

## National Masters PPG Championship 2015

National Masters was held Aug. 21 - 23, at the Berg-Solomon farm east of Newmarket, with teams from COR, WOR and NS participating. We were blessed with perfect weather – sunny, dry and not too hot!

The Nova Scotia team arrived Friday evening and stayed with friends near Barrie. The COR riders from Temiskaming also stayed with friends in the area. On Saturday we met up with 2 riders from WOR and their coach at The ROC in Georgina for a picnic and climbing and ropes courses. The participants donned helmets and harnesses, tested their team-building skills and fear of heights! Some made a quick dash to the local tack store before the corn roast & BBQ at my place. We got to meet all the competitors, chaperones and coaches and test skills on a scavenger hunt and the beach volleyball court. Props were reviewed and pony bios handed out.

The competition ran very smoothly. We played 3 sets of 7 games, rotating the ponies after each set. We had great, experienced games ponies thanks to our Mounted Games friends. (We rode the same day as Le Trec and another Eventing competition, which affected the available ponies and volunteers!) The spectators enjoyed a high level of skilled riding and impressive vaulting! Our fantastic team of volunteers made sure the ponies were tacked up and looked after, the props were set up, the lines were judged, the scores kept track of, the whistle was blown and everybody was fed and watered.

The COR team placed 1<sup>st</sup> with 75 points, followed by WOR with 63 points and Nova Scotia with 45 points. Congratulations to the winning team – Olivia Gionet (Rising Star), Lindsay Weber (Rising Star), Jordan McVittie (Temiskaming), Michelle Treen (Durham) and Angelica Brisson (Temiskaming).

Our medals and presentations were wrapped up by 3.30 and our teams and ponies were on their way home. Hope we meet up with some of you next year!

Sincerely,

Karen Berg

COR PPG chair