



# CORBITS

NEWSLETTER OF CENTRAL ONTARIO REGION PONY CLUB

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COR  
has a

"full B" member!

Congratulations to Emily Lindsay  
of Rising Star Pony Club  
who, in August,  
achieved her full B.  
Well done, Emily!

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## Our Members Share their Experiences

### Lily Solomon, IMGE 2017

Last year I was privileged to be selected for the July 2017 International Mounted Games Exchange (IMGE) team and ride with Sara Chauvin (WOR), Celia Markovinovic (WOR), Meigan Mullin (British Columbia) and Nicole Blair (Alberta). After months of preparing and organizing our team met in Edmonton for a 2 day training camp where we got to bond as team, get to know our awesome coach, Jazz, and meet our amazing chaperone, Carrie.



We then moved on to British Columbia for the tour to begin! We met teams from the United Kingdom, Australia and the United States and got along instantly. Thanks to Joanie and the many other people who spent late nights and early mornings preparing and planning for this amazing 2 1/2 week tour around British Columbia Lower Mainland. We were kept busy and entertained with some days to rest along the way. In the last week we visited Victoria and helped the up and coming PPGers develop their skills. We also had a scramble competition where we got to ride with people from the three other teams and one of the coaches! It was fun to share tips and encourage each other. From climbing Grouse Grind to Dragon Boat racing and beach days I will never forget the many friends and memories I have made over this trip! If you have the opportunity to try out for this team you definitely should! It will be an amazing experience you will treasure for years to come. Thank you COR for making it possible!

### Hannah Spong, National Show Jumping 2017



I had the opportunity to travel to Blackfalds, Alberta this past July to represent the Central Ontario Region in the National Show Jumping Championships. On the first day we arrived, we had dinner at the Horse in Hand Ranch and drew the horse's names from a hat. I was given a Connemara/Swiss warmblood cross gelding, named Sully, who was wonderful to ride. The facility was beautiful and

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# Hosting Nationals: *Horse Wrangling and other Musings*

Submitted by National Rally 2017 Host Committee Chair Hellaina Rothenburg

Central Ontario Region welcomed the country August 3rd to 6th as we hosted National Rally at Paden Farm in Midhurst (aka Horse & Hound tack shop). The “home” team did a great job, and we hope that the four COR members (Captain Alexandra and Groom Maddie from Brooklin, and riders Patricia and Katie from Centaurus) can inspire others in the region around Rally not only to strengthen Fun Rally and Working Rally, but perhaps bring back a competitive Rally event.



Thanks must be extended to some key volunteers who did much to lend to the success of the event: alumni Emma Green and Kyra Holmes were joined by Education Chair Debi Robertson for Stable Management, Bob Inglis was our smooth-voiced announcer, Dressage Chair Laurie Blake and Youth Rep Kaitlyn Henderson were on hand for turnout, Megan Rousseau and Helene Howard covered tack check on both days, and we were pleased to have alumna Sabrina Eira as our event photographer ([www.sabrinaeiraphotography.com](http://www.sabrinaeiraphotography.com)). Chaperone Nellie Bradbury was a go-to person before, during and after the event.

Participants enjoyed their clinicians: Jim Horne coached the riders on the flat while Curtis Barbour led them through jumping exercises before having some fun in the Derby field. Both clinicians seemed impressed at the abilities of riders to adapt to an unknown horse for the training and competition. Members were also treated to a dinner

lecture by Dr. Drew Hunnisett, on the importance of dentistry to the health and performance of our equine partners.

Never to be overlooked are the horses who become part of each Pony Club Nationals. It was admittedly not easy to wrangle horses for the visiting riders, but we did reach full complement, thanks to our own COR riders (Jazz, Kwanzaa, Lachlan), a gracious WOR family (Lulu and Sugar), an OHTA member (Spike), and connections at Paden Farm to round out the pool.

This may be considered a practice run for COR's hosting of National Dressage in 2018. Let's all be supportive of Host Chair Laurie Blake as we again welcome delegations from across Canada next summer!

**Reminders!**  
**Trophy Return:**  
**September**  
**meeting**  
**Awards**  
**Nominations:**  
**October 1<sup>st</sup>**

## Hold the Dates!

Be sure to mark these dates on your calendar... watch out for corcomms and **PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE** get your registrations in on time!

September 15-17	IMGE Selection Camp	Berg-Solomon Farm
September 24	COR Finals: Dressage & Show Jumping	Edenvue
September 30	Conformation Clinic	Wake Robin Farm
October 6-8	National Quiz	Kelowna, BC
October 14	Nutrition Lecture	TBA
November 11-12	St. John's Ambulance. First Aid Course	Barrie



extremely clean—it did not smell like a barn at all! The next day was the first day of the competition, which started with the flat ride followed by the gymnastics phase in the afternoon. It was a very long day as we had to come early in the morning to prepare our horses and continue to care for them throughout the day until their evening checks. The final day was the big medal round, where we were judged on our equitation as well as general jumping faults. After the medal round, we were assigned our switch rides and had to complete a shortened version of the medal round on this random horse. Overall, the weekend was full of learning and fun and I'm very glad I was able to go.

### Katie Bradbury, National Rally 2017

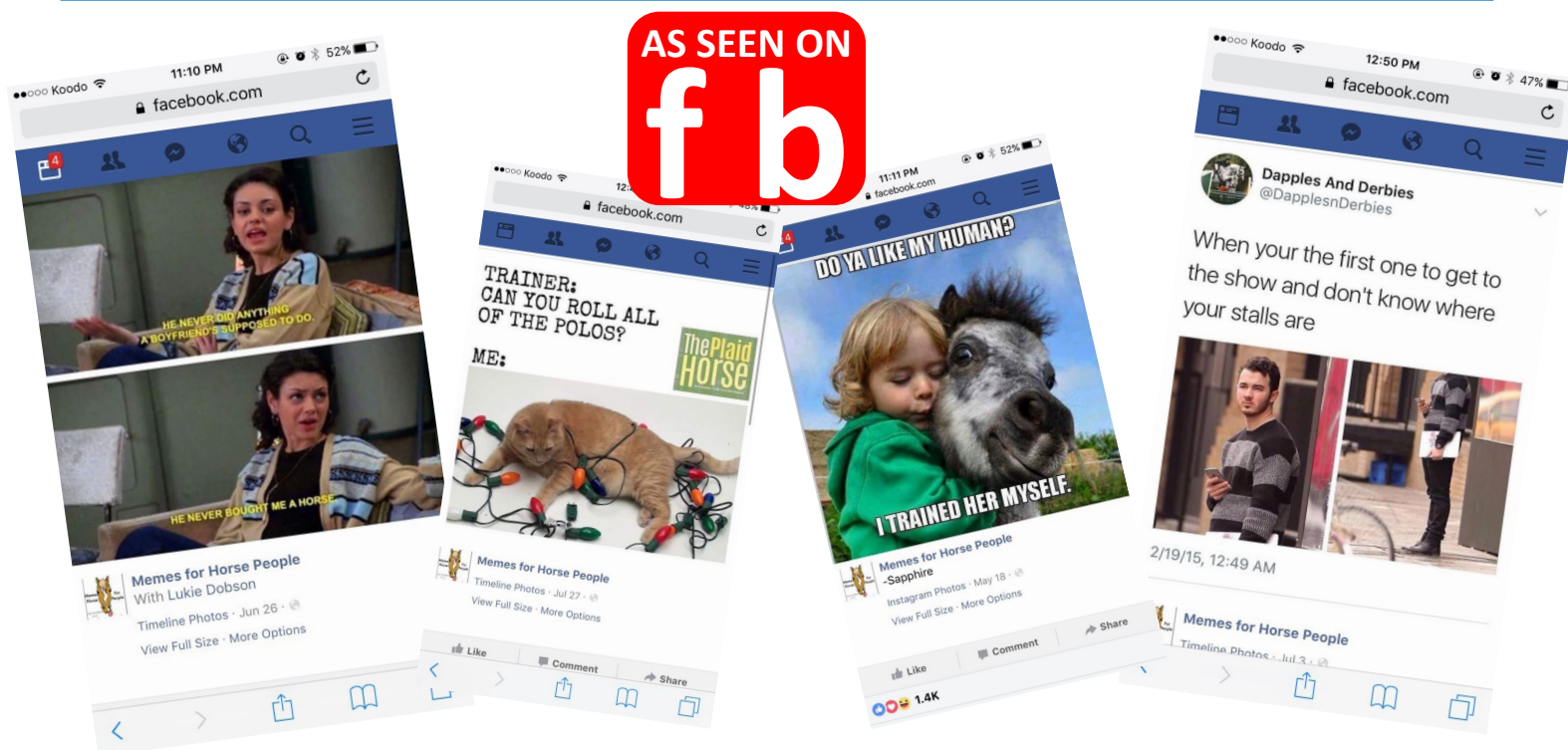
A few weeks back I had the pleasure of going to National Rally. To me it meant so much. It was a lot of work - not only for the volunteers but for the riders too. Nevertheless it was an amazing experience seeing Pony Clubbers from across our nation come together to share our passion for horses. As a long time member of the Canadian Pony Club, and about to age out, I am happy to say it was an experience I will never forget. My mare Jazz and her rider Maggie, who was from Nova Scotia and billeted with us, won the pre-entry level. Therefore, I could say that Jazz won National Pony Club Rally, and made me the proudest of owners! Other amazing experiences included clinics with Jim Horne and Curtis Barbour, being on a great team with one of my best friends, Patricia Rothenburg, who I met thanks to Pony Club, and our captain Alexandra and groom Maddie. Sure, there were some bumpy times but I enjoyed meeting 'my' ponies Bamboo and Merrilegs, being on a team with a long time friend, and meeting new friends. It was such a great experience. Thank you to everyone who helped make this years National Rally come to life.



### Patricia Rothenburg, National Tetrathlon 2017



In mid-august, I participated in National Tetrathlon, that was hosted in WOR (Guelph area) for the second year in a row. It was a really fun event, with a lot of "tourist" activities around Niagara Falls and Toronto, as well as some good competition. Tetrathlon is a Pony Club discipline that consists of 4 different sports - swimming, shooting, running, and riding. One of the cool things about tetrathlon is that you don't ride your own horse, and this time I rode a horse named Oliver, who was actually used in Modern Pentathlon at the 2015 Pan Am Games. I did, however, bring my own horse Kwanzaa to be ridden by others, and she was voted favourite horse of the event! Each of the Ontario regions (WOR, COR, SLOV) took a place on the podium for senior women - great job, Ontario!







# Membership Links

Watch for the 2018 forms coming soon!

CanadianPony Club membership forms:

<http://canadianponyclub.org/> (then documents, then membership)

Ontario Equestrian Federation Memberships:

<http://horse.on.ca/membership/membership-types/individualfamily/>  
(remember that new fall memberships extend into the following year)



## Colour Me!

Print this page, be creative with your colours, and submit by September 10th via scanned email to Hellaina at [vanroth@csolve.net](mailto:vanroth@csolve.net) (one prize each for <13 and 13+)