



COR BITS

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It hardly seems possible that another whole pony club season has gone by since our last issue. Illness, pressure of business and a couple of dandy computer melt-downs got in the way of our normal in-season articles. We also found ourselves somewhat short of material from the Branches. Temiskaming Branch has been diligent about sending us copies of their excellent newsletter, "Pony Tales." Edited by Debbie McMahon, it's newsy, packed with information for members and parents, and illustrated with a variety of photos and other graphics. Our thanks go to Debbie for sharing it with us, as well as the top notch quality. We are sure other Branches produce great newsletters, too. Please send them to us so we can share your news with the rest of the Region.

Year-end Awards

Our third annual year-end awards banquet was held at Gallantry's in Pickering on November 16. For starters we need to say a big "Thank you!" to those who spent so much time organizing this affair. We are not going to name all the names because we would be sure to leave out somebody and hurt their feelings, and that is the last thing we want to do. Let's put it this way: If Karol Shipley filled the role of Santa Claus for the evening, certain members of the Youth Executive were very lively elves. As usual, a great time was had by all.

Aside from having a good time and stuffing ourselves like Christmas geese a few weeks early, we were there to honour Central Ontario members who had distinguished themselves in competition during the past season. Here are this year's winners.

Dressage

Dressage Chair Marg Anne Quinn prefaced the presentations with a brief outline of how the winners were chosen in a transition year.

"The Central Ontario Champions and Reserve Champions are chosen from our qualifiers, invitationals and the dressage finals. The two highest scores at the two levels are used. The rider with the highest average of the four tests is Champion. Kurs are an average of two tests. In some cases our recognition has been limited because of changes in defining the levels. For 2001, Central Ontario shows used bi-level testing, while the Zone Championships used uni-level testing. This year all our competitors were champions, but we would like to take a moment to recognize those who stood first and second in their respective levels.

Level 1 (Beginner 2-3) - The Champion was Lauren Pinder of the Victoria Pony Club who rode Mr. Tuff Stuff, and the reserve was Kayley Fountain, also of Victoria, whose pony was Thunder.

Level 2 (Beginner 2, Basic 1) - The Champion was Jordan Thompson of the Durham Pony Club on Brave Heart, with Tiffany Kift of the Oshawa Branch in Reserve on Otto.

Level 3 (Basic 1-2) - The Champion was Heidi Breen of Tynedale riding Tynedale Harry, with Casey Barton of Victoria the Reserve on Jim Dandy.

Level 4 (Basic 2-3) - Larissa Grabowski of Durham took the Championship on Full Monty, with no Reserve.

Level 5 (Basic 3-4) - Megan Mattos of the Kawartha Pony Club was Champion aboard Mayhem, and again there was no reserve.

Level 6 (Basic 4, Medium 1) - Sarah Rae of Victoria was Champion on Gentle Ben, with her sister Jenny the Reserve riding Avalon.

Novice Kur - The Champion was Julia McGill of Durham on D'Artagnan, no Reserve.

Basic 2 Kur - Larissa Grabowski and Full Monty added a second Championship, again with no Reserve.

Rallies

Entry Level - The Champion was D'Arcy Hutcheson of the Centaurus Pony Club, riding Miss Tiggywinkle, and the Reserve was Julia McGill of Durham on D'Artagnan.

Pre-Training Level - Durham's Jordan Thompson and Braveheart won the Championship, with Kitty Baker and Irish Willie of the Toronto & North York Pony Club in Reserve.

Training Level - Amelia Jones of Victoria was Champion riding Resolution (no Reserve).

Preliminary Level - The Championship went to Ashley Minion and Taylor Made of the Kawartha Pony Club. The Reserve was Jennifer McGuire of the Uxbridge-Scugog Pony Club, riding Prestigious.

Show Jumping

Starter Division - Lindsey Forkun of Uxbridge-Scugog was Champion on Generals Mission, and Madison Reeves, also of Uxbridge-Scugog, was Reserve aboard Pandora.

Beginner Division - Katie Murray of Durham was Champion on Honey Bee Sweet, with Eliza Gravel of the Temiskaming Pony Club the Reserve on Rubik's Cube.

Novice Division - Katie Shipley of the Pickering Pony Club was Champion riding Lochnigar, and Nadiya Osmani of the Sudbury Pony Club was the Reserve on China Doll.

Intermediate Division - Michael Durward of the Uxbridge-Scugog Branch was Champion riding Gerrie Maguyre. There was no Reserve.

Advanced Division - Champion was Kate Webb of the Simcoe Pony Club riding Merlin, with Kevin Durward of Uxbridge-Scugog in Reserve on Jack.

Tetrathlon

This discipline does not have year end awards based on cumulative results, but did recognize Central Ontario' representatives at this year's National Tetrathlon. The following pony clubbers were presented with medallions:

Junior Girls - Brittany Emery of Toronto & North York; Kendal Lehari of Toronto & North York; Katie Murray of Durham; Jordan Thompson of Durham.

Junior Boys - Zachary McCue of Kawartha.

Senior Girls - Bonnie Burlton of Pause Awhile; Amy Jordan of Kawartha.

Prince Philip Games

This is another discipline that does not have year end awards, but recognized the members of our winning teams at the A and Masters Levels.

A Level - Our Central Ontario Champions were a mixed team representing the Durham, Pause Awhile and Simcoe Branches. That team comprised Emily Price riding Lily, Tyne Sowerby on another Trigger, Katie Murray on Mandy and Emma Wieland on Breezy. A pony named Summer was used in some races

Masters Level - This level saw another mixed team as Champions, with representatives from the Huronia and Toronto & North York Branches. The members of this team were Amanda Whitehead, Anthony Denis, Megan Taylor and Gail Atkinson. They switched from pony to pony during the games, and the ponies were Chester, Misty, Dancer and Halo.

Quiz

Members of our teams that competed at National Quiz were recognized. They were:

C Team - Tiffany Kift of the Oshawa Pony Club; Kayla Wilkins of the Victoria Pony Club; Megan Mattos of the Kawartha Pony Club; and Stephanie Meyer of the Napanee Pony Club.

A/B Team - Charlotte Richmond of the Timberline Pony Club; Christy Barnes of the Pine Ridge Pony Club; Christine Meyer of the Napanee Pony Club; and Ann Revill, also of Napanee.

Last but certainly not least, the Karen Meuleman Award, for sportsmanship, helpfulness and contribution to Pony Club, went to Dawn O'Neil of the Ajax Pony Club.