

# CANADIAN PONY CLUB



## Annual Report

**2004**

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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 2004**

National Chair	Karol Shipley
National Vice Chair	John Moehring
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National Past Chair	Virginia Buchanan-Smith
National Treasurer	Phil Crowe (non voting)
Administrator/Supplies	Val Crowe (non voting)

## CHAIR'S ANNUAL REPORT 2004

We have had another great year for the Canadian Pony Club. The following are highlights from a very busy calendar; further details are included in the individual reports attached to this annual review:

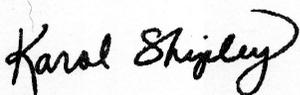
- Effective January 1, 2004 all individual memberships also require equine PSO membership
- Effective January 1, 2004 our new national insurer is Intercity Insurance Services Inc.
- Attended the USPC AGM in Philadelphia, PA to celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with the presentation of a gift as recognition of our friendship and close ties
  - Updates made to the Operations Manual and the Risk Management Guide
  - Initiation of the new Privacy Policy to protect our members.
  - Canadian Pony Club teams participated in International Exchanges for Tetrathlon in the UK, Mounted Games in the USA at their Festival, Show Jumping in South Africa and hosted the International Quiz as part of National Quiz organized by BCIN in beautiful British Columbia.
  - Communications continue to rollout through our newly updated website, "News from National" and press releases to the media
  - Congratulations to Ken Craig and John Moehring as co-recipients of the National Chair's Award for 2004

Sadly, two members of our board passed away in 2004; Adelle Coffin the National Director from NB/PEI and Karen Mutchmor, National Education Chair from ANR. We also bid a fond farewell to two retired members of the National Board, Ione Weslowski of BCIN and Ralph Rainford of WOR. We will miss you all and thank you for the wonderful contributions to our organization during your terms.

I look forward to working with the new Directors and the National Board as we develop our business plans and goals for the future.

Thanks are extended to all the dedicated parents and volunteers that provide such wonderful programs and opportunities to our membership.

Respectfully submitted,



Karol Shipley

## Section 2

### Discipline Reports

Chair for Disciplines

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#### Zone Reports

Pacific Zone Dressage & Show Jumping

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#### National Championships

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#### International Exchanges

New Zealand Invitational Dressage Exchange

South Africa Exchange

International Tetrathlon Exchange

International Mounted Games Exchange

International Quiz Exchange

**REPORT OF NATIONAL CHAIR FOR DISCIPLINES FOR 2004**

SUBMITTED BY DEL ZELMER

The Discipline Chairs for 2004 were:

Kasia Miedzinska	Dressage
Peter Munro	PPG
Jan Jamieson	Rally
Billi Solverson	Show Jumping
Gay Hansen	Tetrathlon

The only change in Chairs for 2004 occurred in Rally where Jan Jamieson became the new Chair, taking over from Heather Crampton. Comprehensive year end reports prepared by each Discipline Chair follow.

Members of the Canadian Pony Club participated in 4 International Exchanges in 2004. Reports for these exchanges follow. The International Tours for 2004 were:

International Mounted Games Exchange	hosted by USA
International Dressage Derby	hosted by New Zealand
International Tetrathlon Championships	hosted by Ireland
Invitational Show Jumping Exchange	hosted by South Africa

I was fortunate to be able to be involved in two national events over the year. I attended the National Tetrathlon Championships in Truro, Nova Scotia during the first week of August and acted as the Chief Steward for the event. I was impressed by how a small region like Nova Scotia could host such a National event. A lot of credit must go to Debbie Sloan and Gay Hansen who took the lead in organizing the event. It was as well, a great experience to be involved in the International PPG Tryouts in Calgary during the September long weekend, and to experience the youthful exuberance of all the candidates. Peter Munro and the Alberta South PPG Committee provided a positive experience for all the candidates.

A considerable amount of planning took place throughout 2004 in preparation for the Canadian Pony Club's hosting of the 2005 Inter-Pacific Rally Championships. All of the Inter-Pacific countries consisting of Canada, USA, Australia, New Zealand, Japan, & Hong Kong confirmed that they would be sending teams. Planning committees were organized for the Ontario and Alberta segments of the tour. Riding venues were confirmed. Cedar Peaks Farm will be the site of the Scramble Competition in Ontario and Spruce Meadows will be the site of the Nations Cup Competition in Alberta. Accommodation was arranged with the Toronto Montessori School in Bolton and with Mount Royal College in Calgary. A preliminary itinerary was developed with a program built around offering our International visitors an abridged Canadian experience, showing the difference in culture from East to West. The densely populated and bustling cities of Niagara Falls and Toronto can be contrasted to camping out under the stars on a trail ride into the Clearwater Range of the Rocky Mountains. Inter-Pacific website pages were developed that can be accessed via the Canadian Pony Club website. Solicitation of donors and sponsors to offset the cost of this major undertaking was ongoing. Officials for the competitions were secured. A great deal more planning and fine tuning remains before teams arrive in Canada on June 26, but the main framework was put together in 2004. I would like to thank the many, many people that have already contributed to this planning process.

## **CPC National Dressage Report 2004**

2004 began with a highly successful trip to New Zealand by the two member dressage team of Beth Murray (COR) and Teena Schneider (BCI). Deborah Fox of BCI served as both coach and chaperone. Beth presented a series of slides of their trip at the AGM in the spring and pointed out that over 200 horses attended one of the competitions from within a two hour radius of Auckland. Our team members are happy with their trip and have volunteered to go back at any time.

The long-term effort (three years) in developing drill teams has paid off. United Counties PC drill team was invited by the RCMP to perform at the Sunset Ceremony as part of the festivities leading up to Canada Day. Canadian Pony Club generously donated saddle pads for the entire team and assisted them financially to transport their horses to Ottawa.

Over the year Nova Scotia continued its efforts to develop dressage interest in the region. PEI suffered the loss of Adelle Coffin who had been the main supporter of dressage on the island. New Brunswick is gearing up towards some activity.

SLOV continued to support the development of drill teams regionally and ran the Central Zone Championships. A full report and results are on the national website. The SLOV website has a full report of its Regional Finals.

SLOV would like to thank the overwhelming support from COR and WOR at the site and regrets to inform CPC that Hawkridge Farm, which had been put on the market in the fall, has now been donated to Queen's University. All hopes for an equestrian-oriented buyer have dissipated, although the region will enter into negotiations with the University in the hope of continuing to have access as a non-profit organization.

COR, WOR, Manitoba, Alberta South and BCIN all ran regional clinics. Alberta North had a clinic that was so well received that a second one was held later in the summer for those who missed the first one. Results of Regional Finals of these regions are on their regional websites.

BCIN also ran the Pacific zones in July. Again, a full report is on the national CPC website.

## **National Show Jumping Report 2004**

I had the opportunity to attend Manitoba's Benefit Show this summer and I was very impressed with the way in which they ran their competition. It was very organized and professional and lots of fun.

I would like to be able to attend Zones in one of the other regions this summer, time allowing, as seeing how different regions operate helps me to better address the questions I get throughout the year. Unfortunately the Prairie Zones 2004 had to be canceled due to lack of support. I think we have to once again address the Zones issue. It just does not seem to work in the Prairie Regions.

Canada sent a team to the invitational in South Africa and everyone had a really good time. I have not heard yet if this competition will be offered to our members in 2005.

I would like to thank Manitoba for offering medal divisions at their Championships. ANR has been running medals for 5 years now and we can really see an improvement in the equitation. I would also like to thank COR, who are planning to add the medals to their program for 2005. I feel that the Medals program is very important to Show Jumping in CPC and I would like to encourage all regions to adopt medals into their programs. I am quite happy to discuss the requirements with anyone who is interested.

Only four regions submitted a final application for the program development grant for 2004.

In the fall I had the opportunity to go over our PC Show Jumping Rules with a senior steward and he made some recommendation for changes. I have been working on the rules over the winter. Other than the break away cups rule, it is mostly just tidying up and housekeeping. There are quite a few places where the EC/FEI reference has changed, or the wording needs adjusting. I will have them ready to present at the Disciplines Conference next year. I hope that everyone had a good year in 2004 and that 2005 will see lots of activity taking place in all the regions.

Respectfully submitted  
Billi Solverson  
CPC National Show Jumping Chair

## 2004 RALLY REPORT

During 2004, 8 regions held rallies that qualified for the National grant. BC Interior North, COR, Saskatchewan, WOR, Manitoba, NS, SLOV and Alberta South each received \$250.00.

Across Canada each Region holds rallies in different formats. Alberta South held their Friends Rally on August 7<sup>th</sup>, at the Delacour Pony Cub facility, with 44 riders participating.

Manitoba PC held their D Rally at Quarry Ridge on August 21 for 21 riders with renewed interest from volunteers and parents.

COR held two weekend working rallies in the spring of 2004, at Saddlewood for 90 riders.

BC Interior North held their rally over two weekends for 12 participants.

Saskatchewan also had 12 participants at their Sept, two day rally.

SLOV held three working rallies, based on tested levels, for 80 participants.

In 2005, Canada will host IPE. Planning has started and the date for rider applications has closed. We will be selecting a team of 5 riders and 1 alternate to compete for CPC in June and July of 2005.

Submitted by:

Jan Jamieson  
CPC Rally Chair

## NATIONAL TETRATHLON REPORT 2004

Ten Pony Club regions had active Tetrathlon programs in 2004. I am pleased to report that member participation in Tetrathlon has increased in the past year. We have some excellent regional Tetrathlon programs and they are attracting an increasing number of participants.

Seven regions applied for National Tetrathlon Grants. Grants of \$107.00 each, were awarded to Nova Scotia, St Lawrence Ottawa Valley, Western Ontario, Saskatchewan, Alberta South, Alberta Central and Alberta North. These grants support education and development of Tetrathlon at the regional level.

Ten of thirteen Pony Club regions had members who were active in Tetrathlon in 2004. These data are summarized in the table below. The overall numbers of Pony Club members in each region who participated in Tetrathlon clinics, training sessions, camps, mini meets, badge workshops and demonstrations are found in column 2. The numbers of participants at Regional and National Tetrathlon Championships are presented in columns 3 and 4.

Participation in Tetrathlon activities increased significantly in 2004 over the previous year. The number of Pony Club members taking part in regional Tetrathlon activities increased by 93% nationally. The number of participants at Regional Tetrathlon Championships increased by 60%. Attendance at the National Championship also increased by 33%.

### CPC TETRATHLON ACTIVITY, 2004

REGION	# ACTIVE	REGIONALS	NATIONALS
NB/PEI	2	2	2
NS	60	8	8
SLOV	200	5	0
COR	49	45	11
WOR	100	25	10
Man	?	0	0
Sask	16	0	0
ABS	38	42	9
ABC	12	2	0
ABN	15	5	3
BCIN	?	0	0
BCLM	?	0	0
BCIs	7	7	5
TOTAL	499	141	48
last year	258	88	36

I would like to thank the Canadian Pony Club for their generous financial support of Tetrathlon at the regional, national and international levels and also to our dedicated Regional Tetrathlon organizers who contribute so much to the sport.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Gay Hansen,  
 National Tetrathlon Chairperson

## 2004 YEAR END REPORT FOR PRINCE PHILIP GAMES

This report outlines some of the happenings in PPG across the country for the 2004 season.

### **REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS:**

Regional championships were held in most zones across the country. Some regions within the zones did not participate in PPG this year. The Atlantic zone did not participate in regional competition again this year.

### **ZONE CHAMPIONSHIPS:**

Zone championships for 'A' teams were also held in two zones this year. Following the zone championships, teams from the Pacific, Prairie and Eastern zones competed in the National 'A' finals held in Vancouver, B.C. in September. Masters riders were also active in two zones and the National Masters competition was held in Alberta in August.

### **NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS:**

The following are the results from this year's National 'A' PPG championships held in British Columbia and Masters Championships held in Edmonton, Alberta.

**National "A"** – 1<sup>st</sup> - East Maple Ridge Pony Club BCLM 2<sup>nd</sup> – Campbell Valley Pony Club - BCLM  
3<sup>rd</sup> - Strathcona Pony Club - ANR 4<sup>th</sup> - Mill Ridge Pony Club - WOR

Strathcona Pony Club was awarded the Sportsmanship Trophy

**National Masters** - 1<sup>st</sup> –The Cowboys – COR 2<sup>nd</sup> - The Mohicans – ANR 3<sup>rd</sup> - The Hot Tamales - ANR

## **INTERNATIONAL MOUNTED GAMES**

### **INTERNATIONAL PPG 2004:**

The 2004 International Games exchange was held in July in the United States. The tour visited many regions in Ontario and culminated with the International Competition held at Kentucky.

The team members were:

**COACH:** Carole Day from ANR

**CHAPERONE:** Cheryl Schmalzl from ANR

#### **RIDERS:**

**Ricki-Lee Gillespie** Strathcona Pony Club Alberta North Region

**Alicia Kayes** East Maple Ridge Pony Club BC Lower Mainland Region

**Dylan McPhail** Guelph Pony Club Western Ontario Region

**Jordon Maynard** Vancouver Pony Club BC Lower Mainland Region

**Cailin Radcliffe** Grand River Pony Club Western Ontario Region

Alternate was:

**Tina Mitchell** Garden Valley Pony Club Alberta North Region

The results were as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> Great Britain 2<sup>nd</sup> Australia 3<sup>rd</sup> Canada 4<sup>th</sup> United States of America

Congratulations to our team and special thanks to Carole and Cheryl for providing the leadership and the expertise for the team. A detailed report on the tour can be found on the National web site.

### **INTERNATIONAL PPG TEAM TRY-OUTS for 2005:**

This year, participating regions were eligible to send up to 2 riders to the selection camp that was held over the September long weekend and hosted by the High Country Pony Club of Alberta South. By the deadline, ten riders had submitted applications to the National Chair. The tryouts were held over two

days. The judges felt that all of the candidates who tried out were extremely well qualified and the task of selecting a team of only five was very difficult.

My thanks to: Del Zelmer, Carole Day and Vivienne Nicol for serving with me on the selection committee. Alberta South was exceptional hosts. Our demonstration of PPG skills at a local rodeo left more than a few rodeo riders and spectators in awe of the skills of PPG riders!

The scoring was done as specified in the RULES FOR PRINCE PHILIP CUP GAMES AND MASTERS GAMES 2003 Handbook. Judges scores were consistent with their scoring throughout the tryouts and the following riders were selected to represent Canada in the IMGE in April hosted by the Australian Pony Club.

This year, there were five applications for the position for coach and four applications for the position of chaperone. A National committee was formed and the difficult task of selecting a coach and chaperone was made. Both successful and unsuccessful applicants were notified by a personal phone call. My sincere thanks to all applicants for keeping the spirit of PPG alive.

### **INTERNATIONAL TOUR 2005**

The 2005 International Games Team will compete against teams from Great Britain, Canada, and Australia. The tour will be held in South Australia. The teams will be required to fly into Adelaide airport arriving on **2<sup>nd</sup> April** and will depart from the Adelaide airport of **18<sup>th</sup> April**

The planned tour will include a variety of activities for the teams including visits to pony clubs, abseiling, orienteering, adventure caving, a few days on Kangaroo Island which is a very interesting island with lots of wildlife, a trip to one of our leading thoroughbred stud farms, a visit to Monarto Zoo, time to ride horses and so on.

The actual competition will be held on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April and will be part of the "Gawler Horse Festival". This is planned to be an exciting festival and will include a variety of horse activities and a street parade. Representing Canada in the 2005 IMGE in Australia will be (in alphabetical order):

**Robyn Macbeth** Strathcona Pony Club AN Region Prairie Zone

**Kirsten Riphagen** High Country Pony Club AS Region Prairie Zone

**Samantha Stubbins** Caledon Pony Club WO Region Central Zone

**Whitney Strachan** Vancouver Pony Club BCLM Region Pacific Zone

**Shannon Townsend** Grand River Pony Club WO Region Central Zone

Alternate is:

**Tiffany Runnels** Strathcona Pony Club AN Region Prairie Zone

The coach is **Ellen Cordell** and **Chaperone is Bernie Cordell**.

I wish this year's team a wonderful experience meeting with the other countries teams and success on the playing field. Each of the regions looks forward to your reports after the tour is over.

### **LOOKING FORWARD**

#### **NATIONAL GAMES 2005**

The list of games to be played at this year's National championships is as follows:

Ball & Bucket; Ball & Cone; Balloon; Bending; Bottle; Canadian; Fishing; Flag (Five); Hi-Lo; Housewife's Scurry; Litter; Mug Race (3 Mug); Newspaper (Daily Mail); Pony Club; Potato Race; Spillers; Sock; Stepping Stones; Sword Race; Tack Shop; Wizards Castle.

Tie Breaker: Flag (Two)

#### **OVERALL**

I want to thank the many volunteers in each region for all their hard work and effort in putting on regional games days, Regional Championships, Zone Championships and National and International Championships. You deserve all the credit for ensuring that PPG continues its popularity. I especially thank those who have stepped forward to leadership roles in their regions. This year will be my last as National PPG Chair. Thank you for the opportunity to have met and been associated with so many who enjoy the wonderful discipline of PPG.

Peter Munro, National PPG Chair 2005

**BCIN REGIONAL DRESSAGE & SHOW JUMPING CHAMPIONSHIPS AND PACIFIC ZONE FINALS  
2004****(Hosted by BC Interior North Region)**

The combined BCIN (Southern) Regional and Pacific Zone Dressage & Show Jumping Championships were held at the Kelowna Riding Club from July 30 – August 1, 2004. Pony Clubs from the southern region of BC Interior North joined forces in organizing this event. A total of 84 competitors participated, with representation from all three BC regions.

A huge thank you to all those businesses and individuals who generously sponsored this event by donating many of the wonderful prizes and awards. We would like to acknowledge the following:

**Platinum (over \$200)** - Apple Saddlery, B & K Welding (Brett & Karen Smith – Grindrod), Big D & the Paddock (Vernon), Greyback Construction (Penticton), HCBC – Zone 2, Wood Communications (Kelowna)

**Gold (\$100 - \$199)** – Blaze Magazine, Christine Jewell, Saddle Up Magazine (Armstrong) Diamond H (Kelowna), J/L Cattle Company (Jens & Lynne Larsen – Merritt), J & M Contracting (Kelowna), Shuswap Veterinary Clinic (Salmon Arm), Stonehill Farms (Leanne Peniuk – Kamloops), SureCrop Feed (Grindrod), Armstrong Pony Club, Lakes Country Pony Club (Kelowna), Nicola Valley Pony Club (Merritt), Sage & Sands Pony Club (Ashcroft), Penticton Pony Club, Shuswap Pony Club (Salmon Arm), Tamarack Valley Pony Club (Kelowna), Thompson Valley Pony Club (Kamloops), Vernon Pony Club, Westbank Pony Club (Kelowna), Okanagon Plant Ranch (Kelowna).

**Silver (\$50 - \$99)** – AJ Forsythe (Kelowna), BC Interior North Pony Club Region, BC Lower Mainland Pony Club Region (Betty Cross, Regional Chair), Correales Wine Cellar (Vernon), Lanyard Stables (Lake Country – Sandy Lanyard), Mainline Industrial (Vernon), Mira Products, Tolko Industries Ltd. (Vernon).

**Bronze (up to \$49)** – Central Hardware (Enderby), City of Kelowna, Dr. Paul Molnar (Merritt Veterinary Hospital), Farm & Garden (Salmon Arm), Gilbert's Auto Parts (Armstrong, Vernon, Enderby), Kipp-Mallory Cosmetics Boutique (Cheri Fitzimmons – Kamloops), McDonald's (Kelowna), Princess Auto (Armstrong), Purity Feed Ltd. (Merritt), Village of Enderby, Village of Armstrong, Village of Ashcroft, Village of Cache Creek, Buckerfields (Kelowna), Birch Lodge (Coldstream).

**Photographer** – Melissa Robinson Photography

**RESULTS**

**Dr. Groom Award (sponsored by Healthy Haircare Products)**– Corine Smith (Armstrong PC)

**Pacific Zone Finals**

Aggregate Winner – Carolyn Dawson (Penticton PC)

Runner-up – Jillian Treblicock (Vernon PC)

**Show Jumping****Entry Division**

1st Caitlan Fountain (Thompson Valley PC)

2nd Evany Forrest (Armstrong PC)

**Starter Division**

1st Amanda Hodgson (Armstrong PC)

2nd Jane Dunbar (Penticton PC)

**Beginner Division**

1st Tighe Weare (Armstrong PC)

2nd Rebecca McOnie (Armstrong PC)

**Novice Division**

1st Heather Stewart (Terrace PC)  
2nd Anya Sopow (Penticton PC)

**Intermediate Division**

1st Jillian Trebilock (Vernon PC)  
2nd Corine Smith (Armstrong PC)

**Advanced Division**

1st Keely Reegelson (Shuswap PC)  
1st Braden James (Thompson Valley PC)

**Team Results**

1st Armstrong PC  
2nd Penticton PC

**Pacific Zone Finals Dressage****Pretraining Division**

1st Gabriella Martine (Penticton PC)  
2nd Meghan Jackson (Lake Country PC)

**Training Division**

1st Jillian Treblicock (Vernon PC)  
2nd Lucy Bonar (Quennell Lake PC)

**First Level A Division**

1st Carolyn Dawson (Penticton PC)  
2nd Jenny Kenyon (Penticton PC)

**First Level B Division**

1st Blaire Larsen (Nicola Valley PC)  
2nd Haley Pinfold (Quennell Lake PC)

**Second Level A Division**

1st Megan Rintala (Quennell Lake PC)

**Highest Dressage Score** – Gabriella Martine (Penticton PC)

**Team Results**

1st Quennell Lake PC (M. Rintala, H. Pinfold, L. Bonar)  
2nd Vernon PC (J. Treblicock, T. Correale, J. Scrivener)

The BCIN Planning Committee would like to thank Marcia Cooper and Karen Webster, of Nicola Valley Pony Club, for their many, many hours of work in organizing this event. As well, a big thank you to all the Pony Clubs, parents, volunteers, judges, and competitors for making this Championships/Zone Finals such a success. BCIN will be hosting National Quiz October 8 – 11, 2004 in Prince George, BC.

Respectfully submitted by  
Sandy Agatiello  
BCIN Planning Committee  
BCIN Regional Championships/  
Pacific Zone Finals 2004

## *2004 CPC Central Zone Dressage and Show Jumping Championships*

SLOV would like to thank all competitors from WOR and COR who made the effort to travel to the Central Zone Championships from the far reaches of the province. We promise to return the support in the future. Seriously, we are grateful for the effort you made to come.

The weather gods looked after us. The weekend was preceded by enough rain to soften the grass ring and water the sand rings. After that it was not too hot and not too cold, just too humid. One out of three isn't all that bad.

First, we have to extend our appreciation to Elaine and Michael Davies of Hawkridge Farm for allowing us access to their beautiful Hawkridge Farm training facility. Gerry Mainse and Kevin (whose last name we don't know) were responsible for the beautiful surroundings and condition of the rings. Gerry, as always, was invaluable in helping us out.

The judges showed up on time (Jo Cairn, Valerie Kirkwood, Eileen Gilbert); the course designer came with her own assistant (Sue and Roy Fish - nothing like two for the price of one); the stewards did not appear to be tearing their hair out in frustration (Christine Hickman – Dressage; Kasia Miedzinska – Show Jumping) and the volunteers showed up in droves, many of them from the stands, which means that once again we owe thanks to all of you. There were many who helped, but a few put in two full days of work so we were able to put names to faces; Darlene Haines, Cathy Miller and Penny McLaren of WOR. All three of them gave up watching their own children ride in order to act as whips, timers, safety check stewards and general dogs-bodies. Darlene actually found several helmets that did not meet the code. We know there were more of you, but.....

Susan Lorden and Bev Hewitt did all the scoring on dressage day and Susan Lorden laboured on the computer working out the scores on show jumping day. SLOV committee delegated jobs in the final push to the championships and a wonderful group of people pulled the show jumping together. Bev doubled as the official SLOV couturier as she designed and made the team shirts (without benefit of a pattern) in a record two days and even custom fitted them to the team members. She, Danielle and Meghan (Land O'Lakes PC) performed stable night security and Bev was the stabling supervisor. Susan also rounded up a lot of prizes, which Suzanne Bogan and Tara Heinbuch distributed evenly amongst all the participants. Apple Saddlery generously donated the bags given out to all the champions and reserve champions on both days. Kingston Feed & Farm donated several items as prizes for the class winners.

Christine Hickman and Cat Hunter were the turnout judges on dressage and show jumping day respectively. Heather Sherratt was Paddock Master. Eleanor Lorden and Paul Tonkin were Safety Officers. Angela King and Alex Walker were scribes. Serge Bisailon, Ron Walker, Peter Hewitt, Susanne Bogan, Debra Upham and more people that we didn't recognize acted as ring crew and traffic/parking supervisors. Liz Tennent and Gail Cornett put on the Gail Gourmet Show and kept everyone fed and hydrated. Dianna Bayer organized the Regional Finals that allowed SLOV members to proceed to these Championships. Apologies to those that we didn't mention.....we probably don't know your names!

A big part of these Championships is always the financing. This year SLOV put together a wonderful raffle package. First prize was a trip for two to Calgary to the Spruce Meadows Masters. Spruce Meadows graciously donated tickets for three days. McPhail Travel donated the airfare. Multiple sponsors donated the accommodations at the Calgary Wingate Inn, including Sandy Sellers, Cathy McLeod and Deerpark Management. The trip was won by Kathy Harding who has been the foundation of the Kingston & Region PC quiz education program and is the primary reason SLOV has had a steady stream of National C and A/B Quiz Champions. No one deserves it more, and she is taking her sister (another Pony Club mom) with her. Just to keep it in the family, she bought the ticket from her niece who is a retired PC member.

Second prize was a set of Procema 1000 speakers from Digital Technologies which was won by a Pony Club mom from Westwind branch in Quebec (donation arranged by Sheila Wark of Appleton PC). That ticket was sold to her by Gail McGowan, the DC of Westwind.

Third prize was a Toshiba 30" flat screen colour TV (donation by Waste Management Inc, arranged by Ann Marie Fowler of West Carleton PC) and won by Nakita Krucker of WOR who was one of three Krucker sisters riding this weekend. Rumour has it that Dad is about to receive a surprise gift.

Our thanks go not only to all those who bought tickets (and the list is long, long, long.....) but especially those who sold them. That list is much shorter and reflects the enormous effort some individuals went to in order to sell them. Some cheques came in with rather impressive amounts on them.

Hands down winner for sales was Liz Tennent of Kingston Region who has a way of talking just about anyone into just about anything. She also rounded up most of the sponsors for the accomodation. Westwind and Ottawa Valley Hunt figured prominently in ticket sales with United Counties right behind them for volume. Thank you to all of you for contributing.

And last but not least....the competitors who worked hard (with the help of parents and coaches) to earn their way here to the Championships. Congratulations to all of you. Results and photos can be found on the National web site.

There is always the inevitable list of "things we'll fix for next time" to work on. We would like to thank you for feeling comfortable enough to send your chef d'equipres (Darlene Haines, Cathy Miller, Hetty Thompson and Mary Debra Pardy) with questions. We hope we answered them to your satisfaction. We especially want to thank you for those instances where you spotted something that was not quite right and gave us an opportunity to fix it. Where we did not take care of matters to your satisfaction, we can only say that you handled it with grace and courtesy.

We hope that we can do as well for you in the future.

Thank you,

Kasia Miedzinska (National Dressage Chair, National Director, SLOV)

Susan Lorden (Regional Chair, SLOV)

Bev Hewitt (Regional Treasurer, Regional Couturier, SLOV)

## 2004 PPG Prairie Zone Competition

Millarville, Alberta, was the site of the 2004 PPG Prairie Zone competition, hosted by the Alberta South Region Pony Clubs. The event took place from Friday, July 23 – Sunday, July 25 and was attended by teams from Alberta North and Alberta South.

It was an extremely hot weekend, with temperatures well in the thirties. Fortunately, the Millarville Agricultural Society facility has trees close to the arena where riders and ponies could cool off. The nearby creek was also a favourite destination for hot and sweaty ponies and their human companions.

The weekend started off with some confusion when some of the smaller PPG ponies discovered that the stall doors (designed for racehorses) were not pony-proof. Several ponies found that they could squeeze between the metal bars of the doors and sample the grass beyond. Their crafty riders soon fabricated devices using shanks and blankets to keep the equine Houdinis in their assigned spots.

On Friday night, once pony escape artists had been corralled, riders, parents, officials and our guests of honour, Val and Phil Crowe, gathered for a welcome BBQ/pot luck supper, hosted by Davisburg and Mini Creek pony clubs.

On Saturday morning, a pony check was done early, to allow everyone to attend the Millarville Farmers Market, which is held every Saturday throughout the summer. At 11:30, we held the first set of games in the large outdoor sand ring, followed by the second set later that afternoon. Another BBQ supper, hosted by Mini Creek pony club was held that evening.

Due to the heat, we started the third set of games early Sunday morning, followed by a pizza lunch and the final set of games.

The awards ceremony was held and farewells were said at about 3 p.m. Results were: A Division: 1<sup>st</sup>: Strathcona Supa-fly, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ste- Anne T-Birds, with a tie for 3<sup>rd</sup> place between the High Country Eagles and the Davisburg Devils. In the Masters Division, 1<sup>st</sup> place went to the Mohicans, 2<sup>nd</sup> place to the Hot Tamales, 3<sup>rd</sup> place to the Double Ds and 4<sup>th</sup> place to Blue Rodeo. The Sportsmanship and the Stable Management trophies went to the High Country Eagles.

A very big thank you to Val and Phil Crowe for coming all the way from Manitoba to support the PPG Zone competition and for helping out in so many ways. Our thanks also go to all the officials who kept us in line, to the parents who acted as line and lane judges, sitting out in the dusty arena in the sweltering heat, yet still keeping a smile on their faces and to the local pony clubs who helped organize the event and keep everyone fed and watered.

### ***2004 Canadian Prince Philip Games "A" Championship***

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**The BC Lower Mainland Region and Southlands Riding Club in South Vancouver hosted the 2004 Canadian Prince Philip Games "A" Championship on Saturday, September 11, 2004. Teams from across the country have been involved in practices and competitions since April to qualify to represent their Regions and their Zone at this year's Championships.**

**The Pacific Zone was represented by two teams, East Maple Ridge and Campbell Valley Pony Clubs from the BC Lower Mainland Region. Central Canada was represented by the team from the Mill Ridge Pony Club from the Western Ontario Region. Strathcona Pony Club from the Alberta North Region was the representative from the Prairie Zone.**

**The weekend began with a Meet and Greet at Southlands on Friday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. At the Meet & Greet, rules regarding the games were clarified and coaches and riders were given information about each of the ponies they would be using. They were also able to view and ask questions about the equipment that would be used.**

**The games were held under clear skies on Saturday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, and began at 10:00. Four sets of five races were run, with a different set of pool ponies for each team for each set of races. Teams were allowed a 10 minute warm up with the ponies prior to beginning the set of races.**

**At the conclusion of the day, East Maple Ridge Pony Club placed 1<sup>st</sup>. They were followed closely by Campbell Valley Pony Club. Strathcona Pony Club placed 3<sup>rd</sup> and Mill Ridge 4<sup>th</sup>. Strathcona Pony Club was awarded the Sportsmanship Trophy.**

**Following the event, all riders, coaches, chaperones and many parent volunteers enjoyed an evening together at the Spaghetti Factory in Historic Gastown in Vancouver.**

**Many thanks to the BCLM Region for hosting the event and to the many people who lent their time, effort and help to organize and run the championships, including the pony owners who supplied 23 ponies for the event.**

## *Masters Nationals 2004*

*Whitemud Equestrian Centre,  
Edmonton, Alberta.*



### *Champions "Cowboys"*

*Left to Right are Lorraine Smith, Lisa Pascoe, Mike Durward, Brent Couch & Allison Pascoe*

The Masters National Competition was held on the last weekend of August 28th and 29th and saw three teams competing in the 'Clash of The Titans' at Whitemud. The Cowboys came out from Ontario [COR] to play the Mohicans and the Hot Tamales Masters teams from ANR. We entertained all team members on the Saturday by taking them to the West Edmonton Mall World Waterpark. After an exciting time riding the waves, tubes and slides everyone headed back to my Austin Powers Disco Barn for a steak BBQ and Sunday was competition day and pony lenders came from far and near with trusty steeds for the ensuing battle.

The game was tied between the Cowboys and the Mohicans until the third set, then the Cowboys galloped home to victory with the scores ending at,

The Cowboys: 55

The Mohicans: 48

The Hot Tamales: 39

At the end of the day the Cowboys took home the trophy but we did give them some serious competition. Fran Laing put on a truly awesome lunch for everyone and after the awards ceremonies [and more lunch] the Cowboys left for Toronto on the red eye flight home.

Jane Goodliffe,

ANR Interim PPG Chair.

## **National Tetrathlon Championships**

On August 1 to 5, the Nova Scotia Region hosted the National Tetrathlon Championship. Accommodation was at the Nova Scotia Agricultural College in Truro.

The riding competition was at Central Nova Horse and Pony Grounds, home of the Central Nova Horse Trials.

Forty-eight competitors as well as chaperones, coaches and parents from seven regions attended.

We were fortunate to also hold a National Youth meeting during this competition. The weather was great, the competition was keen and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. Many thanks to the Nova Scotia Region and numerous volunteers for making this competition a success.

This year we were pleased to have members from the Alberta North Region attend their first National Tetrathlon Championship. We are hoping to have competitors from Alberta Central, Saskatchewan and St Lawrence Ottawa Valley Regions at the National Championship in Calgary next year.

The 2004 International Tetrathlon Exchange was held August 10 to 31 in England and Ireland. The Canadian Pony Club sent a team of eight tetrathletes, 5 women and 3 men plus a female coach and a male chaperone. Three competitions were held (Burnham Market, Morton Morrell and Tipperary) with lots of traveling, touring and visiting in between. The Canadian Team had a fabulous time and is very grateful to the Canadian Pony Club for the support and opportunity to participate in this unique experience. The next International Exchange will be in 2006, in Canada and the USA.

**NATIONAL QUIZ 2004**  
**PRINCE GEORGE, BRITISH COLUMBIA**  
**HOSTED BY BCIN**

Submitted by Brenda Read – BCIN Quiz Chair

National Quiz 2004 was hosted by the British Columbia Interior Northern Pony Club. It took place in Prince George from October 11<sup>th</sup> to October 14<sup>th</sup> and was held at the Coast Inn of the North.

2004 was also the year of International Quiz, so we had the pleasure of hosting 2 International teams made up of a selected group of members from both the Canadian Pony Club and the United States Pony Club. There was one International C and one International A/B team.

Our weekend began on the Friday night with a welcome lunch and Pumpkin Carving contest. Pumpkins were displayed over the weekend where participants could vote on their favorite pumpkin. The weekend saw everyone enjoying the accommodations and food supplied by the host hotel; as well, participants and chaperones enjoyed the sites and shopping of Prince George.

For the most part, the competition went well; the officiating was accurate, reliable and most efficient (as to be expected). We had the honor of 3 guest speakers, Karol Shipley – National Chair, Michael Kurylko and Emily Dexter - Youth Reps, and we had a lovely Thanksgiving dinner and awards banquet.

I received many cards and notes of thanks and praise from competitors and chaperones alike. It certainly appeared that the competitors enjoyed themselves, as they always do, and I believe they are all anxious to work toward attending next year's National Quiz.

We were very fortunate to have some excellent sponsors – mainly our PSO from British Columbia. We had several monetary donations, lots of donated services and other donations of sorts. Because of the incredible sponsorship we were able to see a profit.

There were some major disappointments for me – it was my first time at organizing an event of this magnitude and it was an extremely consuming task. My disappointments at the Quiz itself were the theatre performance - the show was not what we had anticipated and I felt there were some inappropriate materials. The other problem I faced throughout the weekend was the fact that although the staff was very accommodating and wanted to help, they still did not seem to understand my instructions for what I wanted set up in rooms. However, the weekend was a success overall and the kids had a great time. I do want to suggest to any future Quiz hosts that you be extremely explicate with your caterers, suppliers, hotel staff etc. It will save many disappointments the weekend of your Quiz.

On a more positive note, I would like to say the following as I end my report, I totally enjoyed the experience of organizing the National Quiz. It was a huge project but one that has left me a much wiser and knowledgeable person. I can say that it has left me, as well as the rest of our Region feeling very proud of our accomplishments and so pleased with the fact that we were able to be apart of something that was so beneficial and exciting for the kids of C.P.C.

Along our way we met some very wonderful people and can thank this organization for the support and camaraderie that always seems to be a part of it.

Thank you to Phil and Val Crowe for all their assistance, thank you to all the chaperones that helped us out incredibly during the Quiz. Thank you as well to all the teams who attended and made our Quiz a success.

Good Luck to next years hosts.

## 2004 South African Invitational Show Jumping Competition and Exchange

On Aug. 14, 2004 5 Pony Club members and 1 chaperone would embark on what was to become “a trip of a lifetime”. The Team Canada members were as follows:

Tatiana Gabrush	Willow Ridge Pony Club,	Saskatchewan Region
Theresa Moehring	North Hill Pony Club,	Manitoba Region
Kimberly Parker-Maull	Black Creek Pony Club,	Alberta North Region
Shannon Cook	Grove Pony Club,	BC Lower Mainland Region
Katie Rodgers	Bridlewood Pony Club,	BC Interior North Region

Sue Maull- Chaperone, Alberta North Region

After numerous emails and last minute preparations we all met at the Calgary, Alberta Airport to begin our adventure. Having never met before we chose to wear our team uniforms so that we could easily recognize one another. This strategy seemed to pay off because we received preferential treatment throughout the trip and we could easily spot each other in a crowd. After a short visit we boarded our 9 hour night flight to London, England.



*Boat ride on the River Thames with Big Ben in the background  
(Katie, Tatiana, Kimberly, Shannon, Theresa)*

Upon arriving in the morning, we were glad to see that all our luggage had made it. We boarded the high speed train and headed to Paddington Station and our hotel which was close by. After checking into our small rooms we took a ride around the city in the top of an open air double decker bus. For the next 4 days we would get up early and hit the sights. Our unlimited travel tube/bus pass made getting around London

very easy. We visited the Tower of London (which houses the queen's jewels), took a boat ride down the river Thames, past Big Ben (clock not horse), the Parliament buildings, London Bridge, and the



*Kimberly, Shannon, Tatiana, Katie, and Theresa getting ready to board the flight from London to South Africa*

Eye of London. We toured Westminster Abbey, Saint Paul's Cathedral, Buckingham Palace, The Queen's Royal Mews (stables which house the royal carriages) and watched the Changing of the Guard. One rainy afternoon we went to the London Dungeon of Horror, which was not for the faint at heart. The evenings were also packed with adventure. We attended the musical production of "Fame", had dinner one night at the Hard Rock Cafe and took a "Jack the Ripper" walking tour. After an amazing time in London we were ready to board our night flight for Johannesburg, South Africa.

Friday, Aug. 20th we arrived very sleepy eyed and were met by Mande and Bennie who would serve as our hosts. They drove us to the Medical University Campus in Mendunsa where we had a chance to get settled in to what would be our home base. We went on an "Outride" around the university grounds and surrounding rural area. That evening we were treated to a traditional Braai (BBQ) hosted by the parents of the Mendunsa Pony Club. The next day we were up early and off to try out horses for the competition. The girls were able to try out several horses until they found a horse that suited them. The team was lucky because the horses were top quality and came from some of the best barns in the area.

On Sunday, Aug 22nd we left for Kaapsehoop, which was about a 4 hour road trip through some lovely parts of South Africa. Kaapsehoop is a little mining village with 150 wild horses living in and around the town. They do horse trials in the pine forest there and it's one of the most beautiful places in Gauteng. For 2 days we went on out rides through the forest and got in some much needed rest and relaxation. Our accommodation was an old restored house and we were treated to some amazing food.



*Tatiana found a match with this mare*

The next few days leading up to the competition was filled with shopping trips, touring the city and getting the girls to their riding lessons. We were bulletted out to Mendunsa Pony Club families for the days of the competition.

Friday Aug 27th to Sunday Aug. 29th was a very busy and exciting time for the team. The International Show was held at Kyalami Park which is an excellent equestrian facility. The SA Pony Club branches that participated were Medunsa, Rand Hunt, Benoni, Irene-Midrand, Walderville, Citadel, Kwa Zulu Natal, Timsrand, and Carlswald. The countries represented with international teams included United Kingdom, Canada, South Africa and the United States. During the weekend the team had a chance to meet lots of fellow Pony Clubbers and exchange pins, flags, hats and whatever else we had brought to give away. In return we collected lots of treasures. Saturday evening we attended a Braai hosted by the Rand Hunt Pony Club. It was a great time to visit with all the riders.

The girls rode beautifully and placed very well. They made Canada proud! When I went up to the equitation judge to receive his written comments, he remarked” "What a pleasure it was to judge the Canadian Team”.

On Sunday the Jr. International Competition was so exciting and nerve racking. After the first two go rounds Canada was in a 3-way tie for 2nd place. Each team selected two riders for the jump off round. When it was all said and done Canada placed 3<sup>rd</sup>. They all did an awesome job.

- 1<sup>st</sup> South Africa Pony Club
- 2<sup>nd</sup> UK Pony Club
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Canadian Pony Club
- 4<sup>th</sup> United States Pony Club

We had unbelievable support from the crowd. They cheered and waved Canadian Flags whenever a team member rode. It was great!

Monday morning we packed up to go on a 2 day Safari at Pilanesberg. The accommodation was a 3 room brick hut with a thatched roof. It was quite nice. We were so lucky to see lots of animals (some we had never even heard of) and get great photo's. It was a nice time to relax and unwind from the horse show.

On Thursday we attended the Pretoria Agricultural Fair. We were fascinated by all the breeds of cattle, the horse show and the exhibits. It is the largest agricultural fair in Gauteng.

Our last night we were hosted for dinner, at the home of a Medunsa Pony Club family. They raised monkey's and miniature horses. We all enjoyed watching a demonstration of the miniature horses and grooms (running along side) jumping a course. Sometimes the grooms would clear the jumps (3'3") and the miniatures wouldn't. The evening was lots of fun, however now it was time to say a sad "goodbye" to all our Pony Club friends and families.

We had an evening flight home, so the day was spent packing and shopping at a tack store. Some of the girls got their hair braided in lots of little braids for the trip home.

I would like to thank our hosts Mande and Bennie and the Medunsa Pony Club for taking such good care of us. You are stars! Thank you to Rodger Hessen, Cindy de Villiers for providing the team with lovely and talented horses. Our appreciation to Mrs. Moehring for sewing the beautiful garment bags, and helmet covers. Thank you to Val and Phil Crowe for all the help in planning this trip. The Canadian Pony Club for the saddle pads and all the promotional items. We used them well. Thank you to the numerous families and businesses that helped the team financially. Thank you to our families that supported us in making this trip. Words can't begin to express what an awesome experience this trip was. I hope that more teams will have the opportunity to participate in an exchange like this.

*Sue Maull - Chaperone*

## **New Zealand International Dressage Exchange**

A Canadian team was invited to compete in two international Derby's in New Zealand in January, 2004. The first competition was held in conjunction with the New Zealand Young Riders Dressage Championships and the second with the New Zealand Pony Club Dressage Championships.

The Canadian Team was comprised of Teena Schneider, 15, from Ladysmith B.C., myself Beth Murray, 20 of Burketon, Ontario and Debra Fox, coach/chaperone also from Vancouver Island.

On Friday the 9th our team attended an introductory BBQ to meet the other teams from Australia, Hong Kong, South Africa, New Zealand, USA, Ireland and Great Britain. At this event we also drew the horses that we would be riding the following day. Each rider was to ride two horses through the same test, with each horse being ridden by two riders.

Saturday the 10th began with all of the international derby horses going through a jog up, with everyone passing with flying colours. For the first round the owners rode the horse for 15 minutes and then the international riders could ride the horse for 20 minutes in the designated warm-up ring before having 10 minutes to ride over to the show ring and do their final preparations. Both Teena and myself drew a lovely horse by the name of Teilcey Allrich; I rode him in the first round to a 66.85% , the third highest score of the first round out of sixteen rides. Horses at this event were lent by local members of New Zealand Dressage Federation and ranged in level from ex Grand Prix horses down to horses riding about Training Level. After all rides were complete Canada sat in 5th place overall with myself in 8th position individually. I was thrilled with this outcome and team Canada happily accepted our sashes at the two and a half-hour formal presentation ceremony on Sunday the 11th.

Wednesday the 14<sup>th</sup>, we traveled with our host family to Taupo; a 5-hour drive in their horse truck. That evening we had another introductory meeting, although the teams had already met at the previous BBQ, the New Zealand and Australian teams had changed for this event. We were told which horses we had been assigned to ride in the regular championship classes for the Friday and Saturday and that we would draw our horses for the Sunday derby on Saturday night. That night we had an international bowling competition, where Canada held their own, until a certain Irish boy intruded on my game.

Thursday morning was spent sight seeing. Due to our restriction of no bungy jumping and no quad riding, the Canadians headed off with the USA coach, Linden Gray, and Irish coach, Tony Ennis, to see the craters of the moon and the Huka Falls. All of the other international riders and coaches went to the Huka Falls on a jet boat and then went bungy jumping. That afternoon we had a chance to ride the horses that we would compete on in the regular classes on Friday and Saturday. I received a lovely grey gelding by the name of Santonlina, or Motley.

On Friday and Saturday I was entered into four tests, two at the New Zealand Novice level and two at the New Zealand Elementary level. Friday and Saturday were almost mirror images of each other. Our first test on both days was the Elementary test in two different rings that were beside the flags of all of the countries and pony club branches. Unfortunately Motley was terrified of the flags and was preoccupied with them through both of the tests. Luckily our second tests were both far away from the flags and we managed a 65%, good for 5<sup>th</sup> out of 30+ on Friday and a 70.77% on Saturday when we won the class of 35 riders. This score was also the highest score of any international ride throughout both competitions! Both Motley's owner and I were exhilarated with these results, which in my mind made up for the flag incidents. Saturday night we attended another BBQ for the award presentations of Friday and Saturday's classes. There we drew our horses for Sunday's derby. At this event the pony club branches had donated 32 horses so that we all rode two different horses through our respective tests.

The international derby horses were presented to us tacked up on Sunday the 18<sup>th</sup>, 45 minutes before our test times. We first had to undergo a tack check and then could mount with 30 minutes to go. My second mount was a cute thoroughbred gelding named Westwood By George, I rode to a 62.38%, the second highest mark of that round. At the end of this derby Canada finished in 6th place overall.

All in all this was an amazing trip, from which I have many incredible memories. From the 27 hour travelling times, fantastic and unique scenery, warm and sunny beaches and overwhelmingly friendly and caring people, this trip turned into a marvelous adventure. I hope to return to New Zealand in the future to visit with some friends that I have made and experience the remarkable New Zealand culture again. I would like to thank all of my sponsors who helped to make this trip a once in a lifetime experience.

Sincerely,  
Beth Murray

## **International Tetrathlon 2004**

### **Team Canada**

#### *Athletes*

Annie DeLeenheer – British Columbia  
Brittany Emery – Ontario  
Inga Hansen- New Brunswick  
Lindsay Willis – Alberta South  
Jennifer Wilson – New Brunswick

Zachary McCue – Ontario  
Joshua Riker-Fox – Alberta South  
Janek Wozniowski – Alberta South

*Coach* Jennifer Zelmer – Western Ontario  
*Chaperone* Andrei Wozniowski- Alberta South

#### *Competitions*

1. Sussex Farm, Burnham Market England
2. Moreton Morrell, Warwickshire College England
3. Gurteen College, Roscrea Co. Tipperary Ireland

The 2004 International Tetrathlon exchange was a “trip of a lifetime” for the 10 of us from across the country. It was an amazing adventure and a great honor to represent Canadian Pony Club. We were gone for the month of August competing in two competitions in England and one in Ireland. The competitions were against teams from the USA, Ireland, and England.

Our trip started with a four day training camp and team bonding at the Hansen’s and Wilson’s houses. Both families hosted all of us with open arms, and made it a great start to our trip. We spent these first few days training and seeing the wonderful sites of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. On August 11<sup>th</sup> in the evening we all headed to London, England, excitedly awaiting the great trip to come. We flew through the night and ended up arriving early in the morning London time with a very busy day ahead of us. We spent the day getting to know all the athletes, organizers, and adjusting to the new time zone. During the first six days we stayed at the National Construction College, which was quite nice, giving each of us our own private rooms, and even a swimming pool on site. While training and getting ready for the first competition, the host team took us on an adventure. We went to Thetford forest to go “apeing” which is basically swinging and climbing through trees at least 12 meters off the ground. Fear of heights was definitely conquered on this fun adventure.

From August 13-15<sup>th</sup> we competed at a Regional and International Tetrathlon Competition at Sussex Farm, Burnham Market. The competition started with shooting, followed by swimming, then riding of a stadium course, and lastly running. Both the men and women’s teams did quite well with Annie DeLeenheer placing second in the shooting and third in the riding. During the competition at Sussex Farms we managed to fit in a tour of Holkham castle, along with a picnic on the beach. We then finished it off with a hog roast and disco. We spent the next few days staying with host families near Woburn. During this time we went shopping in New Market, visited the National Stud horse racing farm, toured the famous Woburn estate and spent a day in London. Our tour of London was unforgettable, riding a double Decker bus seeing all the sites such as Buckingham Palace, Big Ben, Westminster Abby, and so on. While doing all this touring we continued training and on the final night with the host families we had a get together and barbeque.

The following day we headed to Moreton Morrell. For the next five days we stayed at Warwickshire College. Each of us had our own bathroom or as the British call it "looos" in our rooms and there was a cross country course right at the college. We then continued training, went on an adventure tour, and had the opening ceremonies of the next competition. The next competition was from August 20-22<sup>nd</sup> at the Pony Club Tetrathlon championships and International competition in Moreton Morrell. Once again the competition started with shooting, swimming, followed by riding of a stadium course, and lastly running. The riding went well with some amazing horses once again, but poor Annie's horse slipped in the warm up ring and she had a fall. She wasn't hurt too bad but sadly had to miss the run. Both teams did a little better at this competition and Josh Riker-Fox ended up second overall. The day after the competition we got up at 4:30am and headed to Heathrow airport to fly to Ireland. We then were picked up at the airport by some of the Irish host families. We all traveled to the county of Westmeath. Most of us ended up staying near a little town called Mullingar where we spent time shopping, and touring around. We continued training but in Ireland they shoot air rifles instead of pistols. We had to practice this and got some good tips from the Irish team. The night before the final competition the Irish team had a party for us hosted by the Tracey family. They rented a huge blow up slide and had a big Irish barbeque. The following day we went on a "trek" as the Irish call it, through the mountains. We got to ride all different kinds and sizes of horses galloping through the trails. It was a fun time for everyone. We then spent the afternoon having tea at the Dungin pub in the famous Kinnity castle.

Later we headed to the County of Tipperary which is known for "Tipperary tack". We stayed at Gurteen College, Roscrea Co., which was also right on a cross country course. The final competition was the Tetrathlon Championships from August 27-29<sup>th</sup>. Once again we started with the shooting this time with rifles, then swimming. Next was the riding portion which was a cross country phase with many huge jumps, combinations, a gate, and slip rail. The course was a Preliminary Eventing Course with over 30 jumps plus many combinations. The horses were once again wonderful and the ride went very well for our team. We finished it off with the run, and the girl's team ended up doing really well finishing third overall. That evening we had another huge barbeque to celebrate the final competition, we exchanged gifts, and had our last night with all the teams. The following day the US team and us went to Bunratty castle, shopping, and had ice cream on the waterfront. We then had Chinese food provided by the McCue's, said our good-byes and headed to the airport. At the airport there were many tears and more sad good-byes from our trip.

It was an absolutely wonderful trip, with endlessly great experiences. The horses were amazing and being able to take part in England and Ireland's Pony Club activities was great. We were also able to meet Joe who's the head of Pony Club and take part in some celebrations of Pony Clubs 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Above all it truly was a "trip of a life time!"

Written by Team Member – Lindsay Willis

# *International Mounted Games Exchange Tour and Competition*

## *2004*

Our travel started July 3, 2004 to Toronto. This is where we were to do a couple days of training before heading off to the U.S.A.. I (Cheryl) arrived first and was met by Susan McPhail, she was easy to pick out because she held a sign with our names on it. Then we waited outside of the baggage claim while the rest of the team waited inside!! Eventually Ricki and Alicia came out to see if people were waiting. Shortly after, Tom Radcliffe and Susan took us to the Townsend's home. Their place was wonderful and had both an arena and an outside practice ring for our camp. Warren, Donna and Shannon Townsend were wonderful!! Not only did they open their home, they helped with getting horses, equipment, driving and let us indulge in their pool and hot tub after practices. Warren was also a great chef and spoiled us with his good cooking skills. The practices were great and helped with the kids learning what kind of pass offs each preferred.



*Jordan, Ricki, Cailin, Dylan*



*Dylan and Cailin pass off*



*Dylan and Jordan Hi Lo race*

The morning of July 7 came way to early; we were off to the airport at 4:30 am. Thanks again to Tom Radcliffe and George McPhail for driving to the airport, even though George left us at the wrong terminal!! We had lots of time though and were able to take a bus to the right one. After that little glitch we still had to wait for the flying crew to arrive! Finally we got on the plane and had a

good flight to Indianapolis. The coach from the U.S.A. team and her father met us at the airport and took us to Raynor's to meet the other teams and have a cook out.

Team Canada arrived first and then the U.S.A. team. We all hung out while waiting for the U.K. and Australia teams to arrive several hours later. The kids watched T.V., swam, talked and some even napped (including Carole and I). While we waited there was a phone call from New Zealand, (we thought) asking for an exact address for the Australia team; the call was not actually from New Zealand but from L.A., the custom people were not going to let them travel further without an exact address for their destination! Then we found out the U.K. team was in New York waiting for a rainstorm to end before they continued to Indianapolis. With these happenings they did not arrive until much later and they were rushed off their host families shortly after they arrived.

The tour kept us busy with many different activities each day. Traveling to Eiteljorg Museum (on American Indian history), a walk and lunch on the White River Garden path way, and a visit to the Zoo. At the zoo we saw a great 7 dolphin show. We managed to keep all 20 kids from being captured for an exhibit at the zoo.



*Carole, Cheryl, Cailin, Ricki, Alicia, Dylan, Jordan at the winner press area*

Indianapolis Motor Speedway (home of the Indy 500) was our next tour stop. We were able to stop and see the start line, where the press watched and reported the race and got to stand where the winners were interviewed. Then we were off to do some shopping at the Circle City Mall, walked to the Monument Circle of Indianapolis and then off to a minor league baseball game. The Indianapolis Indians were playing against an Ottawa team. The kids were able to attract the audience fun cams 3 times with a couple of teams represented in each shot. This one time the weather was not cooperating and the game was called after 5 innings. Another highlight was when a ball was hit into the stands just missing Beth (U.S.A. coach) and hitting a lady's wrist behind her. The ball hit the lady and landed in her popcorn bowl! She was not seriously hurt.

On Saturday we had a morning with our host families doing many different activities, then heading off to Hoosier Horse Park for a couple of nights in the Fox Den (28 people under one roof in one big room). We were supplied with personalized pillow cases, pillows, and sleeping bags which we continued to use during our bus ride and other host families. After getting settled we all enjoyed a peaceful trail ride on the cross-country course. The people who ran the restaurant made us salads, cooked roast and desserts for our supper. They also had us breakfast for our two mornings there. On Sunday the kids helped with a games practice for several teams getting ready for championships. The kids were line judges, equipment movers and a couple were announcers. After lunch the International teams were divided into 5 teams and the kids from the morning games returned the favor of line judges, equipment movers and announcers and a friendly competition was held. The day ended with a swim and pizza.



*Bottle Race*



*Breakfast at Roosters Team Canada and Karen from Team UK*



*All of the teams in front of our lodging at Hoosier Park*

We were on the road again on Monday to Fair Oaks Farm, a dairy farm. This was a difficult place to find but Mike (our bus driver) was awesome at backing up and turning the bus around in tight spots. Once there, we saw a 72 cow-turning platform where they milk 3000 cows every 8 hours. They make cheese, butter, and great ice cream from their milk supply on the farm. After the tour we headed to Wayne, Illinois for a cookout and party to meet our new host families. 10 hours were spent at the Six Flags Amusement Park. There were 8 roller coasters and all were conquered by many, including adults ( I only had to take 3 Graval to do it)! There were water rides that were enjoyed on the hot day. The kids voted this as one of their favorites.

When we got to Chicago the next day we started off with a trip up the Sears Tower. The sights were awesome, you could see for miles. This time in Chicago involved a lot of walking, which was good, for everywhere we went the food was plentiful and very good, so walking it off was also a good

idea. We walked to Grant park and Buckingham Fountain, which was right next to Lake Michigan, where some of the kids braved the cold water and took a swim. Then once again we tested Mike's driving skills as we drove in the residential area to get to our next set of host families.

The next day we toured Chicago by a boat, then more walking as we toured Michigan Ave.(million dollar Ave.) with the very expensive shops of Gucci, Liz Taylor, etc. We also enjoyed watching Alicia take part in a street performance; she was part of a group that an entertainer was going to flip over. Then we ate Great pizza at Giordano's. Following supper we walked some more to see the Blue Man Group. They used drums, paint, and plastic tubing to create music. They are also dressed in black and their heads and faces are all blue and they don't move their mouths, only their eyes to express emotion. At one point they sprayed the audience with mashed bananas (good thing they supplied plastic ponchos) and at the end of the performance unrolled many rolls of toilet paper starting from the back and we the audience pulled out towards the stage while the lights were blinking and flashing. It was a blast and also another favorite of the kids.



*Team Canada, Ann from Team UK at Ed Debevic's*

We were entertained by an educational dolphin show at the Shedd Aquarium and amazed at the many different sizes of aquariums and different species in them. Next was a performance at The Noble Horse, where the kids enjoyed watching the riders juggle from horseback, the vaulting and acrobats on horseback. We walked to our next dinner experience at Ed Debevic's where the waiter was quite bossy and lazy when it came to clearing the table (just ask Dylan who was threaten with a glass of water over his head to do his own clearing). After supper we went to the Navy Pier, where several kids rode on the 15 story tall ferris wheel.

The next day we traveled to Mahomet Illinois for a cookout, swim, soccer, tennis, and fireworks. On Sunday we enjoyed a canoe ride trip to Deer's Mill. The river was not too deep so some canoes got stuck and when the kids tried to get unstuck the canoe would flip or the kids would just flip it to get wet. After the canoeing we had lunch at Shades State Park that was provided by Subway and the Porter family. Then we had the choice to hike, sunbathe, play cards or sleep. For supper we ate at a all you can eat buffet.

Monday came early (5 am) to travel to Cave City, Kentucky to tour part of the Mammoth Cave. There are 300 miles of mapped caves. We toured the part of the cave by lamplight where a doctor conducted an ill-fated medical experiment. He wanted to see if the clean air in the cave could help cure a disease. We ended our day at a hotel in Louisville.

Breakfast was served for us at Churchill Downs racetrack and a chance to see the horses breezing and a tour of the Grandstand. We also toured their museum, which was very interesting. From there we traveled to the Kentucky Horse Park to help direct riders and their ponies to the right check spots.

From Wednesday to Friday we spent time at the Kentucky Horse Park watching the USPC championships. We toured Gainsborough Farm, an impressive breeding and foaling facility. The foaling barns are coated with rubberized paint and round corners and rubber flooring for the ultimate comfort, an onsite lab, video, and oxygen in case of any emergencies. The grounds were gorgeous and spotless. It was said the owner does not sell his stock but may give it to staff for a dollar if it does not meet his standards (everyone was amazed). This was also a favorite for the kids. We were also able to get pictures with one of the stallions, Quiet American. Oh yeah this is the farm of the sire to Smarty Jones, the most recent Kentucky Derby winner. We also played mini-golf, ate at Jalapenos, watched a movie and did some shopping.

Friday night led us to our International Competition. We arrived during a downpour but it did not dampen our spirits.

The games were played well with no horse or rider with injuries and only one rider (a Canadian) was affected badly by the heat. But our team continued on and did us proud with a third place finish. The United Kingdom came first, Australia second, Canada third and U.S.A. fourth. A party was held after the competition and was well attended with team members, pony owners, family and past international members. Four out of our 5 members had their family attend and one family from Australia came to watch. Friday night and early Saturday morning was spent trading, getting addresses and saying good byes to the U.S.A. team as the other teams headed back to Indianapolis by bus to catch our planes home. As we parted to the north, west and east sides of the U.S.A we headed home with new friends and fond memories.



*Team Canada right before the competition*



*Team Canada after getting third place medals*



*Team Canada at the party after competition*

There are many people to thank for their hospitality, support and generosity; from the host families, the bus driver, the International teams, and the people who supplied ponies and the people who worked hard to make the games happen. We would also like to thank the U.S.A team for donating the pillows and sleeping bags to a shelter at the end of our wonderful tour.

## International Quiz Exchange

International Quiz is held every two years, and at this time only includes teams from Canada and the US. We are hoping that we can convince other countries to join us in the future.

The 2004 exchange was hosted by Canada in the three BC Regions. The support from BCLM and BCI was phenomenal and BCIN allowed us to conclude our tour by joining in the National Quiz.

Forming the Canadian Team were:

Theresa Kerr	High Country Pony Club	WOR
Chantal Hortop	Westwind Pony Club	SLOV
Tatiana Gabrush	Willow Ridge Pony Club	SK
Wendy Miller	High Country Pony Club	ABC
Chaperone – Karen Mutchmor, ANR		

The American Team consisted of:

Jessica Schley	Santa Ynez Pony Club	California
Faye Sparks	Possum Trot Pony Club	Indiana
Corey Krutsch	Mount Hood Pony Club	Oregon
Shasta Schmidt	Fresno Pony Club	California
Chaperone – Ann Petry, Ohio		

For this tour, we asked that each country send two A/Bs and 2 C level members. The first day, we traveled as Canadian and American but after that, we formed the A/B Team and the C Team.

I regret to inform you that the A/B Team was totally nuts! It started with Jessica but soon spread to the rest of the team.

The first day started with numerous trips to the airport, where we picked up each team member and ferried them back to the hotel. As soon as everyone had arrived, we headed out for our first adventure. We started by driving completely across Vancouver to attend Storeyum. This was a very interesting look at the history of BC, with the use of small vignettes performed by live actors. We finished the day with a quick exploration of Gas Town, then dinner at the original Spaghetti Factory. Then it was back to the hotel for some much needed sleep.

The next day we were blessed with perfect weather for our trip to Stanley Park. We stopped at English Bay to enjoy the scenery and take some pictures. At every picture opportunity, Phil and I found ourselves with 8 or 10 cameras, with instructions to “take one for me, please”. We continued on to Stanley Park, where we spent some time driving around the park before stopping for lunch at Prospect Point, where most of us enjoyed salmon in various forms. On our way back to the hotel, we stopped at a Chinese restaurant for supper. We should have been warned when the man at the door asked us if we were sure we wanted to eat there. It was a real Chinese restaurant for real Chinese people but we persevered and had an enjoyable dinner. The real jolt came at the end of the meal, when I noticed the sign that said “Cash Only”. Dinner for 12 and no credit cards allowed!! No, we didn’t end up washing dishes as luckily I had planned for just such an occurrence. After dinner, the kids had a few minutes to shop and our American friends came to the conclusion that chocolate was better by the Kilogram than by the pound!

Then it was off to Langley to the home of Linda Bishop, where we met the families that would host us for the next two nights. I can't thank Linda enough for all the work she did in organizing the billets and helping us decide on things to see and do in that area.

On Tuesday morning, after breakfast with the host families, we headed to Old Fort Langley, which is a restored Trading Post. This was very interesting as we watched a blacksmith make a nail, and learned why it was worth 40 salmon to a native woman to buy a Hudson Bay Blanket. We had lunch at the Riverside Café and then spent some time at Stampede Feed and Tack. By this time it was raining, so we decided an indoor activity was called for. Unfortunately for the teams, I decided this would be a perfect time to do the written test for the International Quiz.

With that task accomplished, we proceeded to Mitch Gunn's farm, where he and his wife treated us to a super barbeque of steak, corn on the cob and baked potatoes. Parents from the local Pony Club brought all kinds of wonderful desserts. After dinner, I had planned that the kids would do a little ID station, maybe 20 items. It turned out that Cat Armitage did a colossal ID station with 82 items!! While a little daunting, it was a great warm up for National Quiz. Several members of the BCLM Quiz teams joined us and the kids had a good time. They even spent time with Cat afterwards, going over her amazing box of bits. Thanks so much to BCLM and Cat Armitage for doing this for us.

On Wednesday morning, we packed up for our trip on the ferry to Vancouver Island. This might be the time to mention our trials and tribulations with luggage. We had two 7 person vans for 12 people. Phil and I generally traveled with the A/B team in one van, while Ann and Karen traveled with the C team in the other van. This was quite a comfortable arrangement until you start to consider the luggage requirements of 12 people for a 9 day trip. My instructions to the team prior to arrival were to pack lightly as space was limited. The general attitude seemed to be "I hope everyone else packed lightly". Rearranging the luggage each time to get everything in was indeed a challenge, but the kids were great and soon had things organized so nobody had to run along side the van.

We took the ferry from Tsawwassen to Schwartz Bay, and drove from there to downtown Victoria, where we were met by Pat Warman, who did just an awesome job of planning activities for us and arranging for billets. We had a horse drawn tour of Victoria, which was made all the more interesting by our joke cracking tour guide. She threatened that people who didn't laugh at her jokes would have to clean up after the horses – not a threat for Pony Club kids!! After the tour, we stopped for a quick snack at Dairy Queen, then on to the Egyptian Corn Maze. Although it was a little late in the season to see this at its best, we enjoyed the 1/2 scale replica of the Sphinx and a Pyramid, with tunnels and displays inside. There was also a modern Egyptian village (with very bad jokes on the walls) and the Nile River and Waterfall. A petting Zoo caught the attention of our animal crazy kids and they spend some time petting the goats and other baby animals.

From the Corn Maze, we traveled to a potluck dinner hosted by the Metchosin Pony Club, who were also supplying our billet families for that night. The kids walked down to the beach and spend some time there before dinner. After dinner, they played some quiz games with some local Pony Club kids, getting a chance to meet some of BCI's National Quiz team.

The next morning, we met at the Marina for a Whale Watching Tour. The kids were suited up in orange waterproof suits for their ride in the Zodiac inflatable boat. They had a great time and saw 4 Orca. Then we went for a Chinese lunch at Don Mee's sponsored by the BCI Region.

I want to thank Pat Warman, Metchosin Pony Club and the BCI Region for the wonderful support they gave the International Quiz Tour. Not only did the Region pay for the lunch, they also paid for the Horse Drawn tour of Victoria and the Corn Maze.

Now it was time to head back to the mainland for our last night before traveling to Prince George for the National Quiz. We had dinner at Boston Pizza, then made a mandatory stop at Tim Horton's. We spend a little time that evening playing a few more quiz games, then to bed.

The next morning we flew up to Prince George, had a farewell lunch at the White Spot, and I handed the kids over to the National Quiz organizers.

I can't speak for everyone, but I had a fantastic time. The kids were great and so much fun. When I told my co-workers at school that I was taking 8 teenage girls on a 10 day tour, they thought I was crazy but I can tell you that I haven't had so much fun for years. Thanks kids, for making me feel a part of your group.

#### Results:

The International A/B Team placed 2<sup>nd</sup> overall and Chantal Hortop won top A/B individual. The International C Team placed 4<sup>th</sup> overall and Wendy Miller was 3<sup>rd</sup> place individual and Theresa Kerr was 4<sup>th</sup> place individual.

In the International Competition, Wendy Miller was top individual Canadian and Faye Sparks was top individual American. The Canadian Team took home the Championship Rosettes, with the Americans close behind taking home the Reserve Champion Rosettes.

Check out the web site for a complete photo gallery of our trip.



## **National Education Report**

Karen Mutchmor took on the task of Education Chair for 2004. It was a fairly quiet year, with no Testing and Education Conference.

The Badge Program saw the addition of 8 new badges; four for Zones, 3 for Nationals and 1 for International Exchanges.

National Quiz was held in Prince George, BCIN. A group of hard working volunteers hosted a great weekend. All of the results and pictures can be found on the web site.

In addition, Canada hosted the 3<sup>rd</sup> Biennial International Quiz, which included a week of touring the Lower Mainland and the Island, then finishing off in Prince George for the National Quiz. Karen acted as Chaperone for the Canadian team. A complete photo gallery of our trip can be seen on the web site and a full report can be found elsewhere in this document.

It was with great sadness that we learned of the death of Karen shortly after returning home from Quiz. She will be missed.

## TESTING REPORT

I would like to begin by congratulating our new A's

### RA Members

Lindsay Acheson	ABN
Kelly Bose	BCLM
Karen Evans	BCLM
Sarah Giovannetti	NS
Cheryl Kaczmer	ABS
Kristianna Wourterloot	BCLM

### HA MEMBERS

Taryn Asselstine	BCLM
Jenna Brownjohn	BCLM
Karen Evans	BCLM
Tiffany-Ann Finch	BCLM
Tatiana Gabrush	SK
Sarah Giovannetti	NS
Rebecca Manson	BCI
Lindy Norris	MB
Melissa Thompson	BCLM
Kristianna Wourterloot	BCLM

### FULL A MEMBERS

Karen Evans	BCLM
Sarah Giovannetti	NS
Lauren Glanfield	BCLM
Cheryl Kaczmer	ABS
Kristianna Wourterloot	BCLM

We tested in four regions this year. With the increased cost of flights, accommodation and car rentals, keeping the number of sites to a minimum is essential. We also used the National panels to complete B and B2 regional testing locally. This allowed me to charge the regions for a share of the expenses including the breakfasts and dinners and accommodations for the examiners on the days they tested both national A candidates and regional B/B2 candidates. I might add here that this board approved accepting full responsibility for examiner meals, travel and accommodation, previously regional responsibility, in 2002 without question. Three National Examiners Clinics were held in conjunction with the testings. One of the key decisions at the first clinic, and supported unanimously at the next two clinics, was support to begin preparation of a video bank of tests that can be used by examiners and by future test candidates. This will be started at the RA level and worked down to B level. If it is helpful, we may work to the lower levels as needed.

We all are aware of the need for fiscal restraint throughout CPC, but this year has pointed out to me the need to request increased funding for testing. Preparation of a video bank will help all levels of membership as well as our examiners. Assisting regions with their B/B2 testing by using the National test panel is supporting all levels by leaving these funds within the region, hopefully to be used for educational purposes. I promised new HA and RA certificates, as well as a C2 certificate at the 2002 SAM. It was decided that C2 is a milestone and should be recognized, as well as the A. Teresa Wright and I offered a design contest that winter and received no entries. We will look into this further in 2005.

We have a Testing and Education Conference scheduled for January 21-23, 2005 and topics are requested for discussion.

Respectfully submitted  
Gwen Barnes

## **Section 3 Regional Reports**

**BCIN**

**BC Islands**

**BCLM**

**Alberta South**

**Alberta Central**

**Alberta North**

**Saskatchewan**

**Manitoba**

**Central Ontario**

**St. Lawrence-Ottawa Valley**

**Western Ontario**

**New Brunswick/PEI**

**Nova Scotia**

## **BCIN Regional Chair's Report 2004**

What an extraordinary year! It has been stellar! The commitment of our volunteers to the Pony Club organization is astounding. Teamwork again this year was evident in our Region. Branches collaborated to make events happen for members. Through the unity, teamwork, and a global vision of Pony Club by our volunteers, the pony club ideals of Character, Loyalty, and Sportsmanship were modeled for our members. I would like to commend and thank our volunteers for their perseverance, continued energy and commitment to Canadian Pony Club and BCIN.

Two individuals need to be recognized for their tireless energy and positive vision. For this, they were awarded Canadian Pony Club Gold Pins. Marcia Cooper chaired the Pacific Zone Championships Committee and Brenda Read chaired the National Quiz Committee. Both of these women had a vision of what a successful event would look like. Each spend countless hours in advance, dogged committee members and then put in the long haul at the event. Thanks to both Marcia and Brenda.

Another dedicated individual in our Region is lone Weslowski. lone has decided to take a well earned break from Pony Club. Our region will miss lone and her expertise and guidance. Her ability to look at the Pony Club Big Picture, is something BCIN will miss.

In 2004 our Region accomplished:

- Maintaining membership, although there were fluctuations in branches
- Hosting two quizzes: one in the north and one in the south
- Hosting International and National Quiz in Prince George
- Having three teams attend our International and National Quiz
- Providing quality instruction, educational opportunities and camps for members
- Providing dressage and show jumping championships: one in the North and one in the South
- Hosting Pacific Zone Championships: one in Kelowna, where for the first time all three Pacific Regions were represented
- Having our Regional Rules and Regulations accepted by CPC
- Providing two B, B2 testing opportunities: one in the north and one in the south
- Having two A candidates attend the A testing in the Lower Mainland
- Having Youth representatives at our regional meetings
- Having a member attend the South African exchange

## **BC Islands Region Pony Club Annual Report 2004**

The year 2004 has been another great and active year for Pony Club in the BC Islands Region!! Our eight branches had a total of over 200 members, which is again above last year's count, and reflects the Regions' and members' hard work to get the word out on the benefits of joining Pony Club! Unfortunately, at the end of this season, our Powell River branch had to request to be put on Inactive Status, due to a lack of membership. But we are happy to welcome a new branch, Arrowsmith Pony Club to our Region and wish them much success and look forward to meeting their new members at Regional events. I would like to take this time to thank all of our outgoing District Commissioners, and Regional Committee Volunteers who are stepping down from their positions. It has been a pleasure working with you all, and your service is much appreciated by the members. Welcome to our many new D.C.'s and we hope that you will enjoy your new positions—it's a steep, but rewarding learning curve!

We began the year with another successful and extremely well attended Quiz, hosted by P's & Q's Pony Club at the Nanoose Hall. It took many helping hands to make this such a great event, but special thanks to Howie Thomas for braving the task! With the help of Phil Crowe, we hope to have finally de-bugged our scoring program, and Howie will be of great assistance with this in passing on this event to another Branch for 2005. Congratulations go to our many BC Islands members who attended National Quiz in the BC Interior North Region in Prince George, BC: A/B's: Rebecca Manson (2<sup>nd</sup>), Annie DeLeenheer (7<sup>th</sup>), Sasha Fort (12<sup>th</sup>), Alex Pinfold (15<sup>th</sup>), Hayley Pinfold (22<sup>nd</sup>), and Jenny Afford (30<sup>th</sup>), with the combined BC Islands/Alberta North team placing 4<sup>th</sup> overall, and the BC Islands Team placing 6<sup>th</sup> overall. C's: Nita Palmer (6<sup>th</sup>), Julianna Sliwowska (19<sup>th</sup>), Elizabeth Manson (24<sup>th</sup>), and Cherish Thomas (36<sup>th</sup>), placing 5<sup>th</sup> overall as a team. Many thanks to Howie Thomas for chaperoning our teams and making all the arrangements for our teams to compete and arrive with coordinated shirts and banners!

Many thanks also go to Pat Warman and Metchosin Pony Club for doing an outstanding job of welcoming and hosting the International Quiz teams to our region for a wonderful tour and many fun filled and exciting events! You did our Region proud and showed the true Pony Club spirit!!

Thanks to our new National Director, Dorothy Kirby, for attending the National AGM in April 2004, and attending the SAM meetings in Nov. of 2004, and bringing back valuable information to our Region. Dorothy has also been named as the Equine Canada Rep. and this year received her 25 year Service Award in honour of her volunteer work for Pony Club! Other recipients from our Region receiving their 15 year Service Awards for volunteer work are: Janet Manson, Sheena Charnell, Lisa Pink, and Heather Crampton. Many thanks to these dedicated volunteers!

Our other Regional Events were also very successful and had a good turn-out considering the numbers of very new members to Pony Club in our Region: Comox Pony Club hosted another fun Prince Philip Games day; thanks to Yolanda Lewis for organizing this again. Thanks also to Pat Deleenheer in organizing a Regional Tetrathlon, held in conjunction with the Goldstream Eco Centre Spring event, and thanks to Metchosin Pony Club for hosting a very successful Dressage and Show Jumping Championships, despite the torrential rain on Dressage day, and the worries of low entries. A good time was had by all members attending these events, and the work and commitment that goes into hosting these events is what keeps Pony Club alive and makes it such a wonderful experience for our Youth go be involved with.

Special thanks go to Rebecca Manson, and her dedicated family, for their OUTSTANDING job of organizing and being the backbone for our Regional Rally 2004! This would not have been so successful without the cooperation and help of all the branches who willingly took on the role of support in each area of Rally: Show-Jumping: Comox, Dressage: Salt Spring Island, Cross-Country: Metchosin and Concession: Cowichan. This was an excellent way to spread the work load to many volunteers, and give everyone in the region experience in each area and a sense of team spirit. Due to the well attended Rally clinic (thanks to our coach Lynne Adam, and wonderful stable management gals: Tarrah MacDonald, Sasha Fort and Ginny McLane) we also were proud to have an extremely SAFE Rally with no reported injuries or concerns from members. Thanks also go to our coach-of-the-day, Lisa Pink, for her attention to detail and making sure all of the participants had a safe and enjoyable Rally experience. We also thank Michael Lake Cross Country course for allowing us to use their facility and thus helping to support Pony Club and future eventers.

Our BC Islands members also were very active in Zone events this year, and did us very proud! Thanks to Elena Bonar and Diane Rintala of Quennell Lake Pony Club for chaperoning and transporting three members to Zone Dressage Championships, hosted by BCIN. And congratulations for the team's FIRST place finish: Training Div. Lucy Bonar (1<sup>st</sup>), First Level B Div. Haley Pinfold (2<sup>nd</sup>), and Second Level A div. Meghan Rintala (1<sup>st</sup>). Thanks also to Bob Warman and Metchosin parents for chaperoning and transporting our Regional Rally Team to Zonals hosted by BCLM. Congrats to the team for their FIRST place Finish! : Jenny Afford, Captain, and riders: Heather Warman and Christie Pfeifer. Well done, to all!!!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the Discipline Chairs, Regional Committee members, D.C.'s and Assistant D.C.'s, Youth Reps, Members, Coaches and Parents for their continued support in Pony Club and for their commitment to Sportsmanship, Loyalty, and Character in our Region. It is a difficult task, in our busy lives, to take the time and energy to volunteer for these jobs and positions, but without this effort, there would be no Pony Club for the members. Thank you for volunteering your time to make these wonderful opportunities available for our equestrian youth. I hope that our goals for 2005 will be to expand our education efforts for the upper level members of Pony Club and to find ways to encourage our newer members to join into Regional Events and enjoy the many benefits of Pony Club.

Respectfully yours,

Robin Taylor, BC Islands Regional Chair

## British Columbia Lower Mainland Region Chair's Report

The British Columbia Lower Mainland Region of the Canadian Pony Club is pleased to report that they have had a very successful year.

Education and Testing have always been on the forefront and this shows in the number of successful candidates from the BCLMR. Clinics, camps and workshops are well attended and always full.

**Testing Report** – submitted by Carol McDonald

### A Results

We should be very proud of our A candidates and our organization for helping them to attain this, the highest level of achievement in Pony Club.

Member	Branch			
Tiffany-Ann Finch	Alouette	HA		
Melissa Thompson	Campbell Valley	HA		
Taryn Asselstine	Campbell Valley	HA		
Jenna Brownjohn	Golden Ears	HA		
Karen Evans	Vancouver	HA	RA	<b>A</b>
Kristianna Wourterloot	Mission Hills	HA	RA	<b>A</b>
Lauren Glanfield	Hazelmere	2002	RA	<b>A</b>
Kelly Bose	Mt. Cheam		RA	

**Congratulations to new B2's** Shannon Cook Grove  
Brian Morton Vancouver

All the results from each box on the testing worksheets for the HA and RA have been entered in an Excel spreadsheet. The columns are then sorted by mark and the less than 65% marks coloured red so that we can easily see which areas need the most work Regionally. The Education Chair and Test Reps will be given a copy of this Range of Marks sheet.

The HA sheet shows that our candidates did very well in all areas, with marks well over 80% in each of the three Phases.. The only boxes with more than two less than 65% were Bandaging (3) and Effectiveness in Teaching (4).

The RA results show that more work is needed in the Special Movements on the Flat such as Shoulder In, Half Pirouette and Half Pass. Only one candidate out of 7 obtained greater than 65% in the Shoulder In and two in the Half Pass. The RA requires a very high level of riding skill with the Flat requirements being similar to a Level 3 dressage test and the Over Fences to Preliminary eventing.

### National Examiner Clinics and HA Changes

We hosted two National Examiner workshops this year. The first, put on by National, was just prior to the A test and Examiners from BCIs and BCIN also attended. Similar workshops were held in conjunction with the other A tests across the country as well. Out of these workshops came, among other things, a proposal to revise the HA test into 4 separate phases, each of which is stand-alone. This proposal went forward to the National Board at the SAM in November where it was accepted.

The second was November 29<sup>th</sup> where we went over some proposed changes to the B to A worksheets to take to the T&E conference in January. Now that the HA is 4 distinct Phases and since the B has been 2 Phases for some time, hopefully the B2 will be revised so that each of the three phases is stand-alone.

**Regional Education/Testing Report** – submitted by Mavis Mittelsteadt

### Regional Education

The talk on How to Prepare for C2 Testing had an excellent turnout. Lynn Sanderson did the Lecture again this year. 16 attended and their Parents. As always, this was a full evening of learning.

St. John's First Aid class was full again this year. A number of older riders have first aid expiring and are signed up for their Standard Enhanced/St. John Ambulance re teaching and some preparing for their B2 Testing in 2005.

A successful B/B2/A Camp was held at the end of April.

### **Regional Testing**

A Branch Examiner Meeting took place Monday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, and even with the fear of snow we managed to have a productive meeting. Instead of only inviting the B and up level as was done last year, I opened it to 'all' branch Examiners and made a portion of the meeting a 'working component' so that those who attended received credit as if attending an Examiner Clinic.

We did the usual updating and feedback for the year based on Test Rep and Examiner Feedback, and Candidate Feedback as well. The component that we worked on, with Lynn Sanderson, was done with photo's on what you see and the hardest part is "How you Say it" or even how do you say it 'better', more effectively in order to assist the Candidate, in a positive manner. This went over very well and it was recommended that the Examiners continue to work on projects like this to assist them with completing their testing papers at a practical test in a professional and hopefully little quicker manner.

We briefly highlighted Testing and Education Conference items for discussion.

Thank you to those who have been super in getting their details submitted to us and clarified any queries immediately, if there were any. It helps greatly with what we are trying to achieve and is greatly appreciated.

Co-ordination with National and all Regions will help to keep accurate records for Riders of all levels.

National posted a notice on the website recently reminding everyone Age 7 as of January 1 to test. All ages for testing are as of January 1 of the current year.

### **2004 Show Jumping Report** – submitted by Laurel Glanfield

The British Columbia Lower Mainland Region Show Jumping Championships were held this year at the Maple Ridge Equi-Sport Centre on Saturday September 22, 2005.

There were 36 entries in total, with 9 BCLMR Clubs in attendance.

There were 3 pony divisions, held in one ring with heights from 2'6" to 3'. There were 2 rounds of one course, then 2 rounds on a different course. There were 4 horse divisions held in another ring with heights from 2'9" to 3'6". There were two rounds in the A.M., then 2 rounds on a different course in the afternoon.

Lots of great prizes (thank you Cheryl Stirling).

Tops teams:                   1<sup>st</sup> place – Langley Pony Club  
                                      2<sup>nd</sup> place – Golden Ears Pony Club

It was a nice sunny day, lots of experienced helper parents, and good course designs.

### **2004 Dressage Show Report** – submitted by Melody Froc

This year's show was even better than last year's. Even though entries were down slightly from last year, 41 horse/rider combinations as compared to 55 horse /rider combinations previously, we were very short of C level pony clubbers. Only three from the whole region attended. I think it is fair to say that a good time was had by all. According to feedback, the day flowed very well and the spectators enjoyed the new format for the awards ceremony. We were very excited to be able to do all riding including the warm up indoors. It made it much nicer for all the pony clubbers and their parents.

This year we offered a Regional Dressage Show rather than a Championship since a Championship requires pre-qualifications. The committee's desire was to not exclude any member that was interested in participating and hosting a Show allows us that freedom.

We also allowed coaching during warm up, from the sidelines as long as it didn't interfere with other riders. This was changed from last year, as we found no rule that actually prohibited it.

The committee would like to thank the following clubs for their hard work and willingness to help wherever was needed: Vancouver, Grove, CVPC, Pacific Spirit, Hazelmere, Mt. Cheam, and Orion. We look forward to working with you again next year. If you have any constructive criticisms that you feel would benefit the show, just forward that to Betty or myself and we will take it into consideration. Our goal was to put on a real Dressage show that would be fun for all pony clubbers no matter what riding level they were at; one that would open the door of dressage to many young riders that may not have the opportunity to otherwise experience the sport. I feel very confident that this was achieved. Thank you so much for your help and support.

#### **RESULTS:**

##### **Starter Division:**

- 1 Haley Stradling
- 2 Ashley Kampman
- 3 Leanna Hintz

##### **CPC Pretraining**

- Kiyomi Foster
- Taylor Wandfluh
- Paige Cote

##### **EC Training**

- Meg Foster
- Brittany Froc
- Karen Smith

##### **EC 1<sup>st</sup> Level A**

- 1 Jamie Munro
- 2 Jessica Gill
- 3 Melisa Gunn

##### **EC 2<sup>nd</sup> Level B**

- Karen Evans

##### **Pony Club Level - Top Score**

A	Karen Evans	Vancouver
B	Jamie Munro	CVPC
C2	Meg Foster	EMR
C	Sherry Gallant	Mt. Cheam
D2	Kiyomi Foster	Mt. Cheam
D1	C.J. Lindblad	Orion
D/E	Haley Stradling	Mt. Cheam

Show Jumping, Rally and Dressage are going strong in the Region, with plans well under way for the 2005. The Zone Dressage Championships will once again be hosted by the BCLMR. While we have seen a decline in PPG and Tetrathlon, there has been a big interest in the discipline of Polo Cross, with several clinics being held.

Budget wise, we are a healthy Region and are looking to find ways to best utilize these monies, whether it is by way of starting a Regional library, assisting disciplines in their competitions, or even purchasing equipment for the exciting discipline of Polo Cross.

Submitted Respectfully,  
Betty Cross,  
BCLMR Chair person

## Alberta South Region Annual Report 2004

Alberta South Region had 17 branches with a total membership of 320 for 2004.

**C/D Testing:** We had a very successful testing year with 73 riders passing at the varied tests that were held at the branches and a regional C2 test.

Test 1	D Level	13	Test 4	C Level	11
Test 2	D1 Level	19	Test 5	C1 Level	11
Test 3	D2 Level	12	Test 6	C2 Level	7

**A/B Testing: A Practical Exam:** Three ABS candidates attended the A Test held in Cochrane at the end of August. One candidate completed her RA achieving her full A. Two candidates completed various parts of the HA but were unsuccessful with the RA portion of the test. Three other candidates from B.C., ABN and Manitoba also participated in the Cochrane A Test. One candidate completed the RA but did not attempt the HA. One candidate completed the HA but was unsuccessful in the RA. The third candidate completed parts of the HA and was successful with the flat portion of the RA. The Testing Committee is attempting to put forth suggested teaching/coaching strategies, which will better prepare next year's A candidates.

**B/B2 Practical Exam:** Six B candidates successfully completed the August test held at Alhambra. Two B2 candidates were also successful at the August test. An earlier test held at Millarville in June saw two riders complete the C2 test; two B candidates complete one part each of the B (one was successful in the riding portion and the other completed the horsemastership portion.) One B2 candidate completed the riding portion of the B2 thus finishing the complete B2 test.

**EDUCATION:** Alberta South hosted a National examiners clinic in August. An ABC Camp was held in July. The A/B Evaluations were completed at the camp and at the David Godson camp in July.

**QUIZ:** In April High Country Pony Club hosted the Regional Quiz. We had 127 participants. We sent 8 members to National Quiz in Prince George B.C.

**RALLY:** This year the Delacour Pony Club hosted both a clinic and the D Rally.

**PPG:** This year has been a very active year for PPG in our region. This year started off with a regional clinic in early June. This clinic prepared participants for the ABS Regional PPG Competition on June 20<sup>th</sup>. Alberta South hosted the Prairie Zone competition. Four teams from ABS competed. ABS also hosted the tryout camp for the IMGE held the first weekend in September. Five riders will represent the CPC in Australia. Kirsten Riphagen of the High Country Pony Club was selected as one of the IMGE team members.

**DRESSAGE:** Mini Creek Pony Club hosted two Dressage clinics. Our end of the year Dressage Invitational was held at Claresholm this year with 79 entries.

**SHOW JUMPING:** Challenge Cup was held in October at Spruce Meadows with 46 entries. Our end of the year Show Jumping Invitational was held at Claresholm with 91 riders competing.

**TETRATHLON:** ABS hosted the regional competition the end of June. We had 27 athletes from ABS, ABN and ABC. Nine ABS athletes attended the National Tetrathlon competition at Truro N.S. in August. Three ABS athletes competed at the International Tetrathlon competitions in August. We are now in the process of planning National Tetrathlon, which will be held in Calgary in 2005.

A big thank you goes out to all our organizers, examiners, instructors and all the rest of the volunteers it takes to put on these events in the region. We look forward to a very busy year in 2005.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cheryl Leask, Alberta South Region Regional Chair

## **Alberta Central Pony Club**

### **Report of 2004 Activities**

Alberta Central Region Pony Club held 8 meetings in 2004.  
Winter theory Camp C-level was held April 2-4 and hosted by Chinooks Edge PC.  
Quiz for all levels was held May 2, with approximately 40 participants.  
A spring social at Alhambra stables was put on by Region on May 8<sup>th</sup>.

On August 28-29, we held a year end fun show with an invitation extended to both South and North region. We had a very fun weekend and ended it with a performance of drill teams.

Fall Regional testing was held at the D2-C2 levels on September 19<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Discipline Activities**

Dressage Clinics- June 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>  
July 14<sup>th</sup> and 15

Rally Clinics- May 23  
June 13  
Camp- July 19-22

Tetrathlon provided regular coaching for shooting and swimming to the region.  
Mini camp was held May 15 and 16<sup>th</sup>

PPG Regional Games Days - June 30<sup>th</sup>  
- July 28<sup>th</sup>

### **Saskatchewan Pony Club Regional Report**

Saskatchewan Pony Club is alive and well, and remaining active. We presently have 144 members and continue to acquire new additions. Unfortunately, we lost one Branch in the fall but still have 8 strong clubs.

We sent two very strong teams to National Quiz in Prince George. The A/B team placed 3<sup>rd</sup>, with Chelsea Weiler placing 4<sup>th</sup> individually. The C Team was number 1 in the country, with Kristen Bueckert placing 2<sup>nd</sup> overall. Many thanks to Sherrill Bueckert and Carol Weiler for coaching and chaperoning the girls.

Tatiana Gabrush was chosen for the International Quiz Team. The combined US/Canada A/B team placed 2<sup>nd</sup> overall. The Canadian Team won the International portion of the quiz.

Regional elections were held in October with a few minor changes being made. Nancy Hibbert is the new Regional Chair, Heather Keen is the Secretary and Tatiana Gabrush is our Youth Rep.

## Chair's Report Alberta North Region

I consider it my privilege to report on some of Alberta North Regions' activities for the year 2004.

Education once again became our focus with our "Winter Theory" camps being hosted by various GREAT volunteers and organized by Education Chair Nicole Lesperance. We can brag that we hosted about 87 members at the "D", "C" and B/B2" Theory camps – two held at Birch Bay and one at Camp Van Es. All reports were that the members had a wonderful time and that their brains were completely full of Pony Club knowledge by the time they headed home. From what I understand, we are the only Region in Canada to hold such an innovative camp for "Winter Theory".

In conjunction with getting ready for the written Spring and Quiz Tests, Claire French organized a "Test Wiseness" Clinic – its focus – how to write a good exam. There were 19 members who gained some very good skills.

In February and March, there were two Quiz Playdays organized, part of the "practice" the members needed for the Regional Quiz which was held at the end of April. There were almost twice as many participants this year – a total of 49 members challenging themselves.

February also saw the DC and ADC crowd attending "camp", except we changed the name and called it a "retreat". All participants gave kudos to the concept; it has been requested as a repeat for 2005.

May was the beginning of the riding season and what a busy one! Education Chair Nicole Lesperance started it off with an Instructors Clinic for the C/D levels.

Tetrathlon Chair, Linda McKenzie had her hard working members start off the year with run, swim and shoot practices throughout the early months in 2004 and May saw our Regional Mini Meet take place. From there, several members attended the Provincial competition held at the end of June in Southern Alberta. This group of dedicated young people really worked hard – so hard in fact that we unexpectedly sent three members to the National Tetrathlon competition in Nova Scotia, where they all came home with awards in their respective categories. We are happy to announce that there are now two new perpetual trophies for Tetrathlon.

May long weekend in this Region just wouldn't be the same without the Annual PPG Camp. Just over 40 members attended complete with ponies, mucking tools and a great sense of happiness to be back playing the "games". Regionals were held in July at Thorsby with 4 "A", 4 "B", 2 "C" and 2 "Masters" teams keeping the competition running full tilt. Alberta North Region sent 2 "A" and 2 "Masters" teams to Zones with the Strathcona "A" team going on to National competition in Vancouver and both the Mohicans and Hot Tamales at the "Masters" levels going on to National Masters competition.

Acting PPG Chair Jane Goodliffe extended the Region's hospitality to host the National Masters at the end of August- when no one else would – we DID! We were very proud to again send International candidates forward to the National selection camp where Robyn Macbeth was chosen to ride on the Canadian team during the 2005 Australian tour and competition. The alternate is also from our Region.

Back to May – Dressage Chair Bernice Heffring offered the first of two multi-level Dressage Clinics attended by 20 riders from various Branches throughout the Region – A special note – apparently 6 riders in the second clinic were noted PPG competitors! Awesome to see the crossover!

A Show Jumping Camp hosted by Chair Billi Solverson in July saw a few members from one of our remote Branches travel half a day to join local Branch members for a jumpin' good time!

Alhambra Stables, in Red Deer, was the site chosen by Rally Chair Karen Mutchmor for a multi-day Rally camp and competition. There were about 10 members from various Branches in attendance. I was able to meet with a few members at the end of their camp; they all said great food, learned lots, ready to go home!

With the creation of two new positions Education and Testing, our Test Chairs Sharon and Paul Roberts were put to work, this year hosting the B/B2 Alberta test, the C2 Regional Test and assisting Regional Branches in setting up their Branch tests. It seemed like every Branch in the Region decided to try to hold a Branch test during the same three weeks, Sharon and Paul were able to rise to the challenge of assisting most Branches who were able to carry off their fall testing.

Regional Show Jumping and Dressage Finals were held in September at Amberlea Meadows. Mother Nature did not shine down, unless you call rain liquid sunshine! Some 48 Dressage and Show Jumping competitors rode their way through two days of competition. Though sales of hot chocolate were up –so were the good spirits of the many volunteers that were wearing boots, layers of clothing and smiles.

October saw 5 members travel by car to Prince George for the National Quiz, where we improved our standings over the previous year. Thanks to Clair French, Quiz Chair and Nicole Lesperance, Education Chair who traveled with the team.

Alberta North Region ended the year with a total of 24 active Branches – we were delighted to welcome three new Branches - Upcountry, Athabasca County and Beaverlodge as well as seeing the reactivation of Rocky Lane. Our final total of active members was 288.

We, the Executive, have tried to put forth a solid program to meet the needs of the members of the Region but we all know that it takes many volunteers to run not only these Regional programs but the Branch activities. We saw several great volunteers step up to assist when resignations created vacancies. I am proud to be able to say that Alberta North Region did not have one position that was not filled for the year 2004!

To each of you who volunteer to keep the Pony Club program running so successfully I thank you for the opportunity to get to know you and work beside you.

Yours in Pony Club

Vivian Slugoski  
ANR Chair

## **Manitoba Pony Club 2004 Regional Report**

Pony Club is alive and very well in Manitoba!! Thanks to the outstanding efforts of all our volunteers and sponsors, 2004 was a very memorable and exciting year. Our Ten branches located in all areas of Manitoba had a total of 126 members ranging in age from 5 years to 22 years.

In addition to the weekly riding and stable management activities hosted by our various branches, the Region participated in the following activities:

**MANITOBA PONY CLUB 1<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET** - This was our very first Awards Banquet which saw 120 guests gather at the Herman Prior Centre in Portage La Prairie, January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2004, to celebrate the accomplishments of our members in 2003. The evening consisted of a dinner, silent auction and a pictorial display to music of our members participating in various activities. The evening concluded with each member receiving a certificate highlighting their accomplishments in 2003. The event was a huge success thanks to the hard work and dedication of Diana Dickson and her committee.

**TESTING - Testing** in Manitoba took place at all levels of the organization.

*Branch Testing* was hosted at various locations across Manitoba with a total of 43 members successfully challenging their respective levels. The Branch tests resulted in 2 new "C1's", 6 new "C's", 4 new "D2's", 21 new "D1's" and 10 new "D's".

*Regional Testing* was held Sept 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>, 2004, at the Manitoba Horse Council Equestrian Centre in beautiful Birds Hill Provincial Park. Eight members challenged the Regional examination with the following members successfully achieving their respective levels: "*B2*" Level - Robby Norris, North Hill Branch; "*B*" Level - Kelsey Dickson, Mars Hill Branch, Kerry Moore, Mars Hill Branch, Petra Deane, North Hill Branch, Kyra Lavallee, North Hill Branch; "*C2*" Level - Hugh Crawley, Mars Hill Branch, Alexia Reske-Naurocki, Mars Hill Branch.

*National Testing* – Manitoba also had one member, Lindy Norris, of the North Hill Branch successfully challenged her "HA" level in Cochrane, Alberta.

**QUIZ** – Manitoba Pony Club continues to be is very active in Quiz. All members are encouraged to participate in our Regional Quiz. Members wishing to qualify to attend National Quiz are required to attend either an Eastern or Western Qualifier Quiz, prior to the Regional Quiz. 2004 saw 54 members attend the Regional Quiz held in Portage La Prairie, April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2004, competing for the honour to represent Manitoba at the National Quiz in Prince George, BC later in the year.

October 8<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>, 2004, the "A/B" Team consisting of Lindy Norris, North Hill Branch; Michael Kurylko, North Hill Branch; Amanda Penner, Baldur Branch; Robby Norris, North Hill Branch and the "C" Team consisting of Kelly Krakalovich, North Hill Branch; Kaitlyn Cockerill, Windy Plains Branch; Sara Berry, Baldur Branch and Amie Nichols, Baldur Branch attended the National Quiz in Prince George, BC. The teams were under the care of two wonderful chaperones, Nancy Norris and Debbie Moehring. The A/B Team placed 5<sup>th</sup> overall and the "C" Team placed 9<sup>th</sup> overall. Amanda Penner placed 5<sup>th</sup> place overall in the "A/B" individual category.

**EDUCATION** - In addition to the regular educational program hosted by the various Branches, the Region hosted a number of educational Clinics and Camps for its members.

An *A/B/C2 Evaluation Clinic* was held May 21<sup>st</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>, 2004 at the Manitoba Horse Council Equestrian Centre under the guidance of Jacky Cooper. Eleven “C1” – “B2” level members developed and reviewed their skills under saddle on the flat, over fences and cross country riding. Participants also reviewed their stable management skills and were introduced to course design. It was very interesting to watch the participants develop their Jumping courses using graph paper and toothpicks and then apply what they learned, in practice the following day.

The Regional *Camp* was held in Treherne, Manitoba July 16<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2004, with 68 members of all levels attending either the two day clinic or the week long camp.

Fourteen members attended the weekend clinic July 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>. Robyn Whenham, kept all the participants very busy with her intense schedule, leaving some participants wondering what hit them.

After the Clinic was completed, 54 members of all levels converged on Treherne for a week of instruction, under the guidance of Caitlynn Bunkowski, Jennifer Zelmer, and Catherine McCullagh. In addition to the regular riding lessons, swimming, crafts, and stable management lessons were also held. The camp also provided time for families and members to make new friendships that I am sure will last a lifetime.

**REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS AND BENEFIT SHOW** – Every year Manitoba Pony Club hosts a combination Regional Championship for Dressage and Show Jumping, as well as an Open Benefit for Manitoba Horse Council and Pony Club members. The Show assists in raising funds for our educational programs as well as providing our younger members an opportunity to gain exposure to a large show at a reasonable cost. In 2004 Manitoba Pony club had hoped to incorporate the 2004 Prairie Zone Championships into our annual Benefit show, but due to a lack of sufficient confirmed entries from the Prairie Zone, this event was regretfully cancelled.

The Regional Championships and Benefit Show were held August 13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>, at the Manitoba Horse Council Equestrian Centre. A total of 151 entrants took part in classes ranging from Dressage, Walk trot, Equitation, Hunter over fences/under saddle and Show Jumping.

The results of the Regional championships were as follows:

*Manitoba Pony Club - Top “A/B”:* Amanda Penner, Baldur Branch  
*Manitoba Pony Club - Top C:* Kerry Moore, Mars Hill Branch  
*Manitoba Pony Club - Top C Reserve:* Bonnie Campbell, Brandon Branch  
*Manitoba Pony Club - Top D:* Stephanie Sawatsky, North Hill Branch  
*Manitoba Pony Club - Top D Reserve:* Jessica Good, Quarry Ridge Branch  
*Junior Champion:* Hugh Crawley, Mars Hill Branch  
*Junior Reserve Champion:* Bonnie Campbell, Brandon Branch  
*Pony Champion:* Bonnie Campbell, Brandon Branch  
*Walk-Trot Champion:* Emma Dealey, Quarry Ridge Branch  
*Walk-Trot Reserve Champion:* Caroline Sims, Brandon Branch  
*Equitation Champion:* Bonnie Campbell, Brandon Branch  
*Equitation Reserve Champion:* Shannon MacLean, Quarry Ridge Branch  
*“D” Level Dressage – Individual Champion:* Stephanie Sawasky, North Hill Branch  
*“D” Level Dressage – Individual Reserve Champion:* Jessica Good, Quarry Ridge Branch  
*“C” Level Dressage – Individual Champion:* Hugh Crawley, Mars Hill Branch  
*“C” Level Dressage – Individual Reserve Champion:* Kerry Moore, Mars Hill Branch  
*“A/B” Level Dressage – Individual Champion:* Amanda Penner, Baldur Branch  
*“A/B” Level Dressage – Individual Reserve Champion:* Michael Kurylko, North Hill Branch  
*“D” Level Show Jumping – Individual Champion:* Sinead Lee, Windy Plains Branch  
*“D” Level Show Jumping – Individual Reserve Champion:* Jessica Good, Quarry Ridge Branch  
*“C” Level Show Jumping – Individual Champion:* Bonnie Campbell, Brandon Branch  
*“C” Level Show Jumping – Individual Reserve Champion:* Kelsey Dickson, Mars Hill Branch  
*“A/B” Level Show Jumping – Individual Champion:* Lindy Norris, North Hill Branch  
*“A/B” Level Show Jumping – Individual Reserve Champion:* Katherine Nichols, Baldur Branch

**RALLY** – Rally in Manitoba has been struggling over the past few years. Cost constraints as well as conflicts with other events saw a decrease in the number of participants. On August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2004, Quarry Ridge Farms hosted rally for 8 “D’s”, 8 “D1’s”, 8 “D2’s” and 1 “C” level members. Under the guidance and determination of Sheila Deane and her committee, a new approach was taken to garner interest amongst the new members. A fun rally with prizes, and ample instruction was organized to provide members with a positive experience. Adjustments were made to entries as required, to allow members to participate at their comfort level. As a result, it appears Rally may be on an upswing in Manitoba. Only 2005 will tell.

**MANITOBA PONY CLUB 2nd ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET** - As a result of surveys completed at the first Awards Banquet, the decision was made that future banquets should be held in November of each year. As a result Manitoba Pony club hosted its 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Awards Banquet, November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2004 to celebrate our members’ accomplishments in 2004. The Banquet was sold out with 160 guests attending at the Herman Prior Centre in Portage La Prairie, January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2004. The evening consisted of a dinner, silent auction and a pictorial display to music of our members participating in various activities. Theresa Moehring of the North Hill Branch shared her experiences as a Member of the Canadian Pony Club Team that went to the South Africa International Festival of Equestrian Competition, August 11<sup>th</sup> – September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2004, through a power point presentation. The evening concluded with each member receiving a certificate highlighting their accomplishments in 2004. The event was a huge success again, thanks to the hard work and dedication of Diana Dickson and her committee.

Manitoba Pony Club congratulates Alys Turner, Brandon Branch; Kerry Moore, Mars Hill Branch and Michael Kurylko, North Hill Branch, upon receiving their **10 Year Member Pins**.

Manitoba Pony club had two members **Graduate** at the Age of 21 from Pony Club in 2004. We wish Theresa Moehring, North Hill Branch, and Lindy Norris, North Hill Branch all the best in their future endeavors, and look forward to their continued support of Pony club.

Canadian Pony Club encourages recognition of the accomplishments of its volunteers. Manitoba Pony Club proudly presented Leslie Wishart, of Portage La Prairie, in honour of her 15 years of volunteer service to Pony Club, with a certificate and a Bronze Pony Club Pin.

In closing, I would like to personally thank all the volunteers who have made my first year as Regional Chair an easy and pleasurable task. I firmly believe that your dedication and support has and will continue to contribute to future of our country by developing the positive and well rounded youth of Pony Club.

*John Moehring*  
Regional Chair  
Manitoba Pony club

## Central Ontario Region 2004 Report

- We had 494 **members** in 28 **branches**. 132 were new members (27%). Approximately 1% were A/B level and 12% were C level with the remainder D and E. Branch membership ranged from 3 to 41 with an average of 17. 7 branches had almost 50% of our members. 10 branches had less than 9 members. 66% of members were 11-16 years of age. We welcomed a new branch: King PC.
- Three **Examiner's Clinics** were held in the spring. 23 branches reported having held 24 D level, 24 D1, 17 D2, 9 C, 5 C1 and 3 C2 tests. Regionally we tested 4 B candidates, 2 B2's, 1 RA and 1 HA.
- **Educational** activities continue to be primarily provided through our local branches. Many branches continue to use the new badge program to support these activities. Regionally, a Driver's Ed clinic was held in April with 72 participants from 10 branches. Additional sessions are being considered for 2005 to provide information on topics that members testing at the higher levels are having trouble with.
- **Quiz** was again held at Sutton District High School with 150 participants from 18 clubs. Branches were allowed to send up to 5 teams at any level such that we had 36 D, 44 D1, 37 D2, 26 C and 7 A/B competitors. 9 clubs submitted projects with Oshawa PC taking first. In October, 3 A/B and 4 C members attended **National Quiz** in BC representing us very well as teams and individuals in their respective competitions. Maya Kenedy of Maple PC finished first at C level and Megan Mattos of Waussnodae PC was third at the A/B level.
- **Working Rally** was again hosted at Saddlewood EC in Bethany with learning and fun for riders and their mounts over two weekends. 21 D2 and up members from 7 branches participated during May and 78 D-D1 members from 12 branches during June. This didn't include Junior Instructors and helpers.
- **Showjumping** qualifiers were hosted by the Ajax, Brooklin and Uxbridge-Scugog P.C.'s with participation from 17 branches ranging from 56 to 69 riders from 17 branches. The year-end final was hosted by Ajax PC at Audley Road Stables with 57 competitors. 12 riders from 8 branches went to the **Zone** Championship hosted by SLOV.
- **Dressage** qualifiers were hosted by Oshawa, Kawartha, TNY & Victoria PC's with total participation of just under 220 riders. The year end finals were hosted by TNY Pony Club. 5 riders from 2 branches attended the **Zone** Championships hosted by SLOV.
- **PPG** regional meets and finals with 122 riders from 13 clubs were held at Durward's Farm near Port Perry. 10 teams at the B level necessitated running timed heats. The Leftover Rif Raf mixed team and the Uxbridge Scugog Hot Tamales A teams and the Uxbridge-Scugog Cowboys and Temiskaming/Durham Rowdies Masters' teams continued on to the **Zone** Championships again hosted at Durward's. The Cowboys Masters team went on to compete at the **National Masters Championships** in ANR finishing 1st.

- **A/B/C Rally** was held in conjunction with **Zone** Rally at Glen Oro over 3 days with participation from 20 riders and 12 grooms. 10 Pre-Training and 3 Training riders competed at our regional competition while 4 Pre-Training and 3 Training riders competed at Zones.  
**D Rally** was held at Glen Oro Farm with 88 riders (33 D, 37 D1, 18 D2) from 19 pony clubs. Unfortunately no **Pony Club Events** were held in 2004.
- **Tetrathlon** swimming, running and shooting was held at various venues around Peterborough, with the riding phase at Killusty with 45 participants from 8 branches. After an invitation was extended by COR, 5 participants also attended from SLOV. A team of 4 juniors and 7 seniors went on to compete at **National Tetrathlon** hosted by Nova Scotia. Zachary McCue and Brittany Emery were chosen to represent Canada at **International Tet** in the UK and Ireland.
- Beth Murray from Central Ontario participated in the invitational **International Dressage Derby** in New Zealand in January, 2004.
- The 6th Annual Central Ontario **Awards Banquet and Dance** was held at a banquet hall in Pickering in October hosted by Durham PC. Year-end and/or recognition awards were presented for disciplines. Our National and International competitors were acknowledged for their outstanding successes. COR Pony Club graduates and 10 Year members were also recognized.  
The regional Karen Meuleman Award for the PC member judged to have been the most helpful and involved was presented to Katie Stephenson of Maple PC.

### Special Recognition

- Our **Communications** team of Bob & Liz Inglis sent out 37 press releases about our activities to local newspapers, magazines, television stations and a cable companies - a total of 861 individual pieces. In addition our COR BITS online newsletter, CORCOMM emails and our regional web site helped keep our members, their parents and our volunteers informed.
- Bob Inglis was also the tireless chair of our **Rules and Regulations committee**, preparing several COR Rules and Regs drafts before we were able to get our latest revision approved regionally in October, then at the 2004 SAM.
- Many thanks to those dedicated coaches, chaperones and parents who made all these activities and events possible for our members.  
The following individuals also fulfilled **National positions for 2004**: Karol Shipley as *National Chair*, Liz Inglis as *National Communications Chair*, Gwen Barnes as *National Testing Chair* and Jan Jamieson as *National Rally Chair*. Karol, Liz, Gwen and Jan are continuing in their positions for 2005 and will be joined by Georgia Gale-Kidd, the new *National Education Chair*.
- We also appreciate the financial grant received from the **Ontario Equestrian Federation** in support of our programs, the large donation of tickets from the **Royal Winter Fair Horse Show** and the great hats and saddle pads supplied by **Apple Saddlery** in Ottawa as prizes for the regional finals and zone championships we hosted.

Looking ahead to 2005, COR expects to be hosting some portion of the Inter-pacific Exchange and having another fun year of equestrian activities for our members.

## SLOV Regional Activity Report for 2004

Our membership dropped with the loss of Vaudreuil, Ashton First Field, and Glen Scott, but it's on the rise again. We've added two new branches, Leeds County and Rideau, and Lake of Two Mountains is returning from its hiatus. I have had inquiries from other areas about starting new branches, so who knows what 2005 will bring!

The region was very active this year. We started off with a series of clinics put on by Kingston & Region that were open to all. A contest organized and coordinated by the Youth Reps, Chantal Hortop and Meghan Hewitt, brought out the creative bent in many of our members and parents as they looked for a new Regional logo.

Several branches held Tetrathlon clinics – concentrating on safe shooting, swimming and running even if it wasn't practical to ride. Appleton and Temperance Lake worked together to provide some PPG meets. More Tetrathlon clinics are scheduled for this fall and winter.

Regional Quiz was fun, thanks to Land O'Lakes and all the volunteers who helped with the oral and visual tests and as well as scoring the written tests. St. John's High School in Perth was a great place to hold quiz and relatively central for all the branches. Our Region hosts National Quiz in 2005, so I hope all the volunteers are ready to help out with Regional Quiz in April and then with National Quiz in October 2005.

Apple Saddlery generously donated hats for all our championships. Apple also donated Apple Saddlery bags for the Central Canadian champions. They also provided a venue for United Counties' Consignment Tack Sale in April.

Once the weather warmed up in May, the qualifiers for Regional Show Jumping and Dressage began. Results came into Diana Bayer (Show Jumping Chair) and Kasia (Dressage Chair) as they prepared for the Regional competition in August, and started planning the Central Canadian Championships.

United County members performed a short mini-drill ride in June at the invitation of the RCMP as part of the Sunset Ceremonies. The eight riders are: Katelin and Ellen Everson, Chelsea Magladry, Vicky Thivierge, Kendra Tonkin, Mathea Stevens, Shelby Heinbuch, and Emma Walker. What an honour!

Regional PPG was held on July 1<sup>st</sup> at Fiddlers Green Stables. Unfortunately, the afternoon scramble competition was rained out, disappointing all the participants. Better safe than sorry, though, as thunderstorms and horses don't mix. Regional Show Jumping and Dressage was graciously hosted by the Nuths at Fiddlers Green in the middle of August. The riders who did well were given the opportunity to compete at the Central Canadians at Hawkrigde at the end of August against other riders from Central and Western Ontario. Bev, Kasia and I worked hard to ensure that Centrals went off without a hitch. We received many emails stating that the members enjoyed this year's competition.

St. Lawrence-Ottawa Valley borrowed the display from National and set it up at SuperEx in Ottawa for the first two days of the fair. Members from United Counties and Oxford Downs put on five riding demonstrations, chatted with fairgoers, and handed out pamphlets to promote Pony Club over the two days. Eleanor Lorden did the commentary.

Kasia organized a raffle to help pay for Central Canadians, and several people in the Region donated fantastic prizes. McPhail Travel donated airfare to Calgary for the 1<sup>st</sup> prize that included tickets to the Masters at Spruce Meadow and accommodations, Sheila Wark arranged for the 2<sup>nd</sup> prize, Procema speakers, and Anne-Marie Fowler arranged for the 3<sup>rd</sup> prize, a 30" flat screen TV. Thank you to all who sold tickets!

I'm looking forward to 2005, and I hope you are too!

Susan Lorden  
SLOV Regional Chair

## 2004 ANNUAL REPORT WESTERN ONTARIO REGION

WOR fielded nearly a full slate of officers and Discipline Chairs for 2004. 13 Branches were active during the year and we maintain total liabilities and equity of \$24,916.60 to the date of our AGM, November 20, 2004. Membership experienced a slight increase from 2003 suggesting that our efforts throughout the year to advertise Pony Club both Regionally and at the Branch level may be having a positive effect. e.g. CPC booth at the 4 day CanAm Equine Emporium at the Western Fair Grounds; advertisements in local equine publications; participation in community events (Fall Fairs; Parades). We have been approached by a number of local training facilities interested in offering educational activities to members, a tack and saddlery business wishing to rebate a percentage of sales in exchange for advertising (Brubacher's Harness/Ailsa Craig Saddlery), and both the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair and CanAm Equine Emporium have offered demonstration opportunities for Pony Club riders in the coming year.

All disciplines held Regional competitions –

**Quiz** – May 1st - 138 competitors in 7 divisions – sent two complete teams ( C and A/B) to National Quiz and one member was part of the International C-team. To better prepare competitors for National, games were offered during the marking time and were well received. Quiz continues to be an extremely popular discipline in WOR.

**Tetrathlon** – June 26<sup>th</sup> – 37 competitors (increase of 48% from 2003) – 8 went on to Nationals - 5 junior women, 1 junior man, 2 senior women;

**PPG** – July 9<sup>th</sup> – 86 competitors (decrease of 5% from 2003) - sent 1 Masters team competed at Zones; 2 WOR members competed on international team this year and 2 others have been chosen for 2005;

**Show Jumping/Dressage** – July 17<sup>th</sup> (combined one day event) – 58 entries in 6 divisions in Show Jumping, 66 entries in 7 classes in Dressage as well as Free Style, Pas-de-deux and Quadrille teams. 11 Show Jumping and 11 Dressage competitors went on to Zones and had the largest number of competitors of all the Central Zone regions.

**A/B/C- Rally** – July 23-25<sup>th</sup> – hosted by COR in conjunction with their Regional Rally and Central Zone Rally at Glen Oro near Barrie – had 27 riders and 29 grooms some of whom were assigned to COR teams

**D-Rally** – August 21st – 46 competitors (decrease of 30% from 2003) in 3 divisions, at Caledon Hunt Club

Regional **Education** tried a new format this year. For the first 4 months, Sr. Education workshops were held at the same time and place as the monthly Regional meetings. This allowed branch reps. who were coming to the meeting anyway, to transport their senior members and provided some consistency of topics covered across the Region. It also encouraged our senior members (C and above) to connect with each other which had a positive impact on member retention at this level. Feedback has encouraged us to continue this approach in 2005.

Presenters included current and past members and external clinicians. One session was devoted to a First Aid course so members could obtain their certification for their anticipated testing levels. Also, as usual, various disciplines arranged mini-meets and clinics (both mounted and unmounted) e.g. Tetrathlon, PPG, A/B/C Rally and D Rally.

A total of 4 **Newsletters** were published and distributed electronically which provided a forum for inter-branch communication, educational and informational articles and a classified ad. section.

**Testing – Junior:** Several in-branch tests resulted in many members (E through C) successfully testing up to D through C1. Two Junior Examiners' clinics were conducted by two senior members (one in the spring and one in the fall), and members are being encouraged to become examiners as soon as they qualify.

**Senior:** Four regional tests were conducted during the year resulting in 6 successful C2's and 2 B's. We had no A candidates this year.

**International CPC participants** – Cailin Radcliffe and Dylan McPhail competed on the International PPG team in the U.S.

**PSO(OEF) WOR** actively participated in an effort to have two strongly youth-oriented candidates (Virginia Buchanan-Smith and Cynthia Cowper) elected to the OEF Board. Although we were not successful this year (the timing was somewhat belated) there may be a more organized effort next year. There is concern that youth organizations, especially Pony Club receive very little consideration from the OEF, especially considering that membership is now mandatory. Although WOR received the largest OEF Sports Grant base funding (\$1980) of the three Central Zone regions, the general feeling was that this is unacceptably low and reflects an attitude which undervalues the importance of a volunteer, equestrian youth organization.

A **Regional Planning Meeting** for WOR's Executive, Officers and Discipline Chairs was held in the fall. Its focus was to address a variety of concerns which have arisen over the past few years, with a view to achieving consensus about the direction in which WOR wishes to go in the future. A wide-ranging discussion informed by the Canadian Pony Club Aims and Objectives and Guidelines re: Starting a Pony Club Branch, yielded some principles which will guide WOR decision-making and actions –

1. Concern for Safety is paramount
2. Education should be a primary emphasis of any Pony Club activity.
3. Ensuring that participants – members and volunteers alike, have fun and feel appreciated.

(A detailed summary of this meeting is available from the WOR Chair [cmlmiller@sympatico.ca](mailto:cmlmiller@sympatico.ca) )

Respectfully submitted by

Catherine Miller,  
Chair - WOR

## NB/PEI ANNUAL REPORT 2004

New Brunswick/PEI is a small but active region with 41 members for the year 2004.

Regional activities included a spring PPG clinic with clinician Jackie Allen, held at Burnside Farm, which was well attended and greatly enjoyed. Regional Quiz was hosted by Pine Hill PC in May with good representation from all clubs. A one day Regional Working Rally was also held on July 14th at Strathgartney Equestrian Park on PEI and it was enthusiastically attended by two of our clubs. The Rally was so well received by PC members they are requesting a two or three day rally for 2005.

New Brunswick/PEI had one graduate in 2004. Pine Hill PC member Erin Maloney-Chumney graduated at C2 Level and is staying on as an affiliate for 2005. A 10 year pin was awarded to Charlottetown PC member Carolyn Dohoo.

NB/PEI PC members successfully testing for 2004:

1 D Level  
4 D1's  
4 D2's  
1 C  
1 C1

Many exciting events were organized at Branch level in our region during 2004, including the Charlottetown Pony Club Horse Show, Marshwinds Mock Fox Hunt (with coon dogs!), the Pine Hill PC Summer Camp and Marshwinds Christmas Break Camp. Riding clinics, PPG games, and social events such as Christmas parties were evident through out 2004 as were various branch fund raisers.

All clubs enjoyed and participated in the badge program and worked on Stable Management, especially through out the winter months. Winter, spring and fall Regional meetings were held in 2004 with rotating locations.

Pony Club members from our Region were well represented at local horse shows, including EC shows, with one Charlottetown pony clubber qualifying and competing at the Royal Winter Fair. Two other members from Charlottetown participated at National Tetrathlon.

Even though our Region has been reduced to three active branches at this time, there has been much interest expressed for creating new clubs in both NB and PEI. We look forward to 2005 with enthusiasm and optimism.

Respectfully submitted

Colleen Carroll-Nisbett  
National Chair, New Brunswick/PEI Region

## Nova Scotia Region 2004 Annual Report

### New for 2004

2004 brought a major change in name as we became the Nova Scotia Pony Club rather than the NS/NFLD Pony Club. Our membership increased. Two new clubs were added: Hants County and Friendly Breezes. Our Regional Rules & Regs. were completed and approved at the National AGM. We were pleased to host the 2004 CPC National Tetrathlon, with 48 competitors from 7 regions taking part.

### Members in the News! Congratulations to all !!

- ☺ Our Regional Youth rep. Emily Dexter, Colchester PC, moved on to be the Nat Youth Rep (Eastern ).
- ☺ We welcomed Kate Mattocks, Colchester PC as Youth Rep. on the Regional Board.
- ☺ Eight members attended the National Tetrathlon : Inga Hansen, Jenn Wilson, Tiffany Blaauwendraat, Laura Sloan, Anna Murray, Erin Sloan, Keltie MacDonald, Madelaine Trider
- ☺ Two members: Inga Hansen and Jenn Wilson , Tantramar PC, represented CPC at the International Tetrathlon
- ☺ Sarah Giovanetti, Avon PC achieved her A level . She did the RA in NS and traveled to Ontario to take the HA.
- ☺ Four members attended the National Quiz in BC: Merrilee Yuill(Oppportunity PC) , Jessica Swinkles ( Fairwind PC) , Emily Dexter and Kate Gloade ( Colchester PC)
- ☺ Jackie Allen, of Annapolis PC won the CPC Governor General's Award

**Education:** Opportunity PC hosted a badge weekend open to all PC members and had over 80 juniors and seniors attend this two day event. There were two Examiner's clinics held. A Dressage and a Cross Country clinic for members at the D levels was held in July.

**Communications:** Along with producing three newsletters for members, volunteers, examiners and Board members, Margie Johnson , Communications rep. also expanded use of the website: results of events were posted, Rules& Regs. were added, newsletters posted, notices, entry forms, Annual Branch Reports, events schedule and the Youth page. The Virtual Trophy case was updated and some branches were brought on line.

**Youth:** Kate Mattocks held two meetings of the Branch Youth Reps. A Youth page was added to the website. A banner for displaying badges (in Branch colours) was accepted by the Youth reps.

**Testing :** One member successfully achieved A level and two were successful in achieving B level. B written test was held in May. Two Pretest clinics were held for B levels in July. Two Examiner's Clinics were held. All Branches held at least one testing.

**PPG:** PPG used to be a very active discipline in NS but for the last 10 to 15 years there has been little done. Jackie Allen, our rep has been very active this summer holding a number of PPG clinics. In July Opportunity PC hosted the first PPG Cup Challenge. The new trophies were added to the website Virtual Trophy case.

**Rally:** The Region hosted the ABC Rally in conjunction with the Central Nova Horse Trials. The D Rally was hosted by the Annapolis PC in August. A Dressage and a Cross Country clinic for D Level members was held in July at Hobby Horse Farm.

**Dressage:** Fairwind PC hosted the Dressage is Fun Show in June with approximately 40 entries. In October Avon PC hosted the D Challenge. In this event E/D/D1 members compete as teams and do a dressage test, a pole or cross rails course plus an equitation class.

**Tetrathlon:** Two Tetrathlon Run/Swim/Shoot clinics plus a camp were hosted by Tantramar PC. Tantramar also hosted the Regional Tetrathlon Championships and organized Tetrathlon as part of the Badge weekend.

**Quiz:** Over the winter months Eastern Shore hosted a C level Quiz, West Valley held a D/C level and Tantramar held two Novice/D level quiz competitions. We sent a team to the National Quiz in BC .

**Meetings:** The Regional Board met 5 times over the year ending with the Annual meeting on Nov 27/04. We held one fundraiser, selling tickets through SportNS. Our annual Regional fee was \$35 per member. From this fee \$4 per member went to the organizing committee for National Tetrathlon. The Regional funds supported both the National Tetrathlon team and the National Quiz team, paying the entry fee and the chaperone costs. \$100 each was given to the members attending the International Tetrathlon.

Submitted By:

Carollyn Crewe, Regional Chair

## **Section 4**

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## ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT 2004

As always, the National Office has been a very busy place. The job continues to grow and I continue to enjoy working for Canadian Pony Club.

Here is a list of a few of the projects that have occupied my time over the last year:

- Sent out over 950 new member packages. Baldur Pony Club continues to assist in the preparation of these packages.
- Attended the USPC AGM 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations in Philadelphia, where Canadian Pony Club presented the USPC National President with a gift to commemorate the event.
- Updated the Canadian Pony Club entry in The Pony Club Directory from the UK.
- Kept the National Calendar on the web site updated.
- Worked on updating various Canadian Pony Club documents.
- Worked with Apple Saddlery to get the Regional, Zone and National Awards out to the Regions. Apple Saddlery has been exceedingly generous with their support at all levels and I hope that the Regions will see fit to order things from them whenever possible.
- Assisted the South African Exchange team organize their trip.
- Assisted Karen Mutchmor with the Governor General Scholarship applications.
- Set up the AGM, took the minutes and distributed them following the meeting.
- Set up conference calls for Management Committee meetings, took and distributed the minutes.
- Produced the Annual Report.
- Prepared packages for all International Exchange tours.
- Acted as liaison between Canadian Pony Club and the US, Great Britain, Australia, New Zealand, Japan, Hong Kong and South Africa.
- Assisted BCIN with National Quiz.
- Assisted the International Pony Club Mounted Games Team with arrangements for their trip to the US.
- Assisted International Tetrathlon Team with arrangements for their trip to the UK and Ireland.
- Organized and supervised the International Quiz.
- Worked on the Badge program and launched 6 new Zone, National & International badges in the fall.

- Organized the SAM, took minutes and distributed them following the meeting.
- Worked on the International Meeting for 2005, being hosted in Canada with the IPE.
- Assisted Del Zelmer and Jan Jamieson with promoting the Inter Pacific Exchange, which is being held in Canada in 2005.
- Researched hotels for future National Meetings.
- Produced 4 issues of News from National.
- Operated the Supply House, which included filling 368 supply orders, ordering, unpacking and shelving books and other items, keeping an up-to-date inventory and preparing for a complete audit at the end of the year.
- The biggest part of my job is probably communications. I receive anywhere from 20 to 50 e-mails a day. Phone calls are light, averaging about 6 per day, but the 800 number is quite well used. Communication by regular mail is nearly non-existent, except for supply orders.
- I deal with inquiries regarding starting a new branch, where to find a branch, names and numbers of local DC's etc, as well as questions about grants, championships, donations. Part of my job is to direct callers to the best source for the information they need.
- I am available to assist any Discipline Chair, Director or Regional Chair as required.

This year I was able to attend both the PPG Prairie Zone Championships outside of Calgary and the National Quiz in BCIN. Although I did not attend as part of my job, I found the opportunity to meet both kids and volunteers from around the country to be invaluable. It was really nice to put faces to the voices on the phone or names on an e-mail letter.

As I finish up my fifth year as Canadian Pony Club Administrator, I find that I am still enjoying the job very much. It is a varied and interesting position, with the opportunity to meet and talk to a great number of people from across the country. We have an excellent Board, composed of a dedicated group of volunteers who are able to put aside any Regional differences to focus on what is best for all members across the country.

I would like to thank Karol and John for making my job easy and rewarding. Their guidance and assistance has been invaluable. I would also like to thank the Board for their support over the last year.

I would like to close by remembering two dedicated volunteers, who passed away this year and will be sorely missed, by their Branches, their Regions and National. Adelle Coffin from PEI and Karen Mutchmor from ANR were both extremely active Pony Club parents. I had the opportunity to work closely with both of them over the last few years and I will miss them both very much.

## Annual Supply Report 2004

Running the Supply House accounts for a large amount of my time. Luckily, Phil has started to assist me with Supplies, freeing me to do other tasks. Between the two of us, we spend approximately 8-10 hours a week on supplies.

The Badge Program continues to be popular, with almost 10,000 badges being sold this year.

I filled 368 orders this year. Approximately 72% of the orders used Visa or Master Card, a significant increase over last year.

The winners of the Every Hundredth Order Promotion were **#100 Lauren Franklin of Blindman Valley P.C.**, **#200 Jolie Dewdney of Maple P.C.** and **#300 Breanna Sweers of Albion P.C.**

I started this promotion in 2001, thinking it was a positive way to promote supply sales. However, since over the past four years, not one person has acknowledged that they got their order free, I will not be offering the program in 2005.

Postage continues to rise at an alarming rate and now includes a fuel surcharge. Minimum postage is now set at \$10.00 and still this does not cover many parcels to the Regions furthest away from Manitoba.

I am still carrying Courses for Horses and have added Anne Kursinski's Riding and Jumping.

Sale of printed materials continues to drop as more and more of these materials are available on our web site, so I have decided to take them out of inventory for 2005. Branches can still special order hard copies of documents but I encourage everyone to download them for free from our web site.

The new Supply House is working out even better than I hoped. Everything is well-organized and tidy, although the rest of the Pony Club clutter in my basement seems to have grown to fill the available space.

Respectfully Submitted,

Val Crowe  
Administrator, Canadian Pony Club

**CANADIAN PONY CLUB SUPPLY INVENTORY**

	<b>2001</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>
	Total Sales	Total Sales	Total Sales	Total Sales
DESCRIPTION				
CPC Brochure	2000	2000	1305	<b>1475</b>
Member Application Form/Risk Form	7	33	2	<b>0</b>
2000 Branch Report Form	6	5	*	<b>0</b>
2000 Membership List Form	0	5	*	<b>0</b>
Medical Armbands	679	687	739	<b>829</b>
CPC Individual Member Passport	1004	204	175	<b>135</b>
By-Laws	10	11	4	<b>4</b>
Operations Manual	8	13	1	<b>10</b>
CPC Branch Member Record Card	134	178	32	<b>65</b>
Starting a Pony Club Branch	0	4	3	<b>1</b>
CPC Membership Pin	1519	1244	1533	<b>1219</b>
CPC Internat. Games Exchange Pin	14	14	14	<b>14</b>
CPC Crest	415	391	477	<b>409</b>
CPC Blazer Crest - RED	6	0	7	<b>0</b>
CPC District Commissioner Pin	42	41	22	<b>41</b>
CPC Visiting Commissioner Pin	3	3	1	<b>4</b>
Handbook for District Commissioners	3	14	6	<b>4</b>
CPC Blue Stickers	1513	761	531	<b>1421</b>
CPC Logo Sticker - 4"	454	233	130	<b>64</b>
CPC Caution Horses Sticker - 11"	222	158	71	<b>37</b>
Canadian Pony Club Pens	552	802	865	<b>1399</b>
CPC Flag	6	13	8	<b>7</b>
CPC Notepads	19	43	10	<b>10</b>
Coloured Notecards	306	452	327	<b>526</b>
A/B Testing Procedures	41	108	33	<b>38</b>
C/D Testing Procedures	157	74	85	<b>71</b>
Examiner's & Instructor's Record Book	46	48	29	<b>36</b>
Certificate B	89	73	86	<b>19</b>
Disc B - Red	98	105	99	<b>67</b>
Certificate C	401	252	367	<b>285</b>
Disc C - Green	446	322	378	<b>352</b>
Certificate D	710	670	763	<b>646</b>
Disc D - Yellow	829	742	826	<b>812</b>
Are You Ready?	31	34	23	<b>8</b>
Are You Ready II?	20	31	21	<b>7</b>
Points of a Horse Game	78	94	78	<b>29</b>
Riding and Road Sense	58	98	67	<b>30</b>
Fire Rules	24	63	61	<b>2</b>
CPC Rally Rules	15	29	13	<b>1</b>
Certificate - Rally	132	62	100	<b>45</b>
Dressage Rules	17	19	9	<b>4</b>
Tetrathlon Rules	9	9	5	<b>2</b>
Show Jumping Rules	22	24	10	<b>4</b>
PPG Rules	8	13	8	<b>1</b>
Coaching PPG	8	12	6	<b>5</b>
Starting PPG	5	4	5	<b>2</b>
Quiz Bank on Diskette 1992	10	12	7	<b>10</b>

	<b>2001</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>
USPC D Manual	304	314	283	<b>235</b>
USPC C Manual	172	167	159	<b>135</b>
USPC AB Manual	68	92	70	<b>52</b>
Bandaging USPC	37	42	28	<b>18</b>
Conformation and Lameness USPC	30	38	31	<b>20</b>
Longeing USPC	36	37	29	<b>17</b>
Grooming to Win	12	8	9	<b>10</b>
Horse Gaits,Balance & Movement	14	24	10	<b>8</b>
Maximum Hoof Power	22	27	10	<b>7</b>
British Manual	224	230	274	<b>230</b>
Saddlery	26	27	24	<b>23</b>
Know Your Horse	41	36	25	<b>22</b>
Allen Photo Guides	143	274	189	<b>184</b>
My Horse Colouring Book	*	53	32	<b>25</b>
Conditioning Sport Horses	17	25	11	<b>9</b>
Horsemaster's Notebook	57	40	38	<b>37</b>
Horse Anatomy	21	29	16	<b>7</b>
Instructor's Handbook	29	18	23	<b>20</b>
Horse Talks	*	8	10	<b>2</b>
Vet Notes	*	*	15	<b>17</b>
Basic Course Building	*	*	13	<b>20</b>
101 Jumping Exercises	*	*	21	<b>20</b>
Courses for Horses	*	*	15	<b>4</b>
Anne Kursinski's Riding & Jumping	*	*	*	<b>6</b>
Every Time Every Ride Video	8	9	11	<b>7</b>
D Checklist	11	29	7	<b>3</b>
D Workbook	40	52	24	<b>5</b>
D1 Checklist	14	30	8	<b>2</b>
D1 Workbook	44	58	18	<b>2</b>
D2 Checklist	12	31	8	<b>1</b>
D2 Study Guide	32	61	17	<b>2</b>
C Study Guide	25	52	16	<b>2</b>
C1 Study Guide	20	45	19	<b>4</b>
C2 Study Guide	23	41	16	<b>5</b>
B/B2 Study Guide	9	38	17	<b>2</b>
Education Resource Handbook	10	2	*	<b>*</b>
Education Handbook	*	14	4	<b>5</b>
Flow Charts	7	16	3	<b>3</b>
Quiz Handbook	8	17	4	<b>5</b>
Badges	*	*	11761	<b>9158</b>

## Canadian Pony Club Communications Report

### 1. *Members' Survey*

(a) The report on the finished project was presented to SAM 2003.

(b) At the request of Bill Murray, I prepared an edited version for presentation to the COR AGM. This was turned into a Power Point presentation for the CPC 2004 AGM luncheon and is available to all Regional Chairs. To date, no one has asked for this. It's still available.

### 2. *British Pony Club 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Book*

In late spring, CPC received a request to contribute text and photos to this project. After discussion with Lis Clegg in Britain, I wrote a history of Pony Club in Canada using the official history written by Zita Barbara May, "Canada's International Equestrians" by the same author and a large scrapbook given by Adele Rockwell to Barbara Grimm. A request for photos was sent to various people in CPC and some responded. My thanks to them. As well, I compiled a list of CPC alumni who have distinguished themselves in the horse world, starting with the Eglinton Branch's "Wall of Fame". If anyone wishes to read these, I would be happy to e-mail a copy.

I should note that CPC Chair, Karol Shipley, supplied a dramatic photo that Ms Clegg felt would typify Canada to those in Britain – a very snowy winter scene with Katie Shipley leading her horse past a huge Canadian flag! Thanks, Karol.

### 3. *CPC 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*

Work on the British project made me think ahead to our own 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary, just five years away. Accordingly, I suggested to the Management Committee that we compile an on-line CPC "Wall of Fame" honouring all our distinguished alumni. It would cost very little, but would take quite a bit of time and effort. A proposal outlining how it could be done (remember the Federal Privacy Act – we would need permission from everyone on the list) went to the Board and has been approved. I will make a presentation to the AGM on the project. It has also received oral approval from Sandra Sillcox, Chief FEI Steward for Canada. Sandra is one of our early alumnae, and has been an active PC volunteer for many years, serving in a wide number of positions. She's agreed to be on this Wall of Fame.

I am also a member of the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee and find the range of other ideas produced very exciting.

### 4. *Adelle Coffin*

We in Pony Club were greatly saddened this fall by the passing of NB/PEI Board member, Adelle Coffin. I volunteered to write a memorial to Adelle for posting on the CPC website. My sincere thanks go to all those who responded to my requests for information and memories of Adelle. You made the article really come alive.

### 5. *West Nile article*

I updated this article to reflect new information from the Western Provinces.

## **6. Press Releases**

(a) Very few releases were sent out in 2004. In December, a release was sent to the magazines drawing attention to the fact that four of the five recipients of the Canadian Eventing Award scholarships went to current or former Pony Club members.

Over the competitive season, information on national or international events reached us (Bob sometimes writes the releases) too late to meet press deadlines. The one exception was Quiz. It would be more than useful if competition organizers would e-mail entry information and results at the same time as they send them to Crawford. My e-mail address is lizinglis@technalysis.on.ca. This would enable me to get releases out on the day rather than waiting and searching the web site. There will be times when Crawford can't post things right away, and there are times when I can't search the site on a daily basis hoping that something is there. This isn't a new request.

(b) Publicity for Inter Pacific Exchange is already underway. An introductory press release has gone to horse-related magazines and has been distributed to Regional Communications Chairs for distribution to local newspapers.

(c) I have arranged with Susan Jane Anstey of Horse Publications Group to do a PC season recap similar to last year's article in Horse Sport. It is scheduled to appear in the April issue. My thanks to Maisie Durward of Uxbridge Scogog Branch in COR for going beyond the call of duty to ensure that there will be a good photo of the National Championship Masters team for the article.

(d) This year's issue of "The Horse Annual" carries an excellent article comparing Pony Club and 4H. Natalie Henry of Horse Publications Group interviewed Val by telephone for the PC portion. Thanks to Val for a job well done!

## **7. National Notebook**

Over the spring and summer, I had recurrent computer problems, including repeated homepage hijackings. While my antivirus software said I had no viruses, I did have something that prevented me updating my firewall. It took about six weeks to get all the problems resolved. In the meantime, the issue of National Notebook I was working on vanished three times. The backup copy turned out to be corrupted. The result – I have had to start at square one and reconstruct the issue each time. With any luck, it will be out in time for AGM.

## **8. Message of Congratulations – Michael Winter**

Right after the Pan Am Games 2003, I wrote a message of congratulation for the web site recognizing the performance of alumnus (Eglinton and Toronto/North York in COR) Michael Winter. Mike was the top placed Canadian Eventer at the Games, helping to win a silver medal and a ticket for the team to Athens. It should be noted here that Mike was also the top Canadian in Athens. Not bad for a rookie at the International level!

Respectfully submitted

*Elizabeth Inglis, National Communications Chair*

## Report on 2004 Membership

### The Numbers:

Our 2004 registration was 3087 members which is down by 122 members or 3.8% from the 2003 total. This is the 9<sup>th</sup> out of the past 10 years in which our membership has dropped and we have now had 4 years in a row in which our membership has hit a new 30 year low. The following chart shows the total CPC membership trend for the last 31 years. Individual regional trends are available but not included in this report. Other than SLOV and NBPEI, there is little change in those trends.



This year, SLOV had a major drop in membership of 130 members. Both SLOV and NBPEI had membership drops of 38% while Nova Scotia, Western Ontario, Saskatchewan, Alberta North, BCIN, and BC Islands had increases. This is the 4<sup>th</sup> year in a row in which NBPEI membership is down by more than 20%. In 2004, the region had 33 registered members compared to 161 only 4 years ago.

### Membership Verification:

In late June, lists of registered members were sent out to all branches with a request to review them, make necessary changes, and to reply either confirming the changes or saying that there were no changes. We got replies from 145 of 174 branches. About 85% of the branches reported some changes and 34 branches reported that there were missing registrations. Between June 25 when the lists were sent out and mid October, 132 additional members were identified, some of whom may have joined in July and August but most of whom were simply not reported, some from as long ago as November, 2003. Alberta Central had 21 members reported missing from the lists, or nearly 25% of their total registration of 94 on June 25<sup>th</sup>!

Some branches were very reluctant to provide the PSO numbers and in some cases, the only way we got them was directly from the PSO. Although some PSO's had problems processing and confirming our memberships early in the year, there are many indications that the problem with not having the numbers lies with the regions and branches rather than the PSO's. BC in particular had some processing delays and that was used as an excuse by a number of branches for not having numbers in July and August, however some branches in BC such as Salt Spring Island and Nicola Valley had provided numbers for 100% of their members long before June.

There is strong indication that a number of branches were not enforcing PSO membership before being pressed for the numbers. It is impossible to know for sure what the numbers are, but we do know that 54 out of 78 new members in BC who got their HCBC memberships in 2004 did so after the Feb 1 cutoff date and that 7 of the renewals of HCBC memberships did not take place until July or later, one as late as mid September. These are only the ones we tripped over so the total is certainly much larger. Only Saskatchewan, Manitoba, and the 3 Ontario regions provided nearly all of the PSO numbers early in the year.

A repeat verification is planned for 2005.

**Registration and Records Procedures:**

Only 2 Regions, Alberta Central and New Brunswick/PEI are not using electronic registration as of the end of 2004.

A number of changes have been made for 2005 registrations regarding PSO membership handling. Unfortunately, the procedures in different provinces are not the same and this makes things somewhat confusing, particularly for those regions whose boundaries cross provincial borders. We should try very hard over the next year to find a way to get a more uniform approach with all the PSO's, particularly re making PSO memberships effective when received by the DC.

The requirement for PSO membership and the procedures to try to be sure that all members do follow this rule, particularly when combined with the lack of cooperation by the PSO's in trying to develop uniform procedures has added very considerably to the workload for me and probably for many regions and DC's. The very large majority of the questions and errors in 2004 were PSO membership related and as a result, the amount of time I have spent on membership problems and questions in the past year has more than quadrupled compared to prior years.

**Temporary Insurance:**

Based on the concept that most branches sign up many new members in Sept and Oct, John Moehring negotiated a temporary insurance for new members.

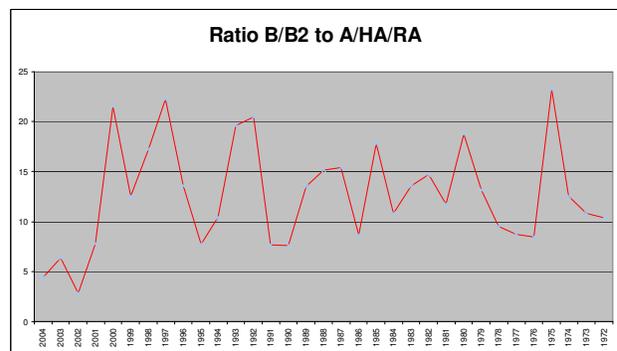
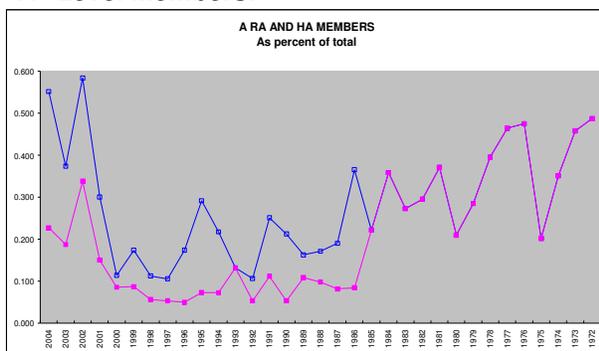
**Affiliate Memberships:**

In this first year of use, the Affiliate Member categories have been used in 4 regions with a total of 7 Testing Affiliates and 4 Education Affiliates. This seems a rather disappointing number since this year, a total of 85 graduates from 2003 back to 2000 were eligible as Testing Affiliates and only 7 took advantage of the opportunity. In future years, only about 20 graduates will become eligible at a time so we might expect only 1 or 2 new Testing Affiliates per year.

**Extended Membership for New Members:**

For the past several years, we have offered a membership of up to 16 months for new members joining after Sept 1.

**“A” Level Members:**



As shown in the charts above, the proportion of full A members and the total of A, RA, and HA members remained at a level similar to the 1972-84 period indicating that the problem we had with very low numbers of A's from 1986 through 2000 seems to have been resolved. However, the drastic reduction in the ratio of B and B2's to A's which occurred at the same time as the increase in A's also continued and indicates that while we are doing better at "promoting" B's, we need to do work on encouraging C's to continue on. Historically, we have nearly 14 B/B2 members for every A/RA/HA member, however for the past 4 years, the average is only 5.3. We need to encourage more C members to progress or the number of A's will decrease again due to the lack of available B's.

**Branch Size:**

The average size of branches has been steadily dropping except for a couple of unusual years. In the 1970's the average branch size was about 50 members and for the past 7 years, it has been below 20 members with 2004 at only 17.4. In 2004, 41 branches do not even have 10 members.

Small branch sizes not only require more administration and some other associated costs but they also have a direct effect on the membership in several ways.

When branches were larger, there was a good probability that there would be a number of older and/or higher level members in each branch who could work together both for advancement and for enjoyment. With small branch sizes, the likelihood of even 1 or 2 such members is quite small. As a result, those members tend to feel more or less alone and have little incentive to continue in the Pony Club.

In the mid 1970's, there were an average of 1.8 B and up members and 10.1 C-C2 members for every branch. In 2004, we had only 0.5 B members per branch and 3.2 C2 and up. With such low numbers, it becomes difficult or impossible for many branches to create teams of higher level members so not only do those members lack the companionship of their peers but they also miss out on many of the team aspects of Pony Club.

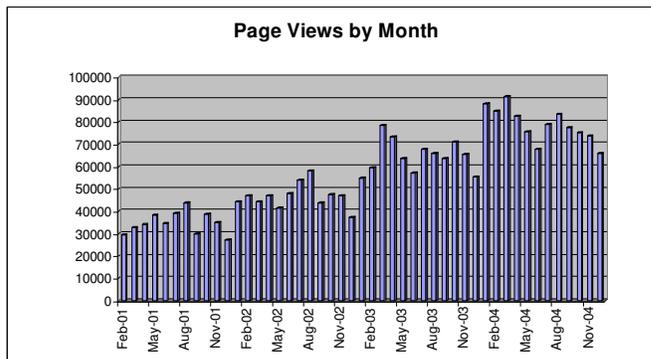
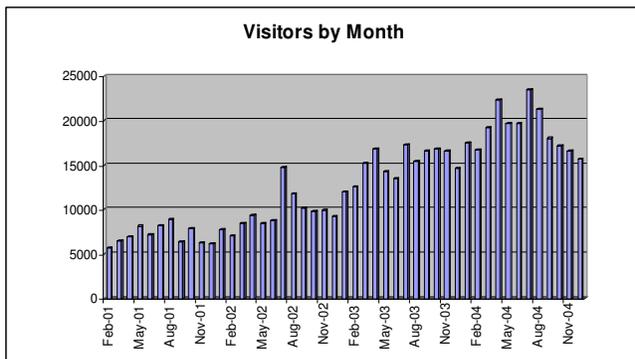
There are many cases in which several branches exist in the same area with membership boundaries overlapping with 2 or 3 other branches and in the long run, this is probably detrimental to the Pony Club.

Perhaps it is time to carefully examine the reasons for small branches and to explore whether small branches that are close to each other (say within 25KM) should combine into larger branches, which have a better chance of operating properly and in a way which is rewarding to the members.

Crawford Dales

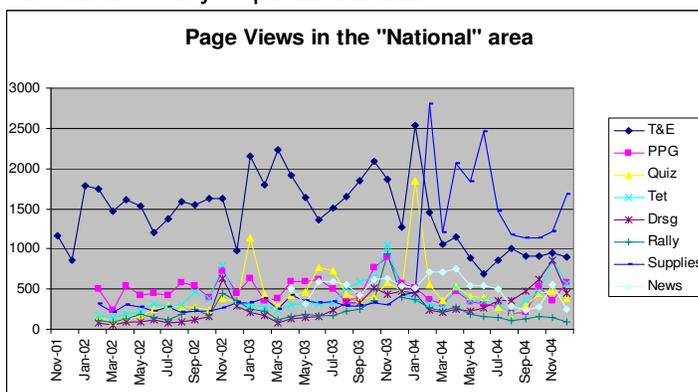
## Website Report

**Use of the Site:** In 2004, we had 227,100 visitors (23,500 in July) who looked at 946,000 pages. We almost reached the 250,000 visitors and 1 million pages viewed milestones in 2004. This is an increase of 38% in visitors and 30% in pages from last year. A chart showing the major areas of interest is at the end of this report.



**Page Updating:** As I have mentioned for several years, many discipline and T&E pages and some regional pages are seriously out of date. Stale information on the discipline pages or particularly on the T&E pages can misinform members in very important areas.

The chart to the right shows page views in the National area. Discipline pages get viewed a significant number of times every month, although they have peaks at competition time. Until interest in the Supplies pages peaked after introduction of the badges, the most viewed pages were the T&E ones, however interest in those pages has declined to about half of the 2003 level, possibly because they are not up to date.



**Regional Initiatives:** Recently both BC Lower Mainland and Alberta South have taken on direct responsibility for maintaining their sections of the site. The attached chart shows that in both cases, interest has jumped and I hope that it continues to climb. The BCLM initiative is very interesting since it allows branches or regional reps to keep their own pages up to date. Joerg Beekmann has led the effort in BCLM and provided the following summary:

Phase 1 of the site was completed late August. It has a static general description of the region its branches and activities. The site also includes a "News" section where news and announcements may be shared among all branches. The news section is linked to a "Calendar" page.

Sept saw 4700 page hits and Oct will get about 2500. The historical range was 400 to 2500. Secretaries for both the Dressage and Show Jumping Championships have used the site to post entry forms, relevant regulations, start times and results. The Vancouver branch is posting all club dates. Initial feed back is positive.

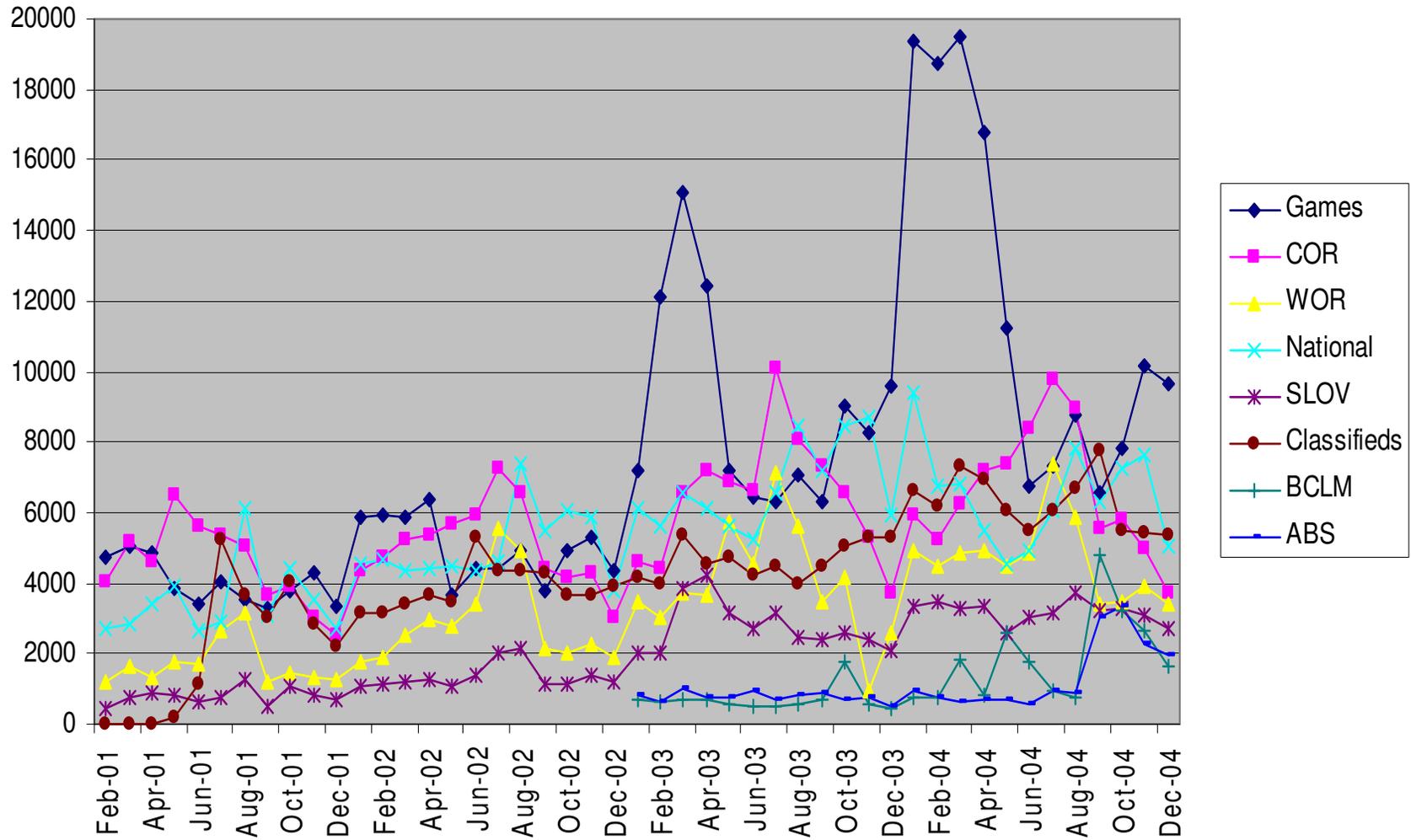
The focus in the next year will be on content and site awareness. One goal is to ensure announcements and results for all events involving more than one club are posted on the site. A second goal is to grow the number of writers and editors, both among parents and members. We will be providing multi-media badges to any member that writes an article for the web site.

**Games:** The games are still popular, but interest is decreasing. Games were played 142,000 times in the last 12 months and 20,000 times in each of Jan, Feb, and March.

Suggestions have been made for a contest about badges and for a game using photos of objects which are used at Quiz. The badges contest will likely be set up early in 2005, however I cannot set up the quiz objects unless I get photos. If you have any suitable photos, please send them to me with a description of what they are.

### ***Crawford Dales***

# High Use Areas by Page Views



## **Section 5**

### **Notable Achievements for 2004**

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**In Memoriam**

**Adelle Coffin**

**Karen Mutchmor**

## New Branches

Nova Scotia	Hants County
Western Ontario	Headwaters
Central Ontario	King
St. Lawrence/Ottawa Valley	Leeds County
St. Lawrence/Ottawa Valley	Rideau
Alberta North	Upcountry
BC Islands	Arrowsmith
Western Ontario	Westover

## Scholarship Recipients

### B2/A Scholarships

Melisa Gunn	BCLM
Rebecca Manson	BCI

### C2/B Scholarship

Kelly Brouwer	ABC
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## National Quiz Awards

### Billie Mann Memorial Bursary

Chantal Hortop	Westwind P.C.	SLOV
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### Adele Rockwell Memorial Award

Maya Kenedy	Maple P.C.	COR
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## A Members

### RA Members

Lindsay Acheson	ABN
Kelly Bose	BCLM
Karen Evans	BCLM
Sarah Giovannetti	NS
Cheryl Kaczmer	ABS
Kristianna Wouterloot	BCLM

### HA Members

Tatiana Gabrush	SK
Sarah Giovannetti	NS
Rebecca Manson	BCI
Lindy Norris	MB
Melissa Thompson	BCLM
Kristianna Wouterloot	BCLM
Taryn Asselstine	BCLM
Jenna Brownjohn	BCLM
Karen Evans	BCLM
Tiffany-Ann Finch	BCLM

### Full A Members

Karen Evans	BCLM
Sarah Giovannetti	NS
Lauren Glanfield	BCLM
Cheryl Kaczmer	ABS
Kristianna Wouterloot	BCLM

## Ten Year Members

<b>REGION</b>	<b>Branch</b>	<b>First name</b>	<b>Last name</b>
ABC	Thompson Country	Katie	Otto
ANR	Baringa	Amanda	Slugoski
ANR	Namao Ridge Riders	Dannielle	Harris
ANR	Pembina River	Morwenna	Goodliffe
ANR	Strathcona	Ricki-lee	Gillespie
ANR	Sturgeon Valley	Melissa	Stephen
ABS	Carstairs	Ashley	Veenstra
ABS	Cochrane	Stephanie	Ludwig
ABS	Cochrane	Debbie	Valois
ABS	Cochrane	Teresa	Valois
ABS	Davisburg	Jacqueline	Stephenson
ABS	Delacour	Joel	Riker-fox
ABS	Mini creek	Rowan	Martindale
ABS	Pegasus	Laura	Alexander
ABS	Westbrook	Kirsty	Edwards
ABS	Westbrook	Catherine	Stewart
ABS	Westbrook	Elizabeth	Stewart
BCIN	Lake Country	Megan	Jackson
BCIN	Lakes District	Tehya	Read
BCIN	Nicola Valley	Dana	Cooke
BCIN	Penticton	Laura	Ferguson
BCIN	Tamarack Valley	Cailin	Kopetski
BCI	Cowichan Valley	Charlotte	Manning
BCI	Metchosin	Megan	Bourne
BCI	Parksville-Qualicum	Sasha	Fort
BCI	Parksville-Qualicum	Rebecca	Manson
BCI	Quennell Lake	Megan	Rintala
BCLM	East Maple Ridge	Amanda	Mayer
BCLM	East Maple Ridge	Kimberly	Mittelsteadt
BCLM	Golden ears	Tiffany-Ann	Finch
BCLM	Grove	Michael	Gunn
BCLM	Hazelmere	Lauren	Glanfield
BCLM	Pacific Spirit	Scott	Morrison
BCLM	Panorama Ridge	Julia	Mackay
BCLM	Vancouver	Brian	Morton
COR	Ajax	Dawn	O'neill
COR	Pine Ridge	Christina	Barnes
COR	Simcoe	Lindsay	Rice
COR	Tynedale	Hayley	Goodchild
COR	Uxbridge-scugog	Brent	Couch
COR	Victoria	Amelia	Jones
MB	Brandon	Alys	Turner
MB	Mars Hill	Kerry	Moore
MB	North Hill	Michael	Kurylko
NBPEI	Charlottetown	Carolyn	Dohoo
NS	West Valley	Nicole	Machattie
SK	Queen City Trailblazers	Erin	Fieger
SK	Saskatoon	Kerri	Gaucher

**Ten Year Members** (cont)

SK	Saskatoon	Jayne	Viglas
SLOV	United Counties	Katelin	Everson
WOR	Bluewater	Megan	Riddoch
WOR	Guelph	Katie	Olechowski
WOR	High county	Shannon	Hanley
WOR	London	Abigail	Miller

**Graduates**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Branch</b>	<b>Region</b>
Lindsay Acheson	Strathcona	Alberta North
Natasha Briscoe	Garden Valley	Alberta North
Jennifer Grundke	Saint Anne	Alberta North
Amanda Slugoski	Baringa	Alberta North
Jessica Hickson	Delacour	Alberta South
Cheryl Kaczmer	Horizon	Alberta South
Jordanna McCooye	Mini Creek	Alberta South
Josh Riker-Fox	Delacour	Alberta South
Ashley Baxter	Terrace	Bc Interior North
Lauren McCullough/Jewell	Shuswap	Bc Interior North
Pamela Nevdoff	Shuswap	Bc Interior North
Melissa Hailey	Cowichan Valley	Bc Islands
Charlotte Manning	Cowichan Valley	Bc Islands
Janine Smith	Comox Valley	Bc Islands
Lauren Glanfield	Hazelmere	Bc Lower Mainland
Melisa Gunn	Grove	Bc Lower Mainland
Melissa Johnson	Pacific Spirit	Bc Lower Mainland
Andrea Rossi	Boundary Bay	Bc Lower Mainland
Stefanie Stirling	East Maple Ridge	Bc Lower Mainland
Kitty Baker	Toronto & North York	Central Ontario
Sarah Bortoluss	Uxbridge-Scugog	Central Ontario
Heather Boyd	Baltimore Hills	Central Ontario
Sarah Citroen	Wausnodae	Central Ontario
Brent Couch	Uxbridge-Scugog	Central Ontario
Jennifer Graham	Uxbridge-Scugog	Central Ontario
Jess Loucks	Kawartha	Central Ontario
Beth Murray	Durham	Central Ontario
Allison Pascoe	Uxbridge-Scugog	Central Ontario
Lisa Pascoe	Uxbridge-Scugog	Central Ontario
Jenny Rae	Victoria	Central Ontario
Sarah Rae	Victoria	Central Ontario
Amanda Weston	Uxbridge-Scugog	Central Ontario
Amanda Winslow	Kawartha	Central Ontario
Theresa Moehring	North Hill	Manitoba
Lindy Norris	North Hill	Manitoba
Erin Maloney-Chumney	Pinehill	New Brunswick/Pei
Myah Ellis	West Valley	Nova Scotia
Lindsay Macgillivray	Fairwind	Nova Scotia
Lindsay Steele	Annapolis	Nova Scotia

**Graduates** (cont.)

Kristina Herbers	Kingskettle	Saskatchewan
Kim Reddick	Saskatoon	Saskatchewan
Naomi Wilson	Saskatoon	Saskatchewan
Chantal Hortop	Westwind	St. Lawrence/Ottawa Valley
Michelle Visneski	Temperance Lake	St. Lawrence/Ottawa Valley
Natasha Yates	Temperance Lake	St. Lawrence/Ottawa Valley
Abigail Miller	London	Western Ontario
Danielle Pearson	Caledon	Western Ontario

**15 & 25 Year Volunteers**

Virginia Buchanan-Smith	15	Western Ontario
Ralph Rainford	15	Western Ontario
Heather Sherratt	15	St Lawrence/Ottawa Valley
Mark Isenberg	15	St Lawrence/Ottawa Valley
Val Everson	15	St Lawrence/Ottawa Valley
Liz Tucker	15	St Lawrence/Ottawa Valley
Kay Leach	15	St Lawrence/Ottawa Valley
Pam Nuth	25	St Lawrence/Ottawa Valley
Christine Hickman	25	St Lawrence/Ottawa Valley
Julie Walker	15	Saskatchewan
Cecile McCarty	15	Saskatchewan
Moira Remmen	25	Saskatchewan
Elaine Partington	25	Saskatchewan
Leslie Wishart	15	Manitoba
Jan Jamieson	15	Central Ontario
Georgia Gale-Kidd	25	Central Ontario
Barb Edgecombe-Green	15	Alberta South
Barb Gamble	15	Alberta South
Jackie Kay	15	Alberta South
Jill Stephenson	25	Alberta South
Janet Manson	15	BC Islands
Sheena Charnell	15	BC Islands
Lisa Pink	15	BC Islands
Heather Crampton	15	BC Islands
Dorothy Kirby	25	BC Islands

### Honourary Life Directors

Pam Dillingham\*  
 Adele Rockwell\*  
 Barbara Kemp  
 D. Kendal  
 Jacky Cooper  
 Virginia Buchanan-Smith

### Honourary Life Members

Don Armitage	Deirdre George
Doris Jacobi	Guy Koopmans
Basil Kuglin	Elizabeth V. Mann*
Gordon Monro	Maura Muspratt
Captain Mark Phillips	John Phillips
Millie Pratt	Adele Rockwell*
Sandra Silcox	Robert Smith
Harold Thompson	Phil Crowe
Crawford Dales	Barbara Grimm

\*deceased

### Examiner Emeritus

1992	Barbara Kemp Trixie Montgomery
1993	Jean Simpson Dawn Ruthven
2000	Sandra Silcox June MacGillivray Doris Jacobi Yvonne Pink Minna Renz

### National Chair's Award

1999	Phil & Val Crowe
2000	Crawford Dales, Barb Grimm
2001	Alanna Palmer
2002	Carollyn Crewe
2003	Margo Gaglione
2004	John Moehring, Ken Craig

## 25 Year Branches

<b>COR</b>	<b>Eglinton</b>	<b>1934</b>	<b>1959</b>
<i>NS/NF</i>	<i>Halifax Jr. Bengal Lancers</i>	<i>1940</i>	<i>1965</i>
<b>SK</b>	<b>Saskatoon</b>	<b>1946</b>	<b>1971</b>
<b>WOR</b>	<b>London</b>	<b>1948</b>	<b>1973</b>
<b>COR</b>	<b>Toronto &amp; North York</b>	<b>1949</b>	<b>1974</b>
<i>NB</i>	<i>Sussex</i>	<i>1950</i>	<i>1975</i>
<i>BC</i>	<i>Cowichan</i>	<i>1951</i>	<i>1976</i>
<i>NB/PEI</i>	<i>Rothesay</i>	<i>1952</i>	<i>1977</i>
<i>SK</i>	<i>Regina &amp; District</i>	<i>1953</i>	<i>1978</i>
<i>BC</i>	<i>Maple Ridge</i>	<i>1954</i>	<i>1979</i>
<i>NBPEI</i>	<i>Fredericton</i>	<i>1955</i>	<i>1980</i>
<b>SLOV</b>	<b>Ottawa Valley Hunt</b>	<b>1956</b>	<b>1981</b>
<b>SLOV</b>	<b>Lake Of Two Mountains Hunt</b>	<b>1957</b>	<b>1982</b>
<b>BCLM</b>	<b>Vancouver</b>	<b>1958</b>	<b>1983</b>
<b>ABS</b>	<b>Cochrane</b>	<b>1961</b>	<b>1986</b>
<i>WO</i>	<i>Owen Sound</i>	<i>1961</i>	<i>1986</i>
<b>WO</b>	<b>Caledon</b>	<b>1962</b>	<b>1987</b>
<b>WO</b>	<b>Guelph</b>	<b>1962</b>	<b>1987</b>
<b>BCLM</b>	<b>Happy Valley Changed To Golden Ears</b>	<b>1962</b>	<b>1987</b>
<b>BCLM</b>	<b>Richmond Changed To Boundary Bay</b>	<b>1964</b>	<b>1989</b>
<i>MB</i>	<i>Assiniboine</i>	<i>1964</i>	<i>1989</i>
<b>WO</b>	<b>Grand River</b>	<b>1962</b>	<b>1990</b>
<b>CO</b>	<b>Maple</b>	<b>1965</b>	<b>1990</b>
<b>SLOV</b>	<b>Renfrew</b>	<b>1965</b>	<b>1990</b>
<i>CO</i>	<i>Markham</i>	<i>1965</i>	<i>1990</i>
<b>ABC</b>	<b>Red Deer</b>	<b>1966</b>	<b>1991</b>
<b>NSNF</b>	<b>Colchester</b>	<b>1967</b>	<b>1992</b>
<b>MB</b>	<b>Red River</b>	<b>1967</b>	<b>1992</b>
<b>WO</b>	<b>Bluewater</b>	<b>1968</b>	<b>1993</b>
<b>NBPEI</b>	<b>Charlottetown</b>	<b>1968</b>	<b>1993</b>
<b>ABN</b>	<b>Clearwater Valley</b>	<b>1968</b>	<b>1993</b>
<b>CO</b>	<b>Tynedale</b>	<b>1968</b>	<b>1993</b>
<i>SLOV</i>	<i>Kilowen</i>	<i>1968</i>	<i>1993</i>
<i>SK</i>	<i>Moose Jaw</i>	<i>1968</i>	<i>1993</i>
<i>BCI</i>	<i>Victoria-Saanich</i>	<i>1968</i>	<i>1993</i>
<i>WO</i>	<i>Hamilton Hunt</i>	<i>1955</i>	<i>1994</i>
<b>WOR</b>	<b>Albion</b>	<b>1969</b>	<b>1994</b>
<b>COR</b>	<b>Baltimore Hills</b>	<b>1969</b>	<b>1994</b>
<b>COR</b>	<b>Sudbury</b>	<b>1969</b>	<b>1994</b>
<i>COR</i>	<i>Highlands Of Hastings</i>	<i>1969</i>	<i>1994</i>
<i>COR</i>	<i>Sault Ste. Marie</i>	<i>1969</i>	<i>1994</i>
<i>NS/NF</i>	<i>South Shore</i>	<i>1969</i>	<i>1994</i>
<b>WOR</b>	<b>Niagara</b>	<b>1970</b>	<b>1995</b>
<i>NS</i>	<i>West Scotia</i>	<i>1970</i>	<i>1995</i>
<b>ABS</b>	<b>Dewinton</b>	<b>1971</b>	<b>1996</b>
<b>COR</b>	<b>Oshawa</b>	<b>1971</b>	<b>1996</b>
<b>BCLM</b>	<b>Grove</b>	<b>1972</b>	<b>1997</b>
<b>SLOV</b>	<b>Vaudreuil County</b>	<b>1972</b>	<b>1997</b>

<b>NS/NF</b>	<b>Avon</b>	<b>1972</b>	<b>1997</b>
<i>NS/NF</i>	<i>Fundy</i>	<i>1972</i>	<i>1997</i>
<i>COR</i>	<i>North Bay</i>	<i>1972</i>	<i>1997</i>
<b>BCLM</b>	<b>Hazelmere</b>	<b>1973</b>	<b>1998</b>
<b>ABN</b>	<b>Strathcona</b>	<b>1973</b>	<b>1998</b>
<i>BCI</i>	<i>Nanaimo</i>	<i>1973</i>	<i>1998</i>
<b>ABS</b>	<b>Delacour</b>	<b>1974</b>	<b>1999</b>
<b>BCLM</b>	<b>Panorama Ridge</b>	<b>1974</b>	<b>1999</b>
<b>NSNF</b>	<b>Tantramar</b>	<b>1974</b>	<b>1999</b>
<b>SLOV</b>	<b>Village Creek</b>	<b>1974</b>	<b>1999</b>
<b>SLOV</b>	<b>Glen Scott</b>	<b>1975</b>	<b>2000</b>
<b>ABS</b>	<b>Mini Creek</b>	<b>1975</b>	<b>2000</b>
<i>ABS</i>	<i>Sundance</i>	<i>1975</i>	<i>2000</i>
<b>WOR</b>	<b>Esquesing</b>	<b>1973</b>	<b>2001</b>
<b>WOR</b>	<b>Huron Bruce</b>	<b>1976</b>	<b>2001</b>
<b>ABC</b>	<b>Medicine River</b>	<b>1976</b>	<b>2001</b>
<b>BCI</b>	<b>Metchosin</b>	<b>1976</b>	<b>2001</b>
<b>BCLM</b>	<b>Mount Cheam</b>	<b>1976</b>	<b>2001</b>
<b>BCIN</b>	<b>Omineca</b>	<b>1976</b>	<b>2001</b>
<b>ABN</b>	<b>Sturgeon Valley</b>	<b>1976</b>	<b>2001</b>
<b>SLOV</b>	<b>Oxford Downs</b>	<b>1976</b>	<b>2001</b>
<i>BCIN</i>	<i>South Thompson</i>	<i>1976</i>	<i>2001</i>
<b>COR</b>	<b>Elliot Lake</b>	<b>1977</b>	<b>2002</b>
<b>COR</b>	<b>Pine Ridge</b>	<b>1978</b>	<b>2003</b>
<b>BCIN</b>	<b>Vernon &amp; District</b>	<b>1978</b>	<b>2003</b>
<b>COR</b>	<b>Durham</b>	<b>1979</b>	<b>2004</b>
<b>BCIN</b>	<b>Penticton</b>	<b>1979</b>	<b>2004</b>
<b>SLOV</b>	<b>Temperance Lake</b>	<b>1979</b>	<b>2004</b>

## 50 Year Branches

<b>COR</b>	<b>Eglinton</b>	<b>1934</b>	<b>1984</b>
<i>NS/NF</i>	<i>Halifax Jr. Bengal Lancers</i>	<i>1940</i>	<i>1990</i>
<b>SK</b>	<b>Saskatoon</b>	<b>1946</b>	<b>1996</b>
<b>WOR</b>	<b>London</b>	<b>1948</b>	<b>1998</b>
<b>COR</b>	<b>Toronto &amp; North York</b>	<b>1949</b>	<b>1999</b>

Note: Branches in italics are no longer active.

## **IN MEMORIAM - ADELLE COFFIN 1953-2004**

With deep sadness Canadian Pony Club announced the death of National Director, Adelle Coffin of New Brunswick/PEI Region. Adelle died June 27 in Charlottetown of lung cancer. In making the announcement, National Chair, Karol Shipley sent Pony Club's condolences to the Coffin family and reminded us all of the wonderful hospitality received during the 2003 National Quiz hosted by the New Brunswick/Prince Edward Island Region, and organized in large part by Adelle.

Adelle Marion Coffin (née Devenne) was born in Halifax, N.S. She was a graduate of St. Mary's University (B.A., B.Ed.) and the University of Toronto (M.Ed.). She held several teaching positions, most recently at the University of P.E.I. Adelle is survived by her loving husband, Kevin; daughters Allison of Halifax, and Emily of Charlottetown; one sister and three brothers, plus several nieces and nephews.

In our smaller Regions, it's common for the most dedicated volunteers to wear more than one hat, often several simultaneously. Adelle was one of these dedicated ones. She served as DC of the Charlottetown Branch, Regional Chair, National Director, and Regional Testing and Education Chair. She chaired six Charlottetown Pony Club Horse Shows, plus the hosting of the 2003 National Quiz. All this while she managed to fulfill her responsibilities and wife and mother, and teach at UPEI.

It's not surprising that her colleagues in NB/PEI described her as full of energy and enthusiasm, a perfectionist with a sense of humour and capacity for laughter. They speak of her determination to ensure that "her" members got the best possible instruction and as many opportunities as could be arranged. Yes, the term "Superwoman" has been used. The adjectives "kind", "strong" and "honest" recur.

Judy Allen, National Director from Nova Scotia, tells of sharing a room with Adelle for National Board meetings, of exchanging ideas, finding common ground, becoming fast friends. Adelle, it seems, was one of the few people who could see the funny side of what us Toronto natives would consider a very frustrating trip on the Toronto Transit Commission (motto: "The Better Way"). On the way to the meeting and under a bit of time pressure, they had to sit for 15 minutes while the driver took an unannounced 15 minute coffee break. This is where the natives start making sarcastic remarks like "The Better Way – yeah, right!" Adelle, however, kept her patience and composure, so that when they arrived at the meeting 15 minutes late, she had a funny story to tell. That's a rare quality. Judy found, also, that she and Adelle could speak their minds and disagree without becoming disagreeable – exactly what Pony Club needs in its volunteers!

All in Pony Club who had the chance to get to know Adelle will miss her. We honour her contributions to the organization, and hopefully, from time to time, will share a joke or a laugh in her memory.

Liz Inglis

**KAREN MUTCHMOR**

1952 - 2004

**IN MEMORIUM**

Karen Mutchmor was my friend. She was smart, she had empathy for others and she stood by her convictions. She died an untimely death and I will miss her.

Karen was born in Antigonish, Nova Scotia and her experiences as a child and young person taught her to care for and respect others. First in her life was family, and she leaves to mourn her loss husband Harold, daughter Dana and sons Sean and Scott. They will miss her deeply.

Karen had many interests in life and these reflected her attitude towards others. She served as a member of Youth Justice helping young people to correct their ways. She was a hockey mom long before her daughter became a Pony Club member. Karen raised German Shepherds. She knew much about many things and wasn't afraid to learn things new.

In Pony Club Karen was the D.C. of Sturgeon Valley in Alberta North Region and she served on many Regional committees chairing Rally until her death. She was a stickler for detail and wanted to get things right. She worked hard at that in all she did.

Karen was, at the time of her death Education Chair for Canadian Pony Club. Equal opportunity for all members was something she worked towards. If you wanted something she saw no reason why you could not work to attain it.

Life to Karen was an adventure. Each thing you undertook led to things that would follow and were enhanced by all that you had. She was never exclusive in the company she kept. If you wanted to know about something she would go to great lengths to help you find the answers to your questions. At times her sensitivity overwhelmed me. She saw many sides to every question and to every situation.

During the last year of her life Karen struggled to fight cancer. She continued with her many duties refusing to slow down. She organized our ANR Rally camp last summer and oversaw D and C camps for her branch and other young people. She made sure every child had opportunities to do the things that interested them from Prince Philip Games to Tetrathlon and Show Jumping to Dressage. She seemed an endless powerhouse of energy to all who knew her.

Even in the last month she helped organize testing for various members in our region, she chaperoned the Canadian Quiz team on the International tour in B.C., she examined for the Beaver River branch at Cold Lake and worked bingos for Sturgeon Valley and Garden Valley.

A week later she lay in a hospital bed and died several days later. Garden Valley will honor her memory with an annual educational scholarship given to a Pony Club member in Alberta going forward with their post secondary education. It will first be given in 2005.

It is so hard to believe that my friend is not here. There is not a day goes by that I don't wish to e-mail or give her a quick phone call. I miss our morning breakfasts most of all.

Let us not forget that there are people who give us all that they have and are gone. She leaves a legacy of memories for her family and an ideal to which we can all aspire.

Soar with the eagles Karen.

Lenora Shiels