



# COR BITS

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## Fall, 2004

### 2004 Awards Banquet

October 23 saw us gather at the Annandale Golf and Country Club in Ajax for the 2004 Central Ontario Region Awards Banquet. Many thanks to the Durham Pony Club for organizing this year's festivities, which, apart from the awards, featured a silent auction, a fabulous buffet, the ever-amusing antics of Malibu Bob and (rumour has it) dancing till someone heard a rooster crow.

Of course, the most important part of the evening was the awards, with congratulations to all those whose names are reported below (in the same order in which the awards were actually presented).

#### Dressage

The Entry Division Champion was Christine Oldridge of the Victoria Pony Club riding Elphin Birdsong. King Pony Club member Nikki Ince was Reserve, with T.C.



In the Starter Division, Erin Thompson of the Oshawa Pony Club was the Champion, riding Lily (shown at left riding at the Killusty dressage; all dressage and show jumping photos courtesy Foxprint Photography). The Starter Reserve was Roberta Spratt of the Kawartha Pony Club, on Mr. Teds.

Rachel Welsh of Oshawa was the Pre-Training Champion along with Pippi. Madison Wilks of the Durham Pony Club was the Reserve on Mega Cool.

The Training Division Champion was Katlyn Hewson of Victoria riding Without a Trace. The Training Reserve was Jennifer McKeen of Oshawa on Colwyn Tegan.

Johanna McKeen of Oshawa was the First Level A Champion riding Millgate Braveheart (shown at right, at the Kawartha Dressage Qualifier at Saddlewood). There was no Reserve in this Division.

The Starter Freestyle Champion was Charlotte Buffet of the Maple Pony Club, with another Maple entry, Jennifer Nason, in Reserve on Contessa.

Jennifer McKeen picked up her second ribbon of the night as Training Freestyle Champion, with Katlyn Powell of Durham the Reserve on Sundance.



Also winning her second ribbon was Johanna McKeen, the First Level Freestyle Champion. Julia McGill of Durham was Reserve on D'Artagnan.

The High Point award went to Rachel Welsh and Pippi.

Central Ontario Region 2004 Appreciation Certificates went to: Stephanie Rutherford of the Baltimore Hills Pony Club; Rebecca Adrian, Jodi Hunsley, Julia McGill, Kayla Neil, Katelyn Powell, Alyssa Stavrakos and Madison Wilks, all of the Durham Pony Club; Michaela Brown, Roberta Spratt and Sarah Wilson of the Kawartha Pony Club; Sarah Angus, Nikki Ince and Maddy Lang of the King Pony Club, along with a certificate to the King Pony Club itself; Charlotte Buffet and Jennifer Nason of the Maple Pony Club; Jennifer McKeen, Johanna McKeen, Erin Thompson and Rachel Welsh of the Oshawa Pony Club; Whitney Brennan and Laura Parliament of the Uxbridge-Scugog Pony Club; and last (alphabetically only), Jessie Ball, Kylie Figueira, Katlyn Hewson, Kourtney Matysek and Christine Oldridge of the Victoria Pony Club.

Zone Certificates and Badges were awarded to those who represented Central Ontario so well at the Central Zone Dressage Championships. They were: Madison Wilks of Durham, and Oshawa Pony Club members Jennifer McKeen, Johanna McKeen, Erin Thompson and Rachel Welsh.

## Show Jumping

In the Pre-Entry Division A-1, James Cruikshanks of the Uxbridge-Scugog Pony Club was Year-End Points Champion riding Target, with Alexandra Reynolds of the Kawartha Pony Club the Reserve on She's Like the Wind.



The Pre-Entry Division A-2 Champion was William Dow of the Pine Ridge Pony Club on Ava (shown at left at the Uxbridge-Scugog Qualifier at Dreamcrest), with Kaitlin Devoe of the Ajax Pony Club the Reserve riding Van Gogh.

Alexandra Kelly of the Victoria Pony Club was the Pre-Entry B Champion aboard Black Hat (at right, competing at the Uxbridge Qualifier), with the Reserve spot going to Jennalyn Webber of the Simcoe Pony Club riding Chili Pepper.



In the Entry Division, Johanna McKeen of Oshawa was the Champion on Mya (shown at left, again at Dreamcrest), with Sean Cruikshanks of Uxbridge-Scugog in Reserve on Cennabar.

In the Starter Division, Katelyn Powell of Durham was Year-End Champion riding Sundance, and Jessica McVittie of Uxbridge-Scugog was the Reserve on Merrylegs.

Samantha MacDonald of Uxbridge-Scugog was the Beginner Champion aboard Heart of Gold, and Jessica McVittie again took the Reserve Spot, this time riding Rubix Cube.

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

Katie Murray of Durham was the Intermediate Champion on Jamane, with Megan Mattos of the Waussnodae Pony Club the Reserve on Sing Freely.

The overall Year-End High Point Champion was Katelyn Powell, who rode Sundance.

Show Jumping actually awarded Year-End ribbons to tenth place in each Division. These are summarized at the end of this issue.

In addition to the Year-End trophies and plaques, Show Jumping awarded trophies for the Champions at the Regional Show Jumping Finals. They were:

Pre-Entry Division A-1 – Jane Stephenson of Uxbridge-Scugog riding Missy.

Pre-Entry Division A-2 – Kaitlin Devoe of the Ajax Pony Club riding Van Gogh.

Pre-Entry Division B – Holly McGill of Ajax on Champagne Cocktail.

Entry Division – Johanna McKeen of Oshawa on Mya.

Starter Division – Dawn O’Neill of Ajax on Natasha.

Beginner Division – Jessica McVittie of Uxbridge-Scugog on Rubix Cube.

Novice Division – Julia McGill of Durham on D’Artagnan .

Intermediate Division – Katie Murray of Durham on Jamane.

### Tetrathlon

Since Tet is a one-event discipline at the Regional level, its awards are given out at the end of the competition. We nevertheless want to recognize at least the Division winners here.

Among the Senior A Men, first place went to Zac McCue of the Victoria Pony Club. Kendal Lehari of the Toronto & North York Pony Club finished first among the Senior A Women. At the Junior A level there were no overall placings for men. Samantha Galway of the Maple Pony Club finished first among the Junior A women. Sean Cruikshanks of the Uxbridge-Scugog Pony Club was the winner among the Novice Men, with Jasmin Ainsworth of the Pine Ridge Pony Club the winner among the Novice Women. There were no overall placings at the Senior B or Junior B levels among either the men or the women. The individual high point champion was Samantha Galway of the Maple Pony Club. The top team overall was from the Victoria Pony Club.

Zac McCue, who, along with Brittany Emery of Toronto & North York, represented not only the Central Ontario Region but Canada in this year’s International Tetrathlon competition in the United Kingdom and Ireland, gave a brief report.

### Rallies

In the Entry Division, the Champion was Laura Fiume of the King Pony Club, with Christy Chamney of the Maple Pony Club the Reserve.

Kathryn Robertson of the Uxbridge-Scugog Pony Club was the Pre-Training Champion, and Samantha Galway of Maple was the Reserve.

Kitty Baker of the Toronto & North York Pony Club took the honours at the Training level, with Katie Murray of Durham the Reserve.

The Jamieson Family Award, which goes to the competitor competing in the highest level offered at rally, who finishes cross-country the closest to the optimum time, went to Kitty Baker.

### Prince Philip Games

The members of the Champion teams from each level were introduced and presented with spiffy hats. Please note that PPG levels have nothing to do with Pony Club testing levels.

C Division – The winning team was from the Maple Pony Club, and comprised Sarah Nason, Emma Shanks-Skinner, Sarah Smith and Ambre Schlechter.



B Division – Kawartha’s Team 1 (shown at left, again courtesy Foxprint Photography) was the Champion, made up of Brittany Brown, Michaela Brown, Amanda Davis, Callie Evans and Roberta Spratt.

A Division – This was won by a team calling itself the “Left Over Riff-Raff,” believe it or not, because it was made up of players whose Branches had either not enough members to make up a full team, or too many to fit onto only one team. So the Championship was won by a team with members from five different Pony Clubs, as follows (and how they ever practiced nobody knows): Bethany Brown of the Northwoods Pony Club; Shauna Chester of the Temiskaming Pony Club; Thomasin Element of the Pine Ridge Pony Club; Jessica McVittie of the Uxbridge-Scugog Pony Club; and Rebecca Simmons of the Durham Pony Club.

Masters Division – The winners, once again, were the Uxbridge-Scugog Cowboys, a team made up of Brent Couch, Mike Durward, Allison Pascoe, Lisa Pascoe and Lorraine Smith. This team went on to win the Zone Championship, with Jade Stalk (sitting in for the injured Lisa Pascoe) and, for the second time in three years, were Canadian Champions. The picture at right shows one of the Pascoe twins in action (their Mom can probably tell which of them it is but I can’t).



The aforementioned spiffy hats were also awarded to Bill Murray for his work as Steward, and to your obedient servant, this writer, for not garbling the announcing job too thoroughly.

While all these award winners deserve our praise, we would like to single out for special attention the following Pony Clubbers who distinguished themselves in more than one discipline. In alphabetical order:

Sean Cruikshanks of Uxbridge-Scugog – Show Jumping Year-End points Reserve in the Entry Division and Tetrathlon Novice Men winner.

Samantha Galway of Maple – Tetrathlon first place finisher among the Junior Women and overall high point winner, and Pre-Training Reserve Champion for Rallies.

Julia McGill of Durham – First Level Freestyle Reserve in Dressage and Novice Champion in Show Jumping, both for Year-End Points and at the Regional Final.



Johanna McKeen of Oshawa – First Level A Champion and First Level Freestyle Champion in Dressage, and both Year- End Points and Regional Finals Champion in the Entry Division of Show Jumping.

Jessica McVittie of Uxbridge-Scugog – Show Jumping Year-End Points Reserve in both the Starter and Beginner Division (different horses), Regional Show Jumping Finals Beginner Champion, and a member of the “Left Over Riff-Raff” Regional PPG A Division Champions.

Katie Murray of Durham – Intermediate Show Jumping Champion both at the Regional Finals and on a Year-End Points basis, and Training Reserve Champion for Rallies.

Katelyn Powell of Durham – Training Freestyle Reserve in Dressage and both Year-End Points Starter Champion and overall High Points Champion in Show Jumping.

Roberta Spratt of Kawartha – Reserve in the Starter Division of Dressage, and a member of Kawartha’s B level Champion PPG team.

### Karen Meuleman Award

The Karen Meuleman Award is presented annually to the Pony Club member judged to have been the most helpful and involved, based on applications submitted by Branch District Commissioners. This year, we are lucky enough to have the winning application in our computer, and can include it here (and also another photo from Foxprint Photography).

*We have never met anyone that sleeps, eats and breaths pony club and horses like Katie Stephenson. She has been highly active in all aspects of pony club over the last year. Katie achieved both her C2 and B level testing in 2004.*

*In March 2004, Katie helped with the branch quiz project and was a member of Maple’s C level quiz team placing 8<sup>th</sup> with her overall individual score. From March to July, once a week, she co-coached two Maple PPG teams, accepting no remuneration. She was often at the barn extra early to have all the ponies ready for practice and always the last to leave after the last piece of tack was clean and the ponies were fed. Her C team came first overall at the regional finals.*

*Katie showed at both dressage and show jumping qualifiers this year, sometimes showing more than one horse. She was captain of the Maple ‘D’ Rally team, looking after 13 riders plus 9 grooms for the day. She scheduled pre-rally prep meetings and turnout lectures to make sure new members were well informed. Taking an avid interest in coaching this year, Katie prepared many Maple members for their pony club tests, as well as dressage show and Rally preparation. She attended Working Rally as a chaperone. While participating at ‘C’ Rally, she placed 1<sup>st</sup> in dressage and 4<sup>th</sup> overall at the pre-training level.*

*There were many early show mornings that Katie was the first to arrive at the barn to prepare the school ponies and horses for shipping, even if she was not riding herself. This*



*is quite a feat since she lived in downtown Toronto and the barn is in King City. Katie was always the person to ask a question of at the barn. She just seemed to know everything. She is always cheerful and pleasant even after a day of lessons and birthday parties. If you ask Katie for help, she is always there for you, explaining the why of things, so you can do it for yourself next time.*

*Over the year Katie has pursued the prerequisite for her Level 1 Coaching certificate. She took a St. John's first aid course, the "Learn to Teach" course, attended level 1 Coaching Theory and completed 40 mentoring hours in riding, teaching and lunging skills.*

*She has met and exceeded her personal riding goals over the last year, having ridden, competed and tested with five different horses. Katie provides an excellent example of devoted horsemanship to all the younger members in the Maple Pony Club. Katie will be greatly missed around the barn this fall, as she is off to attend university in London, Ontario. Even living in London, she decided to drive a 5 ½ hour round trip, just so she could see her fellow members compete at the Checkmate Horse Trials in September. We believe she is a very worthy candidate for the Karen Meuleman Award.*

*Respectfully submitted by the Maple Pony Club.*

Judging from the applause at the awards banquet, there was general agreement that Katie Stephenson was a fine choice for this year's award.

#### Chair's Award

With many blushes, your humble CORBITS Editor must acknowledge himself as this year's winner, for his work on the Central Ontario Region's Rules and Regulations (four drafts in the Spring and another seven in the Fall – not the fun part of my involvement with Pony Club). Many thanks for this completely unexpected honour.

And if there were an award for the loudest screaming whenever any member of the Branch won anything, that would have gone to Durham.

### **King Pony Club Opens for Musical Ride**

Earlier this year, the King drill team had the wonderful experience of "opening" for the famous RCMP musical ride in Richmond Hill. Shown at left, from front to back, are Sarah Cowie riding Majestic General, Laura Fiume on Maximus, Nikki Ince riding T.C., Maddy Lang on Fat Chance, Mallory Black on Leif Alaric and Kimberly Innes aboard Balmoral. Writes King DC Kate Evans: "*The Mountie experience was great. They rode in front of a combined audience (two shows) of over 5,000 people. In the second show they got to take the salute from the Mounties. Drill has been great for our kids; really team building and fun (they also learn dressage without knowing it – Mwah ha ha ha!) and we're looking forward to doing it with our guys again next year.*"



## More King Pony Club Stuff

In the Communications Report for the October Regional Committee meeting, your humble Editor asked DCs for Branch news and doings. So far, the only material has come from King, and DC Kate Evans actually sent more than I can use. Thank you, Kate. King Pony Club photos contributed by various Parental Units.

King members were quite successful this year, and here's a picture to prove it. This group shot shows nearly all the members (a couple couldn't be there), with the ribbons they won during the 2004 season. Kate reports on some successes outside Pony Club. "Sarah Angus and Waterford (they did Pony Club dressage, including the regional finals this year) finished fifth at the Foggy River Short Course event in June, first at the Equus 3D Horse Trials at the PT 70 level in August and first in the Ontario PT 70 Championships in September. Kimberly Innes and Balmoral (fifth at D Rally at the D1 level) moved up at their next event and finished first in the PT 80 division at the Equus 3D Horse Trials in September. And Laura Fiume (2003 and 2004 Reserve Entry Level Eventing Champion) finished fifth at the Headwaters Horse Trials in the PT 80 division, fourth at D2 Rally and moved up at their next event; they were tenth in their first PT 90 competition at the Equus 3D Horse Trials in September, after going double clear cross-country."



Aside from studying, practicing, preparing, competing, cooling down, etc, Pony Club should be fun and usually is. Here is a picture from the King Halloween party, showing Emily Banks-Ng as a Princess on a Unicorn (T.C.) and Maxime Weiss as a Knight on a Pegasus (Moonlight).

Well, other Branches? We can't promise to include every scrap of news if all of you send in all your news (instead of just one club), but we would love to hear from the rest of you.

## 2005 Quiz Projects

For those of you who want to get a really, really early start on planning your projects for next year's Quiz, here are the topics, already set by Quiz Chair Catherine Barker:

- Parasites
- Teaching beginners



- Bandaging
- Feed and feeding
- Feed supplements
- Riding safety
- Safety when handling medications.

Now in this writer's experience, half the people who have anything to do with Pony Club procrastinate, and the other half fully intend to procrastinate but can never seem to get around to it. If you do get started early, though, there is the obvious benefit that you can put together a knock-out project, and there is another benefit that may not seem so obvious. While the wind howls and the snow flies, you can be working on something that signals Spring, and the start of another riding season, and if you can shut out the sounds of the blizzard, you can almost pretend that Spring will be here soon.

### The Announcer Speaks

Some of you are probably saying to yourself, "Well duh, isn't that what announcers are supposed to do?" Yes, it is, but this announcer just wants to say how much he enjoys his job. This past year it was my pleasure to announce at dressage, show jumping, Prince Philip Games, tetrathlon and D Rally. There's an old Scottish saying that nothing is work unless you would rather be doing something else, so I guess I didn't work all Summer. To all of you who asked me to help with your events, a big thank you, and I look forward very much to grabbing that mike again next season.

## Show Jumping Details

Here are Year End High Point rankings by Division, from first to tenth place. Some Divisions did not have ten entries to rank.

Division	Rider	Pony/Horse	Branch	Total YEP	Ranking
<i>Pre-Entry A-1</i>	James Cruikshanks	Target	Uxbridge-Scugog	39	1
	Alexandra Reynolds	She's Like the Wind	Kawartha	32	2
	Emma LeMay-Nedjelski	Jalapeno	Ajax	24	3
	Jane Stephenson	Missy	Uxbridge-Scugog	23	4
	Kylie Figueira	Go for Cool	Victoria	21	5
<i>Pre-Entry A-2</i>	William Dow	Ava	Pine Ridge	57	1
	Kaitlin Devoe	Van Gogh	Ajax	53	2
	Kristin Cappelletti	Oreo Cookie	Ajax	49	3
	Jennifer Shumilak	Morgana	Ajax	43	4
	Paige Shumilak	Montigo Bay	Ajax	40	5
	Alyssa Stavrakos	Alyssa's Lincoln	Durham	21	6
	Stephanie Thoms	Honey Bee Sweet	Durham	16	7
	Jennifer Nason	That'll Do Pig	Maple	16	7
	Jenna Scott	Tim Bit	Durham	13	9

	Madison Wilks	Mega Cool	Durham	11	10
<i>Pre-Entry B</i>	Alexandra Kelly	Black Hat	Victoria	83	1
	Jennalyn Webber	Chili Pepper	Simcoe	54	2
	Lindsay Devoe	Trigger Appy	Ajax	46	3
	Kristie Abe	Sock it to Me	Ajax	44	4
	Holly McGill	Champagne Cocktail	Ajax	38	5
	James Cruikshanks	Molly Made	Uxbridge- Scugog	37	6
	Amanda Bell	Silverado	Ajax	32	7
	Jennifer McKeen	Colwyn Tegan	Oshawa	17	8
	Ilona Parenteau	Anastasia	Toronto & North York	13	9
	Emily Gillies	Duncan	Ajax	12	10
	Emily Fox	Fancy Pants	Kawartha	12	10
<i>Entry</i>	Johanna McKeen	Mya	Oshawa	115	1
	Sean Cruikshanks	Cennabar	Uxbridge- Scugog	67	2
	Kiri Ipsen	Spice of Life	Ajax	62	3
	Katie Hoppe	Beaverwoods Larkspur	Brooklin	53	4
	Jenna Patterson	Sky	Pine Ridge	49	5
	Sam Elsenaar	Cadbury	Ajax	40	6
	Kayla Neil	Cruiser	Durham	40	6
	Alexandra Kelly	Firefly	Victoria	38	8
	Rachel Goodman	Chestnut Hill Tiffany	Whitchurch	35	9
	Melanie Grant	Silver Edition	Uxbridge- Scugog	26	10
<i>Starter</i>	Katelyn Powell	Sundance	Durham	117	1
	Jessica McVittie	Merrylegs	Uxbridge- Scugog	81	2
	Erika Belanger	Rainbow Connection	Ajax	66	3
	Meagan Christou	Royal China	Oshawa	58	4
	Dawn O'Neill	Natasha	Ajax	54	5
	Laura Parliament	Star	Uxbridge- Scugog	50	6
	Jessica Figas	Simply a Miracle	Kawartha	37	7
	Laura Grant	Rambling Rose	Ajax	35	8
	Andrea McGill	Phoenix Rising	Durham	27	9
	Whitney Brennan	Karoo	Uxbridge- Scugog	21	10
<i>Beginner</i>	Samantha MacDonald	Heart of Gold	Uxbridge- Scugog	75	1
	Jessica McVittie	Rubix Cube	Uxbridge- Scugog	66	2
	D'Arcy Hutcheson	Irish Park's Fair	Centaurus	30	3

		Erin			
	Sarah McBride	Little Bob Dodger	Victoria	26	4
	Mori Cruikshanks	Aragorn	Uxbridge- Scugog	19	5
	Andrea Edwards	Alcatraz	Uxbridge- Scugog	18	6
	Rachel McGibbon	Diamond in the Ruff	Durham	3	7
<i>Novice</i>	Julia McGill	D'Artagnan	Durham	33	1
<i>Intermediate</i>	Katie Murray	Jamane	Durham	48	1
	Megan Mattos	Sing Freely	Waussnodae	21	2
	Andrea Edwards	Romeo	Uxbridge- Scugog	2	3
	Callie Evans	Roxy	Kawartha	1	4