



# SLOV CHATTER

JAN- APRIL 2012



**The SLOV Bus Trip** was a huge Success. The participants spent 2 great days of the March Break touring various Equine Facilities. Friday the group had a very informative tour of FoxFire Equestrian Center. The group enjoyed learning about this facility that Specializes in Post Surgical Care and Rehabilitation Programs. Saturday saw a great trip to Picov's Horsemen Center where the shopping was great! The last stop on the trip was Colebrook Farms, a Thoroughbred breeding Facility. Again, everyone was given a tour and lots of information. A great time was had by all!



## Winter Camp 2012

Winter Camp was held on the weekend of Feb 24th. There was a huge snowstorm that made it really hard to drive there. Once there and settled, the power went out, we had to melt snow to use the toilets, and use snow to brush our teeth! It was almost impossible to see for lectures and sessions that night!

The sessions were based on barn safety, injuries, feed, anatomy, conditioning, wrapping, arts and crafts, feeding, horse signals (kicking, pinned ears etc.), colors and markings, breeds and certainly, having fun!!

The food was just awesome and we always had dessert after dinner. We also had a lot of healthy snacks too. My favorite parts of Winter Camp were the injury session with Lynne Blackburn, and when we slid down the hill into the ravine on our bums.

Can't wait to go next year!

*Megan Harris*

## Olympic facts:

1932 at the Los Angeles Olympics the team showjumping course was so tough that not one team finished the competition. No medals were awarded in this discipline.

1956 at the Australia Olympics the quarantine laws were so strict that competitor's horses were not allowed into the country. All Equestrian events were held in Sweden.

## CLINIC MANIA .....

Yet another fantastic SLOV clinic- March 31st at Meadowlands Farm proved to be an extremely informative day for all participants. From a Dressage Demo, Equine Massage, Bandaging, Equine Oral Health...the topics were endless. Thanks Cat for another excellent day of Education!



*Loyalty Character Sportsmanship*

## SHOW SEASON REFRESHERS

### Trailer your Horse

#### What Do I Need

##### to Trailer My Horse to a Show?

- \*Hay, Grain      \*Shavings or Straw
- \*Muck Tub & Pitchfork / shovel
- \*WATER— in plastic jugs for travel or emergency, as well as on show grounds
- \*at least 2 buckets— water / sponging
- \*First Aid Kit for Horses / Humans
- \*Grooming Kit / braiding kit / tack
- \*cleaning items    \*Blankets / coolers
- \*Shipping Boots    \*Longe line / whip

#### \*Baler twine      \*Trailer Tie

Your first show is quickly approaching, excitement is building..Do You Know your Dressage Test?...Don't forget your friend who has been standing in the field for the past several months ; your pony has been on vacation. Your riding partner needs to get reacquainted with your trailer..you want a pleasant experience for both of you. So don't expect to just load your horse or pony on the morning of the First Show and think all will go well...It might..but then again..it might not!

Practice makes perfect...or at least..a relaxed, willing horse. Work with your

horse when it comes to trailering. Be patient and realize..it might be a bit scary for this fella.

Remember the care of your horse is your responsibility so always think of the things that *could* happen.

What if we have a flat tire along the way...being prepared will make you better able to handle what is thrown at you. Always remember to bring along water for your trip...if you are stuck along the highway for hours in the heat...your horse will need to be kept hydrated. Injuries happen, First Aid kits are extremely valuable if a vet is not readily available.

### Horse Show Etiquette

For the Safety and Enjoyment of everyone, both you and your horse should follow a certain expected show etiquette. Behaving well at a horse show should come naturally for most people, as they naturally look out for others.

Here are some pretty basic things to keep in mind ..

*Give the Right of Way*— if you are walking your horse around spectators..always give them the right of way. Horses can potentially injure someone if not under control. Not every spectator is careful around horses.

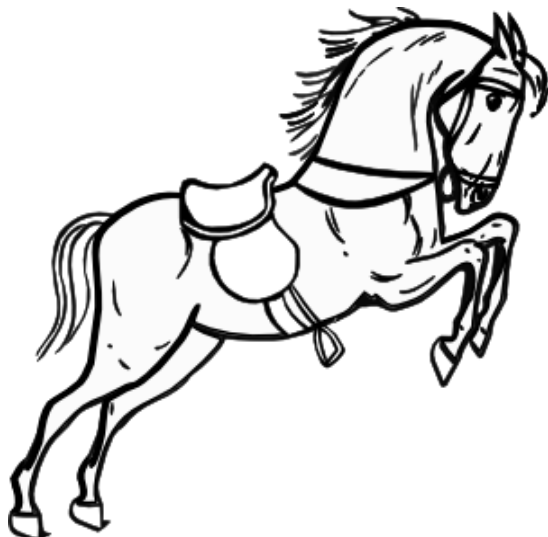
*Look out for other Riders*—be aware of where other riders are in a warm-up ring or in a class, avoid getting in their way. Keep a safe distance between yourself and the other horses.

*Be aware of your Surroundings*— you know your horse and his behavior..is there anything that may frighten him or is unsafe?

*Keep in mind your Horse's Health*— it is just not wise to allow your horse to be nose to nose with a horse from another location, or to allow your horse to eat or drink from a shared bucket, this is a way that illness may be spread..

*Clean up after yourself*— leave a facility in the same manner in which you found it..pick up after yourself and your horse..take your muck home with you.

*Be a Good Sport*— Horse shows are supposed to be fun. If you don't win, do not lose your temper and be a poor sport. This does not represent the characteristics of a Pony Club member. ..as well...Be courteous to your Hosts and the many volunteers, even remember to say *Thank You* at the end of the day..you will certainly be a welcomed competitor at future shows!



### Editor's Corner

The 2012 Pony Club Year has gotten off to a Fantastic Start. With many events having already taken place and so many still in the planning stage this is going to be a year to remember!

We are so fortunate to have such a terrific group of knowledgeable, eager volunteers whose focus is the education and broadening of our young people's minds and experiences.

Thank You One and All

*Sue Morgan*

## Youth News

The 2012 SLOV Youth Rep is Sarah Mather. Sarah has been a member of Ashton First Field PC since moving back to Canada in 2009.

In 2011 Sarah participated in several Regional activities such as Quiz, D & C Rallies, Show Jumping and some clinics.

The absolute best part of Pony Club for Sarah is Rally...meeting different clinicians like Selena O'Hanlon is pretty exciting and informative.

Sarah is working towards her Level C2.

With plans to expand the badge program Sarah is also starting a point

system. This will allow members to work towards an end of year trophy.

Sarah looks forward to meeting new people and being able to work with members to make Pony Club the best it can be!

If you have any questions or suggestions Sarah would love you to email them to her at:

sarah.mather930@gmail.com



## SLOV Pony Club Point System

**Hey Members...**  
***I would love your input....***  
***silly but safe horse photos***  
***you have taken***

- **Poems**
- **Art work....**

***Just email it to me..***

morganupholstery@gmail.com

Each year SLOV members participate at numerous activities from Quiz, Rally, clinics and horse shows across the Region; some within Pony Club some not. A Point System has been developed to recognize these efforts.

The SLOV website will actually acknowledge your participation through points. Points will be given to the various events, as well as to how you place.

At the end of the year 2 awards will be given out, 1 for SLOV participation and 1 for Other Activities.

Participation in the Point System is optional..if you do not wish to participate please email Sarah Mathers with your information.

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### FROM THE HORSE'S MOUTH :

Q: Why was the Race Horse called Bad News?

Q: What did the Horse say when he fell? Back page...



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## Examiner's Clinic

Heron Crest Farm was the location of a very informative Examiner's /Longing Clinic on April 28, 2012. The Clinic was set up for PC examiners to reacquaint themselves specifically with the new 2011 Longing requirements. The clinic was also opened up to those members Level C and up .

Victoria Andrew from the OEF provided all the participants with a great deal of information to digest. It was a great turn out on

what started out as a very cold day.

It was a fantastic opportunity for the examiners to get themselves out and mix with the enthusiastic members in a less formal setting.

*If your horse says NO,  
you either asked the wrong  
question, or asked the  
question wrong.*

*~ Pat Parelli ~*

## *UPCOMING EVENTS*

May 12– C2/B/B2– Written Testing

May 27– Hunter Clinic

July 1– Regional PPG

July 7/8– C/B Rally

July 14/15– D Rally

Aug 7/8– C2 Testing

Aug 18– Regional Show Jumping

Aug 19– Regional Dressage



*Try to take advantage of all the  
great Regional Events SLOV  
has to offer....*

Remember to mark your calendars with the important dates and keep checking the SLOV website...

Chase has done a fantastic job to re-invent it and keep it up-to-date!

*Loyalty      Character      Sportsmanship*



## Regional QUIZ



The 2012 Quiz is now behind everyone, a day to test our knowledge, see old friends, make a few new ones...and learn about Sportsmanship. The halls of Rockland Public School were buzzing with excited chatter and playful laughter on Sunday April 29th, 2012.

A big congratulations to everyone who came out and participated, everyone put forth a great effort.

A Thank you to the Organizers, Lynne Blackburn in particular, and to all the volunteer parents, family or friends that came along to support the day.

### Results

*Level 6*– 1st– Melissa Bayer (Appleton), 2nd– Katiana Fleck (ODPC)

*Level 5*– 1st CLPC-Emma Paquette, Rachel de Kroon, Sarah de Kroon & Tori Morgan.

2nd– Morganna Low (RPC), Kendra Zimmerman (KRPC) Sarah Mather (AFFPC) & Colleen Adara Richardson (Appleton)

*Level 4*-1st (AFFPC & UCPC) Tara Smith, Ashley MacDonald, Mia Dover & Shay Clancy

2nd-(TLPC)– Brianna Armstrong, Serena Armstrong & Shay Brokate

*Level 3*-1st-(UCPC)– Alex Smith, Chloe Charbonneau & Lauren Willis

2nd-(AFFPC)-Emily Brown, Julia McLeish, Abby Brown

3rd-CLPC– Chloe Segal, Heidi Sloan, Courtney Spratt & Mary Boyd

4th-(LOL, Appleton & KRPC) Josh Ainslie, Melissa Radcliffe, Roxanna Kemp & Alex Richards

5th-(OVH) Shelby Atkinson & Morgan Rollin

6th-Barrhaven– Jordan Levinsky, Sarah Lotan Mira Hicks & Kayleigh Mashinter

7th-Mountain Creek– Kim Begin, Sophia Delle Donne &

Laurence Montreuil

*Level 2*– 1st (CLPC) Acacia Gifford, Maddie Freeman, Grace Boyd & Sydney Elliot-Wilson

2nd-(TLPC)Calla Tait, Danielle MacNamee, Sydney Walsh & Sydney Carroll

3rd- (TLPC & UCPC) Andrew Micucci, Reilley Walsh, Veronica Molson & Morgan Gates

4th-(Appleton)– Alyson Seinch, Kasia Kuzma & Jessica Bartlett

5th (LOL) -Kiara McInnes, Calista McInnes & Kendra McWilliams

6th– (ODPC) Melissa Dunn, Larisa Murdoch & Shannon Macdonald

*Level 1*-CLPC/TLPC– Meiling Segal, Fiona Hunter, Hailey McGregor & Lora Onion

2nd– (AFFPC & KRPC)-Emma Richardson, Eric Nelson & Erik Zimmerman

3rd(UCPC/WCPC) Brenna MacDonald, Jessie Carson, Megan Harris & Grace Veldkamp

4th-Appleton– Mikaela Bayer, Zoe Constantinou, Daniel Osmond & Sarah Bartlett

5th– Eastwind– Miella Sigouin, Melina Richmond, Megan Smyth & Macey Cornish-Finnerty

*GrassHoppers*– 1st– (EastwindAppleton, KRPC– Natalie Manryk, Eleni Constantinou & James Richmond

2nd- A(AFFPC) Tatum Nelson & Angela Hill

### Pony Club Experts

Natalie Manryk, Fiona Hunter, Reilly Walsh, Chloe Segal, Serena Armstrong, Sarah de Kroon & Melissa Bayer



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## FROM THE HORSE'S MOUTH:

A: because bad news travels fast!

A: I've fallen and can't giddyup!

### PPG OPEN DAY

April 1st was no Day for Fools!

Some serious gaming took place at Charleston Lake Riding School in Lansdowne, ON. Pony Club members from across the Region came together for a friendly afternoon of Prince Philip Games. From C Level to Masters Level gamers raced against each other to the mighty cheering of plenty of encouraging spectators!

..Erik playing 3 Mug



## HORSE TERMINOLOGY

Event Prospect= *Big Fat Horse*

Dressage Prospect = *Big Slow Horse*

Hack Prospect= *Pretty Color*

Flashy= *White Socks*

Attractive= *Bay*

15.2hh= *14.3hh*

16.2hh= *15.3hh*

To Show Home Only= *Very Expensive*

Needs Experienced Rider= *Potentially Lethal*

Elegant= *Thin*

In Good Condition= *Foundered*

Free Moving= *Bolts*

Quiet= *Lame in Both Front Legs*

Dead Quiet= *Lame in All Four Legs*

Good in Traffic (Bombproof)=

*Lame all Round, Deaf and Blind*

Pony Type= *Small and Hairy*

Arab Type= *Looks Startled*

TB Type= *Looks Terrified*

Quarter horse Type= *Fat*

Easy to Catch= *Very Old*

## ROLEX ROAD TRIP

2013



Start saving your pennies now  
for the next great

Bus Trip....

SLOV is Kentucky bound..

April 25-28, 2013

Check out SLOV website for  
details, book your seat now

*Volunteers aren't paid, not because they are worthless,  
but because they are priceless! ..Anonymous*

REMEMBER TO THANK YOUR ORGANIZERS AND CLINICIANS!

## Photo Contest

Horse Canada Magazine

Is holding a photo contest

For Details go to:

[Www.horse-canada.com](http://Www.horse-canada.com)



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