveal repetitive challenges encountered over the years, which an executive or branch is tasked to resolve, when research into the many CPC resources available to us reveals solutions and policies that have already been written by CPC and are readily available. Perhaps regions may be best served by a policy and procedures appointment to alleviate the burden on a national individual.

I liken this to an archaeological dig and discovery, presented at our Nov 2016 AGM; the national form/application for Special Accommodations has been purposefully resurrected. A similar national form/application is utilized in testing however has been missing in BCLM regional mounted events and quiz for as long as I have been involved. I am very pleased to have this form back in circulation making volunteer, committee, participant and entry secretary roles, clear, and defined for all involved.

Our region is healthy, with more branches collaborating to create an exceptional pony club experience by choosing to avail themselves of shared opportunities seen in Activity reports and Brag Reports.

There is no "I" in team and I have met positive and gifted volunteers who influenced successes throughout my 6 years as Regional Chair, they as well contributed in shaping a positive legacy for future generations of pony club members to enjoy and build upon.



Darcie Kerkhoven

# **Alberta North Region**

Our pony club membership was at 181 members. Jump of about 30 from last year!

Our year starts with a Theory Camp which includes all levels of Pony Club. It was held at Camp Nakamun. It was a fun weekend of learning and comradery.

The next event that we had was Quiz. This was held in Bon Accord at Lilian Schick School. Attendance was very good, and the kids had a great time.

The first event of our PPG year was our spring camp out at Darwell. We had a high attendance rate which was wonderful, but the weather was absolutely horrendous! We have held our camp there for over 20 years and believe me I have seen some pretty rotten weather (and occasionally some good too) but this was award winning. In total we received 7 inches of rain during our time there. We were unable to park in our normal campsites as even when we arrived there they already resembled lakes. I have to admit that as I was unloading the groceries I did wonder if anyone would actually turn up for camp. All I can say is that games players and their families are amazing. Everybody that had registered showed up and everyone remained cheerful to the very end. Because of the amount of rain, we were unable to use the outside arenas and so had to re-schedule everything to the very small inside arena. Riders and parents were very supportive and were patient to the extreme.

Our next event was out at Thorsby where we held our Regional competition. The weather was a great deal more cooperative, but we had the wonderful inside arena to ride in. Our winners from our regional competition then went forward to the National competitions. Our Masters team went to Nova Scotia to compete and came away with a second-place ribbon with just a couple of points away from the first-place team, well done girls.

The final event of the year was the International Selection Camp which our region hosted (see separate report). Because the selection camp is a relatively small event of usually a maximum of ten riders (we had seven attending) I hosted it at my farm and had everyone staying with me. I would like to say a big thank you to my pony lenders, Jazz Graham, Carolyn Bell and Morwenna Snider. A last-minute catastrophe meant that we were a pony short on the first day, so Sadie was brought in from my field to make up numbers. Anyone who has played games for a number of years knows my pony Sadie who is a tiny little section A Welsh. She turned out to be a little superstar and enabled us to continue with our plans for the weekend.

Next year we will be hosting National Masters at the end of August, so I hope that my PPG players and families will continue to support our programme and enable us to be awesome hosts once again.

Tetrathlon ran on June 25th at Beaumont. Last year I tried scheduling it on the end of Rally camp at Alhambra. I had 4 competitors sign up, 1 junior and 3 seniors. This year I had 6 competitors, 1 tadpole, 1 novice, 3 juniors and 1 Horsemaster. Unfortunately, due to the torrential and unrelenting downpours we experienced this spring, the riding portion had to be cancelled. We managed to get the run in while it wasn't raining and stay dry under the stabling overhang for the shooting. Parents were invited to give the shooting a try when the competitors were all done. We then headed off to the Beaumont pool to complete the swimming. Flutter boards are allowed as this was not a qualifying competition but a fun introduction to tetrathlon. I have again booked Beaumont for June 25, 2017.

Rally Camp and competition was held the first week of July at Alhambra near Red Deer. It was well attended, and the participants learned/improved their skills.

Our main event for show jumping in 2016 was the regional finals, held once again at Whitemud Equine Center. The weather this year caused a little bit of trouble; the continual rain made the lower sand arena unsafe for jumping, so all classes ran on the grass (we divided the grass arena and still had two courses), with warm-ups

in the upper sand ring. However, the event was still fairly successful. Numbers were down a little this year, with 62 regular members entered and four Horsemasters (double the number of Horsemasters from last year!).

ANR hosted a one-day dressage clinic in July with Robyn Kuhn at Cardiff riding arena. 8 riders from 4 clubs attended. The format included a 45-minute semi private lesson and time allowed for 1 rider a private lesson. Following lessons, each rider was invited to select and ride a dressage test and receive feedback. Feedback was very positive, particularly with the opportunity to ride a test for feedback and pay via e-transfer. We will continue to follow a similar format in 2017. Thank you to Friends of ANR for supporting the venue and clinician costs.

Overall, our day went well, judges were equally busy, time/ judging wise and lunch & the ending was achieved in good time

I really felt everyone wanted the best for the riders. THANK YOU, it did not go unnoticed.

We ran a very successful youth event on February 20th, 2016, and filled all of our open spots for the event (total of 15 members attended). The event began shortly after 10am and wrapped up just before noon. West Wind Veterinary was a fabulous host and we would like to thank them again for hosting our event in their clinic as well as Dr. Devan Boss for providing an excellent educational session for our members. Nicholas Brown from the Alberta Equestrian Federation spoke to the group briefly and provided some much-appreciated promotional materials to members! Members also received small goodie bags filled with items from Tudor Tack and Greenhawk Equestrian- we thank both businesses for all their help and continuous support of Pony Club! Some ideas to consider for future events may be to separate groups further to specialize knowledge levels of topics for members. For 2017/2018 we are hoping to host a more hands on educational youth event to help engage and connect the members of our region. Ideas of maybe an equine massage or anatomy related event are of most interest as these are topics we believe harder to learn from a picture in a book. Contact with an instructor from the Olds College equine massage therapy has been made and an event proposal will be available once more solid details have been confirmed.

On another note- Youth Equine Education Day at the Western College of Veterinary Medicine is on February 4th, 2017. Members of our region have been invited to join and are encouraged to attend the educational event!

This year our Facebook page (Alberta North Region Pony Clubs- @anrponyclubs) reached 142 likes. Overall, we have pretty positive feedback about how the page is functioning. A reminder that if chairs or clubs want events/news/info/photos updated on the Facebook page and or website they may sent an email to either the youth reps or the communication chair at anrwebsite@gmail.com

So far, both the website and Facebook page are updated based on either email notices or listings in regional meeting minutes. Photos from members, parents and clubs are encouraged to be sent to the email above so they can be used for further regional promotion online (by sending in photos, the member, parent, or club agrees to any review, retransmission, dissemination, copy or other use of or taking of any action in reliance upon this information by the intended regional recipient). Members, parents and clubs are also encouraged to send ideas, suggestions or edits to any of material online to anrwebsite@gmail.com to help improve our online presence!

This year we received 16 inquires through the website from individuals interested in joining pony club. All 16 inquiries were replied to and then forwarded to the respective club DC's email. We are hoping to update the websites map for easier access to prospective members.

The new club, Castle Ridge, has been officially recognized by the national board and is now a fully functioning part of the Alberta North region. It is truly wonderful that we have a new club and more members.

There is money being set aside for another Youth Initiative. The last one was a couple of years ago and regions were allotted funds to put on a Youth Conference of some sort. This year's grant will be \$2000 per region. We can of course as a region add to that however we wish.

Three Youth reps sent in their applications to become National Youth Director West, and our candidate, Alison Bachand-Lapointe was chosen. Her term is a three year one and will commence on January 1st, 2017. Congratulations to Alison.

ANR had a good year overall. It seems like there is always learning to be done not only for our members, but also for our organizers. I am very proud to be the chair for this region as we have wonderful volunteers that make our programs the successes that they are. From here we move on to 2017 and what it brings for our Region.

Respectfully,

Carol Judd ANR Chair

# **ABC Regional Report for 2016**

Regular Regional Meetings were well attended and started off on schedule. We met in January, February, March, April and May before we dispersed to enjoy our Branch meetings and events. Then we reconvened in September and planned an AGM for November which was also well attended.

March: ABC region offered a Quiz competition. This is always dependent on a large number of volunteers and both the kids and adults have a ball with the creative games designed by Amanda Penner, Isabelle Forrstrom and their crew.

April: younger members met for D camp. This is an unmounted camp and for good reason with the snow storm that the kids woke up to Sunday morning. C camp also took place in April and the weather was AMAZING as well as the instruction and food! we had a record number of kids attend C camp.

June: our PPG camp, which has traditionally well attended, was cancelled due to low numbers. ABC also offers a XC/SJ clinic at a fabulous xc facility. Unfortunately, the weather tested the riders' stamina.

Branches planned their own summer camps and some Branches worked together to share camp responsibilities.

August was our Rally camp at which we had the pleasure of former Olympian and Pony Club alumni Sandra Donnelly coaching, as well as other fabulous instructors from around Alberta.

The end of August was our Regional Year End Show. We hosted many of our region's riders in Stadium Jumping as well as a medals class which was sadly cancelled due to the unfortunate issue of lame horses. Dressage tests were also judged at the YES. Dressage riders competed for their place at Nationals as well.

PPG selections camp was hosted by our region in September, candidates enjoyed the expertise of the Medicine River Pony Club members, volunteers, equipment and facility.

At the end of September, the ABC members were invited out for one last jump, hosted by Haunted Lakes Pony Club at their second annual Harvest Show.



# Regional Report for Alberta South Region - 2016

It has been a tough go in Alberta South Region this winter. The extreme cold is making being outside with the horses virtually impossible. The clubs who are lucky enough to enjoy riding indoors year-round have also seen cancellations in their lesson plans. A far cry from the mild winter and early spring we enjoyed in the early months of 2016. As the winter rages on here in Alberta, the welcome sight of a chinook arch brings much excitement for spring to arrive.

Once again, the Region hosted the 2-day educational seminar mid-March. It seems like this event is getting bigger and better every year. Topics ranged from an in-depth look at the horse's mouth to health prevention and disease, feet etc. This of course set the stage for regional quiz which was held in April 2016. We had a great turnout of over 100+ members participating in regional quiz. All levels from snurf through senior were represented and members qualifying from the Intermediate and Senior levels travelled to PEI in Oct. From playing in the ocean, the trip to the harness races and all the testing and fun games it is one they will not forget. With hurricane Andrew hot on their tails it was quite a memorable ride home for many of our team members.

National Quiz Team 2016 - Senior & Intermediate



We also had one member Tamara Booy qualify for Team Canada travelling to Tryon Equestrian in North Carolina in July 2016. Tamara had an individual placement of 4th overall with Team Canada placing 2<sup>nd</sup> at International Quiz



(Tamara -third from the left)

In our next category ABS sent two qualifying members, Marguerite Medwid for training level and Tianna Miller for First Level to represent Alberta South in National Dressage at Birds Hill Part, Manitoba. Congratulations to both our ABS members.



The Region continued on its role of providing top quality courses with a gymnastics and course building clinic in October, a Conformation clinic and an "A" level prep session in November. Addition clinics are scheduled for Jan/Feb 2017. In addition to running educational clinics, the Region has furthered its efforts in promoting good instruction within Pony Club by setting up a Junior Instructors Program. Several members in the Region are taking part in this program and we, as a Region, are excited to see its effects once it has been active for a few years. Additional work on this program to come in the new year.

The year progressed with many great showings and fun events for the members to attend. ABC Camp, Regional Shows #1, #2, #3, Youth Dance, Finals and Medals. All events were well attended. It is great fun to see so many members enjoying these events.

Testing came into play in the months of July, August and September. It was a very busy year for testing as the Region ran tests for both D/D1/D2 levels as well as C2 and up. We had 24 members from 8 clubs test in the D/D1/D2 category and 7 members testing at the C2 and up category. The D level test also produced three new examiners to be added to our Regional list as it provided various opportunities for new examiners to shadow over the two-day test.

On the administration side of Pony Club, the Region held various meetings throughout the year as well as hosted our Annual General Meeting on November 18, 2016. The AGM was well attended and the slate was filled for 2017. We also welcomed, the Strathmore Pony Club, a new branch within the Region. As we move forward into 2017 we are hopeful that the enthusiasm that our Region experienced in 2016 continues as many of our older pony clubbers give back to the younger members. It is very encouraging to watch as the Region grows in numbers.

We look forward to a year of new challenges.

On behalf of the Executive Danielle Williams, Regional Chair



# Manitoba Pony Club 2016 Review



2016 was another fabulous year in Manitoba, with our highest Membership, in four years. Manitoba Pony Club has a wealth of great volunteers which allows the smooth running of this organization and the events which we plan.

We started out the year with the addition of three **Pony Club Centres**. We have Prairie Breeze (Brandon), Just For Kicks (Brandon) and Misty River (Winnipeg) The PC centres have brought in 11 new members, with lots more joining up in the New Year. PC Centres are a wonderful addition to our PC.

We also had the addition of a new Pony Club, **Little Saskatchewan River PC**. Their PC is very strong. They have 9 members with a signup sheet already started for the kids in the area who will become 6 next year.

# **NAC**

Kassidy Moore from Mars Hill PC represented CPC this year, with 3 other CPC members. They travelled to Mill Spring, North Carolina - July 28-31, 2016. CPC team came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the National. Congrats Kassidy.

#### **NATIONAL EVENTS RESULTS**

**Dressage:** Training Level First Level

4<sup>th</sup> Place – Karla Iverson 4<sup>th</sup> Place – Jennifer Hammond 5<sup>th</sup> Place – Sydney Fraser 5<sup>th</sup> Place – Michaela Pankratz

Quiz: 1st Place C Team - Kassidy Moore, Sabrina Kendall, Samantha Fontaine, Abbey McLeod

1<sup>st</sup> Place C Individual – Sabrina Kendall 3<sup>rd</sup> Place C Individual – Samantha Fontaine 8<sup>th</sup> Place C Individual – Kassidy Moore

# **REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS**

Qualifiers for next year 2017 Nationals are:

Show Jumping: Abbey McLeod

**Dressage**: Training: Hilary Kowaluk First Level – Karla Iverson

#### **EXAMINERS**

MPC held an Examiners Clinic, April 2016.

This is a necessity in Manitoba as we currently have three new PC Centres for 2016, with the possibility of more coming in the near future. Membership from the centres is a huge boost our membership. More membership equals more examiners needed.

#### **TETRATHLON**

We have resurrected Tetrathlon within MB. We held a clinic at a local Pistol Range, and have held information clinics.

## HORSEMASTERS PROGRAM

We have five HM joined our membership. We are looking forward to enhancing this program in 2017 with the addition of testing being available.

# **NATIONAL DRESSAGE:**

August 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>, Manitoba hosted the 2016 National Dressage Championships. We had 17 competitors attend from many provinces; Nova Scotia, New Brunswick/PEI, Ontario, Alberta and BC all sent competitors.

Competitors arrived throughout the day on Wednesday, Aug 17<sup>th</sup> and most made visits to the park to check out the grounds and introduce themselves to the committee and volunteers who were there preparing for the competition.

The competition started Thursday morning with a "Meet and Greet" in the morning where competitors were presented with welcome bags and competition t-shirts as well as were matched up with their groom and horses for the event. At this time, the rules of the event were explained to the riders and grooms. As well, an explanation of how the stable management portion of the event would be marked was presented.

Riders then mounted up and were able to hack and try out their mounts before the clinic in the afternoon. The afternoon consisted of hour long clinics with clinician Ashley Fudge which we received nothing but positive feedback on. Thursday evening, for those who chose to participate, took the competitors, grooms and chaperones/parents to one of the beaches at Birds Hill for a beach party.

On Friday the competitors rode both their tests (1 and 2) and Friday night took everyone to the Assiniboia Downs race track for a wonderful dinner and horse racing. Manitoba Pony Club's Val Crowe was generous enough to sponsor a race in the name of National Dressage which took everyone down to the main level to watch the race and to top off a great night our horse won! This resulted in a group picture in the winner's circle and meeting the owner of the winning horse.



Saturday was the mystery test with results and awards in the afternoon and a farewell to our competitors. Our National championship for Training was Alexis Vahey, Reserve was Hannah Simpson. 1st level Champion was Patricia Rothenburg, Reserve was Danielle Suzuki.



Training Level Champion; Alexis Vahey



First Level Champion: Patricia Rothenburg

The Manitoba Pony Club event committee and volunteers thoroughly enjoyed hosting this event and hope that everyone had as much fun attending as we did putting it on!



Manitoba Pony Club Team Team blankets sponsored by MHC

We look forward to 2017, to improve membership and the development of Pony Club within Manitoba.



# Central Ontario Region Pony Club 2016 Annual Report

#### COR's Year in Review:

March: examiner and test rep clinic April: Regional Quiz May: PPG Meet #1, Working Rally

June: Show Jumping & Dressage qualifiers, PPG Meet #2 & #3, Fun Rally

July: Combined Show Jumping & Dressage Qualifier August: Off to Nationals! Tetrathlon, Dressage, PPG As September: Dressage Finals, Show Jumping Finals October: Members to National Quiz, Regional Banquet

November: Visit to "The Royal," Regional Annual General Meeting

There were so many successes this past year in Central Ontario Region, whether in education or in the ring.

- → COR has two members achieving into the B levels something we haven't had in several years and there is a significant number of members who have attained C2. The future looks bright for testing!
- → While lower than desired numbers have resulted in organizers having to be creative in order to provide competitive opportunities, we do have participants in almost all levels in the various disciplines, and members continue to represent the region at Nationals in Dressage, PPGs, Quiz, Tetrathlon (back this year!), and our Show Jumping candidate for 2016 renewed her eligibility for 2017.
- → In education, the regional committee has found it challenging without a lead volunteer, and looks forward to 2017 as we have a volunteer alumna returning to that role. Our members have shown us that they would like more education opportunities especially hands-on with non-competitive events like Working Rally (the weekend-long camp that members bring their own horses to) and the non-competitive, three-discipline Fun Rally maintaining popularity.

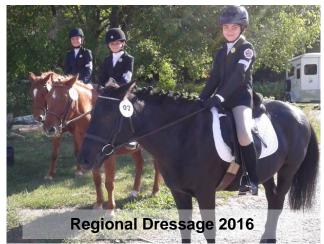
COR celebrates our members and volunteers in various ways. While Canadian Pony Club recognizes years of service for members and volunteers, the region awards a member award, The Karen Meuleman Award, this year received by Natasha Austin of Victoria Pony Club, and a volunteer award, the Barbara Grimm Memorial Award, received this year by Nellie Bradbury of Centaurus Pony Club. This year's Royal China Memorial Award for horse or pony was received by Kwanzaa of Centaurus Pony Club, in part due to her willingness to be part of IPE in 2015 and National Tetrathlon this year. Regional Dressage Chair Laurie Blake was nominated for and received the Equestrian Canada Dressage Volunteer of the Month award for October. And, we are very proud of our keen National Quiz participant Kaitlyn Henderson who received CPC's inaugural Phil Crowe award.

With 168 members across 12 branches and one Centre to close the year, 2016 does continue the trend of downward numbers. However, more than half the members were new this year, so we're

pleased to attract new members to the organization. And, Horsemasters have rounded up the total memberships.

2017 brings a couple of new faces to the regional committee table, and a few people in new roles. Together, COR volunteers will continue to promote Pony Club for all its worth, while members and their families look forward to continued opportunities for our young equestrians.

### **COR Disciplines in Photos**













#### **WESTERN ONTARIO REGIONAL REPORT**

Even with our membership down from 182 to 140 we continue to work together to provide all of the discipline, events and education opportunities to our members.

### **Highlights:**

WOR has four members in National roles:

- Barb Robinson National PPG Chair
- Jacqui Dennis National Rally Chair
- Sherry Jackson National Dressage Chair
- Kathryn Robertson Active Member Director East

Sherry Jackson is our National Director.

#### **EVENTS**:

The following are a summary of the Regional Events we held in 2016. In addition to this we also held mini meets, and clinics for some of the disciplines.

Discipline	Overview	# Attendees
C Rally	While we did not have a Regional C Rally, we did offer C classes in conjunction with the Regional D Rally event. We tried to organize a full C Rally at the same venue but did not have the participation numbers to make a go of it. We plan on having the same format in 2017.	6
D Rally	<ul> <li>We had the following # of competitors at D Rally.</li> <li>C - 2</li> <li>C1 - 4</li> <li>D2 - 5</li> <li>D1 Open - 3</li> <li>D1 - 5</li> <li>D Open - 9</li> <li>D - 7</li> </ul>	35
Dressage	<ul> <li>We had the following # of competitors at Dressage.</li> <li>Entry = 2</li> <li>Starter = 7 (Including 1 freestyle &amp; 1 Pas de deux team)</li> <li>Pre-Training = 8 (Including 5 freestyles &amp; 2 Pas de deux teams)</li> <li>Pre-Training Green = 1</li> <li>Training = 3</li> <li>1st Level = 2 (including 2 freestyles)</li> </ul>	23

Show Jumping	We offered a clinic for beginner riders as part of the day's activities which was well received. These are the # of competitors at Show Jumping.  • Advanced = 1 • Medal = 1 • Beginner = 2 • Medal Switch = 2 • Starter = 4 • Entry = 10	23
PPG	<ul> <li>Clinic = 3</li> <li>We had divisions for Masters, A, B and C offering 12 games. The following are the # of teams in each division.</li> <li>Masters = 3</li> <li>A = 2</li> <li>B = 5</li> <li>C = 1</li> </ul>	44
Quiz	Continues to be our biggest event. 11 out of 12 branches competed.  • E Junior Level = 6  • E Open Level = 13  • D Level = 23  • D1 Level = 21  • D2 Level = 11  • C Level = 19  • A/B Level = 9	102
Tetrathlon	<ul> <li>5 out of 12 branches competed.</li> <li>Novice B Women = 1</li> <li>Novice Women = 1</li> <li>Green Junior Women = 2</li> <li>Junior Women = 2</li> <li>Senior Women = 4</li> <li>Senior Men = 2</li> </ul>	12
LeTrec	We had competitors in the following levels at LeTrec. Phase A was Orienteering. Phase B – Control of Gaits. Phase C – Obstacle Course.  • D/D1 Division – 5 Teams (13 Competitors)  • D2 Division – 2 Competitors  • C+ Division – 8 Competitors	23
WOR Camp	Our regional camp is a week-long camp with members and horses partaking in many educational, riding / clinics and social activities. xx kids riding, xx kids non-riding and xx parents / chaperones.	

# **2016 TESTING ACTIVITIES**

Total number of candidates tested at all levels: 67

Total number of Branches testing: 14 Total number of Examiners testing: 17

In addition to the above we also held;

- Regional and Branch Testing Prep Clinics
- Examiner's Clinics & Test Rep Workshop

#### NATIONAL EVENTS

WOR Sent competitors to National Events like Dressage (2), Tetrathlon (9), PPG Masters (6) and PPG A's (8). In additional, WOR hosted National Tetrathlon as well as National A's.

#### **REGIONAL SUMMARY**

Regional meetings were held monthly throughout the year. Meetings for January through to April were held in conjunction with Discipline Workshops and Senior Education sessions.

Our Annual General Meeting was held November 28th at the Centre Wellington Sportsplex in Fergus, Ontario. In the morning, we held education sessions for the youth while the meeting was held to review the branch and discipline reports. We then met for a combined lunch and in the afternoon had the National and International competitor presentations while the youth were present. Guelph Pony Club again won the High Point Trophy as they had 100% attendance in all Regional Events.

Many thanks to all of our dedicated and hardworking volunteers who stepped up to fill roles to ensure our members continued to have access to all discipline events.

Thank you to our sponsors Apple Saddlery for their continued support in providing prizes for the Top Individual and Top Teams at all of our Regional Championships and to Brubacher Harness Shop who generously donate a portion of Pony Club sales to WOR.

Prepared by:

Sherry Jackson National Director Western Ontario Region



# Nova Scotia Pony Club 2016 Annual Report Regional Chair Report

We ended the year with 154 members; supporting a full program this year that was enjoyed by our members. Our 4th annual regional camp was a success with several branches participating. Our volunteers worked diligently to support the youth in their activities. We had an increase in members participating at a national level and there appears to be more awareness among our members regarding national events with a desire to set this as their goal. We hosted National Masters PPG this summer and our committee worked long hours to put together an event that was very successful. Our discipline chairs and committee chairs have provided annual reports that are included below. Respectfully submitted,

Valerie McDermott, NS Reg Chair

# National Director 2016 Annual Report

National Meetings were held Nov 11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> in Toronto Ontario. Many items were discussed with the theme being attracting members and retaining members as well as moving the organization forward.

National Newsletter has been a huge success but not all our members are seeing it. DC's are encouraged to make sure it is being emailed out to all the members and if possible to provide younger members with print copies.

National Pony Club Day on Nov 1st was a huge success; it was great to see all the stories and pictures from current members as well as alumni. CPC is on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Snap Chat.

The end of 2016 saw 1898 regular pony club members with an additional 115 Horsemaster members. We need to continue to try and encourage new members as well as promote Horsemasters.

Nova Scotia will be hosting the National 'A' PPG championships at Rohan Wood Stables, September 1-3, 2017.

Respectfully Submitted
Alissa Cue
National Director Nova Scotia

# Discipline and Committee Annual Reports

#### Communications 2016 Annual Report

In 2016, two e-newsletters were sent out to emails based on the member registry.

My goal for the upcoming year is to put out 4 submissions: January, April, July, and October.

Respectfully submitted, Lisa Barteaux

#### Dressage 2016 Annual Report

Regional Dressage was held in the Valley for 2016 at Alex Beaton's. Ariel Boesner qualified for nationals at first level and has said she will be attending. Our Training level winner Esme Hudson has also indicated she will attend national dressage in 2017.

Respectfully submitted Dawn Helm

### Fundraising 2016 Annual Report

Fundraising options:

- 1 The Nova Coffee fundraiser is still available to our branches.
- 2. NSPC license plates, which again gets the NSPC/CPC name out into the public eye!!! Our mission in both of these is to raise awareness of who we are and what we do as a youth equestrian program.

# Membership 2016 Annual report

Total membership in 2016 was 149. We also had 5 registered Horsemaster members .

# PPG 2016 Annual Report

It has been a great year for PPG in Nova Scotia. We had a great turnout to our Zone Championships on May 23<sup>rd</sup> with a record number of teams competing. We has two teams at the Masters level, two teams at the A level, four teams at the B level and two teams at the C level. It is great to see more and more clubs offering a PPG component to their branch activities and hopefully this growth will continue in 2017. Evangeline Pony Club was asked to provide a PPG Demo at both the Annapolis Valley Exhibition and the Maritime Fall Fair. This was an excellent opportunity to promote pony club and to show the general public the non-traditional sport of Mounted Games. There was a lot of interest in PPG so hopefully that will help attract potential new members.

Nova Scotia hosted National Masters PPG from Sept 2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> at Rohan Wood Stables with the help of Evangeline Pony Club. There were teams from Nova Scotia, Central Ontario, Western Ontario and Alberta North. Teams arrived on the Friday night and enjoyed supper at Rohan Wood Stables and participated in team building exercises. Teams had to tack up a horse while keeping their arms linked together and sharing turns communicating. This proved to be very challenging! Saturday the teams went to OnTREE in Windsor and toured Blomidon Beach. Teams then ventured back to the stables for supper and to get the pony bios

before game day. The weather was perfect for the competition on Sunday with pony's arriving at 8:00 am and players being ready to play for 9:30. Jackie Allen was our official and started the coaches meeting at 9:30 with all the team captains. The competition wrapped up around 1:00 with members enjoying a BBQ before departing back to the airport. Central Ontario won the cup with Alberta North coming in second, Western Ontario in third and Nova Scotia in fourth. All the riders demonstrated great sportsmanship and the riding was top notch. A huge thank you to all the pony lenders and volunteers that helped make the event a huge success. We could not do it without you! Also, a huge congrats to the Nova Scotia Team of Jessica van Nostrand, Halie Sproul, Victoria Mastin, Hannah Benedict and Kaelee Keddy for representing us so well. We are hoping to host some clinics over the winter of 2017 so stay tuned for details.

Respectfully Submitted Alissa Cue Nova Scotia PPG Chair



# Quiz 2016 Annual Report

#### **Evangeline Quiz-**

Evangeline Branch hosted Regional Quiz on Saturday 2 April. This was an E/D/C level Quiz and was a Regional Qualifier for the 2016 National Quiz.

We did not hold an A/B Qualifier but we did have two members confirmed to attend the National Quiz.

There were 15 teams competing with a total of 56 members. The day was a great success with fun had by all. We want to thank all our competitors and a special thank you to all the volunteers that made this day a success.

We would also like to thank our generous sponsors Apple Saddlery and Greenhawk. Their contribution helped make our day a resounding success.

#### 2016 National Quiz-

Our teams representing Nova Scotia at National Quiz in Charlottetown this year were:

#### C Team:

Michael Congdon (Opportunity Branch) Kaelee Keddy (Evangeline Branch) Michal Chega (Evangeline Branch) Rebecca Yorke (Opportunity Branch) 4<sup>th</sup> Place team

Robin Gorveatte (Tantramar)- National Scramble team with NB/PEI 13<sup>th</sup> Place team

#### A/B Team:

Halie Sproul (Evangeline Branch) Joecy Peters (Opportunity Branch) Forming a Scramble team with SLOV 6<sup>th</sup> Place team







An extra offer of congratulations to Michael Congdon; who placed 2nd individual in the country!!

The teams were chaperoned by Tina Sproul and Correna Keddy.

The competition took place at the Atlantic Veterinary College at UPEI. With excursions to go bowling, visit the Standardbred Race Track...Red Shores, and visit the famous PEI beaches. A great time was had by all!

#### North American Challenge:

We also had a NS representative on the Canadian team competing in the North American Challenge held at Tryon International Equestrian Centre in Mill Spring, North Caroline in July. Congratulations once again to Michael Congdon for placing 5<sup>th</sup> in North America! Also congratulations to our Canadian team for placing second!



National Quiz 2017 is to be held 6-8 October 2017 at the Coast Capri Hotel, Kelowna, BC. The 2017 competition is to be an International Quiz and should be exciting!

It has been a busy and very successful year for our Nova Scotia Pony Club Quiz discipline.

Tina Sproul NSPC Quiz Chair

#### Regional Rally 2016 Annual Report

Rally was held July 16 - 17, 2016 in Truro and was run in conjunction with Central Nova Horse Trials. Stable Management set up started at 11 a.m on Sat. to allow teams more time for set up. Stable Management judging starting late afternoon and throughout Sunday. Riders competed in both Rally and Horse Trials.

There were 4 teams with a total of 23 participants (14 riders) from 4 Branches (Avon, Opportunity, Tantramar and West Valley). There was one scramble teams with members from three Branches. There were 8 Entry, 5 Pre Training and 1 Training level rider. It was good to see more riders competing at the higher levels.

The numbers continue to grow and the rider levels are increasing. Rally encompasses many disciplines and holding it in conjunction with Horse Trials gives riders the true sense of eventing.

Thanks to all the members who participated, parents who volunteered and to Opportunity Pony Club for their support in preparing the meals and score keeping. Special thank you to Central Horse Trials for allowing Pony Club to run Rally in conjunction with their event.

2017 Regional Rally proposed date of July 15 - 16 at CNHP in conjunction with Horse Trials.

Submitted by: Darlene Stevenson, Rally Chair

#### Testing and Education 2016 Annual Report

#### **TESTING ACTIVITIES:**

The Annual Testing and Examiner's Workshop: was held on April 30 in Windsor, NS. Ten examiners attended as well as representatives from all seven regional branches (20 people in total). Minutes of the meeting are posted on the NSPC Testing and Education site at http://canadianponyclub.org/NS/

#### New Testing support from NSPC Region:

The region will reimburse branches that incur mileage expenses (for examiners) in excess of \$150 per test day. Examiners are still expected to car pool where possible. Test reps should submit receipts along with their request to the Regional Treasurer.

NSPC will support any branch that runs a pretest clinic in preparation for branch testing. Clinicians must be NSPC Examiners who are qualified to test the levels of the participants. Test reps should submit receipt to the Regional Treasurer.

(Just a reminder) that the region will reimburse branches \$50 for each EIT assisting at a branch test (max 2 EITs per test)

Mileage reimbursement for 2016: for examiner travel was set at \$0.44/km. National Testing Grant: We applied for (and have been awarded) a National Testing Grant of \$500.

**Branch Testing**: All of our branches ran a test this year. Annapolis ran two tests and Avon ran three. Congratulations to 62 NSPC candidates who were able to achieve new test levels (D through C1) in 2016.

Two branches held pretest clinics (West Valley and Friendly Breezes).

Two EIT's had testing opportunities in 2016 (Kaelee Keddy and Hayleigh Stewart)

The Regional Examiner list: is in the process of being updated will be posted on the T&E web page soon.

#### **Regional Testing:**

Regional Pretest – June 3, 4, 5: Five candidates met with clinician Alex Beaton at Killeavy Stable on June 3, and 4 for the annual pretest evaluation. June 5 was reserved for the riding candidates to participate in the Hobby Horse Schooling Show.

HA candidate, Jessica vanNostrand, spent Friday, June 3 covering stable management topics with Alex.

On June 3 & 4, Kaelee Keddy (C2 flat), Michael Congdon (C2 riding and BSM), Maggie Dewar (full B) and Joecy Peters (B-OF, B2 flat and "lunge a rider") coveres Stable Management and Riding topics with Alex.

Sunday June 5, Joecy and Maggie attended the Schooling Show at Hobby Horse Farm and both had a very good day. As was hoped, this show was a good way to test both horse and rider to the challenges of dressage, stadium jumping and cross country in an unfamiliar environment. Clinician Alex Beaton evaluated both riders. If possible, this competition phase should be a requirement of next year's pretest clinic.

The clinician gave written critiques to all participants following the pretest clinic.

**Regional C2, B, B2 testing** – August 9, 10, 2016 at Killeavy Stable in Wilmot. Chief examiner was Sue Wensink from ABS region. Julia Young, Crystal Tattersall and Jen Hanson (NB/PEI) assisted. Three candidates were tested. Congratulations to Kaelee Keddy for achieving C2 (flat). Maggie Dewar passed all phases of B except lunging. She plans to retest that phase in 2017. Joecy Peters passed B---over fences, completed her B2 SM and B2---over fences. Congratulations all!

**National A Testing:** Jessica VanNostrand flew to BCLM to participate in National A testing, August 15 and 16. She passed all phases of her HA except lunging. She plans to retest the lunging in 2017, if possible.

Joecy Peters passed her written A exam in January 2016. She plans to test her HA in 2017. Congratulations on your successes to both of our A candidates!

#### **EDUCATION ACTIVITIES**

Our primary education event is our Regional Camp, organized by Crystal Tattersall and Jackie Allen. This was our fourth annual regional camp, held this year in Windsor on July 26, 27, 28. Twenty-nine NSPC members attended. The theme this year was "Teeth and Feeding". Five riding coaches covered instruction in dressage and jumping. Five SM coaches covered topics including feeding, teeth, veterinary topics, equine massage, teaching, conformation and general PC Stable Management theory. Also included were some craft activities and a large amount of fun. This camp is a great educational tool and also a huge team builder for our region. I sincerely hope that we (as a region) support this worthwhile endeavor in future years.

Thanks very much to Jackie and Crystal for organizing regional camp again this year! National Education Grant: We applied for (and apparently have been awarded) a National Education Grant of \$500.

Respectfully submitted, Gay Hansen NSPC Testing and Education Chairperson

# Show Jumping 2016 Annual Report

Submitted by Julia Locke

I have moved to Ottawa for school, so will not be able to attend any board meetings this year. Due to this I feel that I should step down as show jumping chair for 2017. However, if no one else is

interested in the position, I would be happy to stay on as I will be home during the summer to attend regionals and can organize the national selection in the spring by correspondence.

### **Regional Show Jumping**

6<sup>th</sup>

Maddy Singer

Erika Rudolph

On August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016, Avon Pony Club successfully hosted the Regional Show Jumping Competition at the Windsor Exhibition grounds. There were 7 teams in attendance which encompassed 26 members from Avon, Annapolis, Evangeline, and Tetramer.

Individual Medal Results:

Team Placing's:

Indivi	dual Medal	Results:			Team	n Placing's:
2'	1 <sup>st</sup> H	lannah Bene	dict		1 <sup>st</sup>	Avon 1
	2 <sup>nd</sup> A	bby Lewis				Maddy Singer
2'3"	1 <sup>st</sup> E	rika Rudolph	)			Brianna Partridge
	2 <sup>nd</sup> B	rooke Alcoe				Ruby Francis
	3 <sup>rd</sup> P	aige Chishol	m			Erika Rudolph
		illian Davids			$2^{nd}$	Avon 2
	5 <sup>th</sup> E	mma Bishop	)			Hannah Benedict
	6 <sup>th</sup> Ic	da Hudson <sup>·</sup>				Gillian Davidson
2'6"	1 <sup>st</sup> V	ictoria Mastir	n			Tara Hilchey
	2 <sup>nd</sup> H	laley McRae				Sabrina Corradini
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Je	essica VanN	ostrand	1	$3^{rd}$	Evangeline
	4 <sup>th</sup> R	achael Cleve	eland			Victoria Mastin
2'9"	1 <sup>st</sup> B	rianna Partri	dge			Geordie Backhouse
	2 <sup>nd</sup> R	uby Francis				Abby Lewis
	3 <sup>rd</sup> G	eordie Back	house			Jessica VanNostrand
	4 <sup>th</sup> S	ara MacDon	ald		4 <sup>th</sup>	Annapolis 2
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	2 <sup>nd</sup> S	abrina Corra	ıdini			Delaney McKenzie
		laddy Singer	•			Samantha Symonds
		ara Hichley				Esme Hudson
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	$2^{\text{nd}}$ N	laggie Dewa	r			Paige Chisholm
						Addie Smith
	all Medal R	esults:			6 <sup>th</sup>	Tantramar
1 <sup>st</sup>	Brianna I	Partridge	99			Maggie Dewar
2 <sup>nd</sup>		a Symonds	96			Haley McRae
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Victoria N			95		Sara MacDonald
4 <sup>th</sup>		Corrandini	94			
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# ANNUAL BRANCH REPORTS 2016 Annapolis Pony Club 2016 Annual Branch Report

#### October 17th, 2016

2016 certainly proved to be a 'year of transition' for the Annapolis Pony Club. We lost our newly elected District Commissioner and also one of our long standing coaches. We were very lucky that Beth Rand was able to step in and help with the stable management lectures. Everyone who tested, successfully passed all elements. Many thanks to Rebecca Johnson, who co-ordinated with Avon Pony Club to make it possible for one of our candidates to ride their C1 test early in the season. This was at another facility and with only 48 hours notice!

Whilst some of our PPG ambitions were thwarted due to an unfortunate 'lice' outbreak, we were successfully represented at D Challenge, Regional Dressage and Regional Show Jumping. This means that once again our Branch will be represented at Nationals in 2017.

We hosted a XC clinic with Megan White at Hobby Horse farm in June. Whilst not particularly well attended by our Branch members it was a successful day as had been promoted on the HTNS website beforehand. Many thanks to Megan for just charging the Club an hourly fee not a per person rate.

As always, our members had a wonderful summer camp. Although rather last minute, we managed to secure Rachele Foote as the flat/XC coach. Despite a very hot few days and some rather 'fresh' ponies the informal feedback has been great. The fashion show and musical ride were the highlights for many of our members and it's worth noting that both of these events were true 'team' efforts. It was also a great opportunity for some members to give badge earning presentations. Many badges were awarded. A big thank you to Paula and Sandra for making sure all our camp participants had a photograph to take home with them. Our members seemed not to notice the abundance of healthier snacks this year and the introduction of a Continental breakfast. We were very lucky to receive a grant from the Credit Union (thank you Karen) to help fund our camp; their representatives thoroughly enjoyed the musical ride and very kindly stayed on for prize giving. Fingers crossed they will consider us worthy recipients next year.

An exciting addition for 2016 was the formation of a team of show jumpers under the Captaincy of Rebecca to compete in the Nations Cup at the Coveside Classic horse show. Despite some very stiff competition the team secured fourth place ribbons. It was a wonderful opportunity to showcase our Branch. Thanks to all who made the journey to Chester to cheer them on.

It seems we have lost some momentum with fund raising! I, for one, will not be chasing any funding for National expenses from our Branch.

Elizabeth Hudson Assistant DC

# Avon Pony Club 2016 Annual Branch Report

Avon Pony Club is in their last weekend of fall lessons on November 25-27/16 and will hopefully be resuming their spring lesson program, weather permitting, in late February early March, 2017. Our education task force consisting of Jill Redden, Mary Henry, Maddy Singer and a few guest speakers will be carrying on lectures throughout the balance of the fall/winter season. Membership for this season topped out at 37 members. We have a forecasted registration of approximately 35 to 40 members for the 2017 season.

Avon hosted the Windsor Spring and Windsor Summer horse shows which were very well attended.

Our Club attended many Pony Club Events this season including PPG, Rally, Show Jumping and D Challenge, and 1 member attending Quiz. The members competed well and had a great time in all events. Our PPG Team placed 1st overall, Rally Teams placed 2nd and 3rd for the day, Show Jumping Teams placed 1st and 2nd and our D Challenge Even which included Avon and Evangeline were placed individually with all members having a great day. We would like to thank everyone for attending/participating in the events hosted by Avon Pony Club.

The majority of our members all had a great summer competing outside of the Club as well. We held our AGM on November 20th, 2016 where the Membership reviewed the events which took place throughout 2016, new registration packages were handed out for the 2017 season and a new Executive was selected and voted in.

We will be holding our annual Club Christmas Party on Saturday, December 17th, 2016 at the home of Chad & Mandy Singleton to complete our 2016 season.

Our Show Committee is hard at work preparing for the 2017 Windsor Spring and Windsor Summer Shows which will be held on May 18th to 21st, 2017 and June 29th to July 2nd, 2017. Our Executive Committee is preparing for our two Jenn Hamilton Clinics in April and May, 2017 (dates and registration information will be posted on the NSPC website once they have been set), as well as the Mega Training Show for May, 2017 (date and registration information will be posted on NSPC website once set).

Thank you, Tanya Singer DC - Avon Pony Club

# Evangeline 2016 Annual Branch Report

Evangeline has had a very busy season since the last report. Our club had a busy summer hosting our annual camp and sending members to various Regional Activities such as Regional Camp, Regional Dressage and Regional Show Jumping. Evangeline hosted National Masters PPG from Sept 2nd-4th at Rohan Wood Stables. We had four teams from across Canada compete with Central Ontario coming away with the victory. It was a huge undertaking for our club to host a National event and it wouldn't have been possible without Annapolis and West Valley lending us ponies. A huge thank you to Jackie Allen for officiating and to all our volunteers who made the event such a success! Evangeline is well under way with fall Stable Management with 35 members currently registered. We started off our year with our annual badge day at Kingswood Camp. Weekly lectures started after Thanksgiving with members meeting every Monday night from 6:00 to 8:00 at Rohan Wood Stables. Our members had a fun PPG night and are looking forward to improving their PPG skills over the winter. We have lots of exciting things planned for the coming year and have booked our Christmas Party for December 17th.

One of our members Jessica vanNostrand is away on exchange in the UK this year and will be the first International Exchange for Canadian Pony Club which is very exciting. We look forward to hearing about her adventures when she returns and learning "the pony club" way of doing things.

Respectfully Submitted Alissa Cue DC Evangeline

#### Opportunity 2016 Annual Branch Report

Opportunity Pony Club continued lectures through April to be able to finish preparations for written tests which were completed late May/early June.

Camp was held July 3-7 at CNHP with Suzanne Perry as our flat and stadium coach. All members enjoyed the week and learned much about themselves and their mounts as they challenged their riding skills. Members who were testing D2 and above participated in the Andy Wadowski's Cross country clinic on Wednesday which was also held at CNHP and some members were riding new mounts around the course and riding cross country for the first time.

Branch testing was held on July 9th at Opportunity Farm with a total of 5 members testing. All members advanced in their levels with either a partial or complete.

Many of our members participated in NSHT/Rally weekend with 3 members on a team and 2 D2 level members helping on the grounds. The remainder of the summer, members participated in various shows and events and focused on opportunities for schooling their mounts.

An information session was held on October 16th at the Opportunity Farm fun show and non-members were given information about pony club and registration forms were handed out. As a result, we have 5 new members already signed up for the 2017 year and a few more who are considering joining our club this year. Many previous members will also be returning, so numbers are looking encouraging.

Fall lectures commenced on October 29th and are held every Saturday afternoon between 1-3 until Dec 10th when our club Christmas party will take place. We will take a break over Christmas and continue in January.

Valorie Shaddick DC

#### Tantramar Pony Club 2016 Annual Branch Report

During this summer period Tantramar focused primarily on regional events having members attending Regional Dressage, Show Jumping, Camp, Quiz and Rally. Tantramar also hosted an annual show and camp and had member attend National Quiz.

The spring started off with Regional Quiz, April 2, 2016 with Robin, Haley, Sara H and Quynn attending. The Tantramar Pony Club annual show was held in May with slightly fewer attendees as there was another show on the same day. The summer started with our annual camp when Tantramar held their weeklong camp July 4-9, 2016 with 8 attendees and concluded with a group musical ride. Regional Rally held July 16-17, 2016 was attended by Robin, Sara M, Maggie, Grace, Haley and Alex. Summer moved on with Regional Camp July 26-28, 2016 attended by Rabin, Sara H, Maggie and Quynn. Regional Dressage quickly followed in August, with only Maggie and Haley making it. Regional Dressage was quickly followed up by Regional Show Jumping August 21, 2016 attended by Maggie, Haley, Sara M. Activities slowed down a bit in the fall with Robin attending National Quiz October 8-10, 2016 in PEI as a scramble with New Brunswick.

The Tantramar AGM followed a few weeks later on October 30, 2016, where the following executive were elected:

Co-District Commissioners – Kelley MacDonald/Glen Gorveatte
Assistant DC – Gay Hansen
Treasurer – Lori Hall
Secretary – Shona O'Brien
Youth Rep – to be determined via email vote
Test Rep – Gay Hansen
PPG Volunteer – Lori Hall
Horseshow Coordinator – TBD
Website Volunteer – Glen Gorveatte

Respectfully, Glen Gorveatte Co-DC Tantramar Pony Club

### West Valley 2016 Annual Branch Report

West Valley had 13 registered members for most of the 2016 year. In September we had three more members transfer in to our club. We had a busy and fun filled year. We began our year with our Fall Overnight Camp 2015 at Hobby Horse Farm, a good time was had by all.

Our Stable Management Program was once again very successful. It began in January and concluded in May with members writing the written test. Many thanks to Nicole MacHattie and Stephanie Lefurgey for their countless hours of planning and volunteering that goes into this part of WVPC's program. We held an extended lesson program, compared to other years. Lessons began on the first Monday in May and ran until the end of July. This was to be 12 weeks long, due to weather and other scheduling commitments we ended up having only 8 lessons. We held a summer camp during the first week of August, that ended with testing on the Friday. We had another successful test day with all candidates passing their tests.

Our club hosted two regional events this year. We held a D challenge on June 18 and Regional Dressage on August 1. We had great turnouts at both events. A huge thank you to members and parents who made these events successful. Our members took part in many regional activities this year including Quiz, Rally, PPG, Show Jumping, Dressage, D challenge and Regional Camp. Fundraising efforts this year were another example of everyone coming together and making light work of a very important task. We packed groceries at Superstore and Sobeys in Digby, sold manure and NSEF Sunsweep tickets.

Respectfully submitted, Carolyn Longmire DC West Valley Pony club

# **Section 4**

# **Miscellaneous Reports**

Administrator's Report
Supplies
Membership Report
Web site report
Communications
Active Member Directors' Report
RAWF Report
Newsletter Report

# Administrator's Report 2016

It has been a fairly normal year, except that my assistant has been working at the post office full time since June. She has kindly come out once or twice a week to help with Supply orders.

Here are some of the tasks I perform as Administrator, Supplies Person and Membership Chair:

- Reply to requests for Named Facilities, process them and send them to the facility
- Work on Membership, check PSO Membership, communicate with the Regional Membership Chairs, provide assistance to them as required
- Prepare new forms each fall, send out to Regions and post online
- ❖ Answer requests for verification of Pony Club levels
- Handle Insurance questions, distribute and collect insurance forms, send the insurance invoice to the National Treasurer, update the insurance kit each year
- Arrange travel and insurance for all international exchanges, provide paperwork, send invitations to the appropriate countries when Canada is hosting
- Order supplies, send invoices and cheques to the Treasurer
- Arrange facilities for SAM and AGM
- Send out agendas and reports to the Board
- Take and distribute minutes for SAM, AGM and Management Committee meetings
- Serve as International Liaison and help run the PCIA
- Answer calls and e-mails
- Update the Book of Motions after each National Meeting
- Update International and most National Disciplines web pages
- Revise Directory as information comes in from the Regions
- Revise passports as required
- \* Revise Operations Manual after National Meetings and other documents as required
- Update online calendar
- Update Chair's and Director's rotations
- Send out numerous reminders to Directors and Committee Chairs re projects

#### Specific to 2016

- Attended the PCIA meetings hosted by the USPC in February
- Took the minutes and distributed them
- With the help of the Web Master, we set up a web page and a forum page for PCIA
- Assisted the IMGE team prepare for their travel to Australia
- Assisted NAC team with travel and other arrangements for their trip to North Carolina
- Assisted Jane in setting up the mini Discipline Conference in Toronto
- Wrote a report on the viability of online membership registration at the request of Management
- Revised the job descriptions for the Administrator and Membership Chair

Respectfully submitted,

Administrator

Val Crowe

Canadian Pony Club

### **Supplies Report**

Supplies do not actually bring in any funds at this point. We run the service to provide our members with CPC program materials that cannot be accessed from other places.

All our Education, Testing and Discipline Handbooks are available online, free of charge.

We still carry the British Manual, as it is very hard to get. However, we charge only a few dollars more that our cost to keep them affordable for our members. Other books can be found on Amazon or in other books stores.

Our main sellers are pins, testing discs and cards, and badges. As we now give free postage over \$100, we can actually lose money on many orders.

However, the items that we still sell are necessary and Supplies providers a service to our members.

# Membership Report SAM 2016

We ended 2016 with 1895 Active Members and 115 Horsemasters members for a total of 2010.

There were 81 Active members over 21.

There were 246 boys.

We have 133 Branches in 13 Regions.

If Horsemasters membership continues to grow, this could help our numbers.

The Regional Membership Chairs are doing a great job getting their memberships entered in a timely manner. My thanks to each and every one of them for making my job easier.

Respectfully submitted,

Wal Crown

National Membership Chair

# **National Webmaster Report 2016**

Following is an update on current website operations:

- At the 2015 S.A.M. I received a request to set up a Brainstorming discussion forum for the directors. This was set up within a week of the request. However, as of today, the forum has not been utilized and only a handful of directors have registered.
- I am pleased to report that this spring a member from the BCIR region reached out and requested assistance in updating the Regional and Branch websites. We accomplish this on our CMS system in less than a week and they are now managing their own pages again. These are features that were developed or enhanced in the last couple of years and have served us well in providing this ability.
- At the request of a member, we have added an interactive map to the CPC site using Google Earth. Currently it only links to the Regional Websites, except for Manitoba, which includes a map that links to the individual Branches. If other regions are interested in having their branches listed, we will require a list of all their branches, with the GPS coordinates of their actual location. This location could be either the physical location where they have a majority of their lessons, or a point on the map that represents the geographical centre of their client base.
- National email accounts have now been created as follows
  - National\_chair@canadianponyclub.org (active)
  - o vice\_chair@canadianponyclub.org (active)
  - treasurer@canadianponyclub.org (no response as of today)
  - national\_disciplines@canadianponyclub.org (active)
- I have reduced my time spent on website issues to less than 4 hours a week and have not
  continued with any work on the database system. In my humble opinion, there is no point in
  doing any further developmental work until the Board has finalized their strategy. Changes in
  website service providers may result in new structure, depending on their comfort working with
  the current coding and the software they prefer to use.

Respectfully

John Moehring

#### **COMMUNICATIONS REPORT**

# Prepared by Danica Rice 2016

As a collective, this past year we have had a number of accomplishments which are helping to send the CPC in the right direction for better serving our members:

- newspaper -Cat :)
- review and updates of online registration through website John
- partnership improvement with provincial agencies(HCBC) and Equine Canada
- French translations
- Horsemasters
- · discipline improvements and streamlining
- youth opportunities expanding and with more communications
- change it and beginning of additional fundraising discussions
- new strategic discussions are happening

### **National Active Member Report**

Kathryn and Meaghan both attend National Quiz. This year, we had a Regional Youth Rep meeting before the regular youth meeting. There were 8 Regional Youth Reps attending and this meeting proved very beneficial, as we were all able to share ideas and concerns we have in our regions. The Regional Youth reps really liked meeting together and we ended up talking longer than planned. Since the meeting, we have created a Facebook group and actively share ideas and feedback.

This year it was approved that November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016 would be National Pony Club Day. The basic idea was to have members, alumni and volunteers post a picture of themselves wearing their Pony Club gear and share it on social media using #PonyClubDay2016. We have many alumni and current members participate, sharing pictures and memories of their time in Pony Club. Overall, it was a success!

We had an increase in social media presence this year. In addition to our Twitter, Facebook & YouTube, we created an Instagram and Snapchat accounts. We have been engaging the members through these accounts and sharing their pictures and videos. We had our first Snapchat takeover by the Youth Reps in NB/PEI Region. They had access to our Snapchat account and used it throughout the day to showcase what NB/PEI's Regional PPG was like. We hope to do this more often to show what members from across Canada are doing in Pony Club.

We look forward to 2017 with the addition of a third National Active Member Director!

Submitted by:

Kathryn Robertson – National Active Member Director East Maeghan Foster – National Active Member Director West





# Royal Agricultural Winter Fair Representative Report

Since coming into the role of RAWF representative at the November 2015 CPC Semi-Annual meeting, I was keen to find out more about the partnership between Canadian Pony Club and "The Royal." The three Ontario regions have traditionally received complimentary admission and Royal Horse Show tickets to share with their members, and these were well-received and greatly appreciated in 2015. By evening, members found themselves (and their shopping bags!) in their seats to be inspired by recognizable international jumpers, among other highlights. This support is being extended again for the 2016 RAWF.

CPC received an invitation to the April RAWF Annual General Meeting and 2016 features launch. This was a pleasure to attend, and a real eye-opener for someone whose only experience is as an attendee to the Fair.

While admittedly not following up as diligently as I could have this past year to understand the support Pony Club receives from the Royal and further explore the partnership between CPC and the RAWF, I do look forward to developing a greater conversation with organizers following the 2017 Fair.

Respectfully submitted, Hellaína Rothenburg

# **Newsletter Report**

- The newsletter was requested at the Nov 2015 AGM.
- 6 issues have been produced to date (Dec 2015, Feb 2016, April 2016, June 2016, Aug 2016 and Oct 2016)
- My goal for the newsletter is to "educate, entertain and connect the members" as much as possible. The articles are solicited from a variety of sources members, alumni, the internet and a myriad of reference books.
- Thanks to a donation by Nancy Codlin of Ribbonworks all the contest prizes to date have been sponsored.
- The newsletter received 2 ads for a revenue of \$120. Those ads have both run for their 6 editions and no further ads have been provided to me.

Respectfully submitted

Cat Hunter

#### **Notable Achievements for 2016**

#### **NATIONAL CHAIR'S AWARD**

Not presented in 2016

#### **New Branches & Centres**

Little Saskatchewan River

Just For Kicks Pony Club Riding Centre

Prairie Breeze Pony Club Riding Centre

MB

Misty River Pony Club Riding Centre

MB

Castle Ridge Pony Club

Moose Jaw Pony Club

Eagles Wings Pony Club

West Central Pony Club

Alberta North
Saskatchewan
Saskatchewan
Saskatchewan

### **Canadian Pony Club Award of Excellence Scholarship Recipients**

#### **B2/A Scholarships**

Marlies Kerkhoven BCLM

Megan Kornder Saskatchewan

#### C2/B Scholarship

Carolyne Wishart

#### **National Quiz Awards**

#### Billie Mann Award Top A/B Individual

Jordan Krywonos BCIN

#### Adele Rockwell Award Top C Individual

Sabrina Kendall Manitoba

#### **Apple Saddlery Award Top C Team**

Manitoba

Sabrina Kendall

**Kassidy Moore** 

Samantha Fontaine

**Abbey McLeod** 

#### Adelle Coffin Award Top A/B Team

**Western Ontario** 

**Cailin Brast** 

**Elizabeth Hulet** 

**Emily McKague** 

Danielle Suzuki

# A Members 2016

RA -	Melissa Bayer	SLOV	HA –	Shayla Minosky	BCLM
RA –	Katiana Fleck	SLOV	HA –	Miranda Spencer	<b>BCLM</b>
RA –	Silvana Huber	BCIN	HA -	Lindsay Whitehead	BCIN
RΔ-	Tori Morgan	SLOV		•	

RA - Tori Morgan SLOV RA - Lindsay Whitehead BCIN |

A – Miranda Spencer BCLM

A – Katiana Fleck SLOV A – Tori Morgan SLOV

# **Graduates**

Name	Branch	Region
AMANDA HUGHES	CLEARWATER VALLEY	Alberta North
DANIELLE OSTAPEK	CLEARWATER VALLEY	Alberta North
MICHELLE PETTITT	STURGEON VALLEY	Alberta North
SILVANA HUBER	PENTICTON	BCIN
LAURA MILLS	GLEN VALLEY	BCLM
ALEXANDRA SPRAGUE	UXBRIDGE-SCUGOG	COR
ASHLEY KAISER	AVON	Nova Scotia

# 10 Year Members

Name	Branch	Region
ALIDA GRANSON	BLINDMAN VALLEY	ABC
JESSICA SCHWIEGER	BLINDMAN VALLEY	ABC
MEGHAN PENNER	HAUNTED LAKES	ABC
SHAYNA DYRLAND	MEDICINE RIVER	ABC
COREY STAN	MEDICINE RIVER	ABC
ALYSSA DUNBAR	RED DEER	ABC
ASHLEY PIKKERT	RED DEER	ABC
BROOKE SHORTT	THOMPSON COUNTRY	ABC
CASSANDRA DELEEUW	DEVONSHIRE	ABN
HEATHER DAVID	GARDEN VALLEY	ABN
MARINA KRILLOVICH	STRATHCONA	ABN
CEEJAY HAMILTON	STURGEON VALLEY	ABN
MARGUERITE MEDWID	COCHRANE	ABS
KATHRYN PALMER	COCHRANE	ABS

HOLLY ANN FELUCH	DEWINTON	ABS
HUNTER EGELAND	HIGH COUNTRY	ABS
VICTORIA MACKEIL	MINI CREEK	ABS
KELSEY BLASHYN	SPRINGBANK	ABS
LILLIAN BURKE SIMPSON	SPRINGBANK	ABS
EMILY EVERETT	LAKES DISTRICT	BCIN
SOPHIE HURST	PENTICTON	BCIN
NATASHA GRAPES	QUESNEL & DISTRICT	BCIN
EMMA ENNS	VERNON & DISTRICT	BCIN
ALEXANDRA LUKEY	VERNON & DISTRICT	BCIN
CASSIDY KERFOOT	BOUNDARY BAY	BCLM
ANALISE OBRIEN	BOUNDARY BAY	BCLM
EVE HANSEN	HAZELMERE	BCLM
ALEXANDRA SALTOURIDIS- DEWIT	BROOKLIN	СО
KATIE BRADBURY	CENTAURUS	CO
HAYLEE ARCHAMBAULT	TEMISKAMING	CO
KIARA CRAWFORD	TEMISKAMING	CO
JORDAN MCVITTIE	TEMISKAMING	СО
JENNIFER PELOQUIN	PORTAGE	MB
DOMINIC GOOD	QUARRY RIDGE	MB
KARLA IVERSON	RED RIVER	MB
ADELAIDE RAND-SMITH	ANNAPOLIS	NS
HALIE SPROUL	EVANGELINE	NS
JESSICA VAN NOSTRAND	EVANGELINE	NS
MEGAN KORNDER	LIVING SKIES	SK
RYLIE REICHEL	QUEEN CITY TRAILBLAZERS	SK
ALEX MORGAN	CHARLESTON LAKE	SLOV
TORI MORGAN	CHARLESTON LAKE	SLOV
ROSEMARY HILL	OXFORD DOWNS	SLOV
SHAYLIE BROKATE	TEMPERANCE LAKE	SLOV
MICHAELAH ROBINSON	BOOMER CREEK	WO
SHANIA ROBINSON	BOOMER CREEK	WO
CAMERON RADCLIFFE	GUELPH	WO
JASMIN WYNTER	GUELPH	WO
ALYSSA YU	MILL RIDGE	WO
ASHTYN YU	MILL RIDGE	WO

# 15 Year Members

Name	Branch	Region	
HANNAH JENSEN	RED DEER	Alberta Central	
CAYLEY PELTZER	BROOKS	Alberta South	
ROBYN FELUCH	DEWINTON	Alberta South	
<b>EMILY MARSTON</b>	PEGASUS	Alberta South	
LINDSAY BOOY	SPRINGBANK	Alberta South	
JAMI STRUYS	MOUNT CHEAM	BC Lower Mainland	
AYLICIA KLEIN	QUARRY RIDGE	Manitoba	
ANDREEA BADEA	SASKATOON	Saskatchewan	

### **15 Year Volunteers**

Kim Penner ABC

# **25 Year Volunteers**

John Moehring Manitoba Dianna Lee Fraser Manitoba Leslie Wishart Manitoba

# 25 Year Branches

None

# **50 Year Branches**

None