

CANADIAN PONY CLUB



Annual Report

2000

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I. AIMS & OBJECTIVES OF THE PONY CLUB

To encourage young people to ride, and to learn to enjoy all kinds of sports connected with horses and riding.

To provide instruction in riding and horsemanship, and to instill in members the proper care of their animals.

To promote the highest ideals of sportsmanship, citizenship and loyalty, thereby cultivating strength of character and self-discipline.

II. MISSION STATEMENT

To develop competent and knowledgeable young horse persons who combine enjoyment, responsibility, sportsmanship and good citizenship with the pursuit of various equestrian activities.

III. MOTTO

Loyalty

Character

Sportsmanship

CANADIAN PONY CLUB BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2000

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NATIONAL CHAIR=S REPORT

Canadian Pony Club
Annual General Meeting
March 30, 31, April 1, 2001
Calgary, Alberta

First of all, I would like to thank Alberta Southern Region for hosting this Canadian Pony Club Annual General Meeting. It is a real pleasure to come to the west, especially to one of the three new regions which we voted to create one year ago. It has been a year with both a steep learning curve and many challenges for you three, as you develop. I know that you have worked hard, and hope that you are beginning to see the fruits of your labours as you become established regions.

In addition to the development of the three new regions, Canadian Pony Club has been very busy on many fronts. For fear of being redundant, I will not address all of the activities of the Disciplines, Testing or Education.

The National Board of Directors has been extremely active, with several new initiatives which I would like to bring to your attention. These are projects which should prove very helpful to the Regions. The Governance Committee has developed guidelines for Regions as they develop their Rules and Regulations. Finance Committee and our Treasurer have developed a Financial Policy. Val Crowe, our Administrative Assistant, has produced a package for new members as well as one for new branches. We all know that horseback riding can be a high risk activity; we would like to minimize those risks and have formed a Risk Management Committee to start work in that area. Volunteer Recognition is another area which the Board feels CPC can be more proactive. We need to better recognize those volunteers who give so generously of their talents, time and energy. Another area of emphasis this year has been Communications. Liz Inglis, our Communications Chair, is overseeing the first ever national Communications Workshop, which is being held in conjunction with this meeting. Liz has produced the first issues of National Notebook, a CPC newsletter on the web. Crawford Dales has successfully transferred the web site to the new and improved www.canadianponyclub.org.

As your National Chair, I have been fortunate to partake in activities both within Canadian Pony Club and outside of it. There were two items of particular interest this year: the Millennium Conference and the development of the new Canadian Equestrian Federation. Both of these events had been a long time on the drawing board, so it was satisfying to see them come to pass.

The Millennium Conference, organized by Pam Nuth and Ruth Honeyman, was held in August at the Royal York Hotel in Toronto. Pony Clubs from all over the world converged to discuss common issues, and to partake in workshops. One of the highlights of the meeting was the Symposium, or a Conference within a Conference. Pony Club leaders from the UK, France, Sweden, Ireland, US, Turkey, Greece, Hong Kong, Australia, New Zealand and Canada met to discuss current directions and problems which Pony Club is facing. A full report is available on the Millennium site, www.ponyclub.ca, under Pony Club Gazette. The USPC is following up this meeting with a Mini Summit which will be held in August at their Festival. Val's first International Quiz at the Millennium was such a success, the USPC has invited us to compete in their Know Down, which will also be at the Festival.

November marked the Semi Annual Meeting in Toronto. The CPC Board held elections for the upcoming year. Executive members include Karol Shipley as Vice Chair, Ione Weslowski as Secretary and Carollyn Crewe as Finance Chair. Barb Grimm is again our Disciplines Chair, and Bob Bailey, Darcy Newman and Daina Strickland have resumed the chairs of Tetrathlon, Show Jumping and Dressage, respectively. New discipline chairs include Heather Crampton (Rally) and Linda Denis (PPG). Gwen Barnes is our new Testing Chair and Teresa Wright is Education Chair as well as Chair of the Scholarship Committee. Theresa Moehring is the Youth Delegate from the west, and Kristen Scott represents the east. Management Committee members are Karol Shipley, Mitch Gunn, Shelly Bowen, Carollyn Crewe and myself.

In February, Jacky Cooper and I went to Ottawa, for the final transition of the old CEF Board of Directors (of over 50 members) to the new one (of 11). Jacky attended the coaching meetings, and will tell you more about that. We both were at the Sports Division meetings. Pony Club will have representation on the International, the Competitions, and the Coaching Committees.

In addition to these two events, I have traveled to both Alberta North and to New Brunswick-PEI, where I attended regional meetings and enjoyed their warm hospitality. In January, Karol Shipley, Val Crowe and I attended the USPC Annual General Meeting in St Paul Minnesota. In February, I attended the CPC Disciplines Conference in Winnipeg, which Barb Grimm organized so successfully.

It has been a very eventful year for National and the Board of Directors. We absolutely could not have done it without the tremendous dedication of many people. I won't begin to list every one of you all, but you know who you are. Thank you all so very much.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia Buchanan-Smith

National Chair, Canadian Pony Club

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National Disciplines Report

Following the Rules

In all areas.... disciplines, testing, membership, etc. ... there seem to be more problems with this now than I've ever seen before. In the interest of fairness to all, all regions are reminded that pony club rules must be followed. Show Organizers should ensure that all competitors and officials know what rules are being used and make those rules available. Updates to all discipline rules will be on the agenda at the Discipline Conference in Winnipeg, 9-11 February, 2000.

Membership

Memberships MUST be verified for all competitors from the regional level up to the National and International levels.

Age of Horses

Presentation to the Board re setting a uniform minimum age limit for mounts in testing and competition across all disciplines. Minimum age for mounts in the United States Pony Club is 5 years. Canadian Pony Club PPG rules state 4 years; Rally rules state 5 years; Show Jumping rules state 5 years; Dressage and Tetrathlon do not state an age. CPC Testing Procedures state 5 years.

Decision of the Board: That this item be on the agenda at the National Discipline Conference in Winnipeg, 9-11 February, 2000. Disciplines are instructed by the Board of Directors to set a minimum age limit for mounts. The recommended minimum age for mounts is 5 years, but it must not be less than 4 years.

Coaching

The issue of coaching at pony club events was discussed at length. In principle, the philosophy of the Board of Directors is that the goal is to prepare members to demonstrate their independence and autonomy.

Decision of the Board: That this item be on the agenda at the National Discipline Conference in Winnipeg, 9-11 February, 2000.

Rally Incident

Discussion re incident at the BCLM Regional rally held this summer. A competitor was disqualified for kicking a horse.

Decision of the Board: To uphold the decision of the ground jury.

Inter Pacific Exchange

New Zealand 17 April - 8 May 2001. Applications for riders, coach and chaperone are on our web site. Canada hosts in 2005.

Prince Philip Games

National PPG Chair Year End report - Sheila (Wall) Burgess (attached)
PPG 2000 Host Region report - Lenora Shiels (distributed)
List of Games for National A & Masters 2001 (distributed)

International Games Exchange

Request from Australia that Canada host the International Games Exchange in the year 2003. Australia would then host in 2005.

Decision of the Board: Canada agrees to host the International Games Exchange in 2003. Participating countries will be so informed and will receive minutes from the IGE meetings held in Canada this year.

Celebration of Friends

Val Crowe presented a financial report from the Celebration of Friends organization.

Dressage

National Dressage Chair Report - Daina Strickland (attached)

Discussion of an elimination made at the Central Canadian Zone Dressage Championships held in Central Ontario Region this summer, and recommendations from the judge at this show: that the pony club adopt the CEF ruling about official protests and complaints and that there should be a CEF official steward at the show. There should be stronger reinforcement to prevent the harassment by competitors and parents toward show volunteers and officials.

Decision of the Board: That this item be on the agenda at the National Discipline Conference in Winnipeg, 9-11 February, 2000.

Show Jumping

Discussion regarding the use of a standing martingale at the AB South region show jumping championships this summer.

Decision of the Board: That this item be on the agenda at the National Discipline Conference in Winnipeg, 9-11 February, 2000.

Tetrathlon

Canada will not host an International Tetrathlon competition in 2001. We will be hosting International and National Tetrathlon Championships in Central Ontario Region in 2002.

Ambulance

Suggestion received that we have a directive regarding ambulances at National Pony Club Championships.

Decision of the Board: That this item be on the agenda at the National Discipline Conference in Winnipeg, 9-11 February, 2000.

MB hosts Prairie Zone Championships in 2001

Prairie Zone Championships in Dressage, Show Jumping, Prince Philip Games and Rally will be hosted by the Manitoba Region 16 - 19 August, 2001. In conjunction with this event, Manitoba Region will host a National Rally.

Rotation of Competition Sites and Zones

All disciplines should be looking at this and making sure it is correct. The Zone concept is to be used in 2001. There need to be qualifiers for zone championships. Not all regions seem able to manage this. If there are other options, individual National Discipline Chairs must make it crystal clear to all regions prior to next year's season.

Decision of the Board: That this item be on the agenda at the National Discipline Conference in Winnipeg, 9-11 February, 2000.

Polo

There is polo activity by some pony club members in the St. Lawrence/Ottawa Valley Region and a request is being presented to that Region to make it official.

Alberta 2005

Carol Van Eaton has offered to run competition at Spruce Meadows July 2005 in Show Jumping, Dressage and Rally with a non profit organization, outside of pony club. Decision of the Board: No.

NATIONAL DRESSAGE REPORT

2000

The last year was a year of change for dressage. There were several new rules, new faces and new ventures. All in all, I felt it was a productive year that has led us into many more exciting new changes and ventures.

The rule changes were passed at the AGM last year and an updated copy of the rules were sent to every region in a “spiffy” little red folder. I have asked that every region please forward these rules to new regional chairs, as they were a bit of an expense out of the dressage budget. There were some problems with the interpretation of the rules, which have hopefully since, been worked out.

Central Ontario Region hosted the Eastern Canadian Zone Championships. They did a fabulous job yet again. They were held at York Equestrian Center in Newmarket, which is a beautiful world class facility. The riders always look forward to being able to ride in the Grand Prix rings. There were awards purchased for the Champions and Reserve Champions in each division. They have been distributed to the riders.

We had a great turn out at the National Disciplines Conference in Winnipeg. There were 10 regions represented. We have a great group of people this year who are willing to put in valuable input and help make some large changes to the dressage program. We have made several rules changes that we hope to have put into place for 2001. We have also begun the process of long term goals to work towards.

I am looking forward to another year as dressage chair. I have a very positive and helpful committee behind me. I am looking forward to the National zone competitions this year and hope to be able to travel to one and possibly two events to help out. Dressage in pony club is moving onwards and upwards!

Respectfully submitted,

Daina Strickland
National Dressage Chair

ANNUAL REPORT FOR SHOW JUMPING – 2000

There was quite a bit of activity in the world of Pony Club Show Jumping across Canada as at times I would have so much “YOU HAVE MAIL” come up on my computer, that my family thought that I was someone REALLY important!!

The year 2000 was a transition time of converting (convincing some) of the regions and members into thinking in terms of “ZONES”, which are made up of 4, Pacific, Prairie, Central and Atlantic.

There were 3 National Zone Championships scheduled. The Western, called the “Celebration of Friends”, which would have been the championship for the Pacific and Prairie Zones was cancelled. The Central had their championships, called the “Tournament of Friends”, in August. The Atlantic Zone continue to have regional competitions with plans for an Atlantic Zone competition 2001.

Show Jumping clinics were held across Canada for the members with National Show Jumping grant money used to keep the cost to the members more affordable. There has been quite a bit of controversy regarding the Show Jumping Rules One of these is with the Standing Martingale issue. This issue and all of the rules will be addressed at the Discipline Conference in February, 2001.

Respectfully submitted,
Darcy Newman
National Show Jumping Chair

National Rally Report 2000

Rally is going strong in some Regions and is rebuilding in others. Some Regions focus on Working Rallies, which emphasis training rather than competition, while other Regions are able to host fully competitive Rallies. Several Regions are able to offer both. Which ever you do, Rally is a great learning experience for our members. It teaches and reinforces stable management skills and riding skills, but is also encourages teamwork and sportsmanship.

Unfortunately there was no Rally in the West this year but an Eastern Championship was hosted by Western Ontario at Checkmate, with competition offered at pre-training, training and preliminary levels. I have it on good authority that everyone had an 'amazing' time.

For 2001, a National Rally is planned and will be hosted by Manitoba as part of the Prairie Zones, August 16-19. This will take place at the Birds Hill Park facility, which hosted the Pan AM Games in 1999. Hopefully, everyone will send a team and make this a true National Rally.

Inter Pacific Exchange

New Zealand will play host to the Inter Pacific exchange from 17 April - 8 May 2001. The team members are:

Matt Gaglione	AB North
John Jamieson	COR
Faye Merret	BC Island
Paula Rainford	WOR
Katie Shipley	COR

Coach	
Jane Owen Flood	BC
Chaperone	
Heather Crampton	BC

We are looking forward to 2005 when Canada hosts the Inter Pacific Exchange.

YEAR END REPORT FOR PRINCE PHILIP GAMES 2000

It has been quite a year for Prince Philip Games and not one without controversy and great success.

REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS:

BC Island hosted their regional championships in May, BCLM hosted theirs in June. The regions hosting in July were: Manitoba, Alberta- North, Nova Scotia, S.L.O.V., Western and Central Ontario Regions.

The regions hosting their own Championships have "A" and Masters competing and other age groupings. The regions yet to actively play games are BC Interior, Saskatchewan, and New Brunswick/ PEI

EASTERN, WESTERN and NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS:

Both the Eastern and Western Championships were cancelled this year.

The following are the results from this year's National PPG Championships.

"A" – 1st – Devonshire/ BlackCreek Alberta
 2nd – Mill Ridge – WOR
 3rd – Vaudreuil County – S.L.O.V.
 4th – Alberta North mixed team
 5th – Simcoe/ Toronto North York – Central Ontario
 6th – Alberta Central mixed team.

MASTERS: 1st – Alberta North Royals
 2nd – Western Ontario
 3rd – Alberta North mixed,
 4th – Central Ontario
 5th – S.L.O.V.

INTERNATIONAL MOUNTED GAMES EXCHANGE:

Our Canadian team members were: Alison Rainford – coach, Carolyn Cordell – chaperone and the riders; Julia Nicol, Julia MacKay, Meghan Fraser, Devon McConnachie and Danielle Denis. Thank you to Vivienne Nicol and her family for hosting the teams training camp. The team performed at the Calgary Stampede for a demonstration. Girls did a great job and worked out some of their nervousness and came together as a team.

The success came by the Alberta North PPG Region – headed by Marlene Stephen and her crew – for organizing and arranging a fantastic tour for the International Mounted Games Exchange. Marlene had to deal with many changes as the venue was changed just weeks prior to the competition. The riders all had a great time. Thank you to all those who assisted Marlene with the tour's success: Caroline Cordell, Vivienne Nicol, Lynne Greenslade, Darlene Heald and the others. A big Thank you goes out to the Host Families and Pony Lenders and to Barb Grimm for being the Chief Steward for the competition. The results were as follows:

- First – Great Britain
- Second – United States of America
- Third – Canada
- Fourth - Australia

There are two new races being added to the International RuleBook for next year. I have asked the United States National PPG Chair for a copy of rules for the new games. I will have them photocopied for everyone for the National Disciplines conference in February. Also the 2000-updated International Mounted Games Exchange Rulebook is available in our Canadian Pony Club stores. I strongly recommend that all regions at least have one copy of this rulebook on hand.

NATIONAL TRY-OUTS for the year 2001 TEAM:

A special Thank you to Lynne Greenslade for all her hard work and effort putting on the Try-outs on such short notice. Apologize to the other regions for lack of information prior to the Tryouts but there was a lot happening prior to arranging and changing the venue for the Try-outs.

There were nine riders from five different regions trying out for next year's International PPG team. There were five judges whom over a period of three short days selected the riders to the 2001 team. It was not an easy decision. The judges spent many hours deliberating over each of the rider's skills and performances in order to come up with their final decision. All the riders and judges should be commended for a tremendous effort.

The riders selected were: Shawn Dunn and Britt Burechalis from Western Ontario, Michelle Gilbert and Mike Durward of Central Ontario, and Angela Pettitt of Alberta north and the alternate is Chris Munro of BCLM. These riders will compete in Lexington Kentucky, USA next July

LOOKING FORWARD TO 2001**ZONE CHAMPIONSHIPS:**

As stated in the May 2000 report, PPG will go to zone Championships rather than an Eastern and Western Championship from now on. Already the Prairie and Pacific Zones are preparing for their Championships next year. The top team from the "A" and Master division will advance to the National Championships. This will keep the National Championships to four teams in each division.

Each zone is responsible for funding their own zone championship. Funding from National Pony Club will be provided for the Zone awards.

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS:

There needs to be discussion at the National Disciplines meeting about the following topics.

- Which region and or zone are hosting the National Championships? There is an outline in the May report.
- Whether or not that "A" and Masters hold their Nationals at the same time and place or have the National "A" s and Masters at separate venues.
- Whether or not to hold the National Try-outs at the same time as the National "A" Championships
- A suggestion to not hold the National Championships, "A" or Masters before August 1st
- Need to discuss what happens if a zone does not send a team to the National Championships? Would we run with three teams or come up with other alternatives?

NATIONAL TRY-OUTS:

This is the year to review the National Try-out selection process. If your region has suggestions for change then bring them to the National Disciplines meeting. The format should be agreed upon and then circulated to all regional PPG, Regional Pony Club, the National Pony Club and Disciplines Chairs. A revision should be made every two years after the changes are made.

BCLM MASTERS INVITATIONAL:

The BCLM Masters held their fourth Invitational this year. They had three teams competing; the BC Island and Western Washington State, USA. and the hosts BCLM Masters. A team from Australia was invited but due to the Olympics and change of the school year they were unable to attend. The teams competed over four days at the Pacific National Exhibition in Vancouver. The first two days all the teams played on mixed scrambled teams and then the final two days held the actual competition. The BCLM Masters did all the organizing for this event. They will be hosting the Invitational on a yearly basis from now on. Results: 1st - BCLM 2nd Western Washington State, 3rd - BC Island. The BCLM Masters funds this event.

I recommend that other Masters host their own Invitational. It is way to meet other riders and bring the fun back into PPG. If other regions are wishing to host their own Invitational then discuss it at the National Disciplines conference in February 2001. The National Pony Club Board must sanction inviting teams from outside Canada.

CANADIAN PPG RULE BOOK:

The wording is being changed to take out the “he” in the rules. To be politically correct the rules should state “the rider or rider’s”. Also if we wish to add or delete games to our National PPG Rules I would recommend that each region should bring a new game forward at the National Disciplines conference in February. The new games, wording and rules can be voted on by each region at the conference and then the National PPG Chair can bring the changes forward at the Semi Annual National Pony Club meeting to be passed by the National Pony Club board.

NATIONAL DISCIPLINES CONFERENCE:

This is to take place in Winnipeg, Manitoba at the Century Plaza from February 9 – 11, 2001. Each Regional PPG Chair and the National Disciplines Chair are to be there. Funding is provided by National Pony Club. Ask your region Pony Club Chair for further information about booking flights and accommodation.

I would recommend that each region send their youth representative to this meeting if the region can fund them to go.

OVERALL:

This year has been a great learning experience for me. I thank all of the many volunteers in each region for all their hard work and effort that goes into putting on regional games days, Regional Championships, Western and Eastern Championships and National and International Championships. I commend all the riders who participated in Prince Philip Games this year. I hope that they all continue in this fun team event. Hopefully, I see you all out on the playing field next year.

After 27 years in Pony Club as a rider, coach, Regional PPG Chair and National PPG Chair, I am making my new family a priority this year. I will keep coaching the Masters in the BCLM Region. I wish you all Good Luck and success for next year.

Sincerely
Sheila Wall – Burgess
National PPG Chair 2000



Canadian Pony Club
TETRATHLON
Annual Report 2000

This was an active year for Tetrathlon in Canada. We tried to keep Tetrathlon people aware of our activities through our "Hot News" web site
<http://publish.uwo.ca/~drbob/nattet.html>

January to May: Several clinics and mini-meets, including a couple supported by National Tetrathlon program budget, were carried out in the 10 regions across Canada where Tetrathlon is active.

June: Regional and provincial championships. Many results were posted on our website!

July: National Championships in Nova Scotia...with up to the minute results and pictures on the CPC website! There were 45 competitors from across the country at this wonderful competition organized by Gay Hansen.

July-August: International Training Camp and Tour. Our National Team (<http://publish.uwo.ca/~drbob/nattetteam.html>) of 5 young women and 5 young men, along with two coaches and a chaperone, spent 10 days in training and preparation in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick prior to flying to Ireland for a 3 week International Tour. This included competitions in Ireland, Scotland, and England.

September-December: Preparations are well underway for National Championships in BC in 2001.

February 2001: The Disciplines Conference saw several changes to the Tetrathlon Rules to be ratified at the CPC AGM in March 2001.

National Education Report 2000

When I was approached about being the National Education Chair last year, I was advised that while it is technically only a one year term, staying on longer would be nice. I can see why as I feel that I've only just gotten my feet wet! The following is an overview of the education activities.

National Quiz was a success and many thanks go out to the hosting region of Western Ontario Region for a job well done! The next National Quiz will be hosted by BC Islands.

Education grants of \$500.00 were given to the regions that applied. Although not all regions took advantage of this grant, it was great to see the majority do so. Along with the grants, the Governor General's and Todd Sandler Awards also received many excellent applications. This year's \$1000.00 Governor General's Awards go out to Lindsay Thompson and Michelle Rainford of Western Ontario Region and the \$500.00 scholarship goes to Erin Borrow of BC Lower Mainland. The committee is currently working on the Todd Sandler applications.

With the help of many keen individuals, a number of projects are on the go:

- There has been some research into the acquisition of school credits for pony club involvement. At the present this is not uniform across the country as each province (and often each school district) determines their own criteria.
- The creation of an A study guide is in progress. This will be similar to the study guides for the other levels currently in place.
- Canadian Pony Club now has a D level CD-ROM available. The CD-ROM is an interactive educational tool that young riders may use at home, in addition to their manuals and theory notes.
- A comparison chart/guide is underway for the A level that shows the CEF level one requirements and the PC A level requirements.
- The pony club First Aid course that some provinces currently use is being researched with the possibility of the criteria being made available to all provinces.
- An instructors/examiners record book is soon to be available. This is handy little book for which to keep your records.

Along with these projects, I have had a variety of concerns brought to my attention this year. The most common one however, is the education of the B2 and A candidates as many regions are looking for help in providing theory instruction to these candidates. This is currently being addressed, and I hope to have projects geared towards this in the near future.

This past year has gone by very quickly, however with the help and valuable input from a variety of members, much has transpired. I trust the continuation of the current projects and future ones will help to serve our members educational needs.

Respectfully Submitted
Teresa Wright

CANADIAN PONY CLUB
National Testing Report

I would like to begin by congratulating all the candidates who tested last year. Successful or not, the experience is something you will have forever. We, the testing chairs, hope this is a good experience, and we must ensure that these situations are positive and educational, not just stressful days which must be endured.

A TESTING RESULTS – SENIOR NATIONAL EXAMINER – DIANE SPENCER

NS/NF	Jennifer Sarsfield	RA	Pass	A Level Achieved
		HA	Fail	
		HA Retest	Pass	
COR	Christina Barnes	RA	Fail	
		HA	Fail lungeing	
	Denise Cleverdon	HA	Fail	
WOR	Lindsay Thompson	HA lungeing	Pass	
		RA	Fail	
		RA	Fail	
	Jennifer Zelmer	HA	Fail	
MB	Teri Moehring	RA	Fail	
		HA	Fail	
SASK	Sky Walker	HA lungeing	Pass	
AB	Matt Gaglione	RA	Pass	
		Holly Rinderknecht	HA	Pass
BCIN	Jaimie Kidston	HA	Fail lungeing	
		Cailin Kopetski	RA	Fail
			HA	Fail

NATIONAL LEVEL TEST SUMMARY

<u>Region</u>	<u>C2 Level</u>	<u>B Level</u>	<u>B2 Level</u>	
NS/NF		1	4	
NB/PEI	1	1		
COR	4	5		There is no record of testing from BCIN or BCI
WOR	6	1	4	
MB	7	1	4	
SASK	3	4		
AB		7	1	
BCLM	17	10	6	
SLOV	7	10	1	

The "Testing Procedures 2000" is our *rulebook*. All C Level candidates and above must have their own copy. D Level to D2 Level candidates and parents could be given only the appropriate sections to avoid overwhelming them in the early stages.

We must encourage strong examiners to upgrade. We also must encourage members to become junior examiners. Our numbers are low in all regions.

This year I intend to focus on record keeping and the newly created ties with the CEF, improving our communication and cooperation. I want to personally thank Jackie Cooper and Dorothy Kirby for the hard work that has gone into bridging this long-time gap. As of 2001, the CEF has now officially agreed to grant our Pony Club A members the CEF Coach 1.

I look forward to working with all of you this year.

Respectfully submitted
Gwen Barnes

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2000 BCIN REGIONAL CHAIR'S REPORT

This has been an eventful year for BCIN. Like any organization where you are working with adults and children, you need to be more than a chair person. Skills like conflict resolution, tact, communication, time management, mediation, listener, and administrative secretary are important to the job. I appreciate the patience and support I get from my region and from the National Board.

Each volunteer deserves congratulations for their tireless energy in making Pony Club in our region a success.

I also would like to thank National for giving the Regional Chairs the opportunity to meet in Guelph. For me the experience was fabulous. Like the DC attending a Regional Meeting for the first time, the opportunity to attend a national meeting has given me a better idea of the whole Canadian Pony Club picture. The opportunity to share ideas, experiences, and problems with other Regional Chairs will benefit us all.

In BCIN we accomplished:

- maintaining consistent membership numbers
- having good attendance at Regional Meetings
- hosting two quizzes: one north and one south
- sending two teams to National Quiz in Ontario
- providing numerous camps, educational opportunities and quality instruction
- providing three C2, B, B2 testing opportunities
- having two A candidates @ testing
- providing Dressage and Show Jumping championships in the North
- an active year in Tetrathlon, in spite of a decline in numbers - two members attended the provincials and two attended Nationals
- presenting a scholarship
- publishing a Regional Newsletter'
- providing examiners clinics at C/D and A/B levels

Areas we need to make improvements in are:

- find a solution for poor rally attendance
- continue to improve education for B, B2 and A levels
- more consistently recognize the accomplishments of our youth
- get BCIN's web site updated and running
- continue to work at communication at all levels

B.C. Island Region Annual Report 2000

I am please to report that the year 2000 has been a productive and successful one for our region. We started off the year with a total of 8 branches (down from 10 in 1999) and a total membership of 213 members. This was a healthy increase of 41 additional members over the 1999 total of 172 members, and reflects positive efforts from all branches to increase their membership and spread the good news about Pony Club to their communities.

Our four Regional events were well attended this year by all branches, and by all accounts were very successful and enjoyable!! I am especially pleased to report that good sportsmanship was very evident at all events, and that the branches socialized and worked extremely well together. This is a true reflection of the strong commitment of D.C.'s, Discipline chairs, instructors, coaches, organizers and parents to uphold the mottoes and principles of Pony Club. I congratulate all members for their outstanding efforts this year.

Many thanks to the branches who worked hard to host events this year. Salt Spring Island for hosting Quiz, their first event as a new club, Metchosin for hosting a Prince Philip Games Clinic , as well as Prince Philip Games, Parksville & Qualicum, and Quennell Lake for hosting our D and C combined Rally, and Comox Valley for hosting Championships. Your hard work is appreciated by all.

This year we were also successful in attending several Canadian Pony Club functions. We sent representatives from our Region (two National testers, our Education Chair and our Testing Chair) to the Education conference in Winnipeg, in February 2000. And our National Director, Heather Crampton, also attended the National AGM in April 2000, and the SAM, in November 2000. We also were very supportive of the efforts of Celebration of Friends to host the Western Championships, by advancing them funds and sending in the largest entry from any Region. We were very disappointed that these Championships were cancelled.

This year, we were also pleased to have a member from our Region attend the BCLM Regional Tetrathlon, and also attend National Tetrathlon in Nova Scotia. We were also pleased to support a C team and two B individuals in attending National Quiz in Ontario.

I look forward to another successful year for our Region in 2001. We are very excited about hosting National Quiz in 2001, and hope to show off beautiful Vancouver Island to the other Regions of Canada! I also hope that our goals for 2001 will be to further develop our educational programs, and to continue to provide opportunities for our youth.

Respectfully yours,

Robin Taylor

Robin Taylor, BC Islands Chair

BCLM Regional Report 2000

The year 2000 was a learning year in our Region. We have many new faces at the Regional level and are learning to manage and work together as an executive body.

Membership in our Region has remained fairly consistent, 325 for 2000, but we are losing members at the higher levels. This year, the BC Ministry of Education has accepted Pony Club as part of the High School course credit program and B and B2 candidates will receive 4 credits per level achieved. This, and an enhanced education program may keep some of our older riders in Pony Club.

Discipline Reports

Quiz 2000 – Jill Borrow organized another great Regional Quiz at Poppy High School the last Saturday in February with 175 kids participating. It was well run by the volunteers and with Kareoke for entertainment, everyone had a great day.

PPG – Three play days starting in May through June and no rain in the lower mainland – go figure. The final play day was June 18th with masters and old timers on June 25th. We had 8 C teams, 8 B teams and 5 A teams competing this year as well as a strong masters group of 25 riders. There was only one injury to report and it was I at the master's competition.

Rally – 14 ABC teams competed June 20th to 23rd and 12 D teams June 27th to June 30th. At ABC Rally, we held a carnival in place of skit night and the kids had a blast. It worked so well that we ran the same format at D Rally. The kids enjoyed the down time and not having to prepare a skit. The competition was intense on both weekends and both kids and volunteers had a good time.

Tetrathlon – Barbara Morris did a great job organizing tetrathlon again this year. All competitions ran smoothly. Barb is working hard to promote tetrathlon in all Regions as participation is going down in BCLM. National Tetrathlon is being hosted by BCLM in 2001 and Barb and her committee are working hard to ensure a marvelous time is had by all.

Show Jumping – Entries were down this year and it was impossible to find a free weekend that didn't conflict with a HT event. For 2001, we are looking at a date in May instead of October.

Dressage – Dressage entries were down this year as well. Cost was a factor as it is difficult to find a facility with multiple rings and to afford the necessary officials. The younger riders at the lower level tests lose out as it is difficult to offer these tests at a Regional Championship. We are discussing options at our Regional meetings.

Education – Our Regional Education program was awesome this year. Thanks to Mavis Mittlesteadt and Bonnie Ferguson for all their hard work. Regional Stable Management lessons and clinics were fun as well as educational. B camp was exceptional, as was a 2 day mock test for C2 and above. It gave the members a lot of insight on how to prepare for their tests and what to improve to be successful. The format worked so well that we are adding a C2 camp for 2001.

Testing – Carol McDonald did an excellent job organizing the C2 and above tests. All candidates did well and the candidates were pleased with the quality of the testers and the organization of the tests.

BCLM is excited about the new year and are working hard to promote Pony Club within our Region.

Mitch Gunn
BCLM Regional Chair

SOUTHERN ALBERTA REGIONAL REPORT - 2000

It has been an exciting year to be a new Region within Canadian Pony Club. Just when you think you've made progress, something new happens. The great part is that all the disciplines and other events within this Southern Region, went on and the riders had an opportunity to improve and experience Pony Club.

The membership fluctuated slightly, being 345 members. The Branches varied from 50 to 7 members among the 18 total Branches.

TETRATHLON had a successful year. 8 of the riders at the National Competition were from Alberta. After training camp in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, 4 people went to Ireland, Scotland, and Great Britain for 3 competitions. The team members were Joy Moore-coach, riders --- Terry Clark, Will McNabb, Kari-ann McNabb, Christin Tyerman from Central Region.

RALLY—had a revival year. The organizers did a mini Rally –no stable management- with 24 enthusiastic participants.. All the levels were entered and there were winners in all cases. In 2001, a full scale rally is planned to have qualifiers the Prairie Zone championships.

PPG- a SUCCESSFUL Southern Regional Competition was held in Oct. with A, B, and C divisions sponsored. In July, while the International Team passed through, the local members sponsored a Western style hospitality B-B.Q. That same week, a pairs exhibition was staged by the Canadian Team & Jennifer Nicol at the Calgary Stampede – Cowboy domain. It so impressed the crowd especially the cowboys, that the Stampede Board has requested a repeat for the coming year. .

SHOW JUMPING & DRESSAGE - The annual back to back championships were held at the prestigious Calgary Polo Club facility. Very lavish territory. The weather co-operated splendidly and much competitive atmosphere was present. All levels of riders were present, and they rode their little hearts out.

In the TESTING area C/D levels an equivalent number of candidates tested, with an amazing 4% improvement in the overall marks. As is to be expected, the C/D level of riders make up about 81% of the total members in the Southern Region. Good for the instructors and riders in their achievements.

The region has to be thankful for its dedicated volunteers and outside volunteers and assistance. Pony Club across this country could not exist without this kind of foundation.

Having just returned from Germany, I can truly say that Canada is very fortunate to have our caliber of organization. To maintain and improve it is the real challenge.

Respectfully,
Christa Drinnin,
Southern Alberta Regional Chair/ 2000

Alberta Central Regional Report 2000

Winter Theory Camp - February 25 to 27th.

Hosted by Thompson Country Pony Club. Held at Pioneer Ranch Camp, west of Rocky Mountain House. All finances were looked after by TCPC. Camp broke even.

Alberta Central Regional Quiz - April 23rd, 2000.

Hosted by Red Deer Pony Club, at the St. Patrick's School in Red Deer. Attending were 11 Junior teams, 8 Snurf teams, & 4 Intermediate teams. No Seniors. Total expenses were \$956.76. Total entry fees collected \$930.00, making a loss of \$26.00.

Central Region Tetrathlon Camp - May 13 & 14, 2000 at Red Deer.

36 entries, 10 from North Region, 9 from Central, & 17 from the South. Hosted a banquet & silent auction to raise money for the National & International Team.

Central Rally Camp - was scheduled for July 17th, but was cancelled, due to lack of registrants.

Alberta Central Region Dressage Championships - Sept 16th, 2000.

Hosted by Haunted Lakes Pony Club at the Alix Agricultural Fair Grounds. A total of 44 entries, with 2 rings & judges going all day.

A profit of \$47.95 was made.

Alberta Central Region Show Jumping Championships - Sept. 23rd, 2000.

Hosted by Medicine River Pony Club at Benalto Fair Grounds. There were 34 entries, with a profit of \$134.93.

This is a summary of events held as Alberta Central Region Pony Club in the year 2000.

This does not include various closed Branch activities held as fund raisers for their Branches exclusively.

Respectfully submitted by Liz Fletcher, Alberta Central Chair.

ALBERTA NORTH REGION
ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR 2000

Since early spring of 2000 the Alberta Region has been re-structured into three separate regions. What a unique way to bring in the new Millenium --Alberta North has been working hard at supporting regional competitions and regional business while setting up new housekeeping rules and regulations. A lot of time has been devoted to wrapping up the old region and creating our new role as a region unto itself.

Our **2000 memberships** reached a total of 234 in 17 clubs by September - loss of approx. 10 members from the previous year. Three clubs have been inactive this year with one club reactivating in fall.

Quiz was run as separate regional quizzes this year with Black Creek Pony Club hosting Alberta North Region, doing a very efficient job of running the 2000 Quiz. It still required a combination of regional members to have a full Alberta A/B team to compete nationally although Alberta North did have a full C team.

Our **A/B and C/D testing education chairs** have worked very hard at getting the written tests out to the appropriate clubs and representatives, helping set up the written test dates along with panel marking some club tests. The David Godson Clinic ran a full week at Alhambra Stables in Red Deer with 18 participants. This ever-popular camp was hosted along with the week long testing of B, B2, and A candidates by all three Alberta regions working together. We had one RA and one HA successfully complete with three successful B candidates from the Alberta North Region.

The Regional **Show Jumping and Dressage** competitions were held at Amberlea Stables on September 16 and 17, 2000 with Clearwater Pony Club hosting. Thirty one percent of our members attended SJ along with 31% attending Dressage. A variety of show jumping and cross-country clinics were held at a variety of venues to strengthen our riders. Dressage clinics were set up in conjunction with the Edmonton Area Dressage Association as instructors.

The newest and up coming discipline in Alberta North is our **Tetrathlon** group. They are shooting, swimming, running and riding their way to fun, sportsmanship and character. A number of informational presentation and tryouts at Pony Club camps during the summer help to create a greater interest. Alberta North took part in the Provincial Tetrathlon placing in the top third with all disciplines. We did not have any members attend National Tetrathlon in Nova Scotia.

Prince Philip Games had been Alberta North's biggest challenge since it organized Nationals, International and Masters from July 29 to August 3, 2000 with a lead-time of only a few months. Whitemud Equine Centre (in Edmonton) gave lots of exposure and relatively easy access facility for all games. A well run International Tour showed off our Province giving those members a wonderful overview of Alberta from prairie to city to mountain. The International Candidate for next year from Alberta North was Angela Pettit.

Although **Rally** has been inactive for many years we continue to try to revive the discipline with the cross-country clinics as a first stepping stone. The year 2001 will also have rally camps to create more interest.

The year 2001 will again be a challenging for Alberta North as we continue to grow and develop as a region. We will prepare for the rotation of competitions with much anticipation.

We would like to thank the National Directors and all who have been involved in helping us find our way. As all the final books and accounts have been settled, and programs planned, Alberta Region is now three.

Submitted by
Linda Choney, Chair
Alberta North Region

Saskatchewan Regional Report 2000

Our AGM was held on October 29, 2000. Currently we now have five Pony Clubs in our Region, with a total of 109 members. We are down in numbers from our previous years due to the fact that there are four Pony Clubs that are no longer running.

In the past Pony Club year, we had a total of seven members, plus some of the parents attend the Millennium Conference. It was very informative and a good opportunity to meet fellow Pony Clubbers from around the country, even different regions of the World.

We had some planning to attend Western Canadian Show Jumping and Dressage Championships, but were rather disappointed when it became known that it was to be cancelled due to lack of participation.

Pony Club Camp was well attended with most of the pony clubs around the region taking part in it. It was good to see all of the levels attending, from our newest members right up to our senior members.

Regional Dressage and Show Jumping Championships went very smoothly on September 30, 2000. It was a good experience for all of those who had participated before, as well, for those with this being their first experience.

We had some new people join our regional board and are looking forward to new ideas and enthusiasm

We had another member complete her HA and four members complete their B level. Most of our members this year are in the D level.

For this year; we attended National Quiz and were successful for both of the teams that we sent. We were able to send a full C team and one A/B member to join a mixed team. We are looking forward to Manitoba's Prairie Zone Championships. We are also planning a C2/B level testing camp for next summer.

Cecile McCarty
Saskatchewan Regional Chair

MANITOBA REGION 2000 Annual Report

Submitted by
Maria E. Berry, Regional Chair

Manitoba Pony Club had a busy year in 2000. Of our 11 clubs we had one inactive for the year, Dauphin Pony Club; and in the fall we had another club, Riding Mountain Pony Club, come on board. This club is located in the Onanole/Erickson area and draws members from that area and as far north as Swan River. With Northlands located in the Thunder Bay area of Northern Ontario, this brought our total to 12, with one club still inactive for the coming year.

After several years of holding the Regional Rally in the western part of the province at Carroll, MB; it was decided to move the championships to the facility at Bird's Hill Park just north of Winnipeg. The move was a positive one, as the facility lent itself to ensuring a positive experience for all those taking part. It made the stable management portion of the rally far more feasible, the dressage rings superb, the show jumping portion in a grand prix ring and the cross-country course one of the best in the country. Running the rally with the Horse Trials 3 day event was also financially a good move, as each venue can piggyback on the other's contributions – pony club makes use of the officials and horse trials gains more entries into their event. It works well and will be repeated in 2001.

2000 also had a first for the Board of the Manitoba Region as, under the experienced direction of our national director John Moehring, Manitoba submitted an excellent proposal to the National Board to host the first-ever Prairie Zone Championships in 2001, which will encompass all four disciplines - rally, show jumping, dressage and PPG. Manitoba as well will host the 2001 National Rally as well as an International Rally inviting pony clubs from selected states south of the province to take part. It promises to be a busy and exciting time for everyone involved in pony club in the province.

In the year 2000, Manitoba also continued to develop Prince Philip Games. Under the direction of Danielle Rice, play days were organized in the eastern and western parts of the province with 'A' Masters teams and 'B' teams taking part. Manitoba hopes to continue building the sport in 2001, and hopes to have some teams at the Prairie Zone Championships.

Manitoba also sent a 'C' and an 'A/B' team to National Quiz in London, ON and looks forward to attending Quiz in Victoria, BC in 2001. Plans are currently underway for hosting National Quiz in Winnipeg in 2002.

Regional Testing went well in 2000 and an additional 18 have applied to test in 2001. Manitoba also has one member testing for their 'RA' level.

The one discipline that is still undeveloped in this province is Tetrathlon. Manitoba hopes one day to be able to develop this sport that everyone agrees, requires a very dedicated body of volunteer parents to make the discipline viable.

In closing, I would just like to say, that Manitoba Pony Club is looking forward to hosting the Prairie Zone and National Championships this summer and hopes that every region in Canada does their utmost to try and support this form of competition, which will hopefully revive an ailing national championship level in several of the disciplines in which pony club members take part.

See you at Bird's Hill Park in August of 2001!

COR 2000 Regional Report

HIGHLIGHTS: Ontario Pony Clubs Tournament of Champions (OPCTOC)

Almost 600 members, many parents and volunteers enjoyed a multitude

of activities last year in 32 active clubs;

- **Educational clinics and testing** by local clubs (levels D to C1) and the region (levels C2 to A) with approximately 200 candidates. Two examiner's clinics were organized by the Testing & Education committee; one at Saddlewood for senior examiners and one northern clinic hosted by Sault Ste Marie P.C.
- **A Steward's Clinic** was held for riders and show organizers with the excellent input of Sandra Sillcox and Bob Smith (F.E.I. Stewards)
- **Working Rally** was again hosted at Saddlewood in Bethany with increased participation of over 100 children with their ponies and horses. Lots of instruction and fun, fun, fun!
- **Show Jumping** qualifiers hosted by the Durham, Ajax and Oshawa pony clubs.
- **Dressage** qualifiers hosted by Baltimore Hills, Victoria and Toronto North York pony clubs with the year end finals hosted by Kawartha Pony Club at Saddlewood Equestrian Centre in Bethany.
- **PPG** meets and finals hosted by Uxbridge/Scugog, Tynedale and Simcoe/Huronian pony clubs at Durward's Farm.
- **D Rally** and **A/B/C Rally** held concurrently at Killusty Farm in Bobcaygeon
- Rally teams in pretraining, training and preliminary levels competed at the 3 day **Eastern Canadian Championship Rally** at Checkmate hosted by W.O.R. An amazing time!
- Regional Discipline Chairs and their committees organized competitions for **Quiz** in Durham, **Tetrathlon** at St. Andrew's College and the Toronto North York Hunt Club and year end finals for **Show Jumping** at Pickering Horse Centre.
- Central Ontario teams competed at **National PPGs, A Team & Masters**, in Alberta, **Show Jumping & Dressage** at the **Central Canadian Championships** hosted by C.O.R. at **OPCTOC** at York Equestrian Centre, **National Tetrathlon** in Nova Scotia & **National Quiz** in W.O.R. Danielle Denis was part of the wonderful **International PPG** competition and tour hosted by Alberta in 2000. Congratulations to all competitors and thanks to those dedicated coaches, chaperones and parents who took the time to attend, volunteer and cheer on our athletes!
- Many Central Ontario members and officials were sponsored to attend the **Pony Club International Millennium Conference** held in Toronto in August as enthusiastic participants and as demonstration riders in all disciplines; an excellent educational and exchange opportunity which was enjoyed by all.

- The 2nd Annual Central Ontario **Awards Banquet and Dance** was held in November . Many regional, year end ribbons and awards were presented for Show Jumping, Dressage, PPG and Eventing (new for 2000). Great food, music & dancing for all!

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

1. Many thanks to all the other volunteers & committees that keep Central Ontario running so efficiently. The following individuals also fulfill **National positions**: Barbara Grimm is the *National Disciplines Chair*, Gwen Barnes is the *National Testing Chair*, Liz Inglis is the *National Communications Chair*, Linda Denis is the *National PPG Chair*, Daina Strickland is the *National Dressage Chair*, and Christy Barnes is the *National Youth Education Rep*; a testament to our region's commitment to making Canadian Pony Club a strong and vibrant organization.
2. We appreciate the generous financial grant received from the **Ontario Equestrian Federation** in support of our projects and athletes, a large donation of tickets from the **Royal Winter Fair Horse Show Committee** which allows so many members to attend this world class competition and the championship hats and saddle pads supplied by **Apple Saddlery** in Ottawa as prizes for our regional and national championships.
THANK YOU!
3. Welcome to one new branch, Tanglewood, near Picton. Enquiries for new clubs continue to come in.

**The 2001 Schedule is filling up & it promises to be another exciting
and busy year for our members and volunteers!**

Submitted by Karol Shipley, Regional Chair

ST. LAWRENCE/OTTAWA VALLEY REGIONAL REPORT 2000

The St. Lawrence/Ottawa Valley (SLOV) Region covers most of Eastern Ontario including Ottawa and the surrounding suburbs, extending north to Pembroke, west to Kingston and into the western most area of Quebec. In 2000, SLOV had a membership of 369 members in 16 branches. This is decreased slightly from the 1999 membership of 390. Branches within the region operate in a variety of models from a single barn affiliation or multiple barn affiliation to branches offering only unmounted instruction. There are very large multi-disciplinary branches, to branches specializing in various disciplines to very small branches with young members. In 2000, SLOV members were very active in most of the disciplines at the branch and regional level and Quiz and PPG at the national level. Some noteworthy accomplishments include the following:

Quiz – SLOV continues to be a major force in quiz with great depth for the future. The Regional Quiz hosted by Vaudreuil/Westwind was again a great success with most branches participating at the various levels with qualifiers for the C and A/B level for National Quiz. At the National Quiz in London, SLOV was represented by 3 very strong teams (2 teams at the C level and an A/B team). The C level teams placed 1st (for the 4th consecutive year) and 4th. Chantal Hortop of Westwind placed 1st in the Individual C Standings and won the North American Challenge. The A/B Team placed 2nd with Kirsten Scott, Kingston and Region placing 1st in the Individual A/B Standings and winning the Billy Mann Trophy as well as the North American Challenge. Both Chantal Hortop and Kirsten Scott have been invited to compete at the US Knowdown in Kentucky next August. Other team members representing SLOV came from Glen Scott/Glen Ross, Perth & District, Ottawa Valley Hunt and Ashton First Field branches.

Prince Philip Games- Most branches are active in PPG with games played throughout the winter and spring. The Regional Championship was again held at the Capital Classic Horse in Ottawa on July 15/16th with teams at the A, B, C and Masters Levels competing. As in previous years, day 1 of the competition was a "scramble day" where 18 members played on mixed branch teams followed on day 2 by the Regional Championship for the A, B, C and Masters level teams with a total of 51 competitors. The Regional Championship at the A level was contested by 20 riders from 4 branches and won by the Vaudreuil Pony Club for the second consecutive year. Vaudreuil went on to represent SLOV at the Canadian Championship in Edmonton where they placed 3rd (only one point out of 2nd place). At the B level, 14 riders from 3 branches competed for the title with United Counties placing first. There were 2 C level teams competing with a mixed branch team from Oxford Downs and Temperance Lake emerging victorious. The Masters riders produced an exciting final with a mixed branch team winning over a team from Ashton First Field. The SLOV Masters teams consisting of players from United Counties, Oxford Downs, Ashton First Field and Ottawa Valley Hunt branches competed at the National Masters Championship in Alberta and placed 5th overall.

Show Jumping – The regional series for show jumping started as a pilot in 1999 gained momentum this year with a series of 12 shows. These shows consisted of a mixture of “Pony Club only” shows and regular shows that opened their doors to Pony Club competitors and Pony Club Divisions. The Regional Championship was held on August 2nd at Rocking Horse Stable with 22 competitors from 7 branches competing. SLOV was represented at the Eastern Canadian Championship at the York Equestrian Centre by combined teams at the Beginner and Starter level representing Vaudreuil, Ottawa Valley, West Carleton and Appleton. Laura Hodgson of Vaudreuil was the Reserve Champion in the Beginner Division.

Many SLOV members are active and successfully competing in hunter/jumper divisions on the Ottawa Valley Schooling Show circuit, the Provincial Trillium circuit and the A circuit in Ontario and Quebec.

Dressage - The millennium year was the second year of the new qualifying format for the Eastern Canadian Championship. Regional qualifiers were held by Ashton First Field, Kingston and Region, Glen Ross and Westwind branches. Attendance improved dramatically this year with sufficient competitors for a Regional Championship held August 2nd at Rocking Horse Stable. SLOV was represented at the Eastern Canadian Championship at the York Equestrian Centre by a team of 4 riders from Appleton and Village Creek. Especially noteworthy were the Basic 2 Kurs composed and ridden by these SLOV members who placed 1st as a team.

Rally – The Maxville D Level Working Rally hosted by Glen Scott/Glen Ross Branch was a great success this year after experiencing decreased enrollment and a significant financial loss last year. The C Level Educational Rally hosted by Kingston Region was held at the great facilities at Hawkridge. This was again a great success at a great facility. For the first time in 12 years, the Appleton Branch had to cancel both the C Level Educational Rally as well as the Level 1 and 2 Rally due to low numbers.

Although plans were in place to hold a Regional Rally at Windedge, this event was cancelled just prior to the event due to a lack of entries, primarily due to a conflict with the OHTA competitions. Although SLOV was permitted and encouraged to send individual members to the Eastern Canadian Rally this year, we had no competitors again this year. However many SLOV members competed successfully in various Ontario Horse Trials events and other events up to and including the Preliminary level.

Tetrathlon – Our active membership decreased significantly this year although successful mini-meets were held by Vaudreuil and Perth.

Testing - Testing was conducted in almost all branches at all levels. Again this year there was a significant number of successful candidates at the C2 level using the unique SLOV component-testing format. The success of the C2 format is providing a significant increase in B and B2 candidates and HA/RA possibilities. Two candidates were successful at the B level and one at the B2 level.

Millennium Conference - A number of SLOV members were instrumental in assisting Pam Nuth in planning and conducting the first ever week long Pony Club International Millennium Conference, held in Toronto in late summer. This extraordinary conference was attended by many of our members, executive and parents.

Leadership Initiatives – Several branches have instituted leadership training. West Carleton initiated a pilot program this year where C level and up members regularly teach untested to D2 levels. Ashton First Field has a Peer Coaching Program in place where C and up level members coach the younger members, putting in 30 hours of volunteer instruction per member. The branch provides a letter of reference to the volunteer member, which qualifies as hours toward the new Ontario Secondary School graduation requirement for 40 hours of volunteer work. These initiatives are in addition to the 2 year training program for senior members for stable management assistants and riding assistants established by the Glen Scott branch at the annual Maxville D Level Rally.

SUBMITTED BY

Vicky Winter, SLOV Regional Chair



Western Ontario Regional Report 2000

The year 2000 was another exceptional year here in Western Ontario Region for our Pony Clubbers and parents. As in past years, we had excellent attendance at all of our Regional Events. Registration surpassed 350 pony clubbers from fourteen active Branches.

We held our Regional Quiz in May. In October we hosted the National Quiz in London. Pony Clubbers came from across Canada and from the U.S.A. for an exciting weekend of education and fellowship.

In July, we held our show jumping and dressage competitions. Attendance was good, and an excellent time was had by all who participated. We sent riders from here to the Eastern Canadians in New Market in October.

Our Regional P.P.G. competition was held in July. The Mill Ridge "A" team were victorious again, and went on to the National Competition in Edmonton. Britt Burechails and Shawn Dunn from the Mill Ridge Pony Club were selected to the international P.P.G. team. A team of Masters players from Esquesing and Caledon Branches also went west to compete. Mrs. Alison Rainford from the Esquesing Pony Club coached the international P.P.G. team.

Again we organized two excellent Rallies for our members. Our A/B/C Rally was held in August at Checkmate. We invited pony clubbers from C.O.R. to join us. Later in the month, we held our D Rally at the Caledon Hunt Club. Paula Rainford, from the Esquesing Pony Club was selected to the Inter-Pacific Rally team.

The Communications Committee produced four excellent newsletters throughout the year. The pony club web site continues to be very popular across Canada. We thank Crawford Dales from W.O.R. for all his efforts. It is exciting for everyone to see competition results on the web almost before the rider comes off the course.

Testing is an important part of our Education Program. Our regional test reps, along with the Branch test reps were busy helping the boys and girls with their testing program. We are achieving at all levels, even at the highly sought after "A". Along with this we held several educational clinics.

A very dedicated group of parents met monthly throughout the year at the University of Guelph to organize and run the events of this Region. Without their help, we would not enjoy the success that we have. These people work very hard for our pony clubbers.

We continue to be very proud of the accomplishments of our pony clubbers and parents. Pony Clubber Claudia Field, from the Caledon Branch won the OEF junior award. Virginia Buchanan-Smith won the senior award, and Crawford Dales received the Millenium Award. We try very hard to treat everyone with respect. We look forward to 2001.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

Ralph Rainford, Chairperson

NB/PEI REGION CANADIAN PONY CLUB 2000 ANNUAL REPORT

NB/PEI enjoyed a year of growth. *PineHill* and *Marshwinds* were recognized as new branches, and the Fredericton branch had the largest membership within CPC. The Region=s members enjoyed activities such as quiz, D Fun Days, discipline championships, clinics, camps, and testings.

The *NB/PEI Regional Rally*, with 28 participants, was held again at Evergreen Stables in Hampton= NB with Pre-starter, Starter and Pre-training divisions.

At the *Eastern Canadian National Pony Club Rally* at Checkmate Farms. NB/PEI was represented by the Preliminary Team of Chelsey Newman of River Valley riding First Priority, Danielle Gallagher of River Valley riding Galloway=s Uptown Girl and Carolyn Dohoo of Charlottetown as Stable Manager/Captain. Congratulations to our team for placing second overall in their division. Danielle placed 7th in Dressage, 5th in X-Country and 5th overall. Chelsey achieved 8th in Dressage, 7th in X-Country and 7th overall. Carolyn placed 5th overall in the Captain=s competition and was the highest scoring captain in her age group (only 14) for the written stable management test.

The *Show Jumping Regional Championship* was won by the team from Charlottetown.

Respectfully submitted
Alanna Palmer
Regional Chair



NS/NF Regional Pony Club Annual Report 2000



This has been a very busy year for the Nova Scotia/Newfoundland Regional Pony Club. Our members have enjoyed many impressive results and experiences over the past season.

We began our year with two regional quizzes. The first quiz, hosted by Eastern Shore was held in February and the second quiz was held in March, hosted by the Colchester Branch. Each quiz offered C, D and novice levels.

In February four representatives attended the Education and Testing Workshop in Winnipeg. This was followed up with an Examiner=s clinic held in Wolfville in April. The morning was theory, held at Acadia University, and the afternoon was spent at Kingsridge, with demonstration riders.

The Regional Tetrathlon Championships, hosted by the Tantramar Pony Club, were held in May. Teams competed in running, shooting, riding and swimming.

In June over 50 people attended a Regional Show jumping ground clinic with Jen Hamilton. The morning was spent on theory and the afternoon was spent in the arena with demonstration riders.



NS/NF region was proud to have hosted the **Canadian Pony Club National Tetrathlon**. This event, which included competitors from all across Canada was held July 16 - 21. The competitors stayed at Kings Edgehill School and did the running and shooting phase there. The swimming was held at Acadia and the riding at Medford Meadows.

Following the event 10 tetrathletes remained in NS to train and prepare for the International Tetrathlon in Ireland.



Regional Rally, organized by Jennifer Healy and Julie Ansems, brought everyone to Medford Meadows to compete. This year we held a one day rally with teams setting up tack rooms in their horse trailers. This was a D and C level rally with Starter and Pretraining levels offered. A thank you goes out to Susan Marshall, the dressage judge, our many stable management judges and of course the Sarsfield=s for the use of Medford Meadows.

A Pretest clinic for B/B2 was held in July and the testing was held in August. Congratulations to the successful candidates: B - Nikki Woolaver and B2 - Alison Johnson, Josh Buchanan, Sara Anderson and Jackie Allen. Congratulations also goes out to Jen Sarsfield who was successful in achieving her A level.

In August eight members of the Avon Pony Club attended the Millennium Conference and had a wonderful time. They felt the experience was very valuable and enjoyed taking part in the International quiz. This group did a lot of fundraising to make this happen.



Over 50 members met at the Central Nova Horse and Pony Association grounds in Truro in September for the Regional Pony Club Dressage and Show Jumping Championships, hosted by the Colchester Pony Club. In the Dressage division three dressage rings ensured that everyone had completed two dressage tests by early afternoon. A thank you goes out to our dressage judges: Cheryl Cassista, Marylew Murray and Claire Reeves. In the Show Jumping Division each rider did the course twice with the second round timed as a jump off round. A thank you goes out to our jump jury: Debbie Roode and Gilbert Bartlett.

In September the Region held our first annual Δ Dressage IS Fun!@ Show. Each competitor competed in one level and then had the choice of a Kur, Costume Kur, a Pas de Deux or a Quadrille. A small but enthusiastic group took part and plans are under way to repeat this event next year.

D Challenge, hosted by Avon Pony Club was unfortunately cancelled this year due to virus in a few of the stables.

Over the year individual branches held lectures, camps, tours, lessons, demonstration and clinics for their members. Representatives from each branch sit on the Regional Board, which met throughout the winter months. A regional fund raiser was held in the form of ticket sales for the opportunity to win one of three \$200 gift certificates from Apple Saddlery, Ted=s Tack Shop, and The Red Sleigh Tack Shop. Two newsletters were published and are available on our regional website.

Congratulations to Rachel Bedingfield from the Avon Pony Club who was chosen to represent Canada at the International Tetrathlon held in Ireland in August.

Although Pentathlon is not a part of the Pony Club program, the Tetrathlon is a good training ground. We congratulate Joseph Holowinia, from the Tantramar Pony Club, for winning his division at the National Pentathlon Championships in BC. Joseph was also chosen to represent Canada at the Junior Pentathlon Championships held in Cuba. Four of the five team members were Pony Club members.

Elizabeth Crewe, a B2 member of Colchester Pony Club won the Todd Sandler Memorial Award and spent two weeks at Horse People Inc. In Ontario.

Our C team, Lauren Johnson, Mary Roop, James Hardy, and Susi Brown attended the Canadian Pony Club National Quiz competition in London, Ontario on Thanksgiving weekend and had a wonderful time. Thank you to the organizers of this competition!

Megan White, a former Annapolis Pony Club member, headed to Colorado this summer to train for the North American Young Riders Championships. Megan qualified but unfortunately her horse did not pass the vet check. Megan attended the competition as a groom for a rider from BC. Megan's plans include staying in Colorado to continue her training for next year's competition. Megan was a member of the 1999 team representing Canada at the Interpacific Rally in Colorado. Congratulations to Megan on receiving the George Jacobsen Award from the CEF for the year 2000.

The NS/NF Regional Pony Club was chosen as one of three finalist for Association of the Year and was presented with a runner up trophy at the Investor's Group Sport Nova Scotia Award luncheon in Halifax.

A big thank you goes out to Apple Saddlery for supporting Pony Club. Apple Saddlery supplied prizes for all Regional Competitions in 2000 as well as the National Tetrathlon

Submitted by Carollyn Crewe

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Administrator's Report



2000

The year 2000 has been a busy and productive one. The day to day business of answering e-mails, phone calls, faxes and regular mail takes up a good portion of my time.

The rest was spent on special projects such as:

- organizing the Testing & Education conference
- organizing the National AGM and SAM
- producing the new C/D & A/B Testing Procedures
- assisting in the set up of the disciplines conference
- liaising and assisting, where required, with the discipline chairs - especially in regard to International Events
- producing the A written and the D to B2 written tests
- updating the examiner's list
- vetting the written tests for the National Quiz
- attending National Quiz in London as the technical delegate
- preparing Branch certificates for all new branches that were recognized in April and November of 1999 and April and November of 2000 and sending each one a New Branch Information Package.
- preparing and mailing out the New Members Package.
- aiding Crawford in updating the testing levels for all Canadian Pony Club members and in mailing out the Membership information.
- organized the first International Quiz.
- attended the Millennium conference in Toronto as a representative of Canadian Pony Club.
- updated and reorganized the book of motions.
- mailed out updates to the Director's handbook.
- spent a at good deal of time in May and June assisting the Celebrations group with their championships.
- started to establish contacts with the International aspects of Pony Club.
- currently working on the concept of an annual report.
- set up, attend, take and produce minutes for the Management meetings

I have greatly enjoyed my first full year as the Administrator for Canadian Pony Club. I have had contact with a great many wonderful people both in Canada and in the International Pony Club community. Thank you for giving me this opportunity.

Respectfully submitted,

Val Crowe

REPORT ON COMMUNICATIONS ACTIVITIES - 2000

The year began with a meeting with Virginia Buchanan-Smith, Karol Shipley and Crawford Dales in December to map out a plan for Communications activities. This was followed by discussions with Phil Crowe (by e-mail) as to what is and is not possible financially.

I have written or edited 9 articles for the website - an obituary for Big Ben, the awarding of the CEF Lifetime Achievement Award to Barbara Kemp, the awarding of the Manitoba Horse Council [AHorseperson of the Year](#) award to Val Crowe, the Trakhener Association Dressage Award to Sara Berry, Yvonne Collard Award (OEF Volunteer of the Year) to Virginia Buchanan-Smith, OEF Special Millennium Award (OEF) to Crawford Dales and Cassie Bonnar Award (OEF Junior Equestrian of the Year) to Claudia Field, the George Jacobsen Award (CEF Equestrian of the Year) to Megan White of Annapolis Pony Club in NS/NFLD and the Gillian Wilson Award (CEF Junior Equestrian of the Year) to Kelly Bruder of the now-defunct Grand River Pony Club in WOR. It's been a great year for recognition by other organizations of the achievements of Pony Club members, alumni and volunteers!

Three issues of [ANational Notebook](#) have appeared to date. Due to compatibility problems between word processing programs, I now send those with e-mail a notification (with link) that the newsletter has been posted on our web site. This seems to work better. Those without e-mail still get the newsletter by snail mail. Computer problems at home (it died), holidays, the move of our office, and work on other CPC projects such as planning for the Communications Conference and the data processing and analysis of the two research projects have held up publication of the fourth.

With the help of my husband, COR Communications Chair Bob Inglis, we have launched a national press release campaign. We send releases covering National competitions to those magazines identified by Regional Chairs and Regional Communications Chairs as being read by members in their Regions. Down the line, we hope that we will be able to place - or arrange for Regions to place - articles on Pony Club and its benefits in at least some of these publications. Discussions have begun with Horse Publications Group on forging a closer relationship and the form such a relationship could take.

In April, I sent questionnaires to all Regional Chairs and a different version to all Regional Communications Chairs. The information gathered from the Regional Chairs will form the basis of a series of articles on our Regions so that we can all get to know each other better. Board members have this opportunity, of course, but often the rest of the organization does not at the present time.

The information gathered from the Regional Communications Chairs questionnaire was used to develop the programme for the National Communications Conference being held in conjunction with the 2001 AGM in Calgary. I have sent a resource document on how to set up a Regional Press Release programme (thanks Bob, again) to those Communications Chairs requesting it.

I had hoped to have the results of these surveys available at SAM. Unfortunately not everyone has responded as yet. With a sample as small as 13, data isn't reliable unless one has a full census. Completed questionnaires were still trickling in until January but the reports will be in the hands of the Board by the AGM.

As requested by the Board at the SAM, preliminary work has begun on design of an [Aexit](#) questionnaire to be administered to those who do not renew membership.

I would like to thank all those who have contributed information, articles, feedback and encouragement. Please keep it up! It's very important that Communications activities meet the needs of our people, and for that to happen, I need to hear from you.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Inglis, National Communications Chair

Report on 2000 CPC Membership

The National Numbers:

The registered membership for 2000 was 3513, an increase of 56 members or 1.6% from the 1999 membership. **This is the first year in which membership has not fallen since 1994**, however it is only a small increase and may easily reverse itself in 2001. We are still about 5% below our long term average membership of about 3700 and only 6 of the last 29 years have been lower.

Membership "Dropout Rate":

Our overall dropout rate for 1999-2000 was down from last year's 35% to 32% which is somewhat better than our long term average of 34%. As reported in past years, this dropout rate is equivalent to the dropout rate for the Scouts and Guides but is slightly higher than the USPC which reports 30%.

In the past couple of years, a number of ideas have been brought forth to address what has been referred to as a problem with a high dropout rate among senior members. While we do want to retain a very high proportion of these members for their experience in Pony Club, we should realize that the effective dropout rate at the senior levels is already lower than at the junior levels. That and the extra pressures of university and job commitments would make it very difficult to retain a large portion of the senior dropouts.

Over the past 10 years, the total dropout rate of C2 and up members has been 38% compared to 34% for C1 and under, however many of the more senior members cannot rejoin due to age. The dropout rate among those C2 and up members who are eligible to rejoin is only 29%. Over those 10 years, we lost 723 C2 and up members who were eligible to rejoin and in the same period we lost over 11,500 C1 and under members. It seems evident that at least in terms of the number of members, the CPC would be far better off applying its limited resources to projects aimed at retaining lower level members rather than higher level members. It is probably within our ability to come up with ideas which would retain 1 in 10 of the junior members. That would have a greater effect than retaining every single one of the eligible C2 and up members.

A project is under way to create a questionnaire or other method of getting effective feedback from those members who do not renew with the aim of identifying the major reasons for dropping out. We expect that some results of the project will be available within the next year and could be used to identify and prioritize better ways of retaining members in all age and test level groups.

New Member Recruitment:

Recruitment of new members was 31% which is below the long term average of 35%. A relatively large number of "rejoining" members who were not members in 1999 but had been in prior years resulted in an overall increase in membership even though our dropout rate was slightly higher than new member recruitment in 2000.

Regional Membership Trends:

Most Regions had only small changes in membership. Membership trend charts for each region are included as charts 4-14. As was done last year, all the charts are plotted as percentage of that region's best membership year so that region to region comparisons can be made. The 3 Alberta regions were lumped together and are plotted as an extension to the old Alberta region since there is not enough history on the new regions to make a meaningful plot.

NB/PEI showed a very large increase of 67 members which more than recovered the significant decreases they have had in each of the past 3 years. They now have the largest branch in Canada as Fredericton with 88 members has surpassed Vancouver's 65 members.

BCIN and BC Islands also showed significant increases of 14% and 13% respectively, also recovering to 1997 membership levels.

NS/NF had decreases of about 15% in 1997 and 1998 and held about constant in 1999, however again in 2000 they had another 15% decrease and now have lost about 40% of their membership since 1996. The remaining regions "broke even" or had small decreases of 3 to 5%.

Once again, the failure to recruit new members rather than the loss of existing members seems to be the largest single factor in determining if membership rises or falls. **The regions which had falling membership tend to have less than 30% new members while those with rising membership tend to get more than 30%.**

The dropout rate continues to be fairly uniform across all regions. In 1999-2000, the range was from 29% in BC Lower Mainland to 37% in SLOV. The new member recruitment rates ranged from 22% in Saskatchewan and 24% in NS/NF to 38% in BCIN and 53% in NB/PEI.

The Western regions continue to do much better than the East in membership levels based on members per million population and also the West continues to do much better in urban areas. Charts 15, 16, and 17 illustrate these differences and show basically the same picture as in the past several years.

I recommend that the Board consider a project to survey samples of both eastern and western branches which are located close to large and medium sized metropolitan areas and to attempt to find out why the western branches are more successful in getting members from urban areas.

Loss and Gain of Branches:

In 2000, we lost 13 new branches with 82 members. The number of branches lost was about average but the number of members lost was far below the normal level of about 140 due to the very small size of many of the failed branches. Eight of the 13 failed branches had 6 or fewer members in 1999.

In the same year, we gained 12 new branches with 131 members for a net gain of 49 members from the loss/gain of branches.

Unreported Members:

The change which we made last fall to extend the membership year to begin on Sept 1 for new members seems to have resulted in a reduction in the number of apparent unreported members to a negligible level (fewer than 10).

There are still indications that some regions and/or branches are not reporting members until several months after they have joined. While some delay is necessary, the branches should be reminded that the membership forms and dues should be sent to their region within a reasonable time. Two months should be adequate to get the registrations processed to the region and sent to National.

Electronic Registration

Currently there are 10 Regions using electronic membership registration. This makes it faster to process registrations, makes repeated updates quite easy, gives the regions an exact copy of the National records, and can also save mailing and copying costs. Although it should not be made mandatory because some regions may not have the necessary resources at all times, I would like to encourage the remaining regions to see what they can do to set up electronic registration. The basic requirements are a computer and Microsoft Excel or Corel Quattro Pro (Excel 97 or Excel 2000 preferred). An internet connection is an advantage because the data can be sent and received almost instantaneously via email rather than having to mail a diskette back and forth.

Branch or Regional reports listing all members are available via email on request by authorized persons (Regional Chair, DC, etc) to check and verify membership records. We encourage such requests. This year, these lists will be sent at random to a number of branches as a verification step on our part.

Data Quality - Test Levels:

A project to try to combine or at least co-ordinate the Membership and Testing Records databases has been identified but has not yet been started. We hope to make some progress in this area in 2001.

Distribution of Test Levels

While our test level data is not highly accurate, it seems we can get some limited information from it.

In 2000, we received some information on the test level distribution in the US Pony Club. The USPC and CPC test level distributions are very similar except in the 2 categories at the extreme ends of the scale. The differences are so great that they cannot likely be accounted for by the inaccuracies in our numbers.

In 2000, the CPC had 36% of the members reported as unrated(E). This is fairly consistent over the years. The USPC reports only 25% of its members as unrated. It seems that the CPC might be able to do more to encourage new members to test, although it is possible that they are testing and not being reported.

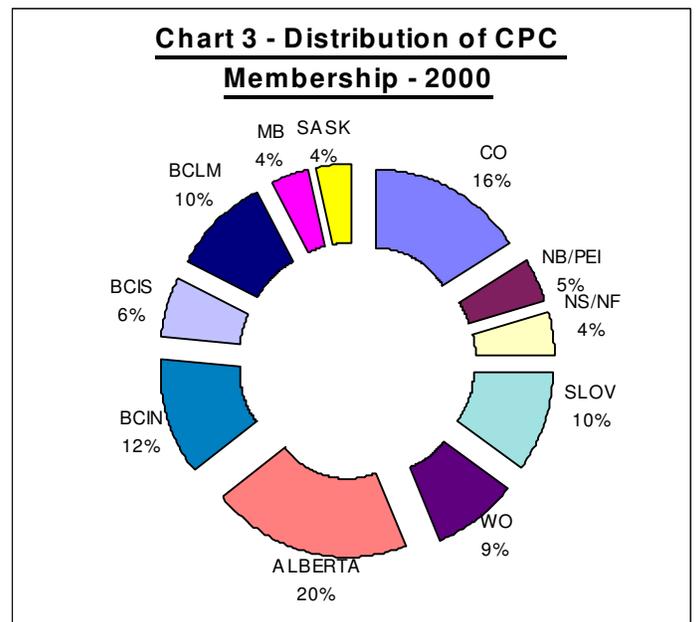
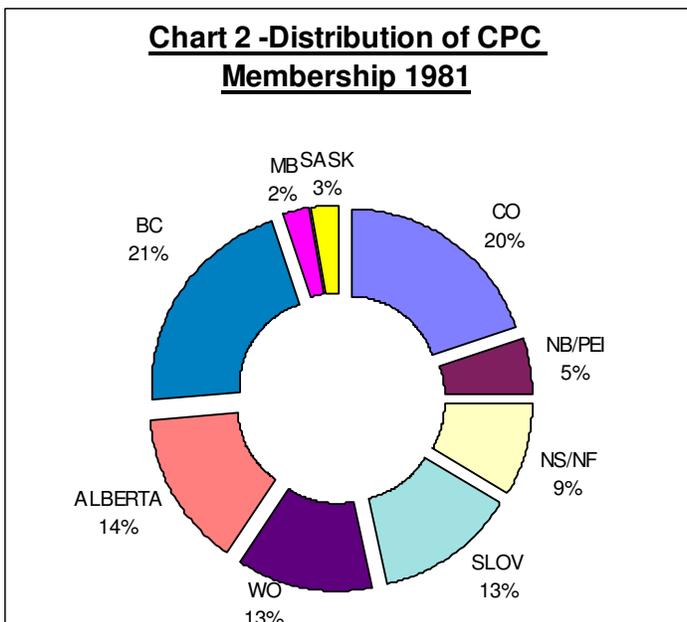
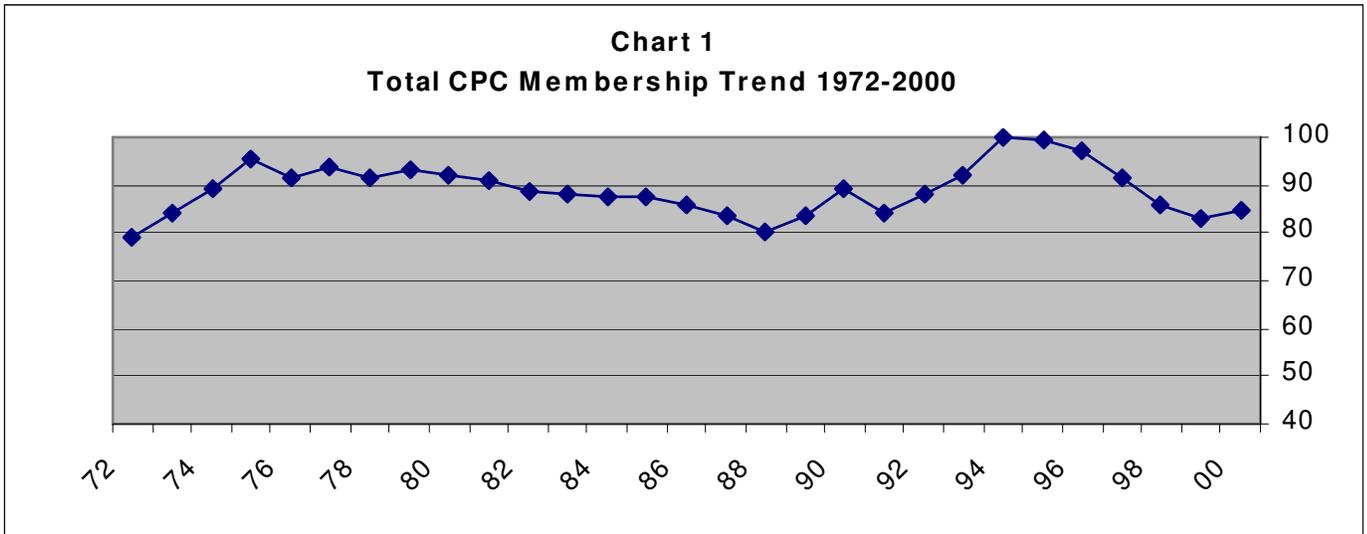
In 2000, the CPC had 0.15% or one in every 660 of its members in the A categories (A, HA, RA). The USPC had 1.27% or one in only 77 of its members in the same categories. As mentioned above, the other ratings are fairly similar. That includes the B ratings and as a result, the CPC has about 22 B/B2 members for each A while the USPC has just under 1.5 B's for each A. This would seem to indicate that the difficulty of the A level tests in the CPC is not the same as in other countries.

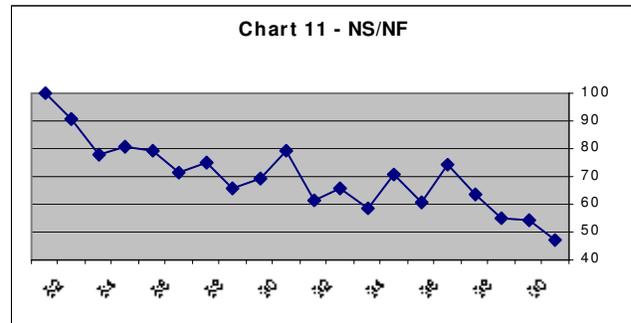
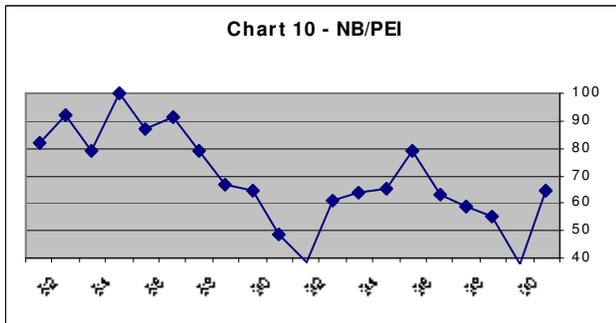
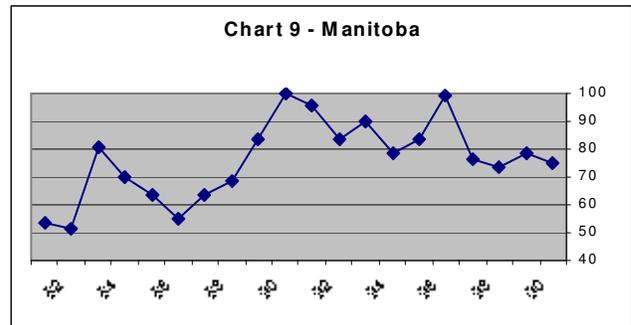
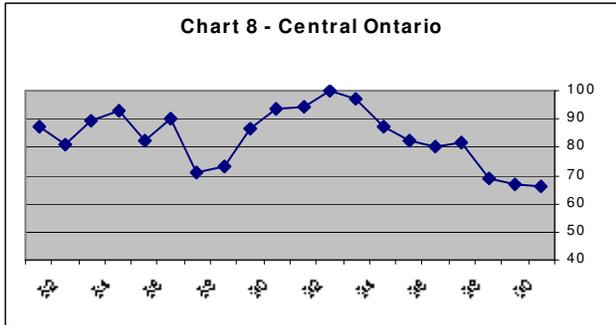
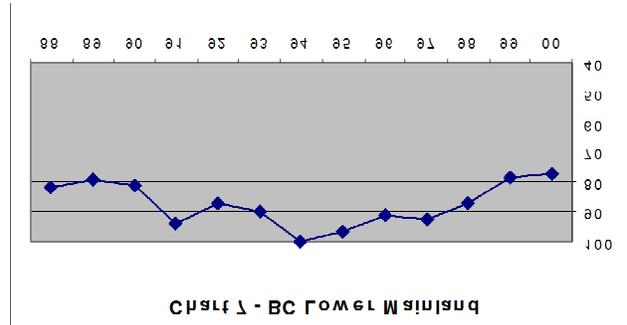
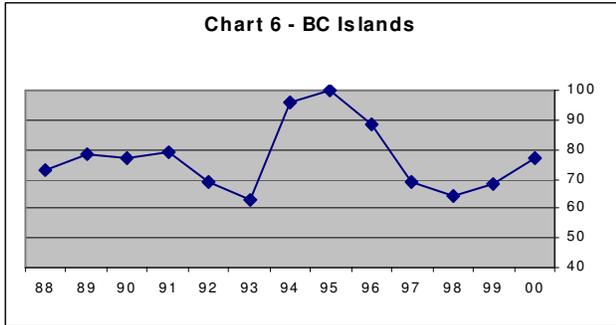
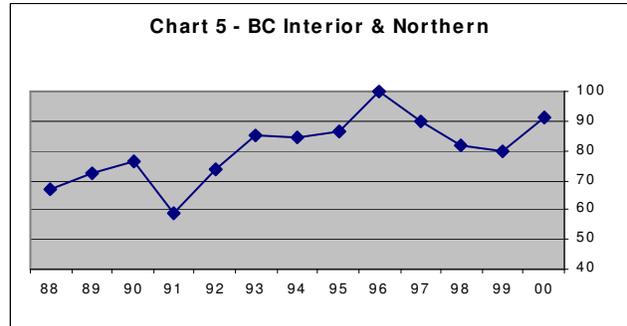
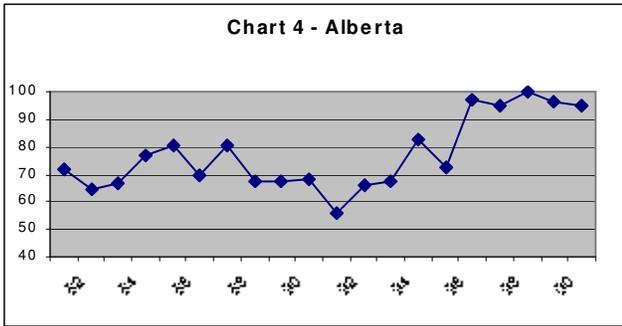
The idea of difficult A level tests is also supported by our own test level trends which show a decreasing number and percentage of all A level members, particularly the "full A".

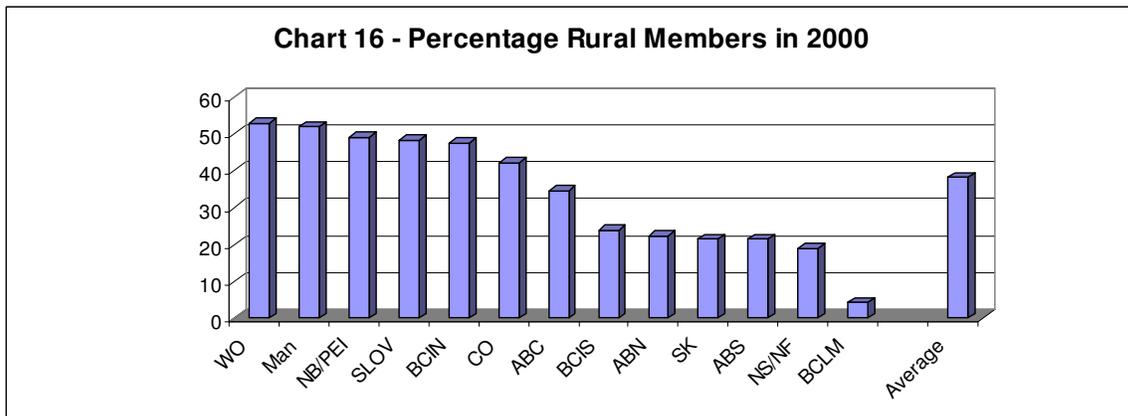
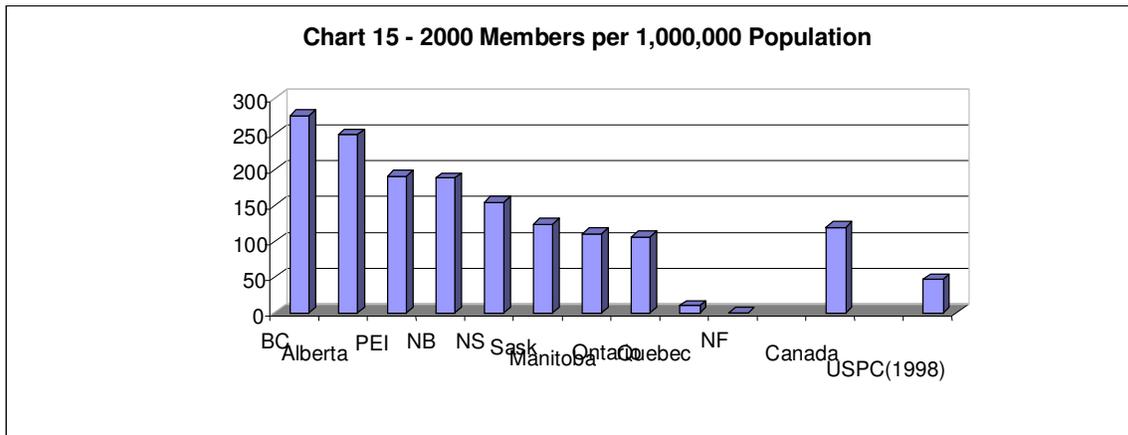
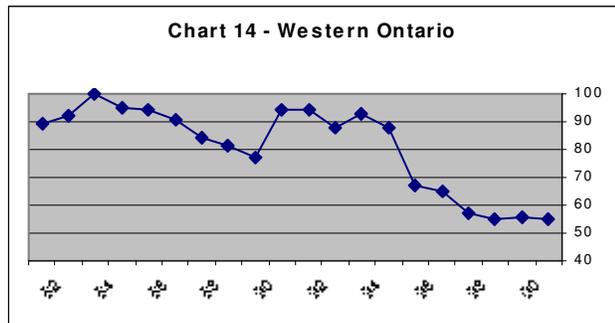
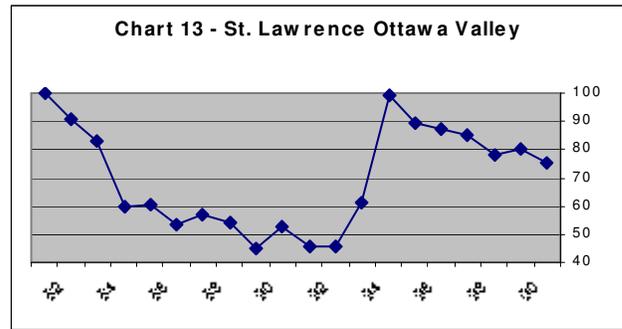
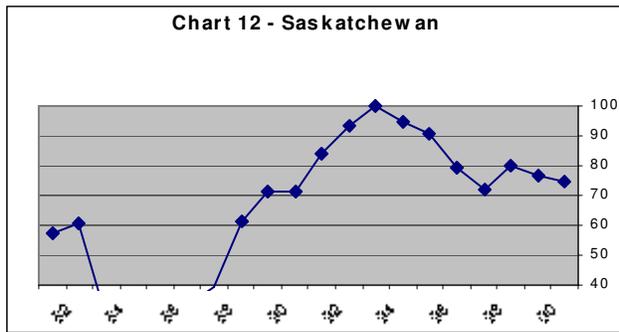
This effect seems particularly pronounced since the HA test was introduced in 1985, as if the difficulty of each test was increased when the old A test was split up. In the years from 1972 to 1984, we had an average of 0.35% or 1 in 285 A members and all were full A's. The tests were split in 1985 and since then, the average number of full A members is only 0.09% or one in more than 1100 members and the combined A, RA, and HA members is only 0.20% or one in 500 members, roughly half as many as the full A's prior to 1985. Prior to 1985, we never had fewer than 8 A's reported in any year. Since then, we have never had more than 5 A's and in only 4 years has the combined number of A, HA, and RA been 8 or more. See Chart 18.

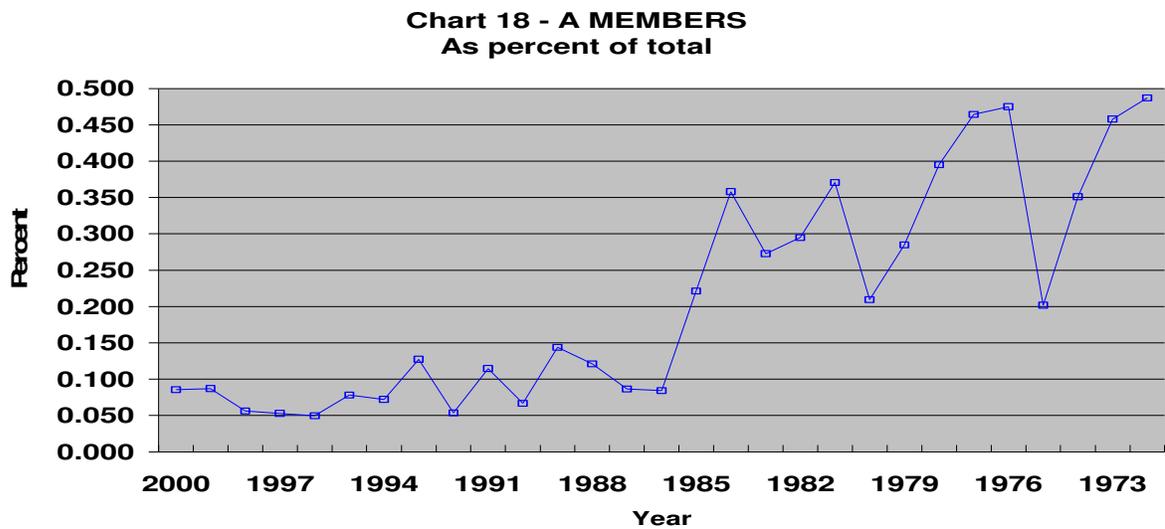
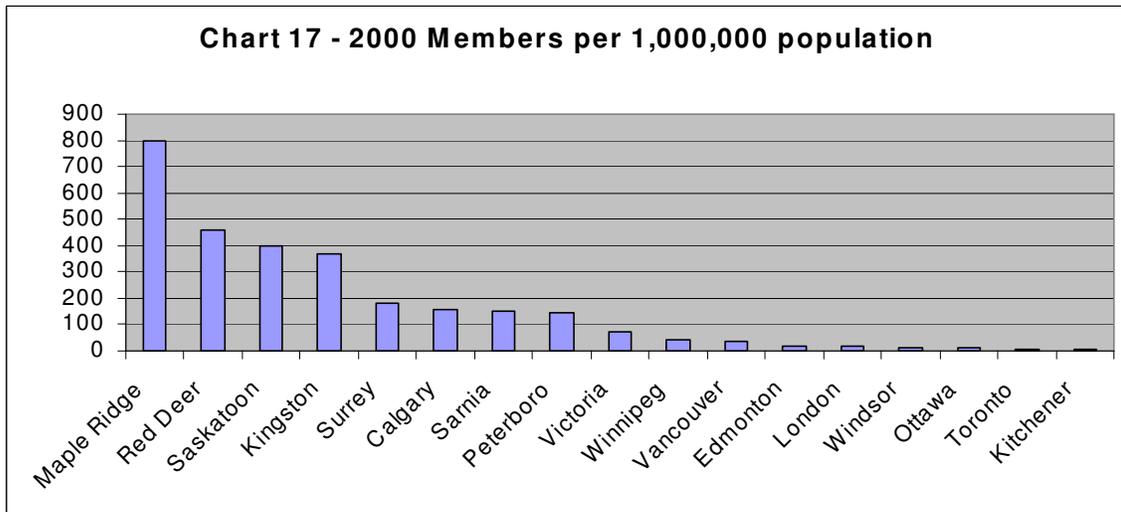
Perhaps some **additional comparative data** could be obtained to confirm or revise the comparison between our membership distribution and that in other countries. If the difference is real perhaps our A level tests could be re-evaluated to bring them more in line with other countries and possibly to better encourage B's and B2's to remain in Pony Club and continue testing.

ATTACHMENTS









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Supply Report 2000

It has been another busy year at the Canadian Pony Club Supply House. I filled 320 orders and sold just over \$51,000 worth of merchandise.

Books, as always, continue to sell well and I have added Horse Anatomy and the BHS Instructor's Handbook to my inventory.

As well, I added the medical armbands and the video "Every Time, Every Ride" to the list.

I was able to have the store set up at the T&E Conference last February. It seems to be very popular with delegates, so I will continue to do so whenever conferences are held in Winnipeg.

This year, I will be experimenting with some new picture guides, which look to be very popular.

Respectfully submitted,

Val Crowe

Val Crowe
Supply Secretary

CANADIAN PONY CLUB SUPPLY INVENTORY	1997 Total Sales	1998 Total Sales	1999 Total Sales	2000 Total Sales
DESCRIPTION				
CPC Brochure 1994	1,500	2,000	2,000	2,000
Member Application Form	62	27	*	*
Member Application Form/Risk Form	*	*	17	24
2000 Branch Report Form	*	*	1	10
2000 Membership List Form	*	*	2	10
Medical Armbands	*	*	*	1,076
CPC Individual Member Passport	282	243	1,326	1,295
By-Laws 1994	18	24	15	11
Critical Issues Handbook	23	28	20	12
CPC Branch Member Record Card	105	136	102	74
Starting a Pony Club Branch	13	16	12	13
CPC Membership Pin	1,193	1,501	1,238	1,335
CPC Internat. Games Exchange Pin	35	34	53	0
CPC Crest	274	708	496	223
CPC Blazer Crest - BLUE	7	2	1	9
CPC Blazer Crest - RED	7	2	5	0
CPC District Commissioner Pin	10	24	6	18
CPC Visiting Commissioner Pin	0	6	0	2
Handbook for District Commissioners	24	22	22	18
CPC Blue Stickers	361	881	400	1,314
CPC Logo Sticker - 4"	27	159	30	561
CPC Caution Horses Sticker - 13"	41	69	111	0
CPC Caution Horses Sticker - 11"	*	*	20	267
Canadian Pony Club Pens	*	*	*	910
CPC Flag	1	1	1	3
CPC Notepads	130	32	17	35
Coloured Notecards	*	*	150	198
A/B Testing Procedures	200	85	63	68
C/D Testing Procedures	304	169	194	293
Certificate B	39	85	127	62
Disc B - Red	12	69	172	78
Certificate C	453	362	479	279
Disc C - Green	488	386	450	368
Certificate D	768	1,047	791	723
Disc D - Yellow	621	1,183	881	817
Are You Ready?	14	25	29	15
Are You Ready II?	13	32	29	15
Points of a Horse Game	93	46	38	64
Riding and Road Sense	121	94	110	44
Fire Rules	74	63	52	32

	1997	1998	1999	2000
CPC Rally Rules - 1992	23	19	22	36
Certificate - Rally	85	42	319	30
Dressage Guidelines 1994	22	22	30	36
Tetrathlon Rules 1997	16	13	21	23
Target - Tetrathlon	1,001	30	4,100	*
Show Jumping Rules 1988	20	24	37	36
PPG Rules 1997	32	14	30	28
Coaching PPG	13	5	N/A	13
Starting PPG	14	13	24	19
Quiz Book #1 D, D1, D2 1996	21	2	*	*
Quiz Book #2 C, C1 1996	14	1	*	*
Quiz Book C2, B, A 1996	9	7	3	*
Quiz Bank on Diskette 1992	5	11	12	12
USPC D Manual	273	230	254	285
USPC C Manual	152	168	163	137
USPC AB Manual	154	78	60	61
Bandaging USPC	31	72	61	63
Conformation and Lameness USPC	32	62	62	62
Longeing USPC	31	77	61	63
Grooming to Win	9	19	20	20
Horse Gaits, Balance & Movement	19	15	19	18
Maximum Hoof Power	24	17	27	28
British Manual	21	239	294	213
Saddlery	15	35	32	33
Know Your Horse	28	44	46	47
The Lamé Horse	14	26	*	*
Conditioning Sport Horses	4	23	25	29
Horsemaster's Notebook	*	57	79	92
Horse Anatomy	*	*	*	12
Every Time Every Ride Video	*	*	*	90
D Checklist	17	18	25	9
D Workbook	17	25	40	36
D1 Checklist	25	10	15	9
D1 Workbook	19	23	24	33
D2 Checklist	25	9	10	11
D2 Study Guide	26	14	18	22
C Study Guide	34	15	27	15
C1 Study Guide	25	18	21	8
C2 Study Guide	26	17	17	11
B/B2 Study Guide	23	12	18	12
Education Resource Handbook	43	57	31	30
Flow Charts	34	9	4	4
Quiz Handbook	22	18	14	15
Scarves	29	45	15	9

CPC Website Report 2000

Use of the site:

The rate at which we get visitors to the main CPC home page has continued to increase, although the increase may now have leveled out at about 2500-3000 home page visitors per month. We have had 32,000 visits since the last AGM, an increase of 33% from the previous year. Total visits since the site was started in July, 1996 now number nearly 92,000. A chart of the visit rate plotted by month is shown on the next page.

These statistics are only for visits to the main page and don't count visitors who go directly to other pages like one of the Regional home pages, a branch page, or the guestbook. Since Feb 1, we have had full site statistics which show that we actually had a total of 4156 visitors to the site in February although the main page counter only saw 3005 of them. A total of 29,776 pages were visited creating over 130,000 "hits" on the site and transferring 490,000,000 bytes of information to visitors!

Regional/Branch Participation:

At the present time, all Regions are represented in one way or another. BC Islands has had their own successful pages on a separate server for over a year. The rest are located on the CPC server but there is a large variation in how active the regions have been in providing information. Central Ontario, Western Ontario, Manitoba, Nova Scotia/Newfoundland and to some extent NB/PEI provide frequent information updates. Alberta Southern and SLOV have recently become quite active however BCIN, BCLM, Alberta Central, Alberta North, and Saskatchewan are represented only by simple Regional pages with a small amount of information and "skeleton" branch pages which give the branch location and a way to contact the branch or region.

There are about 15 Branches across the country which have branch pages on their own servers. Some of these are quite successful but unfortunately the majority of them are very out of date. Pages on other servers can be very difficult to get rid of if the person who created them decides they are no longer interested. Even if we add some new pages and change the links on our pages, the old information can still be accessed from links on other websites and found by internet search engines until they are erased.

Regions and particularly branches should be completely satisfied that any person who wants to set up and maintain a web page for them on a different server is willing to do the job for a significant time, say 2-3 years and will either turn over access to the pages to someone else or erase the pages when they stop doing the job. Branches or regions may have pages of their own design hosted on the CPC website. All content can be controlled by the branch or region subject to overall policy such as limitations on posting names and the only real "downside" is that all updates must be processed through Crawford Dales or Bill Murray, however there is usually only a small delay involved. For security reasons, we do not issue separate "FTP" access to regions or branches.

Using the CPC website for branch pages also means that the pages are reviewed by an experienced person during the posting process. This can help to find problems and may help to avert things such as a virus-like program which was just recently installed on a branch page being developed on another server by members.

New Website:

On July 20, 2000 we transferred to a new server with much more capability and capacity. The new capabilities which have proved most useful have been:

- The capacity to post documents in several formats. This has allowed us to post nearly all of the downloadable documents not only as MS Word ZIP files as we did in the past but also as the full Word document, "PDF" files which use Acrobat Reader and are more accessible for

- people with different computer hardware or software, and even a plain text version which, although not pretty, allows access to the wording of the documents for everyone, even those without any word processor at all.
- The ability to control our own programming on the server. This has allowed us to add in several improvements to the Guestbook such as an automatic bad language filter and to improve the site search engine by indexing all pages on a word by word basis. The search engine now gives much better results and is quite heavily used. We have also been able to add in a “classifieds” program which has been under test by Central Ontario for several months.
 - Password protection has allowed us to post the National Directory online. The online version is kept up to date with all changes as they are sent in so it is usually the most accurate information available on National, Regional, and Branch contacts. A simple version which gives only the position, name, and email address (or phone if no email) is available to everyone from a “contacts” icon in the navigation bar. The full version which gives addresses as well is password protected. The password and method of access are available to those who normally receive copies of the printed Directory.

Online Newsletters:

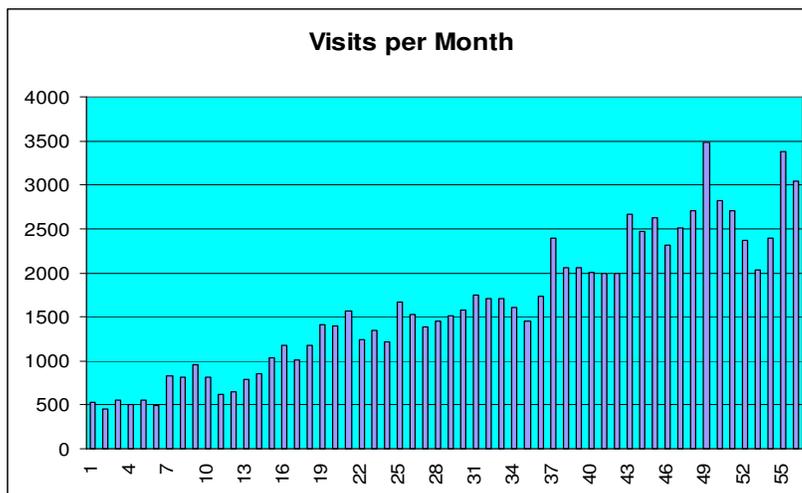
The first 3 issues of National Notebook have been posted as html pages for online viewing and as MS Word documents and PDF documents for downloading and printing. We will continue posting all issues in this way.

Classified Ads:

The test of the classifieds program by Central Ontario has been quite successful and 2 other Regions have expressed interest in classifieds sections for their own pages.

Unless the Board has an objection, I plan to develop or obtain a more full featured classifieds program which would allow all regions to use it and which would allow users to browse or place ads either in their own region or in other regions. The rights to use such a program could be purchased for something like \$150 and that may be a better solution than spending a lot of time developing one from scratch. That would easily fit within the website budget.

It would be possible to set things up to ask or force those using the system to pay something for the privilege, however I recommend strongly against doing this. The income would be minimal compared to the effort in administering it and it would also discourage some users, not only due to the cost but because such systems usually require a separate “login” or “registration” process with a user name and password. I would rather see it as a free, easy to access service to members.



Crawford Dales

March, 2001

NEW BRANCHES 2000**April 2000**

NB/PEI	Pine Hill Pony Club Marsh Winds Pony Club
Alberta	Riverview Pony Club
Central Ontario	Timmins & District Pony Club
Western Ontario	Esquesing Pony Club Georgian Bay Pony Club
BCIN	Twin Rivers Pony Club Revelstoke Pony Club
Manitoba	Heritage Pony Club

November 2000

Manitoba	Riding Mountain Pony Club
Alberta North	Northern Lights Pony Club
Central Ontario	Tanglewood Pony Club

Award Recipients 2000

Governor General's Award of Excellence

Michelle Rainford	Western Ontario
Lindsay Thompson	Western Ontario
Erin Borrow	BCLM

Todd Sandler Memorial Award

Western Canada	Lauren Glanfield	BCLM
Eastern Canada	Melanie MacKenzie	Western Ontario

Billie Mann Memorial Award

Kirsten Scott	St. Lawrence Ottawa Valley
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Adele Rockwell Memorial Award

Chantal Hortop	St. Lawrence Ottawa Valley
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Examiner Emeritus

Sandra Silcox	Central Ontario
June MacGillivray	Alberta Southern
Doris Jacoby	Alberta North
Yvonne Pink	BC Islands
Minna Renz	Central Ontario

Successful A Candidates 2000

Jennifer Sarsfield	NS/NFLD	A
Sky Walker	SK	HA
Holly Rinderknecht	ABN	HA
Lindsay Thompson	WOR	HA
Matt Gaglione	ABN	RA

National Chair's Volunteer Award

Presented by Virginia Buchanan-Smith to:
Crawford Dales
Barbara Grimm