



# COR BITS

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## Fall 2006

### Awards Banquet

October 28 was a frosty Saturday, but that did not stop a crowd of COR members (Active and Associate) from making their way to Peterborough for the annual Awards Banquet, hosted this year by the Waussnodae Pony Club. Following a yummy buffet dinner, many of the Regional Awards were presented. We are pleased to report on most of these, and also on the Rally awards that could not be presented at the banquet due to an unfortunate communications breakdown.

### Dressage

(From the minutes of the October 14 Regional Committee meeting).

Here are the year-end award winners for 2006.

The Entry level Champion was Sarah Smith of Maple, with Emma Pasianotto of King the Reserve. At the Starter level, Jane Stephenson of Uxbridge-Scugog was the Champion and Riika Kojola of Maple was the Reserve. Emma Pasianotto was the Starter Freestyle Champion, with Janene Howran of Kawartha the Reserve. At the Pre-Training level, Maya Kenedy of Maple was Champion and Jennifer Pett of Victoria was the Reserve. The Pre-Training Freestyle Champion was Sarah Nason of Maple, with Hillary Howran of Kawartha the Reserve. Jenna Scott of Durham was the Training level Champion, with Jennifer McKeen of Oshawa the Reserve. The First Level A Champion was Madison Wilks of Durham, Christy Chamney of Maple the Reserve. The First Level Freestyle had only a Champion, who was Emily Boyce of Maple. And the First Level B Champion was Kayla Neil of Durham, still no Reserves in sight. The Second Level B declared both a Champion and a Reserve; Johanna McKeen of Oshawa was the Champion, and Megan Mattos of Waussnodae was the Reserve. Johanna McKeen was also the Second Level Freestyle Champion, with no Reserve.

The Wes Goff Memorial Trophy for high-point average went to Jane Stephenson and Merrylegs.

### Prince Philip Games

The C Division champs were a mixed Simcoe/Temiskaming Pony Clubs team, whose members were Kanika Mountain, Chloe Raitt, Kayla Weber, Lindsay Weber and Amy Westlund.

In the B Division, the honours went to the Uxbridge-Scugog Blazing Saddles, which comprised Steven Hall, Kailey Rigelhof, Andrea Van Veghel, Jessica Van Vliet and Natalie Waters.

The A Division champs were the Uxbridge-Scugog Hoof Hearted team - the one whose name your humble announcer had to pronounce very carefully all season - made up of James Cruikshanks, Sean Cruikshanks, Luke Durward, Kaylin Nauta and Madison Reeves. This team went on to win the Canadian National Championship. We should also note at this point that Madison Reeves and Luke Durward tried out for, and made, the 2007 Canadian team for the International Mounted Games Exchange.

And in the Masters Division, we find a familiar name at the top of the list - this year's edition of the Uxbridge-Scugog Cowboys. The members of this team were Mori Cruikshanks, Jesse Durward, Mike Durward, Jessica McVittie and Laura Parliament. Like their younger colleagues, the Cowboys also won the Canadian National Championship.

## National Quiz

Central Ontario sent A/B and C teams to National Quiz in Saskatchewan over Thanksgiving weekend. The A/B teams finished third and sixth, with the C team fifth. Maya Kenedy of the Maple Pony Club finished third in the A/B individual standings, with Megan Mattos of Waussnodae 12th, Allison Birdsall of Uxbridge-Scugog 17th and Katie Stephenson of Maple 24th. Among the C group, our team of Alicia Cantin (Eglinton), Carolyn Wright (Prince Edward County), Kyra Holmes (Maple) and Dawn O'Neill (Ajax) all finished in the top half of the individual standings, with Alicia leading the way at tenth.



Since there was no American team this year, the North American Challenge was between the four top individuals from each Zone in the A/Bs, and the top individuals from each Zone in the Cs. Maya Kenedy was the top individual from our Zone in the A/Bs, and her team won the Challenge.

Here we see team members displaying COR's usual high standard of dignified and ladylike (or gentlemanly) deportment.

All kidding aside, well done, Quiz-Kids!

Full results are in the "Notices" section of the Canadian Pony Club home page.

## **Rallies**

At the D1 level, the overall winner was Kristina Brown of the Maple Pony Club, riding Flubberbunny.

The D2 winner was Jennifer Nason, also of Maple, on Faolin Ruadh.

The Pre-Training winner was yet another Maple rider, Sophie Kalpin, riding Blue Executive.

At the Training level, the honours went to Katie Stephenson of guess where (yes, Maple!) on Tybalt.

Completing Maple's sweep, Samantha Galway won the Jamieson Trophy, for the cross-country time closest to the optimum, riding Fair Thee Well.

## **Show Jumping**

At the Pre-Entry A1 level, the Champion was Colin Oldridge of Victoria riding Snow Pony Jack Pine, and the Reserve was Brigid Goulem of Kawartha on Precious Poco. The Pre-Entry A2 Champion was Cassandra Sloan of Oshawa, who rode Royal China; the Reserve was Mary Reynolds of Ajax aboard Spice of Life. The Pre-Entry B honours went to Sarah McDonnell of Ajax on Jalapeno, with another Ajax rider, Jessica Clark, the Reserve on Natasha. Carolyn Russell-Polyquin was the Pre-Entry Schooling Division Champion, with Julia McGill of Durham the Reserve on Dressed to Kill. In the Entry Division, Alexandra Reynolds of Kawartha was the Champion on She's Like the Wind, and Rachel Goodman of Whitchurch was the Reserve on Chestnut Hill Tiffany. The Starter Champion was Jane Stephenson of Uxbridge-Scugog on Merrylegs, with Stephanie Dejong of Pine Ridge the Reserve riding Cool Hand Luke. Jennifer McKeen of Oshawa was the Beginner Champion on Mya, with Rebecca Adrian of Kawartha the Reserve on Narhan's Gift. In the Novice Division, Andrea McGill of Durham was the Champion on Phoenix Rising, with Hannah Bailey of Victoria the Reserve on Let's Rumba. The Intermediate Champion was Katie Murray of Durham on Pennywise, with Emily Mitchell of Maple the Reserve on Love at First Bite. Finally, the Advanced Division Champion was Jenna Patterson of Pine Ridge on Mr. Ed, with Jennalyn Weber of Uxbridge-Scugog the Reserve riding My Prince Charming.

## **Tetrathlon**

Although COR did not have a Regional Tetrathlon this year, we sent four Juniors to National Tetrathlon, with selection based on past performance in both Tet and eventing.

The COR representatives were Kaylin Nauta, Natalie Waters and Luke Durward, all from Uxbridge-Scugog, and Amber Wavryk of Maple. Luke won the Junior Men Division, and Amber tied for third among the Junior Women, but lost a coin toss and was awarded fourth place. While Kaylin and Natalie were not in the ribbons, Regional Tetrathlon Chair Sarah Doucette-Jackman reports that all of our COR competitors did very well and were complimented by National Tetrathlon Chair Gay Hansen.

## **The Karen Meuleman Award**

Here is Marg O'Neill's presentation speech, for this year's winner.

Karen Meuleman was a member of the Leitchcroft Pony Club branch who was part of a severe motor accident on her way to enter a dressage show in March 1989. This memorial

award was created by the Leitchcroft Pony Club branch in memory of Karen. As the branch is now retired, due to the sale of the property known as Leitchcroft Farm, the branch has given the award to the Central Ontario Region.

Recipients of the award can be of any level within Pony Club and from any branch within the Region. The winner will be a member who best meets the ideals of Pony Club in his/her participation in activities, sportsmanship and effort, support of others and progress in riding and horsemanship during the current year.

This year it is my privilege to present the Leitchcroft Pony Club's Karen Meuleman Memorial Award to a young lady who has been nominated by her Club and her District Commissioner to receive this award.

This young rider has been a member of Pony Club since she was seven. She has grown into an outstanding member of her club and is a reliable volunteer and is the first to sign up for all branch activities and is constantly there for her peers and juniors.

Nothing has been handed to this young lady. Everything she has achieved has been through hard work and initiative. She has worked many years on weekends to buy her own horse, she took the initiative and applied for an O.E.F. Bursary and received a grant to help pay for her lessons and show season.

She has qualified to go to National Quiz at C Level, she organized D Rally practices for her club and organized the musical routine at C Rally.

Her consideration, enthusiasm, dedication and hard work has proven her as a great role model for all Pony Clubbers.

It is for these reasons that Samantha Molson of Whitchurch Pony Club has been chosen to receive the Karen Meuleman Memorial Award.

### **The Gillian Towrie Award**

To come

### **"Double Dippers"**

Several young people distinguished themselves in more than one discipline during 2006, and these get a special salute. In alphabetical order, they are Luke Durward of Uxbridge-Scugog (PPG and Tetrathlon), Maya Kenedy of Maple (Dressage and Quiz), Megan Mattos of Waussnodae (also Dressage and Quiz), Kaylin Nauta of Uxbridge-Scugog (PPG and Tetrathlon), Jane Stephenson of Uxbridge-Scugog (Dressage and Show Jumping, plus the Gillian Towrie Award and the Wes Goff Memorial Trophy), Katie Stephenson of Maple (Quiz and Rally) and Natalie Waters of Uxbridge-Scugog (PPG and Tetrathlon).

### **Double Gold for Kendal Leharie of TNY at North American Junior Young Riders**

Well, this sequence of items goes double, double, and probably covers a heck of a lot of toil, but there is no sign of trouble. Toronto & North York member Kendal Lehari took both the team and individual gold medals at the Junior Young Riders CCI 1\* in Lexington, Kentucky this summer. Kendal and her mount Understudy led from start to finish, with a

final score of 40.0, which was 20.4 points ahead of the silver medalist. Next year, Kendal hopes to be on the two star championship team at Young Riders.

Additionally, Kendal was named November 24 as one of the recipients of the 2006 Canadian Eventing Athlete Development Scholarships, worth \$1,000. (One of the other two winners, Lisa Marie Fergusson of Langley, BC, is also a Pony Club member.)

Congratulations to Kendal!

## **PPG at the Royal Winter Fair**

For the past few years, Pony Club has been invited to put on a demonstration of PPG at the Royal Winter Fair. Until this year, this was confined to the tiny ring situated in the shopping concourse. On Sunday, November 13, for the first time in many years, there was PPG in the main ring, as part of the closing afternoon events (the Royal used to host the Canadian A Championships every year, and in fact the Canadian Prince Philip Cup can only be presented to the A winners in years when the Championship takes place at the Royal). COR was represented by the Uxbridge-Scugog Hoof-Hearteds, the national A Champions, and by the Uxbridge-Scugog Cowboys, the national Masters Champions.

Western Ontario Region sent teams from the Guelph and Grand River Pony Clubs, both including A Division and Masters players, and with two London Pony Club members on loan to Grand River.

Our demonstration followed the popular Super Dogs show for which the stands were full - and noisy. Unfortunately, it seems that many people had come specifically to see the dogs, and by the time we got their props out of the ring and ours in, the stands were not so full as they had been. Still, it seems certain that many more people were able to watch PPG at this year's Royal than in the years when it was held in the shopping area.

It was also unfortunate that the announcer (your humble editor) did not have time to use all the biographical information so generously supplied by the team members. By the time I got to that, the teams were running their warm-up bending race, and it seemed more important to explain to the people in the stands what was going on. I am not sure that any of you, gentle readers, would want to plow through the bios for 22 kids (two of the teams brought extra players), but I do want to include a thank-you that Guelph asked me to announce, and which I didn't get time to deliver. All but one of the ponies used by the Guelph team in the demonstration were both provided and transported by Old Orchard Farm of Moffat, Ontario, courtesy of Linda Hale, and the least we can do is acknowledge that here in CORBits. It may not be the same as an announcement to the crowd at the Royal, but it is better than nothing, I hope.

The teams played ten games, and, for the very unofficial record, the Hoof-Hearteds carried the day - handily - thus giving assorted younger siblings, cousins and friends bragging rights for the next year (at least!) in many Uxbridge-Scugog households.

## **Reports from the COR Annual General Meeting**

Many of the reports presented to the Annual General Meeting are available for downloading from the members-only section of the COR website. Here are the reports from Debi Robertson, our Regional Chair and National Director - first the National report and then the Chair's report. These are important. Please read them and take action accordingly.

## **NATIONAL REPORT**

The semi-annual meetings started at 1:00 p.m. on Fri. Nov 10th and finished on Sun Nov 12th at 12:00 noon. It was a very enlightening weekend with lots of topics discussed and some interesting information brought to forward.

### 1. Awards -current presentations

Pony club graduates 2006

Dawn O'Neill Ajax

Jessica Figas Kawartha

Sarah Angus King

Katie Stephenson Maple

Philip Lewis Maple

Allison Birdsall Uxbridge-Scugog

Michael Durward Uxbridge-Scugog

James Mccue Victoria

Megan Mattos Waussnodae

10 year pins

Jenny Fulton Baltimore Hills

Michelle Nearing Baltimore Hills

Alicia Cantin Eglinton

Bethany Brown Northwoods

Johanna McKeen Oshawa

Kendal Lehari Toronto North York

Tristan Lehari Toronto North York

Allison Birdsall Uxbridge-Scugog

Jessica McVittie Uxbridge-Scugog

Darlene Smith Uxbridge-Scugog

Jessie Ball Victoria

-5 and 10 year volunteer pins to be added to the store

-I need to know your volunteer year status ie; how many years? Have you received a pin?

## 2. New board of directors

National Chair John Moehring

Vice Mitch Gunn

Finance Mitch Gunn

Secretary Judy Allen

Treasurer Phil Crowe

Active member east Danielle Bechard

Active member west Isabelle Forsstrom

Education George Gale-Kidd

Testing Gwen Barnes

Communications Liz Inglis

Disciplines Cheryl Leask

Dressage Karen Monaghan

SJ Billi Solverson

PPG Alison Rainford

Tet Liz Tennent

Rally Jan Jamieson

Quiz Carol Weiler

3. There are changes to the examiners workshop. I will let Gwen discuss with her report.

4. Like the conference we had in Toronto at the beginning of the year there will be one out west and out east for the DCs. Etc. We will be having our own.

5. 2009 is our 75th year for Canadian Pony Club. There is a ton of stuff being planned. It does not exclude what we would like to do as a Region. Your thoughts on that would be appreciated. If you have ideas for National let me know. Also we are trying to finish up the Wall of Fame and Alumni List. If you know of anyone please have them get in touch with Liz Inglis at National to update their information.

6. There was one change brought to the Affiliate membership criteria that was passed this year and that is you do not have to have been in it for the three years prior to graduation. Also a motion was received to have it completely opened up. National will have to check on our 'non-profit' status and our 'youth organization' status before this can be acted on.

7. Insurance questions about borrowed horses and trailering.

8. A presentation was made by Alison Rainford to the board about the fact that PPG international are only every two years and they are wishing it to be moved back to every year. This decision was made by all the countries concerned for financial reasons. Canada will take the request back to the International Pony Club and the countries involved to see what their current status is on the issue. We knew the decision would not be received with cheering but we were not the only ones involved. Will not likely be till spring.

9. Early renewal forms for the PSO's. Can be done on-line. Make sure all the information is there. If you are mailing mark it pony club on the outside of the envelope. This needs to be done ASAP if you want the OEF to keep allowing us to do it this way.

10. Next year (2008) there will be a different consent form to sign. The risk form will include a phrase allowing for photo and name use automatically with the privacy policy attached by web site.

11. If you know of someone who would qualify for a National award, honorary life member etc. please get that name to Val at national at least 4 weeks prior to the AGM which is March 30th.

12. North Atlantic Rally Exchange (NARE) THIS IS NOT EVENTING RALLY AS WE KNOW IT. This happening in 2008. It includes clinics (possibly Trec) education, tours, billeting. Anyone in pony club that fits the criteria is qualified to apply. Watch for the application on the National site.

13. There is a new trophy that has been donated to National and it will be used to recognize all members who receive their full A status. It is called the Rockwell Princess Elizabeth Challenge Trophy. It was donated by Dick Rockwell in honour of his wife who was the first A in Canada and a Honourary Life Director and a Honourary Life Member. If you know of anybody in the past who would qualify please get in touch with Liz Inglis.

14. The written A test for next year Jan 11-15th 2007

15. Jenn we need to submit our financial reports to National.

16. A committee has been struck which includes our two youth reps to look into the possibility of setting up a National Uniform to be used for international trips. All input is appreciated, so have the kids get in touch with their youth rep and she can pass on the information.

17. Change to Tet rules.

18. Change to Bylaws about the management committee.

19. Calendars for next year pictures must be to "Bill"? on disc by March 10th. Older pictures can be used providing consents are in order. At this point there was no consensus to increase the order. This raised \$26,000. To be ear-marked for a youth conference. It was



agreed that it should not be used for operating monies. It also raised \$26,000 for the branches or regions depending on what the region decided.

## **CHAIR'S REPORT**

2006 has been a busy and successful year. The regional board members have all worked hard to bring about excellent competitions and educational opportunities. We started with the disciplines conference which brought about new rules in most disciplines and some new ideas. To Central Ontario's credit, we have lead the way in most of these changes being active and encouraging to all of our own members as well as the regions around us. This has allowed us to share our expertise with regions as far away as Nova Scotia and build bridges with our neighbors. This region is truly an awesome area to be in.

However, closer to home, as in within our own region we have some issues that need addressing. My main concern is with the DCs of the branches. They are not fulfilling their responsibilities by attending the meetings and passing on the information. When someone has to hear about our own banquet at National Quiz there is a huge problem. Every bit of information no matter how trivial to the DC must be passed on. Someone in your club wants to know about what is going on. It also showed in the lack of participation by the clubs and their parents in helping to run a regional event. These things just don't happen; they require a lot of work and assistance. Parents must realize that they are part of the team. If not then start looking else where for people to organize your events. Lack of communication also shows in the number of rude and I mean really rude parents who do not understand the rules and regs and take it upon themselves to start harassing volunteers. This will not happen again.

In January we are having our DC/parent conference. There will be no reason in the future for anyone to be ignorant of what is happening in COR. Make sure your parents and new DCs/ADCs or anyone that is the least interested attends the conference.

Financial issues have been another item that has come to my attention on several occasions this year. There should never be an occasion where a club cheque bounces. Your money must be ready to honor the cheque for your participation. I have suggested that the people running the shows stick to their deadlines so that last minute finances do not get fiddled.

Minutes of meetings. I can count on one hand the clubs who have sent me their minutes. I do not particularly like to spend my time reading these but this is an insurance issue. I have asked National for direction on this and according to them, any club not handing in their minutes is to be suspended immediately. You all know who you are and I will be making a list for publication on the site. At this point in time you need to get to me your minutes from your meetings of 2006, your branch report and your financial statement. National was going to put a financial outline on the site for you. I am not losing my house because you guys cannot read your requirements nor bother to pass on that information. Include me in your e-mail list and then it is all taken care of. I will expect something each month even if you do not have a meeting. You can send me a summary of 'we did nothing this month'.

Insurance is driving this industry crazy but it is driving this industry. You must follow the rules and regs. Read them.

Respectfully submitted

Debi Robertson