



CORBITS

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Central Ontario Region
Pony Club News Letter

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Editor's Desk

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I would like to start by saying that I am putting this issue together while sitting in my dorm room. Wow, never thought I would be in one of these again. I also never thought I would be trying to explain to some very nice law students what Eventing is – their looks of confusion are all entertaining and they have all been nice enough to wait until I am out of ear shot before saying to each other “Did you understand any of that?” Yes, I am back in the world of books, blackboards and binders of notes, and other then desperately missing my horse, I am very happy to be here. Back in the Pony Club world, it has been a busy season. This year saw Show Jumping and Dressage Qualifiers, Working Rally, Le Trec and the return of Tetrathalon. I saw a few new partnerships out and about not only at our Pony Club shows, but also out in ‘the real world’. I also know that testing has been in full swing this year, with lots of our D level members testing, and some of our members continuing through the ranks of the C levels. While the season is not yet complete, this is a great time to think about what was accomplished this year, and to see what is next on your list of goals. My goal this season was to relax and have fun at shows, and my last event was a blast. I also had the goal of improving my jumping position, and while it is an ongoing project, I am happy with my progress so far. Hopefully your goals for next year will include achieving the next testing level. Maybe the goal will be to try a new discipline or to develop a more independent seat. Whatever your goals are, big or small, I always see the fall as a good time to start dreaming. We aren’t distracted by the busy schedules of the summer, or by the freezing temperatures of the winter, so it’s the perfect time to let our imaginations run wild and start to plot our courses for next year. Of course, they do say “The best laid schemes of mice and men, Go often awry” (thank you for that Mr. Burns), but it never hurts to dream.

House Keeping

- Anyone submitting to any COR end of year awards should be keeping an eye on submission deadlines. If you aren’t sure what they are, contact your DC
- Don’t forget to check in on Facebook regularly for updates and fun

Brooklin show jumping qualifier

Michele Migus

Riders from Rising Star, Victoria, TNY, Brooklin and Centaurus gathered on July 14, 2013 on a beautiful sunny day at Springfield Stables in Brooklin for the second Show Jumping Qualifier held in Central Ontario Region for 2013. There were 30 riders in all, riding in 6 Divisions with 3 Classes each.

The Judge for the event was Cindy Williams and the Course Designer was Phillip Hutchings. The Tack and Turnout Judge was Velika Maxim.

The event was a great reflection of the values of Pony Club. A special recognition goes to Alyssa Bogardis, who had to scratch due to a fall prior to the event. She still attended to cheer on other Pony Clubbers despite being fresh out of surgery with a cast on her leg and on crutches.

Brooklin Spring Fair

Sometimes Pony Clubbers stray from the world of horsemanship and barns ... and they find an animal that is a little shorter and a sport that is probably even more interesting to explain to people.

Welcome to the world of BUNNY JUMPING!!!!!!.

Thank you Michele Migus for the adorable introductions.



Bob's Corner

A Musical Quiz

I have a feeling that the Associate Members may have a better chance of answering this than the Active Members, but here goes.

All of the songs listed below (and many others) were written for, and introduced by, the same performer. The composers include Irving Berlin, Comden and Green, George and Ira Gershwin, Jerome Kern, Johnny Mercer and Cole Porter. Without using computer assistance, name the performer. Hint: the answer is neither Frank Sinatra nor Ella Fitzgerald.

- A Fine Romance
- A Foggy Day in London Town
- Change Partners
- Cheek to Cheek
- Fascinating Rhythm
- I'll Build a Stairway to Paradise
- Isn't it a Lovely Day to be Caught in the Rain?
- Let's Call the Whole Thing Off
- Let's Face the Music and Dance
- Nice Work if You Can Get it
- One for my Baby and One More for the Road
- Pick Yourself Up, Dust Yourself Off and Start All Over Again
- S'Wonderful
- Somethin's Gotta Give
- That's Entertainment
- The Way You Look Tonight
- They Can't Take That Away from Me

Answer in the next issue.

Links

Because I am a dressage nerd at heart - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DGntbe3yXAc>

And <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wobqXzp1kwI>

And <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4Jw0ugVpY3A>

Who needs more than this - <http://www.burghley.tv/vod2013/> – Everyone NEEDS to watch Rebecca Howard and Ingrid Klimke's rides ... and Jock Paget, Andrew Nicolson and William Fox Pitt ... there may be a pop quiz in the future

Ok, maybe one more link because one year of Burghley is just not enough ... here's Burghley from 2012 all the way back to 1990: <http://www.burghley.tv/2013bob/?vid=2012>

Pictures

Thankfully in COR, we have lots of camera happy parents and members who are kind enough to not only take hundreds of pictures, but who also take the time to post them on Facebook.

A special thank you to Tammy Donaldson and Marni Morton who took the majority of these pictures.

Cross Country Clinic with Christy Zerygiewicz



... down the bank



Up the bank ...



PPG



Oh the Mother's Day meet



Somewhere out there is a lane judge ...



Where would we be without our volunteers ... and of course Bob – the voice of COR



Waldo ... I mean David Beckham makes his PPG debut



We are Canadian!!!! So when we run with sticks, they are always hockey sticks





What determination looks like



It's all about team work!!!!





Rumour has it the rest of Lily Solomon did eventually make it onto her pony.



Tetrathalon



Pony Clubbers ... the only people I know who smile while running





Working Rally





While it is not recommended in the manuals to lock members in the stall in order to do the mucking, it seems to be effective.



Again with the running and smiling ... what is wrong with these kids?



The brains of the operation ... and Christy

ABC Rally



This year, COR was represented by two members at the WOR/COR ABC Rally held at Dreamcrest Farms. Here is what they had to say about it:

Patricia Rothernburg, Groom

- 1) I liked how they gave the grooms a chance to ride. I rode a stocky paint pony named Dasher and got a clear round (and a soaked bum from warming up outside).
- 2) I think I ate too much all weekend – I guess the food was a highlight!
- 3) I got to know members from WOR, and even saw some familiar faces. It was also nice to see other people I knew at the horse trials.

As for results, the girls were on a team with members from Brightwater and Guelph, and received 2nd place in both Stable Management judging, and in Overall Team which combined stable management with riding results.

Tag, Emily – you're it!

Emily Lindsey, Rider

I enjoyed the fact that we got to meet new people and that everyone helped everyone else out, whether they were on the same team or not. I liked that it was not all about the riders, they had stable management lessons for everyone and lots of other activities. Guess I really don't have too much add, because Patricia covered the best parts.

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