



COR BITS

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Season Highlights

COR and COR members had a very eventful season with many highlights. Here are a few samples, reported in roughly chronological order.

International Quiz

Maya Kenedy of the Maple Pony Club returned victorious from the United States Pony Club Championships and Festival at the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington, Kentucky,



where she was a member of the Canadian Quiz team. The other members of Team Canada were Amanda Penner (Manitoba Region), Clara Sellers (SLOV) and Kristen Bueckert (Saskatchewan). Canada defeated teams from the United States and Great Britain in a multi-phase contest the weekend of July 28-29.

First up was the "Barn" phase, in which competitors were asked individual and team questions testing their practical knowledge in horse management. Next was the "Mega Room" phase, or Identification Tables. Eight tables of ten items were presented, each with a three minute time limit in which the competitors had to identify and correctly label each object individually. The classroom phase followed, consisting of seven rounds of individual oral questions. The written phase encompassed several topics, ranging from poisonous plants to conditioning. The final phase, "Stations," was similar to the "Mega Room" phase, but was completed as a team and required them to apply their knowledge of many different aspects of horse care and competition. The Canadian Team took the gold medal with 727 points, placing first in every phase, with the United States 67 points behind to win silver, and Great Britain taking the bronze four points behind the USA.

National PPG Championships

Teams from the Uxbridge-Scugog Pony Club won both the national PPG A and masters championships this year, as they had in 2006.

For a change, COR was not represented at the masters level by the 2007 edition of the famous "Cowboys". Instead, the "Black & White" team won the regional, zone and national championship, competing in Nova Scotia for the national title.

As shown at right, the members of the "Black and White" team are Samantha MacDonald, Kendra Abbey, Jocelyn Donaldson, Coach Jeff Couch, Mori Cruickshanks and Mitchell Hall, along with one of the Nova Scotia organizers, unfortunately not identified.



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In September, the Uxbridge-Scugog "Eh" team completed the sweep on behalf of COR in Edmonton. The members of the "Eh" team are James and Sean Cruikshanks, Chelsea Geer, Stephen Hall and Jane Stephenson, coached by Michelle Cruikshanks. Because of an injury to Ms Stephenson, the other four riders had to ride every race - 20 games, five per session. They faced the challenge straight on, and after the first two sessions, had a mere two point lead over one of the local teams. However, they hit their stride in the afternoon sessions, and won seven out of ten races during this time - enough to widen the gap over the mixed Alberta North team to seven points. In all, the Uxbridge-Scugog team won 11 of 20 races, and finished second in another four - an exceptionally strong performance.

National Show Jumping Championships

Here is a report from Andrea McGill about the National Show Jumping Championships. "This year I had the honour of representing Central Ontario Region in the first National Medals competition. This event was hosted by the Alberta North Region in Edmonton, Alberta from June 28- July 2. The competition consisted of a flat ride test, similar to a dressage test, but taboo to call it that according to Billi Solverson, the National Show Jumping chair, a gymnastics phase and an over fences phase. The horses were drawn from a pool generously provided by local Pony Clubbers. There was a vast array of talent and unfortunately the first horse I drew was incredibly green and not well suited to the competition. After riding her in the flat phase she was considered unsuitably to continue. I then had the pleasure of sharing a horse named Aqaba, but had only five minutes to get to know him before my gymnastics ride. It didn't go as well as I had hoped, but he was alot of

fun to ride and certainly much safer. By the time we did the over fences phase I had figured out some of his quirks and we had a great ride, finishing second. After these phases were



completed the top four went onto the "switch" phase. I had tied for fourth, but Aqaba could not be ridden by two people so the tie was broken based on the first phase. The switch was very interesting and I would loved to have ridden in it, but I was happy with fifth overall considering the horse I started with.

"We billeted with a great family for the entire time, were able to shop (twice!!) at the West Edmonton Mall and the weather was fantastic. I made friends at this show that I will have for a long time. It was a great experience and I would encourage any Pony Clubbers who feel their horse is ready to try a 3 ft and over division to try to get to a National competition. Thanks COR for allowing me to represent you. Andrea McGill"

Here we see Andrea on Aqaba, studying for the gymnastics phase.

National Tetrathlon



The 2007 National Tetrathlon was held August 6th - 9th in Lacombe, Alberta, just north of Red Deer (Alberta Central Region, and hosted by Alberta South).

COR was represented by two Maple Pony Club members: Amber Wavryk, competing in the Senior Division, and Kristen Wavryk, competing in the Junior Division. A total of 34 competitors attended from across Canada.

Amber, who attended Nationals last year as a junior, placed fifth overall out of 17 competitors with a fifth in the shoot and the swim, 11th in the run and seventh in the ride. She rode a 17 year old, 16.3hh mare named Solitaire, a veteran of many Pentathlon and Tetrathlon competitions, and successfully completed a 15 jump stadium course (including a

triple and a double). Other than a stop at the water, she had a very successful cross country round as well. That's Amber in the picture on your left.

Kristen, attending Nationals for the first time, placed fourth overall out of 16 competitors with a fifth in the shoot, 11th in the swim, second in the run and eighth in the ride. She rode a cute little 13.3hh dapple grey mare name Mustang Sally from B.C., and successfully completed a 12 jump stadium course, but had one stop on cross country at a "maxed" bench.

Their combined team of COR and Alberta South placed eighth ,which was an exceptional feat as one of the Alberta South participants was only able to compete in the shoot. Unfortunately, she had a fall in stadium and was unable complete the rest of the competition.

Le TREC

Your humble editor has to be especially humble about Le TREC. He originally thought that this fun day would not even be interesting enough to the media to warrant a press release, was just going to cover it in CORBits, and was only persuaded to send out an announcement at the September 15 regional meeting. This announcement release drew excited replies from Publishers of the Equine Canada newsletter, "HorseLife", and "Pets and Animals" magazine. Both asked for stories and photos, and both got them (different ones, and not those used below). At time of writing this CORBits, we do not know what "Pets and Animals" has in mind, but "HorseLife" is devoting two pages to our COR Le TREC Fun Day in its November issue.

In the picture on the right, Lauren Sergejewich, Shay Lucas and Mega O'Hara of the Maple "Thoroughbreds" D team struggle with "Thread the Needle" in Phase A. They have to hold hands while passing the hula hoop around and over each person, until it is back where it started. Molly White-Williams, the remaining Thoroughbred, seems happy that she doesn't have to help her teammates hoop it up, so to speak.

Phase A included plenty of games, with prizes for every contestant. Perhaps Molly is gloating over getting a "free" prize for this station. Well, wouldn't you gloat? Yr. hbl. ed. knows he sure would.





At left, Maddy Fontein of another Maple team, the "Morgans" rides the mighty Tootles in Phase B. In this phase, each team member had to trot or canter (depending on testing level) up a slight incline marked by traffic cones, and do it as slowly as they could without dropping down a gait. Then they had to turn

around and go back downhill at the fastest walk they could, without breaking into a trot. Of course, a few of the ponies decided that the traffic cones were secretly plotting to eat ponies for brunch, and took the appropriate non-action. If there had been a police officer around, some of the ponies would have been prohibited from operating a motor vehicle for the next 24 hours.

There are over 300 photos of Central Ontario's Le TREC posted on the web, between Foxprints.ca and <http://s216.photobucket.com/albums/cc38/ellulsl2/> and it is pure coincidence that y.h.e. chose two both showing Maple members. The fact that both photos are irresistably cute may have had a little to do with it.

National Dressage Championships

Central Ontario Region hosted the first ever "face-to-face" national dressage championships at Saddlewood Equestrian Centre in mid-October. Until this year, Pony Club members from across Canada have submitted tests from various shows, with the highest test scores winning the championships in each division. The obvious problem was that some judges are more liberal than others, so that it sometimes became a case of comparing apples vs. oranges.

At the Pony Club level, it is not practical to ship horses and ponies across the country, so the competitors rode mounts borrowed for the occasion. Some of the COR competitors loaned their own horses, but of course were not allowed to ride them. Friday was horse try-out day, followed by two days of competition. On Saturday, the competitors rode two technical tests for their divisions, using a different horse for each test. They also sat a written exam. On Sunday, they rode "mystery tests." That is, the competitors did not know what test they were going to have to ride, and had to work exclusively with the caller, National Dressage Chair Kasia Miedzinska. The only "clue" they got was that Ms. Miedzinska told them what gait they were to use when entering the ring (okay, entering at A was a gimme). Each rider used a different test, scoured from all over the world using the internet. Each of these tests and the exam counted for part of the total score, with two points being reserved for turn-out.

Central Ontario, as the host region, was allowed extra competitors, and generally these riders did quite well. Alycia McCracken of Simcoe was Starter Champion and Janene Howran of Kawartha placed third in this division. At the Pre-Training level, the Champion was Justine Blocksdorf of Rising Star, with Hilary Howran of Kawartha the Reserve. Jennifer McKeen of Oshawa, D'Arcy Hutcheson of Centaurus and Carolyn Russell-Poliquin of Oshawa placed third, fifth and sixth, respectively, in the Training Division. Madison Wilks of Durham was third in the First Level competition, and Johanna McKeen of Oshawa was the Second Level Champion. There were also "technical" awards, based on the Saturday tests. Alycia McCracken was also the Starter Technical Champion; Justine



Blocksdorf was Technical Reserve in Pre-Training; D'Arcy Hutcheson was Technical Reserve in Training; Madison Wilks was Technical Champion in First Level and Johanna McKeen was Technical Champion in Second Level.

Here are the COR competitors holding their considerable swag. Well done, all!

As well as the regular competition, Sunday also featured a special exhibition. Having competed against each other all day, these young riders spent a cold and rainy Saturday night forming themselves into a coast-to-coast CPC "air-horse" (i.e. unmounted) drill team, and developing a goofy mock-drill routine. This they performed on Sunday, after the competition, for the amusement of the judge, the spectators and (most of all, we suspect) themselves. Is that an extended prance? Is it a collected moonwalk? You must each decide for yourself.



At the presentations, the Champion and Reserve of each division had to

perform a pas de deux victory lap around the presentation area at the same gait(s?), to songs by Elvis Presley, while the other competitors cheered them to the rafters.

The motto of the Canadian Pony Club is "Character, Loyalty, Sportsmanship." The show did not afford much opportunity to display loyalty, but we saw plenty of character and sportsmanship, with full measures of good humour and high spirits thrown in to leaven the mix.

National Quiz

Here is how Central Ontario's representatives made out at the Canadian Pony Club National Quiz, held in Alberta North on Thanksgiving weekend.

Leading the way at the A/B level was (surprise!) Maya Kenedy of the Maple Pony Club, who finished in third place among the individuals, but was less than a half point out of first.



Two other Maple members, Alicia Cantin and Christy Chamney, finished 14th and 15th, respectively. These three formed a mixed Central Ontario/Saskatchewan team with the addition of Zoe Macdougall of the Heartland Pony Club, and finished third in the team competition.

Our C level representatives did not fare quite as well. Yet another Maple member, Kyra Holmes, was the top Central Ontario competitor among the individual C standings, in 19th place.

Carolyn Wight of the Northumberland finished in 30th place, Stephanie Kalogris of the Ajax Pony Club was 39th, and Angie Moorcroft, also from Ajax, was 48th. The Central Ontario C team finished 9th.

It certainly looks as though they enjoyed themselves!

The Great CORBits Contest!

Yes, for the first time ever, the readers of CORBits are invited to enter a contest. First, the usual disclaimer. If it were on tv it would sound something like this (to be read aloud as fast as you can go without breaking into a trot):

Must-be-of-legal-drinking-age-entry-forms-in-sealed-cartons-which-are-not-even-brought-out-of-the-back-room-until-you-have-paid-for-them-no-purchase-necessary-yeah-right.

No, wait! That must have snuck over from some beer contest. Ours is completely different except for the "no purchase necessary" part, and, unlike that other contest, we really mean it. There are no cartons or back rooms involved, and you certainly do not have to be of legal drinking age. To enter our contest, you just have to pretend that you are a dressage judge and write a final comment on the test form for the air-horse drill team, based on the picture above. E-mail it to [your humble editor \(bobinglis@technalysis.on.ca\)](mailto:your_humble_editor(bobinglis@technalysis.on.ca)) with "CORBits contest entry" as the subject line. The funniest will be published in the next issue. If we can scare up a budget, there may even be a prize (but if you win, please try not to gloat).

Awards Banquet

We held our annual awards banquet October 27 in Peterborough, following a rare afternoon meeting of the Regional Committee. The event was jointly organized by the Kawartha and Waussnodae Pony Clubs, and both deserve our thanks for a whole lot of hard work. The dinner was up to the usual standard, the silent auction looked bigger and better than ever, and many awards were presented, as outlined below. Your humble editor cannot comment on the music or the dancing, since he and his spouse left right after the awards, to go home and study for our upcoming Codgers Third Class exam.

Show Jumping

Show Jumping hands out awards to 10th place (when there are enough competitors) in each division. Here are the standings for 2007.

Show Jumping Pre-Entry A1: Colin Oldridge of Victoria was Champion on Snow Pony Jack Pine, with Rachel Scott, also of Victoria, the Reserve on Magic Peanut (no other placings).

Show Jumping Pre-Entry A2:

Place	Rider	Pony	Branch
Champion	Dalton Wright	Pollyanna	Durham
Reserve	Allison Loveridge	Hasty Lady	Durham
3	Kayla Weber	Dad's Fancy Prince	Rising Star
4	Lindsay Weber	Easter Bunny	Rising Star
5	Brittany Reid	Classic Combination	Brooklin
6	Allyson Kollaard	Freddy	Waussnodae
7	Kristen Hall	Willow	Brooklin
8	Michael McLaughlin	Duncan	Brooklin

Show Jumping Pre-Entry B:

Place	Rider	Pony	Branch
Champion	Kailey Rigelhof	Jellada	Uxbridge-Scugog
Reserve	Katherine Earle	Trigger Appy	Ajax

3	Brigid Goulem	Precious Poco	Kawartha
4	Stacy Bootsma	Reeses Pieces	Rising Star
5	Courtney Coons	Silverado	Ajax
6	Lindsay Tucker	Morgana	Ajax
7	Meg Scott	Chip	Victoria
8	Stephanie Kalogris	Champagne Cocktail	Ajax
9	Liz Levin	Scout	Ajax
10	Mary Reynolds	Van Gogh	Ajax

Show Jumping Pre-Entry Schooling:

Place	Rider	Horse/Pony	Branch
Champion	Johanna McKeen	Millie	Oshawa
Reserve	Meagan Christou	Hyper Power!	Oshawa
3	Jane Stephenson	Eli	Uxbridge-Scugog
4	Christine Oldridge	Air Express	Victoria

Show Jumping Entry:

Place	Rider	Horse/Pony	Branch
Champion	Kylie Figueira	Raven	Victoria
Reserve (tied)	Emily Lindsay	Tarragon	Rising Star
Reserve (tied)	Lisa Williamson	Athena	Brooklin
4	Janene Howran	Zia's Tattered Lace	Kawartha
5	Angie Moorcroft	Spice of Life	Ajax
6	Hilary Howran	MacKeeba	Kawartha
7	Kendra Abbey	Willow	Uxbridge-Scugog
8	Jessica Montebello	Apollo	Brooklin
9	Nicole Russell-Poliquin	Driving Miss Daisy	Oshawa
10 (tied)	Jennifer Pett	Thunder	Victoria
10 (tied)	Kassandra Sloan	Royal China	Oshawa

Show Jumping Starter:

Place	Rider	Horse	Branch
Champion	Madison Wilks	Mega Cool	Durham
Reserve	Karen Foell	Delicately Refined	Toronto & North York
3	Nikki Ince	Maximus	King
4	Karly Coles	Rocky	Brooklin

5	Stephen Hall	Prospect's Petronus	Uxbridge-Scugog
6	Brynn Jobb	Clyde	Brooklin
7	Emily White-Williams	Flubber Bunny	Maple
8	Emily Lindsay	JP	Rising Star
9	Alyssa Stavrakos	Alyssa's Lincoln	Durham
10	Maddy Lang	Balmoral	King

Show Jumping Beginner:

Place	Rider	Horse	Branch
Champion	Jennifer McKeen	Mya	Oshawa
Reserve	Stephanie Rutherford	Royal Court Jester	Oshawa
3	Alexandra Reynolds	She's Like the Wind	Kawartha
4	Kataryna Borysiak	Midnight Magic	Oshawa
5	Jocelyn Donaldson	Monster Truck	Uxbridge-Scugog
6	Julia McGill	Dressed to Kill	Durham
7	Erin McLaughlin	Heineken	Toronto & North York
8	Jessica McVittie	Cute as a Button	Uxbridge-Scugog
9	Erin Blakeley	CoPilot	Waussondae
10	Mitchell Hall	Prospect's Ebony	Uxbridge-Scugog

Show Jumping Novice: Rebecca Adrian of Kawartha was Champion on Narhan's Gift, and Andrea McGill of Durham was Reserve on Phoenix Rising (no other placings)

The Gillian Towrie award for overall high point total went to the Starter Champion, Madison Wilks of Durham, and Mega Cool.

Dressage

This is another discipline with awards to tenth place, but again there were sometimes not enough competitors to fill all those spots.

Dressage Entry

Place	Rider	Branch
Champion	Kathleen Buchner	Waussondae
Reserve	Allyson Kollaard	Waussondae
3	Caleigh Johnston	Simcoe
4	Hanna Prokopetz	Simcoe
5	Jessica Rowe	Durham
6	Michelle Treen	Durham

7	Jennifer Burgess	Springwater
8	Jessica Pryke	Simcoe
9	Aidan Staples	King
10	Rachel Downey	Whitchurch

Dressage Starter

Place	Rider	Branch
Champion	Jennifer McKeen	Oshawa
Reserve	Amy Westlund	Rising Star
3	Emily Briggs	Arête de Chêne
4	Jenna Meeser	Simcoe
5	Emily Ann Stubbings	Simcoe
6	Emma Pasianotto	King
7	Kelsey McDonald	Simcoe
8	Alexandra Sprague	Kawartha
9	Kayla Weber	Rising Star
10	Nicole Russell-Poliquin	Oshawa

Dressage Pre-Training

Place	Rider	Branch
Champion	Emily Lindsay	Rising Star
Reserve	Alycia McCracken	Simcoe
3	Meaghan Lloyd	Durham
4	Janene Howran	Kawartha
5	Alexandra Reynolds	Kawartha
6	Megan Pagniello	King
7	Kataryna Borysiak	Oshawa
8	Emily Banks-Ng	King
9	Brigid Goulem	Kawartha
10	Nikki Ince	King

Dressage Training

Place	Rider	Branch
Champion	Jennifer Pett	Victoria
Reserve	Carrie Doorenspleet	Durham
3	Jane Little	Arête de Chêne

4	Hilary Howran	Kawartha
5	Christy Chamney	Maple
6	Leslie Curran	Simcoe
7	Laren Bridle	Waussnodae
8	Ilona Parenteau	Toronto & North York
9	Julia Johnston	Oshawa
10	Karen Foell	Toronto & North Yor

Dressage First Level A

Place	Rider	Branch
Champion	Rebecca Adrian	Kawartha
2	Carolyn Russell-Poliquin	Oshawa
3	Kristiana Cope	Whitchurch

Dressage First Level B

Place	Rider	Branch
Champion	Jessie Ball	Victoria
Reserve	Jenny Fulton	Oshawa

For the Freestyle classes, only Champion and Reserve were presented.

Starter Freestyle - Champion was Alexandra Sprague of Kawartha, with Emma Pasionotto of King the Reserve.

Pre-Training Freestyle - Champion was Jennifer McKeen of Oshawa, with Alexandra Reynolds of Kawartha the Reserve.

First Level Freestyle - Champion was Jessie Ball of Victoria, with Rebecca Adrian of Kawartha the Reserve.

Pas de Deux - Champions were Megan Pagniello and Emma Pasionotto, and Reserves were Daniela and Julia Santarossa - all four from King.

Starter Drill Team - This was a mainly Waussnodae entry except for the final show of the season. At that point it was a mixed team comprising Kathleen Buchner, Lisa Holliday, Allyson Kollaard (all from Waussnodae), Janene Howran, Hilary Howran (both from Kawartha), Kataryna Borysiak, Johanna McKeen and Jennifer McKeen (all from Oshawa). At other shows, it was a four-person team, with Milles Buchner, Holliday and Kollaard joined by Megan Mattos, Lauren Bridle and/or (King show only) Megan Pagniello.

Pre-Training Drill Team - The Pre-Training drill team was from Rising Star, and included Emily Lindsay on Tarragon, Amy Westlund on J.P., Chloe Raitt on Ginger Snap, Stacy Bootsma on Reeces Pieces, Kayla Weber on Dad's Fancy Prince and Lindsay Weber on Ty Two K.

The winner of the Wes Goff trophy for season high point average was Jennifer McKeen.

Unfortunately, we must report that two dressage trophies have apparently not been returned - those for Pre-Training Freestyle and First Level Freestyle. If you have inadvertently left them in your Branch trophy room, or on your mantlepiece, or in your attic, please get in touch with Mary Mattos.

Games

Awards for Prince Philip and Masters Games are presented at the end of the regular COR season, but the winning teams from each division were announced at the banquet. The successes of our COR representatives at the National level have already been covered earlier in this issue.

The C level champions were from the Temiskaming Pony Club, the team members being Haylee Archambault, Sabrina Beauchamp, Angelica Brisson, Jordan McVittie and Mariana Von Cardinal.

The B champs were the Rising Star "Thundering Hooves" - Darby Mailhot, Chloe Raitt, Kayla Weber, Lindsay Weber and Amy Westlund.

At the A level, the honours went to the Uxbridge-Scugog "Eh Team" with a mixed Victoria and Rising Star team called the "Victorious Rising Stars" second. The members of the "Eh Team" are James Cruikshanks, Sean Cruikshanks, Chelsea Geer, Stephen Hall and Jane Stephenson. The members of the "Victorious Rising Stars" are Stacey Bootsma, Kylie Figueira, Emily Lindsay and Christine Oldridge. Both these teams advanced to the Central Zone Championships, where they again finished first and second, respectively.

At the Masters level, the COR Finals saw Uxbridge-Scugog teams finish one-two. The Uxbridge-Scugog "Cowboys" team finished on top, with the Uxbridge-Scugog "Black and White" team second. The members of the Cowboys are Whitney Brennan, Jesse Durward, Luke Durward, Jessica McVittie and Laura Parliament. The members of the Black & White team are Kendra Abbey, Mori Cruikshanks, Jocelyn Donaldson, Mitchell Hall and Samantha MacDonald. At the Central Zone Championships, the "Black and White" team finished on top, edging out defending national champions, the "Cowboys".

Rallies

The Entry Level year-end champion was Emily Elliott of Centaurus, who rode Finnegan.

The Pre-Training champion was D'Arcy Hutcheson, also of Centaurus, aboard Keeley.

And the Training level champion was Emily Mitchell of Durham, riding Love at First Bite.

The Jamieson Family Trophy, presented to the rider competing at the highest level offered at C Rally, who completed the cross country course closest to optimum time, was also won by Emily Mitchell.

No applications were submitted from D Rally in time to be considered.

Tetathlon

This discipline does not have year end awards based on cumulative results, but did recognize its division winners as follows. Amber Wavryk of Maple won the Senior A Girls division on Calypso; Melissa Marshall of Springwater won the Junior B Girls division on Pretty in Pink; the Junior A Girls division winner was Kristen Wavryk of Maple on Sonny Be Mine; and the Novice winner was Kayla Weber of Rising Star on Dad's Fancy Prince.

The Wavryk sisters went on to represent COR at National Tetrathlon, as reported on earlier.

Quiz

This is another discipline that does not present year-end awards at the banquet, being, like Rallies and Tetrathlon, a one-shot affair. Our COR representatives at National Quiz and International Quiz were recognized, and these have been reported on separately, above.

Chair's Award

This is presented annually to an outstanding volunteer, solely at the discretion of the Regional Chair. Last year, Regional Chair Debi Robertson gave an award to each member of the Regional Committee. This year, she felt as though she had to choose one winner, even though the choice was very difficult as so many of the volunteers had done such outstanding jobs. After much consideration, she decided to give the award to somebody who not only handled her regular responsibilities on the Regional Committee with distinction, but who also "went the extra mile" to organize something never before done in Central Ontario - our first ever Le TREC Fun Day. Congratulations and a big thank-you to COR's Education Chair, Sally Chamney. Le TREC is covered more fully, above. Suffice to say at this point that the kids who took part in Le TREC had a ton of fun, and that it took several tons of work to make it so.

Karen Meuleman Award

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. Each District Commissioner is entitled to submit a nomination, and it is usually another very tough choice.

This year's winner was Jenny Isaacs of the Maple Pony Club, and here are the reasons why the Maple DC, Jayme Holmes, nominated her (extracted from the nomination form).

"Jenny, a member of the Maple branch for over five years, has had a busy year in Pony Club. She returned to Canada from Israel in March, after working on a kibbutz and learning all about the dairy farm industry (she was not too impressed, being a vegetarian and all!).

"She got right to work helping the Maple pony clubbers, by volunteering to coach the two Prince Philip Games teams. She organized weekly practices, and helped the first time gamers to learn the rules. She organized unmounted practices to help the kinds learn new

games. She traveled with the teams to each meet, being early at the barn to load the ponies and make sure everyone had their tack. Jenny made sure all the riders put into practice good horsemanship, by ensuring all ponies were cared for during the meet, and on their arrival home.

"Jenny helped several pony clubbers prepare for their first Pony Club tests this spring, coaching them on the basic horsemanship and reviewing the riding portion. She put together a lecture demo on blankets, boots and bandaging for the whole club, and did quite a lot of research for this.

"Jenny attended working rally as an assistant instructor, and passed on her wealth of knowledge to the pony clubbers attending. She enjoyed spending time with the other senior pony clubbers at this educational weekend. Jenny worked hard at her own riding, taking and passing both her C1 and C2 tests this summer. She participated in a pre-C2 clinic, and a couple of other regional Pony Club riding clinics organized for the more senior members.

"Jenny participated at the A/B/C Rally at Checkmate, placing second individually. She helped out at the D Rally as a groom, in which Maple won the horsemanship award for the first time!!

"Overall in the past year, Jenny has given freely of her time to many of our younger pony clubbers, participated on a social level with other members, and has worked hard at improving her own knowledge and skill levels. She looked after ordering the jackets and T-shirts, as well as attending executive meetings - and always participated in a positive way. In many ways she embodies the Pony Club ideal of promoting horsemanship and friendship among young horse enthusiasts. I highly recommend her for the Karen Meuleman Award."

Double-Dippers

As usual, we want to give a little extra recognition to young people who distinguished themselves in more than one Pony Club activity over the past year. There were actually a fair number of triple-dippers this year. Here are the double-dippers and triple-dippers, in alphabetical order.

Kendra Abbey - Uxbridge-Scugog - Show Jumping and Games

Stacy Bootsma - Rising Star -Show Jumping and Dressage

Kataryna Borysiak - Oshawa - Show Jumping and Dressage

Christy Chamney - Maple - Dressage and Quiz

Jocelyn Donaldson - Uxbridge-Scugog - Show Jumping and Games

Kylie Figueira - Victoria - Show Jumping and Games

Karen Foell - Toronto & North York - Show Jumping and Dressage

Brigid Goulem - Kawartha - Show Jumping and Dressage

Mitchell Hall - Uxbridge-Scugog - Show Jumping and Games

Stephen Hall - Uxbridge-Scugog - Show Jumping and Games

Hilary Howran - Kawartha - Show Jumping and Dressage

Janene Howran - Kawartha - Show Jumping and Dressage

D'Arcy Hutcheson - Centaurus - Dressage and Rallies

Nikki Ince - King - Show Jumping and Dressage

Allyson Kollaard - Waussnodae - Show Jumping and Dressage

Emily Lindsay - Rising Star - Show Jumping, Dressage and Games

Jennifer McKeen - Show Jumping and Dressage

Johanna McKeen - Oshawa - Show Jumping and Dressage

Jessica McVittie - Uxbridge-Scugog - Show Jumping and Games

Angie Moorcroft - Ajax - Show Jumping and Quiz

Christine Oldridge - Victoria - Show Jumping and Games

Jennifer Pett - Victoria - Show Jumping and Dressage

Chloe Raitt - Rising Star - Dressage and Games

Alexandra Reynolds - Kawartha - Show Jumping and Dressage

Nicole Russell-Poliquin - Oshawa - Show Jumping and Dressage

Jane Stephenson - Uxbridge-Scugog - Show Jumping and Games

Kayla Weber - Rising Star - Show Jumping, Dressage, Games and Tetrathlon

Lindsay Weber - Rising Star - Show Jumping, Games and Dressage

Amy Westlund - Rising Star - Dressage and Games

Madison Wilks - Durham - Show Jumping and Dressage

There you go, quite an illustrious crop from A to Z, or at least from A to W.

That's all for now, but we may update this issue after the Canadian Pony Club semi-annual meeting and/or our own COR annual general meeting, later in November.