

CANADIAN PONY CLUB



Annual Report
2008

Canadian Pony Club Annual Report

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Barbara Kemp*	D. Kendal
Jacky Cooper	Virginia Buchanan-Smith
Val Crowe	Margo Gaglione

Honourary Life Members

Don Armitage	Deirdre George
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Sandra Silcox*	Robert Smith
Harold Thompson	Phil Crowe
Crawford Dales	Barbara Grimm
Mary Henry	Bob Inglis
Liz Inglis	Nonie Mulcaster

Examiner Emeritus

1992	Barbara Kemp*	1993	Jean Simpson
	Trixie Montgomery		Dawn Ruthven
2000	Sandra Silcox*		
	June MacGillvray		
	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
2005	Gwen Barnes
2006	Del Zelmer
2007	Mike Macbeth
2008	Liz Inglis

*deceased

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 2008

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Section 2

Discipline Reports

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National Education Report

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Annual National Chair for Disciplines Report

This past year was very busy with several National and International competitions.

Dressage

Many regions held very interesting and educational clinics this year for their dressage participants. There was not a National Dressage Championship held in 2008.

PPG

National PPG

Alberta North Region hosted the Masters Games competition on August 26th and 27th 2008.

The Western Ontario Region hosted the National "A" Division Championships at the Grand River Raceway in Elora, Ontario from September 5th - 7th 2008.

The zones across Canada held competitions for teams to qualify to attend nationals.

International PPG

The International Mounted Games Exchange was held in Perth Australia from July 11th -26th, 2008.

QUIZ

The Central Ontario Region hosted the 21st Annual National Quiz in Vaughan, Ontario from October 10th - 13th, 2008.

SHOW JUMPING

Nova Scotia hosted the second annual National Medal Competition from June 30th - July 4th 2008.

There were nine candidates competing for the title of CPC National Medal Champion.

TETRATHLON

National Tetrathlon

The St. Lawrence – Ottawa Valley Region hosted the 2008 Nationals in Ottawa from July 27th - August 1st, 2008. Twenty-five youth aged 12 to 19 participated, representing 9 regions across Canada.

International Tetrathlon

An international team representing Canada competed in England and Ireland from August 5th – 21st, 2008.

A special thank you goes out to Apple Saddlery for supporting all of our National Championships.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cheryl Leask

Annual Show Jumping Report

2008 has been a busy and successful one for Show Jumping across the country. Regions hosted Regional Show Jumping Championships and many offered Medal Classes in preparation for the National Medals Championships.

This is the first year that the show jumping budget reflected \$300 per region for development grants. A majority of the Regions received these grants to help their Show Jumping programs, either by offering clinics to their members or offering coaching or officials training.

The National Show Jumping Rules were updated to reflect the changes to the EC Show Jumping Rules.

Respectfully Submitted By Diana Locke
National Show Jumping Chair

Annual Tetrathlon Report

Branches and regions were active in tetrathlon this year. Eleven regions in 2008 were involved in tetrathlon meets, clinics, and regional finals. In 2008, of the 7 meets recorded on www.tetrathlon.ca (not all meets were submitted), there were 154 participants in total.

The www.tetrathlon.ca site continues to tally and rank scores each year. It has run for 5 years and gets more popular each year. A tetrathlon parent in Saskatchewan is taking it over from Ron Walker, who started the site.

Several important changes were made to the Tetrathlon Rules to keep them in line with the EC Eventing Rules.

Annual Dressage Report

It was a very quiet year for Dressage, especially at the National Level. Due to a number of circumstances, there were no National Championships held this year.

However, Dressage continues to grow and thrive in the Regions and 2009 will see National Championships being hosted by Nova Scotia.

Annual Rally Report

Rally Rules also had to be updated to reflect the changes to the EC Rules. Rally seems to be struggling in some Regions, but other Regions are doing very well.

Annual Quiz Report

Submitted by: Carol R. Weiler

2008 was another great year for Quiz. National Quiz was held in Toronto, hosted by the Central Ontario Region, and awesome hosts they were. They had a great selection of new games, and ID tables. Using a theme of medieval times, we were treated to a live medieval feast and jousting matches, and closed with a traditional Thanksgiving feast. Congratulations to all the individual winners and the team winners.

National Quiz now has an official Affiliate individual winners plaque, which includes all the winners from past. This is a great addition of acknowledgement for the affiliate division.

For 2009, we have introduced a team competition for the Affiliates.

With no international trip this year, we are gearing up for the 2009 National Disciplines Conference and meeting for the 75th anniversary in November 2009. I encourage the youth to come out to the conference. The 2009 National Quiz will be hosted by BCLM, who are working hard on getting the competition together.

National Championships

National PPG “A” Division Championships

National PPG “A” Division Championships were held Saturday September 6, 2008 at the Grand River Raceway in Elora, Ontario.

A team from BC and Alberta arrived in the area on Thursday and arranged their own accommodations for the night. The team from Nova Scotia arrived in Toronto on Friday morning. They were picked up and driven to the Elora area where they met up with the Alberta team and spent the day site seeing in the local area. The BC Team and Chaperone rented a van and went to see the CN Tower in Toronto for the day and met up with the Nova Scotia and Alberta Team for Supper.

Activities started Friday for supper at the Radcliffe’s home. This was followed by a tour of the Grand River Raceway, where the teams were able to see live harness racing and have a tour through the horse barn. Alison Rainford, the National PPG Chair, then presented the Raceway with a plaque to thank the raceway for the use of their facility for our event on the following day. The Nova Scotia Team and the BCLM Team then went to their host Pony Club families. Alberta and the Rising Star team from Central Ontario opted to stay in a hotel in Guelph. The pony information sheets were given to each of the teams. The coach of the BCLM team arrived at Toronto airport at midnight and was picked up and billeted with the team.

Saturday started with the setting up of the field and collection of the ponies to be used. A lunch was provided for all competitors and a meeting with the teams to review rules and organization of the days activities was provided by Alison Rainford. The competition started by 1:30pm. All riders did very well and there were no incidents until the tie breaker between the BCLM team and Ontario’s Rising Star Team. A team member from BC was making a correction when she had a fall injuring her leg. The medics checked her out and she walked off the field on her own.

The placings were as follows:

- 1st Place - Central Ontario USST
- 2nd Place – Central Ontario Rising Star
- 3rd Place – BCLM East Maple Ridge
- 4th Place – Alberta Strathcona
- 5th Place – Nova Scotia Annapolis Valley

The day ended with a BBQ and swim and the teams relaxing and having some fun.

Sunday morning teams from BC, Nova Scotia and Central Ontario Rising Star went to Bingeman’s Funworx – an indoor entertainment centre – before having a final lunch and heading home. The Alberta team headed to Niagara Falls for sight seeing before their trip home.

National Masters Prince Philip Games Championships

The National Masters Prince Philip Games Championships took place in Edmonton, and were hosted by the Alberta North Region on Wednesday, August 27th. On Monday, August 25th teams flew into Edmonton from across the country to participate in the competition.

Tuesday was our entertainment day and our opportunity to show visiting teams our city and our hospitality. Team members enjoyed a day at the world famous West Edmonton Mall, combining shopping with

passes to either the Waterpark or Galaxy Land.

In the evening, teams, coaches and chaperones were invited to a steak BBQ at the McKenzie house hosted by ANR. After the feast, whacky games were organized as a way for all the participants to get to know each other. We also had a campfire to socialize around, and by the end of the evening we had all gotten to know each other really well!

Wednesday was competition day at Whitemud Equine; pony lenders arrived and the day began. The weather was perfect for riding [not too hot] but with plenty of sun. Both television crews and a newspaper reporter saw all the activity in the arenas and wanted to know all about Prince Philip Games and stayed to take photos and shoot video. We played two sets before lunch, and then ponies and players took a break to eat and rest. After a huge lunch, we completed the final two sets. Our prize giving ceremonies completed the day and after more food [!] guest teams made their way to either the airport, or their hotel to prepare for the journey home.

Results

1st. The Vancouver Pony Club from BCLM [80 points]

Ali Vilvang, Jessica Marohn, Danielle Cornish, Kimberley VanDongen, Michelle Forrest. Coach: TIK Maynard.

2nd. The Electric 6 from COR [78 points]

Mori Cruikshanks, Sean Cruikshanks, Samantha Macdonald, Jessica McVittie, Jessica Lloyd. Coach: Brent Couch

3rd. The Extreme Team ANR mixed team [61points]

Reggie Boucher, Heather McKenzie, Ashley Shiewe, Shelby Masse.

4th. The Jokers ANR mixed team. [60 points]

Michelle Pettitt, Nicolas Brown, Kelcey King, Kylee Mitchell. Coach: Angela Pettitt.

It was a pleasure to host such a wonderful group of players coaches and chaperones. Together they made the Championships an event that showcased the true spirit of the Canadian Pony Club.

Jane Goodliffe,
ANR PPG Chair.

National Show Jumping Championships

The second National Show Jumping competition was held in Nova Scotia on June 30th to July 4th, 2008. NS hosted their regional competition parallel to the national one. Riders arrived on the 30th and got settled into residence at the NSAC dorms.

July 1st they all participated in the Canada Day parade in Bible Hill in the morning. In the afternoon, the national riders tried out their borrowed horses, loaned by the regional competitors. That evening they were taught how to eat lobster by the Nova Scotians.

July 2nd the competition started. Regional riders rode their own mounts first through the flat ride and then the national competitors had their turn. In the afternoon the gymnastic phase was held. Temperatures reached 30 degrees every day. The evening of July 2nd, national riders went sailing with local sailors at the Shortt's Lake Yacht Club. A short race was held so they could experience the competitive nature of the sport.

July 3rd the competition finished up with the medal rounds in the morning. In the afternoon the top 4 national riders switched horses and competed over a shortened course on each of the other mounts. The

regional riders also swapped horses for a switch class over the same course

The evening of July 3rd a closing banquet was held. Both national youth reps, Isabelle Forstrum and Laura Jaquard, were present and held a meeting with the youth. They asked members their opinions on the show jumping event , stable management streaming, discipline specific testing and communication in Pony Club. The results of the show were announced, see below. National members had a final night to visit and then left for home on July 4th. Overall the event was well attended and well received by the members .

CPC NATIONAL SHOW JUMPING RESULTS

Gold Medal:	Amanda Brook	BC Lower Mainland
Sliver Medal:	Tara Landsbergen	Central Alberta
Bronze Medal:	Kylee Mitchell	Alberta North
Fourth:	Karly Woods	Manitoba
Fifth:	Connie McLellan	Nova Scotia
Sixth:	Krista Brouwer	Nova Scotia
Seventh:	Rebecca Adrian	Central Ontario
Eighth:	Tracy Brouwer	Nova Scotia
Ninth:	Emma Eisse	Nova Scotia



National Tetrathlon

SLOV hosted the National Tetrathlon finals in Ottawa this year for 5 days the end of July beginning of August. Twenty five riders, ages 12 to 19 participated from 9 regions of CPC. It was wonderfully organized and the venues terrific! A big thanks goes to the 14 excellent horses and ponies who carried our riders safely! A thank you also to CPC, the organizers, officials, and the many volunteers. We all look forward to next year in BCLM.

The 2008 Nationals had many wonderful sponsors, but in particular the contributions of Waste Services Inc., EDS, and Stalls Etc. made it possible.

Thank you to Apple Saddlery for their ongoing support of our regional and national events.

Congratulations to our National Champions: Jean Eagleson, WOR (Senior Women); Philip Cigagna, WOR (Junior Men); and Megan MacDonald BCLM (Junior Women).

Respectfully submitted,
Liz Tennent, National Tetrathlon Chair



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NATIONAL TETRATHLON, OTTAWA

International Mounted Games Exchange Australia 2008

I never thought the day would come when I was informed that I was going to be on the International Canadian Mounted Games team in December 2007, but it did and it went by way too fast. Our Canadian team for 2008 was Lisa McKenzie, Sean Cruikshanks, Amanda Brook, Danielle Kelton and me, Stephanie Roman. This tour was the most amazing experience I had ever had in my life and something that I probably will always remember. After the long haul down there, 16 hours not including the airport delays, we finally got there and I was so excited for it to all start. It was so interesting meeting everyone from all the different countries, New Zealand, United States, Great Britain, and Australia. The people down there were so nice especially the families that had let us into their homes for 3 days at a time. Everyone mingled quite well because there were 7 guys and the rest were girls so we all got along really well.



The tours that we did were so cool! We went to a zoo where we got to pet kangaroos and koala bears, we did many tours in Perth, some trial rides, and we also stayed at some camps where we learned skills and other team activities that were really fun. It didn't even seem like there was a competition in the end. We also went to one of their Pony Club rallies, which were so different than what I was used to but it was interesting to see what sort of things they did from eventing to their other Pony Club activities. All the kids were so nice and welcoming.

The two weeks of touring and experiencing Australia were so cool and I really have to thank the organizer Michele, who had done such an amazing job at getting everything together and making it work for everyone. The only thing that I would have to say that was not the greatest was the weather. It was winter down there, so it was rainy unlike our winters, which are snowy. It had rained about 80% of the time, but not on the competition; it was a beautiful day. It was cold at times but that was the one thing that no one could help. After a while it just passed and I didn't even think about it much.

The ponies that we rode were so good and knew their games. We gave our pony lenders a gift in the end, because all of them had worked so hard that day of the competition. The competition was the fastest one that I had ever experienced and it went by too fast for me to remember most of it. We were all having fun and trying our best, especially on ponies that we had never ridden before. In the end, we ended up 4th out of the five teams with Great Britain taking 1st, Australia 2nd, New Zealand 3rd and United States 5th. No one even cared at the end as we all congratulated each other and made the most out of our last day together.

I will always remember everyone from this trip, especially because everyone has Facebook, and it was the greatest experience of a lifetime. It all went by way too fast as it probably does every year, and I was so lucky to be apart of it. My team was awesome and I think that we all had a great time together on our long journey!

Stephanie Roman, Campbell Valley Pony Club BCLM

2008 INTERNATIONAL MOUNTED GAMES CHAMPIONSHIPS PERTH, AUSTRALIA

Submitted by: Lisa McKenzie
Alberta North Region Pony Club



On July 6th I flew to Vancouver. I was so excited. After months of emailing my team members, we would finally get to meet! My team mates, Sean (Ontario), Danielle (Ontario), Stephanie (BC), Amanda (BC) and I, Lisa (Alberta) arrived in Vancouver to meet our coach Margot Vilvang (BC) and chaperone Sandra Radcliffe (Ontario) and have a quick three day training session. It's a great way to get to know your team mates and polish your games skills.

On July 9th we began the long, long journey to Perth Australia. We were heading to the 2008 International Mounted Games Championships. After many delays we arrived in Perth 49 hours later. We were introduced to our fellow competitors from Great Britain, New Zealand, USA and Australia.

We would spend the next 14 days billeting at homes of the locals and travelling the Western side of Australia. Our first activity was a trail ride on borrowed horses, most of whom just returned from an Eventing competition or were PPG mounts. A slow paced trail ride was not common for them so this proved to be a pretty exciting and challenging trail ride. Shopping was priority for 25 teenagers so we headed into Perth and Fremantle several times. We also stayed three days at a camp which hosted archery, zip line, high ropes, and team bonding activities. Unfortunately we had a lot of rainy weather during our stay but we all had thick skins and threw on our raincoats and braved the bad weather. Several of the billets hosted barbeques for all the competitors and we ate like kings. We also hosted PPG demonstrations at local Pony Club Rallies.



We had a trail ride on camels which proved very interesting.
I didn't know camels could spit so far.

I was told that if I got up really early I would see the kangaroos in my billets yard. So I woke up at the crack of dawn and finally got to see wild kangaroos.

My team mates were fabulous. We got along great and we could always find the funny side of everything so we had a super time everywhere we went. Our team got along really well with the other teams. We didn't stress our chaperones out and they were relieved that we were the best behaved group.

Finally the competition day arrived, July 26. We were all pretty pumped. The teams donned their competition uniforms, pinnies and matching helmet covers. We had a Parade of Nations proudly displaying the flag of each nation. We were introduced to our ponies, which are rotated through the teams for each set of games. The ponies were great. There are five sets consisting of 4 races in each set.

Unfortunately Canada doesn't get to spend as much time playing mounted games as the other countries due to our long winters. This puts our players at a disadvantage. However we were pretty thrilled that we beat Team USA!

We cried (a lot) when we said goodbye to our new friends from around the globe. At least we can chat and email on Facebook and I will probably meet them again when I am older. Finally the long plane ride home. More delays and I at last arrived back in Edmonton 52 hours later.

A big THANK YOU to Alberta Equestrian Federation, Alberta North Region Pony Club, Clearwater Valley Pony Club and Maple Leaf Equestrian for their sponsorship.



North Atlantic Rally Exchange (NARE)

The first of what we hope will be many North Atlantic Rally Exchanges was hosted by Canada in the BCLM Region. Mitch Gunn did the organizing and a great time was had by all. This exchange is more of a cultural and educational trip and does not include formal competitions. Ireland, the UK, Canada and the US form the core of the NARE program. Unfortunately, the UK were not able to attend, but the Irish, the Canadians and the Americans all had a great time.

Preparing to go Ziplining in the mountains.



Attempting to play polocrosse



International Tetrathlon

An international team representing Canada competed in England and Ireland for 3 weeks in August. Members of the team were Mercedes McLean (BC Islands), Jordan Maynard (BCLM), Kirsty Edwards (AB South), Dylan McPhail (WOR), Jean Eagleson (WOR), and Mathea Stevens (SLOV). Sarah Read, Manitoba and Joe Holownia, Nova Scotia, were the chaperone/coach. Thank you to CPC for the financial support for Sarah and Joe, for the many gift items and saddle pads for the team, and for help with all the arrangements.

Congratulations to all the team members for doing so well. Jordan placed 1st in all the running and set a new tetrathlon record. Mercedes tied for 1st place in shooting at both competitions in England. Mathea placed 1st in overall women at the first competition in England. Dylan and Jordan tied for 1st place in 3'7" stadium with perfect rounds, including required vaulting. Jordan's and Dylan's vaulting was a real crowd pleaser. This is a part of the stadium round and thanks to their PPG experience, they both can vault well. The Women's Team were 2nd overall at Wincanton, England, beating the British for the first time ever on their soil. The Men's Team were 3rd overall at Wincanton.



International team visiting with a local mayor in Ireland.

National Education Report

A lot of the education committee were new to their jobs this year. We were able to pass on some shared projects and educational tidbits to help some of the newbies along. I did not get any feedback about what topics were to be top of the agenda at the Disciplines Conference in 2009.

One of the things we did want to see on the National page was a section dedicated to the educational aspect including;

- More lesson/clinic ideas donated by members
- A book club
- Reference material specifics
- Equine educational sites
- Further education as in colleges/on line courses

These were just some of the start off points for this site. We had hoped to start reviewing the educational materials this year but everyone's year was full to capacity as it was.

Respectfully submitted,
Debra Robertson

National Testing Report

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

RA Members

Kalandra Cowin	BCIN
Kathryn Duke	ABS
Tatiana Gabrush	SK
Elizabeth Penner	BCLM
Anya Sopow	BCIN
Merel Van Oeveren	BCIN
Fiona Wensley	BCLM

HA Members

Michelle Christopherson	BCLM
Kalandra Cowin	BCIN
Kathryn Duke	ABS
Brittany Froc	BCLM
Katherine Nichols (SA)	MB
Amanda Penner	ABC
Corine Smith	BCIN
Anya Sopow	BCIN
Merel Van Oeveren	BCIN

Full A Members

Kalandra Cowin	BCIN
Kathryn Duke	ABS
Tatiana Gabrush	SK
Corine Smith	BCIN
Anya Sopow	BCIN
Merel Van Oeveren	BCIN

We held A level tests in three regions this year. BCLM hosted both RA and HA tests inviting BCIN candidates to join them. Saskatchewan hosted an RA and Alberta Central hosted a multi-regional HA and an RA. I am pleased to see the commitment was strong this year. While there were a couple of drop outs, most came early and therefore we were better able to schedule.

We used the National panels again to complete B/B2 regional testing locally at Rocky Mountain House. This allowed me to share expenses with the regions involved. There was confusion around some of the test locations and dates, partly my fault. Originally SK was to attend the RA in ABC. Due to the viral outbreak I held off committing to the SK candidates unsure of the safety of moving horses or examiners into or out of the region. In the end the test ran quite smoothly in Saskatoon spite of changing locations.

Regions are continuing candidate evaluations using outside examiners with excellent local feedback. This year the trips even included examiner training.

The pilot project will be discussed further but it has been well received across the country. Feedback is positive even though many branches did not take direct advantage of it this season. Some members received the benefit when they missed the riding portion of their test yet still received the SM portion of the level.

I regret to say we have been as yet unsuccessful in preparing more accurate videos of test rides, a proposal from the last examiners conference. Neither have we put together rubrics. Perhaps these ideas can be reintroduced in 2009.

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 Report

Well once again it is that time of year where we sit back and reflect on what we have and have not done the last 12 months. This year has been a fairly productive and active year for all the members of the BCIN Region.

We are a large region and because of this we are naturally split in to two sections, the North section and the South section. Both sections were very busy this year and we all started out in March with Quiz. Quiz was well attended in both the North and the South and we had members from E level to Affiliate attend. The Region sent the top C2 competitors as well as our top affiliates to National Quiz where our members did extremely well, and worked very hard to achieve recognition for their knowledge.

The Southern part of the Region also managed to get Rally organized this year and for the first time it was held in conjunction with the BC Horse Trial at Johvale Stables in Pritchard BC. We had 10 teams participate and despite the blistering heat that was endured for all three days, the children had a great time and learned a ton of stuff.

We were also able to put together the Regional Dressage and Show Jumping Championships in Kelowna BC, which was very well attended, and garnered much positive feed back from organizers and competitors alike.

Testing in our Region was not without a few hick ups this year, but despite that we were able to get everyone tested and we have added 3 new A level clubbers to our ranks. We are so proud of the level of commitment and dedication that these young people display, and we wish them all the best in their future equine endeavors.

Our AGM was in October with a few changes to our Regional Board, the most significant being that our Treasurer Jeane Owens retired from her position after nearly 20 years. We wished her a fond farewell and she will be missed by all as she was a wealth of knowledge. We welcomed Deanna Fountain as our new Treasurer and wished her good luck at this important under taking.

I would just like to say thank you to all the members of the Regional Board who have pulled together and helped to make this another successful year. I would also like to thank our sponsors both at the Regional level and the National level because with out them we would be struggling to provide the quality of programming that we currently are able to provide.

We are all looking forward to some very exciting things in the upcoming year with the National Youth Conference, the Inter Pacific Exchange and with our Region Co-hosting the National Tet Competition to name only a few. Pony Club is a great organization and it is only due to the dedication of its members and parents that we are able to do the things we do, so thanks again to everyone who is willing to give of their time and expertise so Pony Club can continue to make a difference in the lives of its members.

BC Islands Regional Report

To help promote Pony Club, we had a booth at the Healthy Horse Expo, which was held in Saanich.

Comox Valley Pony Club hosted the Regional Quiz with help from all other attending branches. Everyone pitched in to make it the best event possible – the food was awesome! During our Quiz, we assisted Roy Walker, an International Tetrathlon hopeful candidate to have a silent auction to raise money toward travel. Sheena Charnell was a great judge. Wendy Charlton pitched in a lot to help. Judy Carswell was a great host and submitted post event financials shortly after the event. Karen Harrison worked hard on exams and stations. We sent one A/B team of 4 (S. Boudreau, K. Fraser, E. Harris, S. Kornelsen) and one C team of 4 (K. Hunter, E. Woodland, C. Reynolds, C. Ussery) to the National Quiz – 3 parents attended and I got the privilege of being one. I learned a lot being behind the National scene and would encourage parents to attend whenever possible. The Medieval Times theme was fun and the dinner that we attended with jousting was entertaining – very good!

PPG had a challenging year with a Strangles scare in the area that the event was supposed to be held, then a lack of team commitments – we unfortunately cancelled the event for the year. We are looking forward to having PPG in 2009

Rally was again held at the Avalon Equestrian Centre in Duncan – a facility that holds Horse Trials up to the Intermediate level, as well as many wonderful cross country clinics such as Ian Roberts this summer. All attending branches pitched in to help run the event.

Championships in our Region is usually a day of Dressage and a day of Show Jumping. This year we held both events on one day due to lower entries and when I was sitting at home the next day and it was pouring rain I was so glad that I wasn't trying to keep paperwork and ribbons dry!

Tetrathlon was held in combination with a 3 phase event at Avalon Equestrian. Bill MacDonald from BCLM pitched in to help organize shooting and running. Wendy Walker from our Region organized the swimming. It was a great way to run the event as we didn't have to set courses or hire staff, much easier for our volunteers. I was attending as a timer at the event and got to observe our Pony Clubbers ride their cross country rounds. Roy Walker did not go to International Tetrathlon and donated funds raised to the team that went. Mercedes McLean represented BCI and CPC at International Tetrathlon – she had a great time and appreciated the financial support from BC Islands.

Members of branches solicited prizes from local businesses and individuals. As well as our local businesses, we received caps from Apple Saddlery. Thank you to our prize donors!

In October, we travelled to BCLM for the RBE – 5 of our 7 branches were represented.

Arrowsmith Pony Club became inactive this year. The remaining 3 members have joined the Parksville Qualicum Pony Club.

We had 4 successful C2 candidates. We had 3 members complete their B Pony Club level and one B SM candidate. During our B screening clinic, we held an examiners clinic with Dorothy Kirby. A lower level examiners clinic was also organized.

Regional clinics were organized for Education, Show Jumping and Dressage. Thanks for the chairs for their dedication.

Susan Harrison attended the National PC meetings on our behalf – thank you! Many thanks to our parents, volunteers, members, sponsors and facilities.

Our board is working towards having the best Pony Club experience possible. We're looking forward to celebrating the 75th Anniversary of Pony Club in 2009. On behalf of our Region I submitted an article to the Pacific & Prairie Horse and it was printed – great press!

Respectfully
Violet Reynolds,
BC Islands Regional Chair and Regional Testing Chair

BC Lower Mainland Regional Report

BCLMR once again celebrates a year of accomplishments with our members. We are all so proud of what each and every member accomplishes throughout the year and especially those that are able to attend National and International competitions.

We started 2008 with membership a little lower than previous years, 258 to be exact, but it sure didn't stop us from doing everything we could to make Pony Club exceptional this year.

Regional Quiz was held on March 1st, with 177 kids attending from all 15 branches of the BCLMR. After a full day of testing and fun, we were able to pull out the best that the region had to offer and who would represent the BCLMR on an A/B & C2 team at National Quiz the coming fall. The region was able to cover 1/3 of the costs for 8 members and a chaperone to travel to Ottawa.

In April, BCLM hosted the North Atlantic Rally Exchange. With Canada able to have 2 teams of 4 members, Ireland and the USA attending with 4 members each, we were able to get to know and understand how each country likes to organize and run Pony Club. We all may be different Internationally but as Pony Clubbers...we are all the same!

Regional Show Jumping was held in May with 78 entries and 74 horses in attendance. Our mission this year was to make it safe, especially in the warm up ring, and it was a very successful day in the end. On the July long weekend, BCLM sent Amanda Brook to National Show Jumping in Nova Scotia and she came home the CPC National Champion! We are working towards fine-tuning our application process to get more members involved in Metal Classes, as this is still pretty new to most members.

PPG didn't start as well as we would have liked as we discovered our Regional trailer was stolen with all the equipment used for both Regional and National competitions. But we were able to pull together and worked hard having some well-appreciated members and/or branches donate and rebuild equipment. The lack of props did not stop us from continuing with various branches hosting 3 play days and one final games day, which helped us to decide which A team (out of 3) would travel to Nationals in Toronto. The A Team finished 3rd overall Nationally after a try breaker. We have 3 B and 3 C teams working hard towards their day when they too can be 'A Team' riders.

We sent a master's team to Edmonton this summer and they came home with the long awaited, coveted National 'Masters' Mounted Games Trophy.

BCLM is also proud to have sent 2 members along with Vancouver's PPG coach, Margo Vilvang, to Australia during July. The kids made some great friends, not only with their other teammates from across Canada but with team members from the U.S., Great Britain, Australia and New Zealand. The team did us proud by representing Canada proudly and came home with a 4th place finish....and many memories to last a lifetime.

International tryouts were held here in the Lower Mainland in September for the International team that would compete in the IMGE to be held in Calgary in the summer of 2009. BCLM is proud to say 2 of our members made the International Mounted Games Team again and look forward to an exciting time with CPC celebrating 75 years.

Rally...one of the highlights of Pony Club... was held in July with 78 members participating. We had extra members wanting to join in so every team; including ABC teams had a spare groom. We are always working towards having as many kids involved with rally as possible and it is always such a good time...the kids learn so much working together with out coaches or parents getting involved!

Regional Tetrathlon, although small in number, is growing every year with our members excelling in all aspects of Tet. We have a couple of devoted parents involved in seeing it flourish and we look forward to hosting National Tetrathlon in the summer of 2009.

BCLM Regional Dressage Show was held in September on a gorgeous fall day. 52 members attended...we are growing every year as everyone realizes that Dressage is not so scary...or boring! We did not send anyone to National Dressage as we as a Region was not ready with our application process but are working hard to send someone in 2009.

Many branches work hard within themselves, hosting shows, events, etc to fundraise, and cut down the costs to their membership. We have to thank all our sponsors, the local tack stores, personal friends with companies willing to donate and especially Apple Saddlery which has always been a proud supporter of Pony Club and one we can always count on for prizes at our Regional Competitions. Without those supporters, we would not be able to teach Canadian Pony Club members how to be great horse people with the incredible abundance of horsemanship knowledge available for them to learn.

Safe riding and best wishes for another great year in 2009.

Marlene Roman
BCLMR Chair.

Alberta Central Regional Report

I am happy to report that our membership has increased over the last four years and topped at over 120 in 2008. As always the year has been very busy with activities.

The region hosted a number of events and we started with a well attended C-winter theory camp weekend at Benalto Ag grounds in March. Our scheduled April Quiz had to be postponed due to bad weather and roads and was instead held at the end of May.

We have an enthusiastic new Tetrathlon Chair, she has blown new life into that discipline; organizing the team we sent to National and went along as coach.

ABC sent one member to National Medals in Nova Scotia, Tara Landsbergen was Reserve Champion and made the region proud.

With such a busy summer we could only fit in one dressage clinic with Sheri Bresee and one jump clinic with Billi Solverson.

In June Benalto saw a very rainy PPG camp but that did not dampen the spirit of the participants who had a fabulous time.

In October, the region sent an A/B team consisting of Amanda Penner, Nadine Brewster, Isabelle Forsstrom and Tara Landsbergen to National Quiz in Toronto and they came back with first place individual (Amanda) and first place Team. Way to go Girls.

Alberta North held a provincial dressage and show jumping competition at Alhambra Stable. ABC did well, bringing home the Championship as well as the Reserve Championship in dressage as well as the Championship in show jumping.

Alberta Central hosted A- testing at Thompson Country Pony Club's facility outside Rocky Mountain House.

Our year ended with the AGM in November.

Submitted by
Carina Mill-Forsstrom

Alberta North Regional Report

I have survived my first year as Regional Chair. It had been quite a while since I have been involved at this level but with a great bunch of helpful peers, it went well. I was quite out of practice with holding meetings but got a lot of welcome prompting which kept things on track, it was very much appreciated. Hopefully 2009 will go much smoother for myself.

We again had a busy year in the Region. Not quite as many National events being hosted but a few and of course our full plate of Regional events, clinics and camps. All our events were attended well.

Our Education Chair, Janette Strome, started off the year and ran Theory classes for our C2 and up candidates. They had the chance to fine-tune their knowledge and take in even more, a very important part of the higher-level education. She also ran a D – C1 and C2 and up Theory Camp over two separate weekends. There were good times and much knowledge gained by all. Thanks Janette.

Our Testing Chair, Trudy Talphorn, held a “How to Hold a Test Day” clinic that was well attended and certainly helped those that attended to organize and run their testing day a little easier. She gave the opportunity for anyone ready to test in the spring but not enough takers this year. It was rather a long winter so understandable. She tried in vain to hold a B and C2 test in August and early September respectively but nothing seemed to go right. There was apparently a B test and C2 test in Grande Prairie mid September but I have not heard any results at this time. Thanks for all your time you put into this position, Trudy.

In April, our first Regional competition was Quiz, which was well organized by Lenora Shiels and her group. It was held at Genesee Hall. The day was long and very rewarding. As usual, there was the inevitable snowstorm for us all to drive home in. It must go hand in hand with Quiz. A big thank you to Lenora for her hard work.

Next, on our start of a busy summer, was PPG Camp at Darwell organized and ran by Jane Goodliffe. All attending enjoyed the camp to the fullest. And, of course, another traditional weather weekend for Darwell. Anything from cold and rain to sunny and hot. As always a fun weekend for all. Thanks Jane.

Several of our clubs ran schooling and horse shows or hosted Events. Some overlapping, the price of gas and just busy schedules kept attendance down at a few of the venues but those that did attend enjoyed themselves and made the most of what was offered. Thanks to all of you who worked hard to give our riders a chance to compete.

In July, Betty Jack ran the annual Rally Camp at Alhambra. All went well with good attendance. It is something that a lot of riders look forward to. Thanks Betty.

Again, Jane was busy with Regional PPG held in Thorsby. The riders had a good time and the event was enjoyed by many spectators. Shortly after, Jane again organized and literally ran the National Masters Competition. It ran in the middle of the week, which did not help at all with volunteers, but with good teamwork all went well and of course Jane, no doubt, pulled it off with flying colors. Thanks Jane for all your efforts.

At the last part of August, Darla Mitchell ran our Regional Finals. Nicole and herself put in lots of long hard hours organizing the event. Attendance was down I was told from previous years but I did the Stable Management Judging by myself and would not have guessed that, I thought it was largely attended. I guess it is all in the eyes of the beholder. It was a gorgeous weekend for the finals and I know I enjoyed it and from the looks on the riders' faces, they did too. Thanks to all who made this event a success, it took a lot of people to make it go and everyone came through.

In late September, a group of us visited the Northern clubs to meet with them and help with any questions or concerns and hold a mini meeting. It was very well attended and we had a full afternoon of problem solving and ideas. It was an enjoyable and helpful time.

We will wrap up our year with our AGM, Banquet and Awards night on October 25th in Westlock. Look forward to seeing you there.

I hope that I have summarized my first year in a positive way. If I have forgotten to mention someone or some event, it was not intentional, and I apologize.

Here's to 2009 and another great year.

Yours in Pony Club

Marlene Stephen
ANR Regional Chair.



Alberta South Regional Report

Alberta South Region had 16 branches with a total membership of 253 for 2008.

TESTING

C/D

The Region had 83 members test in 2008

C2 level had 3 successful candidates

A/B

Our B, B2 test was held in conjunction with the A test, which was hosted by Alberta Central Region at Rocky Mountain House.

B SM Jordynn Tresidder, Horizon

B2SM Jaimie Stephenson, Davisburg

B2SM Claire Johnson, Davisburg

HA RA Katie Duke Sarcee

DRESSAGE

The Dressage Finals were held at Spruce Meadows on August 16th, 2008. What an amazing opportunity for young riders in Alberta South. The staff and management at Spruce Meadows were great.

Thank you to Val and Phil Crowe for traveling to Calgary and helping run our show office for both Dressage and Show Jumping. Their expertise cannot be duplicated.

The Horizon branch hosted a Dressage clinic with Nancy Olsen as clinician. The first day each rider had a lesson. The second day riders rode their Dressage tests. All participants enjoyed her instruction.

SHOW JUMPING

The highlight of this year's Show Jumping event was our regional finals held at Spruce Meadows on Sunday, August 17th, 2008. There were 68 competitors who attended the fun-filled and competitive day. On May 10th, 2008 a medals clinic and qualifier for Nationals in Nova Scotia was held with Trish Mrawa, a level three coach.

Many of our branches were active in working at the summer series shows at Spruce Meadows.

TETRATHLON

We had an active year in Tetrathlon. East Lake Recreation and Wellness Centre in Airdrie has worked out very well as our meeting and training centre and for meetings. We will continue to train there this year. Our swimming runs from October to April in the indoor swimming pool. We have a very high level swimming coach who emphasizes commitment to swimming and to overall fitness. Running took place on the outside running track or in the park. Shooting takes place at the Calgary Rifle and Gun Club. Bob Hawthorne continues to volunteer coach the shooting part of our discipline. Our athletes are encouraged to take part in private riding lessons and riding clinics offered by the region, as well as weekly pony club lessons.

Our Regional Event took place at the Delacour Community Centre, Foothills Pool and Calgary Rifle and Gun Club in June 2008. We had thirteen participants from our club at our competition, as well as two athletes from the Manitoba region. Our top place winners of the Regional Competition were: Courtney Isbister -Affiliate Member, Kristy Edwards – Senior Girls, Emily Martin – Junior Girls, Callum Read – Junior Boys, Anne-Sophie Lévesque – Novice Girls, Edward Marston – Novice Boys and Tamara Booy – Sub-Novice Girls. In total we had five participants who qualified for the National Competition in Ontario. Our year-end celebration was held after the Regional Competition and members were awarded prizes, ribbons and had their picture taken with their trophy. We had one athlete who attended both National and International competition from our training club. Next year the National Competition will be held in British Columbia, so hopefully more of our athletes will have an opportunity to attend the competition.

The infractions were also addressed with the participants prior to ribbon presentation. The three riding phases of the rally finished around 3:30pm with the kicking off of a fun un-mounted captains competition while the final scores were being calculated and posted. Following this the presentation of ribbons and prizes to the various individuals was completed. The rally ended around 5pm with lots of smiles and happy faces.

A big thank you must go out to all the judges, volunteers and parents who were involved with the rally. They did a wonderful job at helping out and the team work was outstanding. An extra thank you must go out to Jane Martin, ADC of Springbank for assisting in the scoring and providing her personal years of experience throughout the day. The feedback we received from the participants was most rewarding. It seems that everyone really enjoyed this well organized event.

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.

Thank you to Apple Saddlery for their generous donation of caps for every first place individual and team in each discipline.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl Leask
Alberta South Regional Chair

Saskatchewan Pony Club Regional Report

Despite fears of decreased membership, Saskatchewan maintained its usual membership for the 2008 year, with 10 active Branches. The Region was probably the busiest it has been for a long time, due in part to the fact that we have many members riding at a level where they are looking for a variety of instruction.

This year, our Region decided to begin to use funds to subsidize clinics organized by the Regional Discipline Chairs. This was well accepted, and helped to promote participation in these events.

Three dressage clinics were planned throughout the year, with Shannon Sluser as the clinician. For these clinics, Shannon travelled between the barns which allowed for increased participation. The first was held last February, and despite frigid temperatures, many members enjoyed the lessons. She was brought back in July, for the summer clubs to take advantage of, and then again this October.

Show Jumping has been busy as well. In March, Jorg Muenzner, an Austrian Olympic silver medalist, offered clinics for riders D2 and up. Jorg travelled between two barns in Saskatoon, and then travelled to Regina. In September, the Region brought in Allan Matheson from Manitoba. This clinic was open to all members that were capable of completing a stadium course. Allan travelled to 3 barns for this clinic, with 17 members participating between the barns. A one-day course design clinic was held in May.

On May 24th, Pony Club Regional Show Jumping and Dressage Championships were held at Pelmac Stables. It was a beautiful sunny day and our members, judging from the camaraderie and smiley faces, seemed to have a very good time. This day was hosted at a very minimal fee to participants.

Perhaps our biggest accomplishment this year was hosting an A level testing. Saskatchewan has not done this in 25-30 years. We had an A level evaluator come out to evaluate our candidates as well as our local facilities. After touring each facility, locations were chosen and plans were put in place for the test. On August 6th, a beautiful sunny and hot summer day, two of our members tested their A level. Tatiana Gabrush was successful in her quest, and the 2nd rider completed her jumping and cross-country portions of her RA. Having this level of testing available in our Region opens up many doors for many of our members, who may not otherwise be able to continue on their Pony Club journey.

In March our Region suffered a set-back when Equine Herpes broke out in one of our local barns. Due to this outbreak, some events were cancelled, as moving horses was not encouraged. Pony Club members rose to the occasion, giving each other support and encouragement as they waited for the outcome of this disease.

Despite this outbreak, testing went on without a hitch in Saskatchewan, with the following successful levels achieved:

D – 14	C – 7	RB2 - 1
D1 – 17	C1 - 7	
D2 – 1	C2 – 2	

The new Stable Management stream seemed to be well accepted also, with 13 members attaining various levels of Stable Management.

Once again we would like to thank Apple Saddlery for their continued support of Pony Club activities. Also, a huge Thank You goes out to the parents, instructors and other volunteers who do so much to encourage and support our young riders...on behalf of them, thanks to you all!!!

Submitted by
Nancy Hibbert
SK Regional Chair & National Director



Manitoba Pony Club Regional Report



The Manitoba Region of Canadian Pony Club saw the addition of one new branch in 2008 bringing our total number of branches up to 9. Our new Branch, Prairie Valley, is located in the beautiful Minnedosa area of Manitoba, along the winding Little Saskatchewan River. The Branch is approximately 2.5 hours west of Winnipeg and 45 minutes north of Brandon, Manitoba. The Manitoba Region total membership was 110 members ranging in age from 6 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:

EDUCATION

A candidate Evaluation clinic was held July 18 – 20, 2008, at Will Farms in Carroll, Manitoba with Lynn Sanderson, from BC as the clinician. Six C2's, one HB, one HB2 and one HA candidate attended. Candidates were evaluated on all aspects of their testing level and given constructive feedback to assist them in preparing for their Regional test.

The Regional Camp was held in Portage La Prairie, Manitoba, July 20th - 26th, 2008.. The instructors were Susana Danyliuk (Dressage); Cornelia McLeod, Kerry Moore and Lorraine Wilson. In addition to the regular riding lessons, mini clinics featuring Pareli, Dressage, Stable management, crafts and PPG were available.

A new Senior Camp was held at the Will Farm in Carroll, Manitoba, August 20 – 24, 2008 with 18 D2-B members attending. The participants receive lessons in jumping, x-country, special stable management lessons and lots of stable management question & answer reviews. Jackie Allen, from Nova Scotia was the main clinician with two days of dressage lessons with Suzanna Danyluk offered.

RALLY – This year Regional Rally, with 23 participants, was held in conjunction with the Willville Horse Trials in Carroll, Manitoba, June 13 – 15, 2008.

TESTING - Testing in Manitoba took place at all levels of the organization. Regional testing took place at the Will Farm in Carroll, Manitoba August 25 & 26, 2008. The examiners were Susan Wensik from ABS, Lesley Cruickshank from SLOV, Danae Martin from MB and Jacky Allen from NS. A total of 8 candidates participated in the testing with 5 achieving their C2, 1 achieving HB, 1 achieving HB2 and 1 achieving C1 riding.

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. 2008 saw approximately 68 members participate in Regional quiz. The following members were selected, based on the results of the Regional Quiz to represent Manitoba at National Quiz.

A/B Level

Kerry Moore, Mars Hill Branch Hugh Crawley, Mars Hill Branch

C Level

Sara Berry, Baldur Branch Stephanie Sawatzky, North Hill Branch
Jessica Good, Quarry Ridge Branch Kaitlyn Cockerill, Windy Plains Branch
Alternate: Whitney Fortin, Baldur Branch

Our teams attended a wonderfully hosted National Quiz in Vaughan, Ontario, October 10th – 12th, 2008. The “C’ Team placed 2nd overall. Hugh Crawley, Mars Hill Branch placed 7th A/B individual overall and Kaitlyn Cockerill, Windy Plains Branch, placed 2nd C individual overall.

SHOW JUMPING – This year Manitoba hosted a show jumping series of clinics. The clinician was Terry Klassen. Two series were held, one in the Eastman region and one in the Westman region, providing all members the opportunity to attend. The clinics were very well received.

TETRATHLON – Tetrathlon continues to develop slowly in Manitoba with the perseverance of Sarah Read our Tetrathlon Chair. Callum Read, Prairie Valley Branch and Caroline Sims, Prairie Valley Branch represented Manitoba at the Alberta Central Regional Tet’ meet and at National Tet’ in Ottawa. Sarah Read attended the International Tet’ in England and Ireland as the Chaperone/Riding Coach for Canadian Pony Club National Tet’ Team.

REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS AND BENEFIT SHOW – Manitoba Pony Club continues to host a combination Regional Championship for Dressage and Show Jumping, as well as an Open Benefit Show 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.

The Regional Championship and Benefit Show was held August 8 - 10, 2008 with about 83 horses participating and approximately 78 dressage rides, at the Manitoba Horse Council Equestrian Centre. Classes included dressage, walk trot, hunter under saddle, hunter over fences, jumping and green division.

The results of the Regional Championships were as follows:

Manitoba Pony Club - Top “A/B”: Kerry Moore, Mars Hill Branch
Manitoba Pony Club - Top “A/B” Reserve: Kerry Moore, Mars Hill Branch
Manitoba Pony Club - Top C: Nicole Brown, Quarry Ridge Branch
Manitoba Pony Club - Top C Reserve: Sydney Hewins, Brandon Branch
Manitoba Pony Club - Top D: Mackenzie Wishart, Brandon Branch
Manitoba Pony Club - Top D Reserve: Lane Fraser, Baldur Branch
“D” Level Dressage – Individual Champion: Mackenzie Wishart, Brandon Branch
“D” Level Dressage – Individual Reserve Champion: Jill de Koning, Baldur Branch
“C” Level Dressage – Individual Champion: Nicole Brown, Quarry Ridge Branch
“C” Level Dressage – Individual Reserve Champion: Sydney Hewins, Brandon Branch
“D” Level Show Jumping – Individual Champion: Carly Leverington, Baldur Branch
“D” Level Show Jumping – Individual Reserve Champion: Lane Fraser, Baldur Branch
“C” Level Show Jumping – Individual Champion: Karly Woods, Brandon Branch
“C” Level Show Jumping – Individual Reserve Champion: Kaitlyn Fraser, Baldur Branch

MANITOBA PONY CLUB 6th ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET - Manitoba Pony Club hosted its 6th Annual Awards Banquet, November 1st, 2008 to celebrate our member’s accomplishments in 2008. The Banquet was held at the Herman Prior Centre in Portage La Prairie. The Banquet continues to be a huge success with the youth taking on the responsibility for developing the now famous year end Power Point presentation. The evening concluded with each member receiving a certificate highlighting their accomplishments in 2008.

John Moehring
Regional Chair
Manitoba Region
Canadian Pony Club

Central Ontario Regional Report

It has been an intriguing year for Central Ontario Region. We saw a decrease of 15% in membership and consequently a decrease in attendance at activities. This resulted in the cancellation of a few activities due to costs for few numbers. We had 22 clubs this year down from 24, with a new club, Eco Ridge Pony Club joining this past month. Marg O'Neill and I visited a group of parents and children on Manitoulin Island to talk about Pony Club and introduce them to some of the ins and outs of joining. There is a very strong possibility of these people putting together a club. Wassnaudae was closed by the region due to no D.C. and no response by the executive or members of this club when contacted.

We started with our parent/D.C teaching weekend which was to include SLOV and WOR. There was no participation from either of the other regions and very few from COR. However, the people that were there learned a lot and had a great time.

Our regional quiz was very well attended and the project this year was to invent new games. This literally had the kids dancing across the auditorium floor.

Prince Philip Games was the usual well attended activity in COR with several members going on to National and Internationals. All were successful at their levels.

Although low in numbers, all the competitions were attended rain or shine, rain being the key phrase here. The dressage finals were similar to a phrase from the movie International Velvet, "like dancing Swan Lake in a bog in clogs."

The highlight of the COR season was the hosting of National Quiz. Two years in planning and everything went together to produce a great weekend. Margie Kenedy and Sally Chamney received a gold Pony club pin each for recognition of their commitment to Pony club.

The year end banquet was well attended and a great time was held by all according to the noise factor. As many awards as possible will be sent home with the deserving and the dedicated. A few new awards were added this year. The Stillwood Farm Awards is going to the Pony Club member who is bringing along a green horse/pony. They had to do a report on the training (theirs and the ponies), as well as what they learned from the experience. A note from their D.C. and their coach(s) was to be included in their package. Another new award this year is "The Best Pony" award. This award is donated by one of CORs member after the loss of her pony this past year. Any of the members can submit an essay about their pony. The winner will be selected by the donor's family.

There is one more event coming up and that will be the Pony Club day at the Royal Winter Fair. 200 tickets donated by the Royal for distribution amongst the members will help to fill the stands for Nov. 11th. We are all looking forward to a great time.....spending.

Our AGM will be held Nov 22nd where a new regional board will be moved into place. This will include a new National Representative.

I wish you all the best of luck for future endeavours.

Respectfully submitted

Debra Robertson

St. Lawrence & Ottawa Valley Regional Report

Once again members in SLOV Region have had a busy year with activities in all disciplines. At the beginning of 2008, SLOV welcomed another new Branch, Stonebridge Pony Club. We hope that all its members will enjoy their Pony Club experiences.

We started our year with a Winter Education Camp at the MacSkimming Outdoor Education Centre in Rockland, again organized by Bev Hewitt, assisted by an enthusiastic group of volunteers. This was the 3rd year that we have run the camp and it is proving to be very popular. Plans are already in place for the 2009 camp.

Regional Quiz took place in April in Smith's Falls. It was a very successful day with all Branches in the Region participating. Thanks to Bev Hewitt and all the volunteers and parents who marked the tests, ran the games, oversaw the visuals and helped in any way.

We were able to send three full teams to compete at the National Quiz in Central Ontario Region, 2 at C level and 1 at the A/B level. Members practiced several times over the summer. At Nationals the SLOV A/B team of Anne Marie Duarte, Charlotte Harman, Danielle Hewitt and Sarah Graf placed 4th with Anne Marie placing 3rd and Charlotte placing 9th individually. The C team of Amy Pearson, Emma Walker, Jeanette Gladwin and Diana Stocker also placed 4th with Amy placing 5th individually. The C team of Katiana Fleck, Kayla Ainslie, Kayleigh Redish and Shelby Heinbuch placed 13th. Amy was also able to take part in the International Quiz between Canada and the US where the Canadian team placed 1st. An excellent result for all concerned. Congratulations to all.

Several education clinics run by different branches within the Region were opened up to all members and were well attended.

The Victoria Day weekend saw the 2nd D Rally to run at the Rideau Carleton Raceway. This was open to all E to D2 members who received riding and stablemanagement instruction and took part in a stablemanagement competition. Unfortunately, the Le Trec competition was hampered by the rain and we had to cut it short. Some of the members took their Pony Club tests on the Monday. Everyone had a great time with Jessica Erickson being the winner of the Pam Dillingham Award. We also had some great publicity with an appearance on one of the Ottawa news stations, the A Channel. Many thanks to Cat Hunter who again worked very hard to organize this and to Rideau Carleton who were great hosts.

This year we were also able to run a C Rally/clinic weekend at Hawkridge. Thanks to our Rally Chair, Susanne Bogan for organizing this and to Morag O'Hanlon for allowing us the use of Hawkridge.

Several tetrathlon competitions/clinics were run over the year, the first organized by Land O'Lakes P.C., the second organized by Temperance Lake P.C. and the third by West Carleton P.C. All were very successful.

The highlight of the year was the National Tetrathlon competition hosted by SLOV. Many thanks to Janice and Greg Stevens, Alex and Ron Walker and their committee, who ran an excellent competition. Thanks to the NNEP for providing the riding venue and to all the volunteers and sponsors who helped to keep the week running smoothly. Pony Club members from across Canada attended. SLOV team members were Mathea Stevens, Emma Walker, Natasha Matte, Pam Britt and Garnet Stevens, with Emma placing 3rd in Junior Women.

Mathea was chosen as a member of the Canadian Pony Club's tetrathlon team to travel to England and Ireland for the International Tetrathlon competition. The competitions went well and everyone had a great time. Congratulations Mathea.

Regional PPG was held July 1st at Pony Express Stables in Franktown. This year we had teams at the B and C levels. Everyone had a lot of fun. Thanks to Janet Heaslip for organizing a great competition. Over the year several PPG fun competitions were organized at Heroncrest by Diana Bayer. These are always

popular with our members.

Dressage and Show Jumping ran their Regional Competitions at Hawkridge on July 20th. We had a good turnout with members from several branches attending.

For the first time in several years music was heard in the dressage ring with a freestyle performance and a pas de deux. Morgan McKay from Oxford Downs P.C. was the Individual High Point Champion in dressage, winning the Kim Darwin Memorial Trophy and Charleston Lake P.C. won the High Point Trophy for Branch participation for the second year running. We are hoping to run one or two levels of the National Dressage Championships in 2009.

Anne Marie Duarte from Rideau P.C. qualified to compete at next year's Show Jumping Championships. Unfortunately with the show jumping ring becoming rather slippery with the rain we had to cut short some of the jumping classes.

Thanks to Kasia Miedzinska and Sheila Deane for organizing a great day, and to Morag O'Hanlon for being a very gracious host.

All our regional competition winners received hats compliments of Apple Saddlery. SLOV would like to thank them for their continued support of Pony Club.

Testing took place at all the Branches in SLOV with many successful candidates at all levels. Three members received their B in Stablemanagement. Congratulations to all who passed and thanks to Cat Hunter for organizing the prep clinic and test days for the upper levels.

Bev Hewitt again arranged for a bus trip to the Royal Winter Fair so that our Pony Clubbers and parents could take advantage of the complimentary tickets that we receive each year from the Fair. This year we managed to fill 2 buses. Several other families also drove down to Toronto. Indoor eventing was again the highlight of the evening. It was a very long but very enjoyable day.

We ended the year with a banquet at St. John's High School in Perth where we acknowledged all the achievements of our members, enjoyed a good dinner and had fun playing various games. Thanks to Susanne Bogan and her crew for organizing this. The Branch participation award for 2008 was presented to Charleston Lake P.C. An excellent achievement for a new Branch. Thank you to Sheila Deane who prepared achievement certificates for all our members who had attended Regional activities.

We managed to have two articles about our activities in the OEF magazine, WHOA and will continue to send them information on a regular basis.

I was honoured to be nominated by the Region to receive one of the OEF "People make a difference" awards and travelled to Toronto to attend the awards banquet.

Many thanks to Emma Walker, our youth rep., for organizing activities at our various camps and competitions over the year. Many thanks to our Visiting Commissioners, Christine Hickman and Pam Nuth for attending our meetings and competitions and for giving support whenever needed. Many thanks to Kasia Miedzinska, Our National Director, for keeping us up to date on National happenings, to Bob Tennent for keeping the SLOV website in such good shape, to Sheila Deane for producing several very informative newsletters, to Liz Tennent our Regional Secretary, Bev Hewitt our Regional Treasurer and Membership person and Erica Tucker, Regional Vice-Chair for support whenever needed.

Mainly a big thank you to all our D.Cs and volunteers. We rely on your help to continue our activities. Without you Pony Club would not exist.

We look forward to 2009, our 75th anniversary year, for another year of fun and learning.

Liz Tucker
SLOV Regional Chair



Western Ontario Regional Report

The year was fun-filled with a number of members experiencing National and International achievements. Our Active Membership was 239, down from 248 in 2007. Our Affiliate Membership was 6 up from 4 in 2007. We welcomed two new Branches to the Region in the Fall of the year. The Oxford Pony Club was established drawing members from in and around the Woodstock area. The Lake Huron Pony Club is centered in and around Goderich.

TESTING

We came out of the 2007 AGM with all positions filled excepting Junior Testing. This role was managed by Cathy Miller and Ann Godkin from Senior Testing, assisted by Sharon Walker, the previous Chair. Junior Testing ran 105 tests. There were 31 D tests, 31 D1 tests, 22 D2 tests, 13 C tests and 5 C1 tests.

QUIZ

Regional Quiz was very ably run by Penny McLaren again this year at the Guelph Collegiate Vocational Institute. There were 141 entries from 14 Branches. Levels E through to A were represented. WOR also sent two C teams to National Quiz held in Vaughan, Ontario.

SHOW JUMPING

Show jumping also experienced bad weather on their designated day, so only 25 entries competed in 6 divisions. Congratulations to Nakita Krucker who qualified to represent WOR at the 2009 National Show Jumping Championships

RALLY

Our D Rally, under the direction of Val Smith, had 77 competitors. Meanwhile A/B/C Rally under the direction of Lynn Morris had 47 competitors made up of 33 from WOR and 14 from COR. There were 21 Riders and 26 Grooms. Congratulations to Sean Mitchell who was chosen to participate in the first NARE.

DRESSAGE

Regional Dressage was held over two weekends. Entry and Starter divisions were run at the Ancaster Fair Grounds before the event was cancelled due to lightening and heavy rains. There were 13 participating in the Entry Division and 8 in the Starter Division. Congratulations to Kelsey Christensen who qualified for Nationals at the Starter level. The second day of the Championships was held at Langford Church Stables in Brantford. There were 8 Pre-Training competitors and 6 Training competitors for the day.

PPG

The season started with a Fun Day held at the Aberfoyle Fairgrounds with 39 riders competing. Regional Championships were held at the Fergus Fairgrounds. WOR hosted the Ontario Zone Championships at the Elora Raceway in July and the National A Championships there in September. WOR Member, Danielle Kelton represented the Canadian Pony Club at the IMGE in Australia. Her report can be found on the CPC website.

Congratulations to Nicole Robinson who was chosen to be on the 2009 International Team.

TETRATHLON

Regional Tetrathlon was attended by 39 competitors. Seven women and one man went on to compete at National Tetrathlon in Ottawa. Congratulations to Jean Eagleson and Dylan McPhail who were on the Canadian Tetrathlon team competing at Internationals in U.K. and Ireland. A report from Dylan can be viewed on the CPC website.

NEWSLETTER

We were fortunate to have one of our recent Pony Club Graduates come forward to take over the Communications Chair. Heather Agnew, with the assistance of Kathryn Robertson, did an excellent job and produced four very professional full colour newsletters. The newsletters can be viewed on WOR's website. Western Ontario Region also had a presence in three editions of OEF's magazine, WHOA.

Many thanks to Apple Saddlery for providing Top Individual and Top Team prizes for all of our Championships.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

Del Zelmer
WOR Regional Chair

New Brunswick/PEI Regional Report

No Report Submitted

Nova Scotia Regional Report

In 2008, we had 10 active Branches and 179 members. The Regional Board of Directors met 5 times.

National Meetings and Conferences:

National AGM and SAM: Margie Johnson, our National Director and Laura Jacquard, Active Member East, attended the SAM in April and the AGM in November. Both reported on the SAM at the May regional meeting and will report on the AGM at our next regional meeting in January.

National Events:

Tetrathlon: One member represented our region at the National Tetrathlon Championship held in late July in Ottawa hosted by the St. Lawrence Ottawa Valley Region. Senior woman, Marie Apaloo (Friendly Breezes Branch) competed on a scramble team. She did extremely well, receiving an individual third place overall. Inga Hansen attended as chaperone and coach.

Quiz:

Four members represented Nova Scotia at National Quiz hosted by the Central Ontario Region in Vaughan, Ontario in October. Team members were Tiegen Bond (Colchester), Rachele Foote (Annapolis), Caitlyn Swinkles (Fairwind) and Jessica Bowlby (West Valley) with Theresa Bowlby as chaperone. The team placed third out of 15 teams.

PPG:

The Western Ontario Region hosted the Central Zone PPG Championship in Elora, Ontario in July. The Nova Scotia A Team included Kaissa VanMeekeren, Cali-Rose Keating, Miranda Beveridge, Rebecca Onto and Sidney McKenzie as Captain. Chaperone was Paula McKenzie. Our team received an honourable mention and recognition for its enthusiasm.

Show Jumping:

Our region hosted the 2008 National Show Jumping Championship in July in Truro. Individual competitors from six regions attended, including Alberta North, Alberta Central, BC Lower Mainland, Manitoba, Central Ontario and Nova Scotia. The Nova Scotia Region sent four competitors: Connie McLellan, Krista Brouwer, Tracy Brouwer, and Emma Eisses. We would like to thank Apple Saddlery for providing us with polo wraps as prizes for our competition. The competitors were very pleased with their awards.

Dressage:

We selected two members to attend National Dressage Championships but unfortunately, none were held. Laura Jacquard (West Valley) qualified for First Level and Orla Murphy (Fairwind) for Training Level.

NARE:

A new event, the first North Atlantic Rally Exchange was held April 11 to 20 by BC Lower Mainland in Vancouver. The Irish, American and Canadian Pony Clubs all sent teams to participate in this cultural and riding exchange. Sarah Locke (Opportunity) was chosen to go as a participant from our region. Polocrosse, Ziplines, Foxhunting, Horse Trials - sounded like a fun and event filled trip! Our members should watch for the next opportunity to apply!

Regional Activities:

Disciplines: Our region was active in all disciplines and held regional championships in each. We are very grateful to Apple Saddlery who provided Apple Saddlery hats as awards for our winners in each discipline. We appreciate the continued support of CPC by Apple Saddlery.

Regional Rally:

A day-long preparatory clinic (organized by Colchester branch) was run in early July. A two-day ABC-Rally and a one day D-Rally and were held in late July at Central Nova Horse and Pony grounds. Five teams (made up of members from 6 branches) attended D Rally and 4 teams (made up of members from 7 branches) attended ABC Rally.

Regional Tetrathlon:

The Regional Tetrathlon Championship was held this year in late June. Two tetrathletes attended. The riding phase had to be canceled due to problems with EC's new rule changes. Eight tetrathletes from three branches attended the Tetrathlon Camp held in July in Port Elgin NB, by the Tantramar branch.

Regional Dressage:

Two regional qualifiers and one Regional Championship were held in Nova Scotia this year. The two regional qualifiers were held at Central Nova and Clay Hill on June 14 and 15 respectively. The judge for each qualifier was Marion Foote. Members from six branches attended.

The Regional Dressage Championship was held on August 16 with 20 riders in attendance. A dressage clinic was held with judge Jane Fraser on August 17. It was attended by 12 riders from 4 clubs.

We are pleased to announce our competitors for 2009 National Dressage Championships: Pre-Training Division - Miranda Beveridge (Annapolis), Training Division - Natasha Poole (West Valley), First Level - Laura Jacquard (West Valley).

Regional PPG:

A Regional PPG Clinic was held in April and the Regional Championship was held in Windsor in July.

Regional Quiz:

A total of three Regional quizzes were held during 2008. In March, Opportunity hosted a Scramble Quiz in Truro. Evangeline held a Novice/D quiz and Colchester held a C quiz, both taking place on April 12.

Regional Show Jumping:

The Regional Championship was in two phases this year. The 3' and over divisions were held July 1 to 4 in Truro in conjunction with National Show Jumping. Twenty competitors attended, from 5 branches. The Under 3' divisions were held in Wilmot at Kileavy Stable on August 3. Thirteen competitors from 3 branches attended.

Testing Educational Workshop:

This workshop was thorough, well organized and well attended. It was designed for the education of DCs, ADCs, Test Reps, Examiners and Examiners-in-Training. This day-long session was held in late April at the High School in Windsor. We were pleased to be joined by a contingent of DCs and testers from the NB/PEI Region.

D Challenge:

This wonderful competition, reserved exclusively for D and D1 level riders was to be held twice in our region this year. The Colchester branch planned the first event in Truro on September 6. Unfortunately, this had to be canceled due to low registration. The second competition was held by the Avon branch on October 26 in Windsor. The D Challenge is a team competition combining dressage, equitation and show jumping for our youngest riders and most experienced ponies. Six teams from 5 branches attended.

Youth Activities:

Our Branch youth reps met during the Opportunity Quiz on March 24, and a few Youth Reps met during the regional meeting on May 3. Our Regional Youth Reps, Megan Johnson and Morgan Conrick organized a youth meeting and lunch to be held midday during the Education day planned for early October. Unfortunately this had to be rescheduled.

Testing and Education:

Most branches held D and C testing. A testers' clinic for Branch Test Reps, DCs, Testers and Testers-in-training was held in April in Windsor. A B/B2 pretest clinic was held in June, with Sara Runnels from Ontario acting as clinician. Three full Bs, four B-SMs and one B2-SM were awarded at testing in August. A C2 pretest clinic was held in May and testing was held in June. Two candidates were successful in achieving their full C2 test level and 3 achieved the their C2-SM.

A Regional Education day was planned for early October in Windsor. The goal was to present topics of interest for C level members in the morning, and then encourage the C level members to help present material of interest to D members in the afternoon. Unfortunately, as it turned out, many of our members were involved in mounted events on the day of the Education Clinic. In an attempt to avoid low attendance and find a more suitable date, the Clinic was postponed until the winter.

Communication:

We have published two newsletters this year. Our newsletters are mailed to all members and are also available on our Regional web page. Pam Hooper, with the help of web master Crawford Dales has kept our regional web page up to date.

Each of our ten branches were active in 2008 with riding lessons, stable management lessons, camps, clinics, testing, badge work and fund raising. We are all looking forward to 2009 with enthusiasm. The 75th anniversary of the Canadian Pony Club is bound to be an exciting year for all of us!

Respectfully submitted,
Gay Hansen,
Chairperson, Nova Scotia Regional Pony Club

Section 4

Miscellaneous Reports

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Administrator's Report 2008

As I complete my 9th year as the CPC Administrator, I continue to enjoy both the job and the people. The job continues to expand and the work is always interesting. We have a very dedicated and hard working Board who continue to make my job easier and I have enjoyed working with them over the past year.

Day to day activities:

- ◆ Answering e-mail.
- ◆ Filing Branch Reports, Incident Reports and Associate Membership Forms.
- ◆ Ordering Supplies.
- ◆ Answering telephone inquiries.
- ◆ Updating the National Activities Calendar on the website.
- ◆ Keeping a log of daily activities and hours worked.
- ◆ Updating the International Events portion of the website.

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

- Prepared and sent out almost 800 new member packages. Baldur Pony Club continues to assist in the preparation of these packages.
- In September, I took over Membership from Crawford Dales. This is quite a large job but thanks to a great deal of help from Crawford, things seem to be going well.
- Assisted in organizing the Regional/Branch Education Conference in Quesnel and Tsawwassen. Attended both conferences as a presenter.
- Assisted the International Tetrathlon, NARE and Mounted Games teams organize their trips.
- Assisted with the Governor General Scholarship applications.
- 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 the SM Stream Committee in forming their proposal for the Board.
- Produced 2 issues of News from National.
- Continue to upgrade the filing system for all Branch Reports and Associate Members Forms.
- Organized the AGM and the SAM. Attended both meetings. Produced and distributed minutes.
- Assisted with the planning and organization of the 75th Anniversary celebrations.
- Worked on the planning and editing of a Pony Club History/Yearbook for 2009.
- Assisted with the Calendar.
- The National Office continues to run the Supply Store. Except for ordering, Phil has completely taken over operation of the Supply Store.

The biggest part of my job remains both communicating and facilitating communication between the various groups and committees in Pony Club.

Supply Report

Supply sales continue to be steady. In 2008 we processed a total of 238 sales.

The most popular items remain the basic items. We sold 175 USPC D manuals, 171 British Manuals, 1100 membership pins and 735 armbands.

The cost of postage remains a challenge. Even with the reduction of fuel surcharges, it still costs a lot to mail a package across the country. We encourage Branches to make their orders as large as possible. We can ship 5 books for about the same price as 1 book.

Communications Report

Press Releases

April: short release as requested for Beth Underhill's web site. Not posted there, probably because she expected it months earlier.

May: Anniversary press release to magazines across Canada

July: National Show Jumping release with photo

October: National Quiz press release.

75th Anniversary

Ad and article for Calgary Polo Club magazine

Wall of Fame Report

I have continued to send out new invitations as contact information becomes available, and, periodically, to send reminders to those who have agreed to induction but haven't sent in their information forms.

We have three new entries since April: Dorinda Greenway (thanks to Cathy Miller), Gina Smith (thanks to Kasia Miedzinska), John Rumble (both Karol and I approached him) and Karen Brain. Kim Saville approached Ian Millar last August but no response. Kasia approached both Ian and Jill Henselwood in October – both have promised to e-mail me their forms. I don't expect to hear from the latter – or Torchy Millar – until after the Royal Winter Fair. I have spoken with Jim Day by telephone and he has agreed to be inducted. Our total is now at 20 entries.

As I have approached people, I have asked them for contact information for other candidates from among their acquaintance. I'm hoping this will pay off as 2009 approaches.

I have to update my database, and when I have, I plan to e-mail it to Board members across the country with a request that they approach anyone on the list that they know. We are starting to see that approaches from more than one person may be more effective.

Kasia has also put me in touch with Diana Dillingham, daughter of Pam and niece of Barbara Kemp (both deceased). Both are, I believe, Honourary Directors and both belong on our Wall of Fame. I have written to Ms Dillingham and sent her packages in the hope that she will complete the entries we want.

I plan to redouble efforts between now and Christmas when there is less going on in the way of competitions and before so many of the people we want depart to Florida for the competition season there. I will be doing more detective work in an effort to find descendants of potential inductees, and contact information for others.

Liz Inglis

Membership Report

The job of Membership Secretary was handed over to the National Office in September. Crawford was kind enough to set everything up for the new membership year, and send out all the forms to the Regions.

With a great deal of assistance from Crawford, I was able to learn the system and begin to process memberships. I want to thank Crawford and the Regional Membership Secretaries for their patience and forbearance as I muddled my way through the process. Some of the more experienced Regional people were also able to assist in my training.

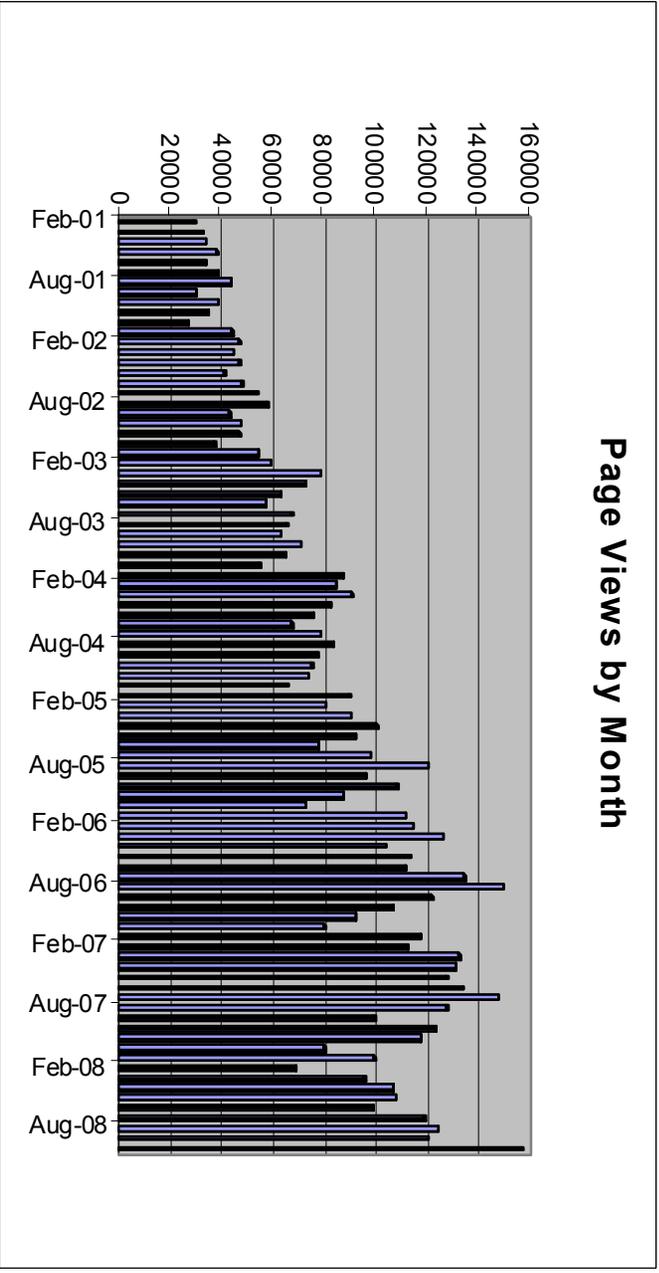
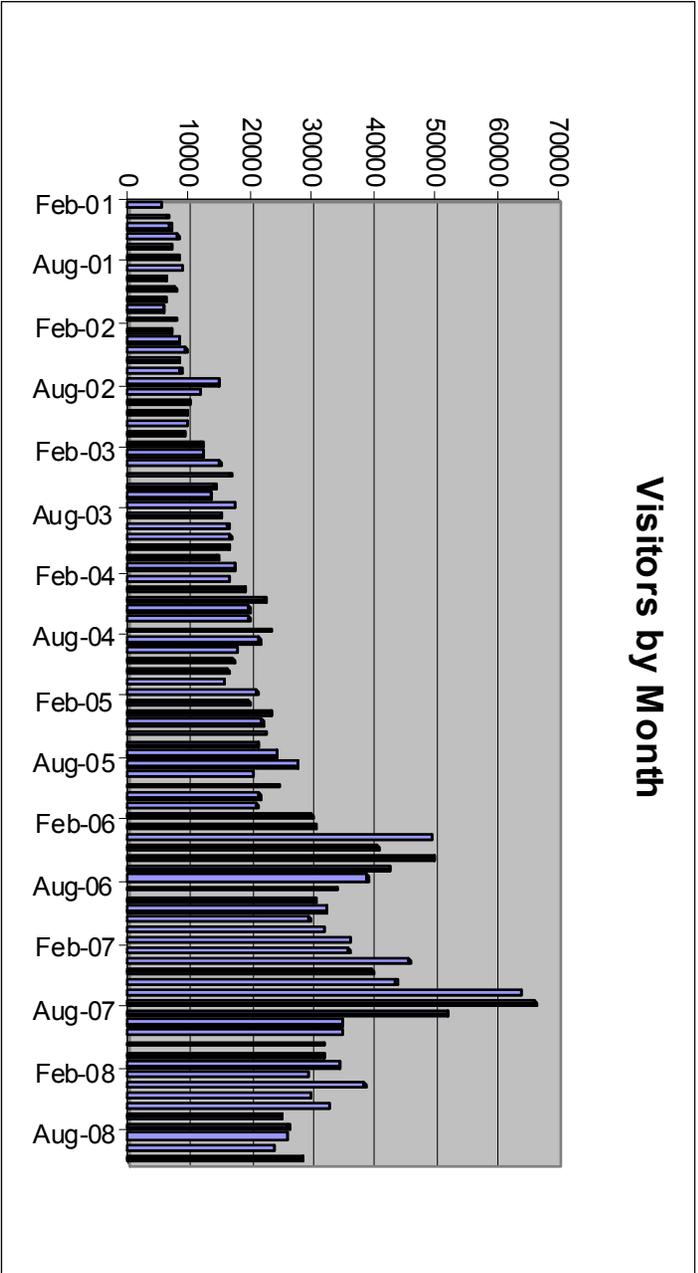
The 2008 membership was 2627, down 153 from 2008. We had 32 Affiliates this year, which is 4 more than last year. We had 781 new members. This number is also continuing to decline.

Website Report

2008 will be the first year in the history of the website to see a decrease in the number of visitors. In the 12 months ending Nov 1, we had only 358,000 visits compared to 511,000 in the prior 12 months. Although October picked up a bit, I expect 2008 to end at about 420,000 or the lowest total since 2005. However, the visitors who do come are looking at more pages per visit and as a result, the number of pages viewed in the last 12 months is 1.3 million, just slightly below the 1.42 million viewed in the previous 12 months.

I expect that the slowdown is likely related to all the server problems we had in the last year and I hope that we will see an increase again as people find out that things are now quite stable.

Charts of visitors and pages viewed are below. Charts of pages viewed for each region except BCIS are available but are not included in this report.



On our current server, we have much increased security, the ability to host multiple domains, and a space allowance of one terabyte which is 1,000 times as much as we had a year ago and at a much reduced cost. We have just prepaid for 10 years at a total cost of less than we have been paying for each year. The server has been very steady with only one outage of about 15 minutes since we moved to it on July 1st.

We can now easily provide server hosting for branches either with their own domain names (www.simcoeponyclub.com) or as “subdomains” (www.maple.ponyclub.ca). I hope to develop some aids for branches to help them create pages, much like is done at hosting services like Geocities or Tripod.

Due to the server problems over the last year, I have not had time to pursue the issue of branch pages located on outside servers. There remain about 35 of those for which we have no control. I do expect to be able to follow up on this before the AGM.

It seems that some groups which indicate that they represent the Pony Club or a part of it are being set up on some of the social networking sites. If those are set up as groups owned by an individual then I see no problem with them even if Pony Club issues are discussed. However, if the sites infer that they are representing a part of the Pony Club, we may be open to some liability much as for the case of branch sites on separate servers. As examples, on Facebook, there is a group called CPC-Canadian Pony Club with 450 members which is administered by a 16 year old who was a member in 2007 but not any longer, COR have a 200 member group administered by a 17 year old member, SLOV have a 60 member group, WOR have a 50 member group, and I am sure there are others. Should these groups fall under the same requirements as branch websites? If so, how do we even find out about groups on all the other social networks?

The better security on the new server makes it possible to consider an online member registration system for regions, national and possibly in the future branches to replace the current registration system that is based on passing Excel sheets between national and the regions to update the Access national database. This is causing some problems with different computer setups and different versions of Excel. I believe we can create an online database which can do the job better with less confusion because everyone could access their information and make entries using their regular browser so that computer configurations would not affect the system. I expect to have at least a trial version running before the AGM and will be looking for approval to move to that system at that time.

An online application system for members to join and even to pay by credit card is technically possible but is not part of what I plan to do. Our current membership policies make such a system very complex due mainly to the rights of each region and branch to set their own fees and the right of a branch to not accept a membership. For such a system to work, we would not only need to know in advance the fees for every region and branch but would also need to have the members make an application including credit card information online, the system would have to submit that to the proper branch for acceptance, then process the credit card payment when the membership is

accepted, notify the member and branch of the success or failure of the payment, and then process the membership into the membership database.

With the reduced amount of time I will be spending on membership issues, I will be more proactive in reviewing regional and branch sites and prodding them to keep them reasonably up to date as needed. As I have said for years, there are many pages that include obviously outdated information.

Crawford Dales
November, 2008

75th Anniversary Report



As you can see above, CPC has developed a special logo to commemorate our 75th Anniversary in 2009. It is being used on many items including a new lapel pin, the 2009 calendar and on ribbons for competitions across Canada. Plans are underway for a full year of celebrations; we hope that you will take part in the events in your region or with your former branch to commemorate this milestone.

CPC was very fortunate to receive a donation from the Sillcox family of 200 copies of the CPC History Book written by Zita Barbara May in 1982 to record the first 50 years of pony club in Canada. They are available to purchase from supplies at \$20.00 per book, with all proceeds being directed to the special "Sandra Sillcox" 75th Scholarships for members. In addition, we will be producing a 2009 CPC Yearbook as a permanent record of our achievements to date. Histories and pictures from all regions and branches will be included. If you have a story to share, please send it to Val Crowe in the National Office before February 2009. Watch the website for further details on the release.

Were you a member in 1984? Then you may already have a 50th Anniversary Horse Brass. CPC has produced a 75th Anniversary version for 2009. They are available from the National Supply Office at \$10.00 each and make a great memento for yourself or as a gift item for the new pony clubbers in your family.

The Board of Directors has declared the first week of July (July 1 to 8) for 2009 as National Pony Club Week. All regions and branches are being encouraged to hold special events in their clubs to highlight our wonderful national organization. In addition, we are busy accumulating kilometers on our "Ride for 75" activity. All branches are recording their kms for any cross-country riding activities to see if we can

"virtually" cross Canada at least once from 2008 to 2009...we may even get enough kms to go back and forth! Totals submitted by region and branch are continuously being updated on the webpage so we can see our progress.

Do you know someone from the past who should be on the CPC Wall of Fame? We are looking for more submissions of worthy candidates to post on our electronic Wall of Fame or Wall of Recognition. We would like to recognize and honour those alumni and volunteers who have made significant contributions to the Canadian Pony Club and the equine community in Canada. The criteria for inclusion and submission forms are available on the CPC webpage.

Two major events planned for 2009 are the International Mounted Games Exchange and International Meetings in Alberta in July and the National Conference and Gala Banquet to be held in Toronto in November. Again, further details are available on the CPC website.

As you know, we are an organization that relies on our volunteers; so, in 2009, we are also celebrating "*75 Years of Volunteers*". We hope that you and all our members have fond memories of their days in pony club. If you would like to assist us with any of our projects, please contact Val Crowe at the National Office or Karol Shipley by email at shipleysympatico.ca .

Sent on behalf of the CPC 75th Anniversary Committee

Section 5

Notable Achievements for 2008

National Chair's Award

New Branches

Scholarship Recipients

National Quiz Awards

A Members

Ten Year Members

Graduates

15 & 25 Year Volunteers

25 Year Branches

50 Year Branches

Notable Achievements for 2008

NATIONAL CHAIR'S AWARD

Liz Inglis

New Branches 2008

Dawson Creek Pony Club	ANR
Nanaimo South Pony Club	BCIs
Stone Bridge Pony Club	SLOV
Blue Mountain Pony Club	WOR
Prairie Spirit Pony Club	SK
Oxford Pony Club	WOR
Eco Ridge Pony Club	COR

Governor-General's Award of Excellence Scholarship Recipients

B2/A Scholarships

**Kally Cowan
Taryn Grey**

C2/B Scholarship

Alicia Berger

NATIONAL QUIZ AWARDS

Billie Mann Memorial Bursary

Amanda Penner ABC

Adele Rockwell Memorial Award

Teighan Bond NS

Sandra Sillcox Memorial Award

Kyla Jensen BCIN

A Members 2008

RA Members

Kalandra Cowin	BCIN
Kathryn Duke	ABS
Tatiana Gabrush	SK
Elizabeth Penner	BCLM
Anya Sopow	BCIN
Merel Van Oeveren	BCIN
Fiona Wensley	BCLM

HA Members

Michelle Christopherson	BCLM
Kalandra Cowin	BCIN
Kathryn Duke	ABS
Brittany Froc	BCLM
Katherine Nichols (SA)	MB
Amanda Penner	ABC
Corine Smith	BCIN
Anya Sopow	BCIN
Merel Van Oeveren	BCIN

Full A Members

Kalandra Cowin	BCIN
Kathryn Duke	ABS
Tatiana Gabrush	SK
Corine Smith	BCIN
Anya Sopow	BCIN
Merel Van Oeveren	BCIN

Ten Year Members 2008

RE-GION	BRANCH	FIRST NAME	LAST NAME
ABC	HAUNTED LAKES	MELISSA	WESTLING
ABN	CLEARWATER VALLEY	STEPHANIE	OSTAPEK
ABN	NAMAO RIDGE RIDERS	KIRSTIN	WRIGHT
ABN	STRATHCONA	KYLEE	MITCHELL
ABN	STRATHCONA	JOCELYN	SKELTON
ABS	DEWINTON	CASEY	THORBJORNSEN
ABS	HIGH COUNTRY	KIRSTEN	RIPHAGEN
BCIN	SPRUCE RIDGE	GWENDOLYN	MANN
BCIN	TERRACE	KENDRA	LANSDOWNE
BCIN	TERRACE	RICHELLE	SUSSBAUER
BCIN	VERNON & DISTRICT	ERIN	RISPIN
BCLM	LANGLEY	ELIZABETH	PENNER
BCLM	LANGLEY	SARA	SIM
BCLM	MOUNT CHEAM	BRITTANY	FROC
BCLM	VANCOUVER	ALI	VILVANG
CO	MAPLE	MAYA	KENEDY
CO	MAPLE	EMILY	MITCHELL
CO	OSHAWA	MEAGAN	CHRISTOU
CO	OSHAWA	JENNIFER	MCKEEN
CO	TORONTO & NORTH YORK	ERIN	MCLAUGHLIN
CO	WAUSSNODAE	MEGAN	MATTOS
MB	WINDY PLAINS	KAITLYN	COCKERILL
NS	OPPORTUNITY	EMMA	EISSES
NS	OPPORTUNITY	SARAH	LOCKE
SK	CHERRY HILL	DEVON	STEAD
SK	HEARTLAND	ZOE	MACDOUGALL
SLOV	UNITED COUNTIES	MATHEA	STEVENS
WO	ALBION	DANIELLE	BECHARD

Fifteen Year Members 2008

SK	SASKATOON	JENNIFER	BALL
BCLM	GROVE	JINNELL	GUNN
ABS	COCHRANE	ALICIA	BERGER
ABS	HORIZON	LINDSAY	WILLIS
NS	TANTRAMAR	INGA	HANSEN
ABS	DAVISBURG	JAIMIE	STEPHENSON

Graduates 2008

NAME	BRANCH	REGION
AMANDA PENNER	HAUNTED LAKES	ALBERTA CENTRAL
ISABELLE FORSSTROM	HAUNTED LAKES	ALBERTA CENTRAL
KELLY BROUWER	THOMPSON COUNTRY	ALBERTA CENTRAL
AMBERLY BILLINGS	STRATHCONA	ALBERTA NORTH
JENNIFER DUKE	SARCEE	ALBERTA SOUTH
CATHERINE STEWART	WESTBROOK	ALBERTA SOUTH
TEHYA READ	LAKES DISTRICT	BC INTERIOR NORTH
DANA COOKE	NICOLA VALLEY	BC INTERIOR NORTH
ALEXANDRA KRULL	NANAIMO SOUTH	BC ISLANDS
ANNETTE BONAR	NANAIMO SOUTH	BC ISLANDS
KIMBERLY MITTELSTEADT	ALOUETTE	BC LOWER MAINLAND
MADISON BLOMLY	ALOUETTE	BC LOWER MAINLAND
JULIA COURTNEY	PACIFIC SPIRIT	BC LOWER MAINLAND
ERIN BOYLES	ARÊTE DE CHÊNE	CENTRAL ONTARIO
ALICIA CANTIN	MAPLE	CENTRAL ONTARIO
MAYA KENEDY	MAPLE	CENTRAL ONTARIO
STEPHANIE RUTHERFORD	OSHAWA	CENTRAL ONTARIO
STEPHANIE WAITES	TORONTO & NORTH YORK	CENTRAL ONTARIO
JESSICA LLOYD	UXBRIDGE-SCUGOG	CENTRAL ONTARIO
SARA BERRY	BALDUR	MANITOBA
MEGAN MACLEAN	QUARRY RIDGE	MANITOBA
KRISTA BROUWER	OPPORTUNITY	NOVA SCOTIA
ERIN SLOAN	TANTRAMAR	NOVA SCOTIA
COLLEEN O'HAGAN	SASKATOON	SASKATCHEWAN
ANGELA MACKENZIE	TEMPERANCE LAKE	SLOV
DANIELLE BECHARD	ALBION	WESTERN ONTARIO
KRYSTIN ANDERSON	ALBION	WESTERN ONTARIO
TRACEY O'CONNELL	ALBION	WESTERN ONTARIO
JESSICA RALSTON	GRAND RIVER	WESTERN ONTARIO

15 & 25 Year Volunteers

Karen Smith	15	BCIN
Judy O'Gorman	15	Alberta South
Carol Berger	15	Alberta South
Janice Spenst	15	BC Lower Mainland
Val Munro	15	BC Lower Mainland
Kris Gunn	15	BC Lower Mainland
Linda Bishop	15	BC Lower Mainland
Peter Munro	15	BC Lower Mainland
Mitch Gunn	15	BC Lower Mainland
Margot Vilvang	15	BC Lower Mainland
Rick Higginson	15	BC Lower Mainland
Laurel Glanfield	15	BC Lower Mainland
Marta McIntosh	15	BC Lower Mainland
Shirley Spenst	15	BC Lower Mainland
Lezah Williamson	25	BC Lower Mainland
Diane Spencer	25	BC Lower Mainland
Maureen Walters	15	BC Lower Mainland
Margaret Rigby	15	BC Lower Mainland
Cat Armitage	15	BC Lower Mainland
Fred Richardson	15	St. Lawrence/Ottawa Valley
Howie Thomas	15	BC Islands
Susan Butler	15	BC Islands
Del Zelmer	15	Western Ontario

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