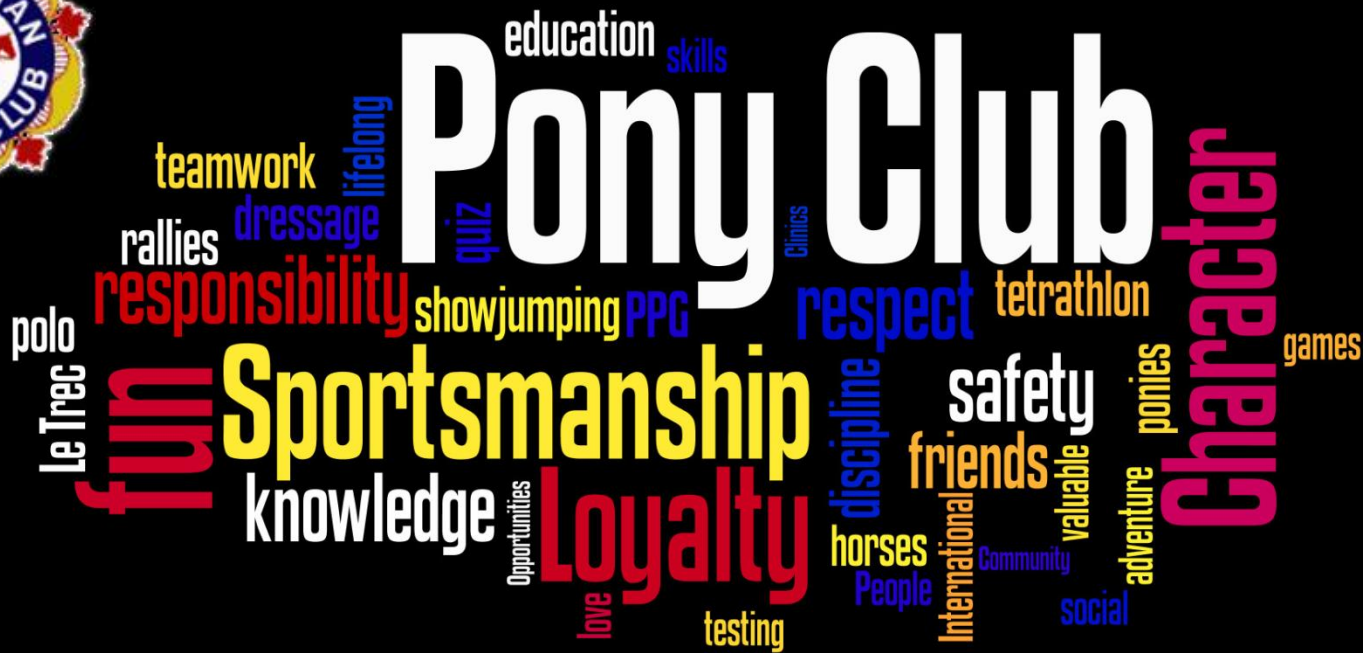


Canadian Pony Club



What's In It For You?

What is Pony Club?

- On November 1st, 1929, the Institute of the Horse in Great Britain inaugurated a Junior Branch of their organization, known as "The Pony Club". The purpose of this organization was to interest young people in riding and equine sports while at the same time offering the opportunity of higher instruction that many of them might not have been able to obtain individually. This objective is still the driving force in Pony Club.
- The Canadian Pony Club, inaugurated in 1934, promotes safe practices and education to ensure the safety of the young athlete and good health of Horses and Ponies in Equestrian sport.
- The Canadian Pony Club curriculum has been carefully designed to give members a solid foundation of Horsemanship and Stable management knowledge and skills.
- Members range from the ages of 6 - 25 years of age and do **not** need to own their own horses or ponies. As of 2015 there is now an Adult branch of CPC called the HorseMasters.

A few famous Alumni!!!

Once a Pony Clubber, always a Pony Clubber!



Karen Brain



Rebecca Howard



Tik Maynard



Ian Millar



Gina Smith



Beth Underhill



Lorraine Stubbs



Sandra Donnelly

Quotes from some Alumni!

- What a wonderful youth, spent playing with the horses. The knowledge gained in Pony Club gave me the foundation to own my first horse. I have had horses since 1979 and still can't shake the 'horse bug'!
- The skills and knowledge I gained from being a pony clubber have enriched my life, and I am happy to say my daughter feels the same.
- ...I wanted to say that I liked Pony Club so much that I never left!
- Right after I got my C1, I changed coaches and my parents were convinced, by the coach, that I should be showing 'A' rather than in Pony Club. What a big mistake! ...I coach now and tell parents, if they really want their kids to excel at the sport, and have a life-long commitment, Pony Club is the place to be.
- Pony Club gave me my foundation in horsemanship, and I am proud to tell everyone that I graduated through the Pony Club program!
-the people who taught me were all fantastically devoted to horses and riding. My sons have since learned to ride on the strength of my enthusiasm for the sport.

What are the benefits to supporting a branch and members?

- Encourages lifelong participation in the horse sport.
- Involves entire families in the sport.
- Promotes better care of your horses by clientele.
- Trains other sets of “eyes” to catch problems early.
- Defined testing structure.
- Opportunities for your clientele to experience Regional, National and International competitions.
- Establishes and promotes Character, Loyalty and Sportsmanship.
- Access to proven educational materials and supplies.
- Access to excellent clinicians at lesser cost.

More alumni quotes!

- Pony Club helped define who I was while growing up, and its values helped shape the adult I am today.
- Being a Pony Club member was a wonderful experience! Pony Club gives structure to learning, responsibility, and fun.
- It provided me with an excellent base of knowledge of horsemanship, and lead to a lifelong love of horses.
- My years spent in pony club were the best years of my life.
- All are memories I hold very fond. I am now involved in horses with my children and really miss the days where horsemanship was as important as the riding itself. Now it's about the shows and riding but not so much how to get there.
- I had a riot with pony club - learnt many things that I still practice today.
- Level A Pony Club opened an entire new world for me! All aspects were a thrill; from the barn management.....
- ...promotes a standard of detail and thoroughness...

How much commitment is required from me as a barn owner and/or coach?

- As much or as little as you want.
- Some Barn Owners and/or Coaches are very involved with the operation of their local Branches or by holding positions on the Regional or National boards; others provide the facility and the parent volunteers and adult members do all the “work”.

How do I get involved?

Contact the SLOV Regional Secretary - Susan
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***Everyone who loves horses should have the
experience of Pony Club!***

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