



COR BITS

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Our kick-off article this issue is just a tad overdue. The clinic on which it is based took place when Spring was only a few days old, but our first appointment to do this story, including an interview, was torpedoed by cellphone problems, and then show season was upon us - both Di Langmuir's and our own. Better late than never, we hope.

Di Langmuir Jumper Medal Clinic

On March 29, COR held a jumper medal clinic with Di Langmuir. Di is a Level 2 coach whose students now compete on the Ontario "A" Circuit. She is the current President of the Ontario Hunter-Jumper Association. But she is also an alumna of the Guelph Pony Club, and instructed at the Eglinton Pony Club back when it was located at Leslie and John Streets in Thornhill, and later when it was at what is now RCRA.

To start with, this clinic had a problem - an unusual problem for COR clinics and educational activities most of the time - that is, squeezing in everyone who wanted to come. Diane McGill, COR Show Jumping Chair, estimates the audience at something over 120 people, of whom about 80 were active members and the rest a mix of parents and coaches. The clinic was held at the McKeen family's place, so thanks are due to them and to the Oshawa Pony Club. Diane McGill reports, "The day went off without a hitch, the weather was fantastic, no one got stuck in the mud or snow, the facility was wonderful, lunch was great and Di was perfect. She covered so much information in a very informal and often humorous way. Everything from dress, attitude, respect to horse and helpers and of course the technical aspects of riding medals. The break down of the clinic was also good, with the "classroom/lecture" portion first, then the explanation and importance of walking and counting the course and then the test rides. There was opportunity at all portions to ask questions which was very important. Although the parents asked most of the questions, Di was able to cover and confirm what the Show Jumping committee has been trying to get across for a few years now, only she managed to do it in a few hours. The riders for the day were Allison Loveridge and Lady, Michelle Treen and Garnett (both from the Durham Pony Club) and Brigid Goulem on Poco in the 2 foot group (Kawartha Pony Club), Johanna McKeen and Millie, Jenn McKeen on Mya (both Oshawa Pony Club) and Rebecca Simmons on Mo (Durham) in the 2foot 6" level and Rebecca Adrian and Dusty (Kawartha) rode in the 3 foot group. These types of clinics can be tough on the riders as they are very much in the spot light, and we thank them for being our guinea pigs for the day. Having them ride was a very effective way to demonstrate her information."

Tetrathlon Update

Thanks to Grace Wavryk for this report.

The 2008 National Tetrathlon took place July 28th - August 1st in Ottawa, Ontario and was hosted by St. Lawrence-Ottawa Valley Region. Twenty five competitors from coast to

coast travelled to compete in this five day competition. The competitors stayed in the heart of the Nation's capital at Ashbury College where the shooting and running portions of the competition took place. We were very fortunate to have the riding portion take place at Nepean National Equestrian Park.

Kristen Wavryk, Maple Pony Club, was the lone competitor representing Central Ontario Region (her sister Amber was off in Europe learning English?!?!? and improving her French). Kristen competed as a Junior and had a personal best in shooting with a score of 171, winning the high point award and beating the senior competitors as well. She placed fourth overall in the individual competition, scoring 4,064 points. Kristen was also on a mixed team with competitors from Calgary, Nova Scotia and Ottawa, and this team placed second overall.



With Tetrathlon barely over, five of the competitors, including Kristen, rushed off to compete at National Pentathlon which took place August 1st - 3rd in Guelph, Ontario. Pentathlon also includes epee fencing and at the national level, only competitors 19 years and older are allowed to compete in the riding phase (stadium jumping only). Kristen competed in the Youth A division (15 and under) and placed 3rd in the shoot and the fence, and 2nd in the run, with an overall 3rd place finish. Where Tetrathlon takes place over two or three days, Pentathlon is completed all in one day, starting with the shoot at 7:00am followed by fencing, swimming, riding and finishing with the run at the end of the day. It was a busy, but fun filled week for these tetrathletes/pentathletes and we were able to see Joshua Riker-Fox, a former Pony Clubber from Delacour, Alberta compete at National Pentathlon before travelling off to compete at the Olympics.

In 2009, both National Tetrathlon and National Pentathlon will take place in British Columbia, so let's see if we can get some more representation from Central Ontario!

Visiting Kawartha Downs

Thanks to Laurie Reynolds for this report.



On Saturday, April 19, 2008 at Kawartha Downs Race Track, members of the Kawartha Pony Club were treated to a Clinic on the Race Industry by Jim Huck, Race Secretary and a number of volunteer drivers, trainers and a blacksmith.

The members and parents were given a very thorough clinic on what happens at the race track with the following areas being covered:

- 1) A Day in the Life of a Racehorse
- 2) Harnessing a Standardbred
- 3) Tour of the Grandstand/Paddock
- 4) Ride in the two seater jog cart
- 5) Driver/Blacksmith/Groom sharing information
- 6) Rules and Regulations of Harness Racing

All the Pony club members had the opportunity to jog a horse out on the track in the two seater jog carts. A very special opportunity was to meet and drive with the youngest female trainer in Canada at 16 years old, Elaine Reid.

Kawartha Pony club would also like to thank the following people for volunteering their time to speak with our group:

Jim Huck, Race Secretary

Crystal O'Brien, Simulcast Manager



Doug Hie, Trainer / Driver

Art Balson, Trainer / Driver

Kyle Balson, Trainer / Driver

Jason Woodward, Trainer / Driver

Ted Reid, Trainer

Elaine Reid, Trainer

Ian McCardle, Blacksmith

My European Vacation - by Katie Stephenson, Maple Pony Club

What do you get when you take a Pony Clubber, a camera, a backpack and a whirlwind trip through Europe? You get some amazing memories, a lot of pictures and a very interesting photo album.

Like all good graduates, when I finished my last year of University I planned a trip to



Europe with a friend. Unlike other graduates whose only concern is how far they can make their money stretch, my primary concern was how long I would be leaving my horse for. However, I made up for missing my creature by becoming a stalker of all things horse related wherever we went. Thankfully I was blessed with a travel companion who acknowledges my sickness as part of my

charm - however that did not stop her from making fun of me on a daily basis.

Despite the mockery, Europe really is a treasure trove for the horse obsessed and not always in the places that you would expect. We didn't do any barn or horsie day trips despite the fact that we were in London during Badminton. Nonetheless, it seemed that just about everywhere you looked there were horses. In London there was the Queen's guard performing their



various roles and tasks. In Paris, there were Police horses everywhere from their barns (happily situated within minutes of our hostel), to the streets outside of Notre Dame, to the palace grounds at Versailles. Carriage horses seemed to abound in Italy, from outside the gates of the Vatican to the base of the leaning tower in Pisa.

Even when there weren't horses, there was horsie paraphernalia. We found a monument to



Animals in War while wandering the streets of London and there are statues in Hyde Park. Past Monarchs are memorialized at the Tower of London by their horses and armour and the British Museum holds the amazing statues from the Parthenon among countless others. The city of Paris is littered with breathtaking statues, many with horses, as are the grounds of Versailles.

The Louvre, among the beautiful paintings and statues many with horses, also has bits. Yes that's right, bits! And yes I have pictures. More bits were found at the Vatican Museum along with a number of chariots and many more statues of horses were discovered on our wanderings through Rome.



There were other discoveries made in Europe. Like the fact that the house of Windsor can be traced back to a guy named Egbert. That good Gelato should be considered one of the seven wonders. That there are pigeons everywhere you go - not kidding, there were pigeons in every city we visited, some were just more obnoxious than others. I also reconfirmed the knowledge that my obsession with horses is an age old one that entire civilizations have been memorializing in various media for centuries. So Moms and Dads out there, when your kids would rather clean a stall than their room, encourage it. Who knows, they could end up with a painting in the Louvre one day.

Le Trec

Many thanks to Diane McGill for this report.

On Sunday September 28th, the hills of Burketon were alive with sounds of laughter and hoof beats. Fiddlesticks Farms and Durham Pony Club had the pleasure of hosting the second Pony Club LE TREC competition. Forty one riders entered the show- 21 D's, 12 D1's and 8 C's. The weather cooperated beautifully and despite a chill in the morning air and some threatening clouds in the afternoon we were all able to stay dry.



This year we chose to have all phases mounted. The younger riders were especially happy about this. They were permitted to have two adults with their team for Phase A, the orienteering and check point phase. This allowed for a safe and enjoyable way for the children to complete the trail. The parents did not need a work out that night after all of the walking they would do that day. The D1 and C riders also rode as teams. The maps were challenging and those who knew how to read a compass fared much better. The horses and riders really seemed to love this part of LE TREC. The trails were primarily wooded while the C's also spent some time in the hilly meadow area. One team became very lost but kept their wits and good spirits and were able to get back on track. Although none of the teams managed the optimum time some did come very close.

Phase B- the control of gaits, proved to be a challenge for some again this year. It is not as easy as it looks to trot slow and walk fast when it counts. We toned down the penalties from the National Rule Book and subtracted ten for each error rather than assigning a zero score. This allowed the riders some room for error while still maintaining some scores in this Phase. A nicer way to score and no tears this year(yes!) .

After a short lunch break we all hit the trails on foot to walk Phase C. This was approximately a two km walk but it did not dampen the spirits of any of the riders. The younger D riders have boundless energy, and chatted and giggled the whole way. We provided some challenges here. The stations all had a task that required the horse and rider i.e. no questions. This seemed to be well received. We had a wooden trail bridge for the D1's and C's to do, had them opening gates and jumping. The D's only had one small log to jump, which according to them was not nearly enough. The C's had five small cross country type jumps on their trail. We did have one rider in a Western saddle which is permitted. She was concerned initially but in true Pony Club spirit completed the course Western tack and all.

Scoring takes a long time for this competition. Many thanks to Mike Stephenson for offering to do that for us. We have some ideas to help speed this process along for next

year. We have to remember that this is still a very new competition and there is much to learn. The do's and don'ts of LE TREC are still to be totally determined.

There is a great deal of preparation for Le TREC and Durham Pony Club parents and members really pulled through to make it come together. The day of the competition also required many volunteers and we were able to count of several people from other clubs, as well as friends of Durham Pony Club, to help with this. That's what I love about Pony Club, there are always many volunteers that you can count on

Bill and Nancy Murray were very generous to allow us to invade their piece of paradise and we appreciate it. Thanks you to the competitors who left the field and trails as you found them. Thumbs up to LE TREC. Let's try to keep this as an annual competition.

Year-End Awards Banquet

The annual COR Awards Banquet was held October 25 at the Newmarket Optimist Hall, hosted by the Rising Star Pony Club. Unfortunately your humble Editor was unable to be there this year, but all reports have been positive and we understand that Rising Star deserves our thanks. Our information is not quite complete at the time of writing this edition, but here is what we have so far.

Show Jumping - Here are the Champions and Reserves for each Division, based on points accumulated over the 2008 season.

Pre-Entry A2 - Champion was Rachel Scott of the Victoria Pony Club riding Peanut, with Michaels McLachlan of the Brooklin Pony Club and Nevada the Reserve.

Pre-Entry B - Durham Pony Club riders finished one-two in this Division. Dalton Wright was Champion on Pollyanna, and Kaisha Barber was the Reserve on Sundance.

Pre-Entry Schooling - Jane Stephenson of the Uxbridge-Scugog Pony Club was Champion on Irish Park's Turf Fire, and Andrea McGill of Durham was the Reserve on Roll the Dice.

Entry - Christine Oldridge of Victoria was Champion on Sophie. There was a tie for the Reserve between Stacy Bootsma of the Rising Star Pony Club on Reece Pieces (and as the guy who puts out the press releases, I can tell you that this pony also should win a prize for having its name spelled the most different ways from show program to show program throughout the year, and I only hope we have it right this time) and Maggie Brims of the Whitchurch Pony Club on M and M.

Starter - Cassandra Sloan of the Oshawa Pony Club was the Champion on Finders Keepers, with Samantha Lobbezoo of the Brooklin Pony Club the Reserve on Ride 'Em Harley Style.

Beginner - Patrick Kossa of the Whitchurch Pony Club was Champion on Milo, with Carrie Doorenspleet of Durham the Reserve on Gold Rush Frontier.

Novice - Another one-two finish by one Pony Club, this time Oshawa. Champion was Jennifer McKeen on Mya, and Reserve was Stephanie Rutherford on Royal Court Jester.

Intermediate - Andrea McGill of Durham made another appearance at the podium, this time as Intermediate Champion riding Phoenix Rising. The Reserve was Kyra Holmes of the Maple Pony Club riding Heart and Soul.

The Gillian Towrie Memorial Trophy for Starter Division high points went to Kassandra Sloan of Oshawa. The Year End High Point Award went to Jennifer McKeen, also of Oshawa.

Dressage - to come

Games - Our A Champions were the "USSTs", whose members were James Cruikshanks, Stephen Hall and Jane Stephenson, all of Uxbridge-Scugog, along with Emily Stubbings of the Simcoe Pony Club and Meghan Midwood of the Toronto & North York Pony Club.

Finishing second were the Rising Star "Sandybacks", made up of Stacy Bootsma, Emily Lindsay, Rhiannon McCarren, Chloe Raitt and Jenna Meeser. These teams went on to the National Championships in Western Ontario, where the "USSTs" finished first and the "Sandybacks" second (in a tie-breaker with East Maple Ridge, BC). COR rules!

At the Masters level, our Regional Champions were from Uxbridge-Scugog (what a shock!), the "Electric Six", made up of Mori Cruikshanks, Sean Cruikshanks, Samantha Macdonald, Jessica McVittie and Jessica Lloyd. This team went on to win the Zones and placed a close second at the National Championships in Alberta North, only two points behind the new Champions, the Vancouver Pony Club. Our second place team Regionally was the "Draters", whose members were Rebecca Simmons, Carrie Doorenspleet and Amanda Treen, all of the Durham Pony Club, plus Jocelyn Donaldson of Uxbridge-Scugog.

The winning B team was from the Maple Pony Club. The members of the B Champions are Laura Hicks, Riikka Kojola, Megan O'Hara, Lauren Sergejewich and Molly White-Williams. Rising Star finished second, but unfortunately we do not have the names of the members of that team.

Our Central Ontario C Champions were Maple #1. The members of Maple #1 are Sunny Willert, Alice Pintaric, Jen Stoltz and Kiara Crosbie. The Temiskaming "Sapphires" finished second; again we unfortunately have their names.

A/B/CRally - Many thanks to Sue Foell for this report.

It was with great excitement that our COR ABC members were once again offered an invitation to join our WOR friends at ABC Rally. It was held August 15th -17th at the historic event grounds of Checkmate. COR was represented by six riders from the Maple and three from Toronto & North York Branches and eight groomers from Maple, Rising Star and Toronto & North York Branches. WOR supplied each team with extra groomers to allow for one groomer per rider and a head groomer.



After weeks and weeks of daily downpours and drizzle, we all packed our vehicles with every type of waterproof clothing (of the two-legged and four-legged type) as well as

waterproof tents for sleeping and extra shelters for eating/meeting. I personally could have used an 18 wheeler to pack all the extras "just in case" in true Pony Club style. (I am embarrassed to confess the one thing I forgot was my sleeping bag, but alas a horse blanket will do in a pinch!) We arrived Friday afternoon and after settling the horses in we set up our tents in a gentle mist trying not to let the rain dampen our spirits.

6:00 pm arrived and the competition began- with the stable management and trot-up. Our COR riders and grooms looked professional as the horses were evaluated at the trot-up. The Grand River grooms shone when they proved they could make a white tail sparkle and shine! (and it stayed like this all weekend!)

The next morning saw competitors awakening to a SUNNY sunrise energizing all for the day's event. Dressage was in the morning and stadium jumping in the afternoon.

The grooms also enjoyed a fun round in the stadium ring. At day's end our Rising Star Groom Emily Lindsay was leading in the Grooms Competition.

The next morning was even sunnier and warmer for the roads and tracks phase followed by the cross country phase. It was a lovely day for the ride and the footing was awesome! Our teams continued to put forth their best efforts throughout the competition.

Finally the points were tallied and awards presented.

COR members recieved the following Overall Individual awards:

Entry Level -4th Laura Gilligan and Nightlite (TNY) , 6th- Karen Foell and My Little Romeo, 8th Kristen Wavryk and Flubber Bunny (Maple), 9th Erin McLaughlin and Heineken (TNY).

Pre-Training -1st Sophie Kaplan and Kye (Maple), 3rd Sarah Nason and That Kinda Girl"(Maple), 4th Jennifer Nason and Faolin Ruadh (Maple), 5th Kyra Holmes and Heart and Soul: (Maple).

Training - 3rd Emily Boyce and Serendipity (Maple)

Grooms- 3rd -Emily Lindsay (Rising Star),3rd Emily Mitchell (Maple) 5th Riikka Kojola (Maple)

We would like to thank all the WOR ABC Rally organizers, the chaperones, parents and volunteers, whom together made this a great experience for our members. A special "Thank-you" to Lyn Morris for warmly welcoming us and helping to find us grooms to complete our teams. Finally a well-fed thank-you to the ladies who looked after feeding us. Lots of tasty meals and treats were enjoyed!

Quiz - Our Regional Quiz winners were as follows:

A/B Level - Maya Kenedy, Kyra Holmes, Christy Chamney and Alicia Cantin all of Maple.

C Level - Johanna McKeen and Stephanie Rutherford, both of Oshawa, Stephanie Kalgoris of Ajax and Jenny Isaacs of Maple.

D2 Level - Nikki Clark of Centaurus, Katherine Earle and Emma Lemay-Nejedelski, both of Ajax, and Samantha Morandin of Centaurus.

As everyone knows, Central Ontario hosted this year's National Quiz - and hats off to

Margie Kenedy and her team for the great job they did. Nationally, at the A/B level, Maya Kenedy of the Maple Pony Club finished second on an individual basis, and the Central Ontario A/B team, shown at right, also finished second. The only Central Ontario member to compete in the Affiliates division, for competitors 21-25 years old, Katie Stephenson of Maple, also finished second. The other members of the Central Ontario A/B team were



Kyra Holmes (11th individually), Alicia Cantin (14th) and Christy Chamney (19th), all members of the Maple Pony Club. Carolyn Wight of the Northumberland Pony Club formed part of a mixed Manitoba/Nova Scotia/Central Ontario team that finished seventh, while she finished 18th individually.



Central Ontario's C level competitors did not do quite so well, finishing tenth as a team and with no individual ranked higher than 30th. But by all accounts they had a great time.

There is no D2 level competition at National Quiz.

Chair's Award

This year the Chair's Award went to Margie Kenedy and Sally Chamney for their magnificent effort in staging the National Quiz. It took them 18 months of preparation, e-mails and phone calls to develop a working group as well as volunteers for the event and finished with four days of no sleep - but awesome feedback from all participants,volunteers and parents. A well deserved award.

Welsh Pony and Cob High Point Award Program

Thanks to Marie Howran for this report, and to Howran Hills Farm for sponsoring this award, new for 2008.

On behalf of the Welsh Pony and Cob Association of Ontario, Howran Hills Farm sponsored the Central Ontario Pony Club, High Point Award for Welsh Ponies, Cobs and Half-Welsh participating in Pony Club events during the 2008 year.

These High Point Awards are intended to recognize the versatility of the Welsh Breed and their suitability for riders of all ages.

The winners of these awards demonstrate the Welsh qualities that Welsh breeders hold dear, ponies of substance, with true Welsh character and versatility.

In the Purebred category for 2008, there was a "Tie" for the Champion Position. To award the ribbons, the total number of events attended was used to break the tie.

Champion Purebred Welsh

Section A Welsh Mountain Pony - PPF Garnet - 45 points - Ridden and owned by Michelle Treen of the Durham Pony Club.

"Darnit Garnet" participated in Show Jumping qualifiers, Show Jumping Finals, Working Rally and Le Trec.

Tied for total points:

Section. D Welsh Cob - Millgate Braveheart - 45 points - owned and ridden by Johanna McKeen of the Oshawa Pony Club..

"Braveheart" participated in Dressage qualifiers and at Le Trec.

Reserve Champion Purebred Welsh

Section D Welsh Cob - Stonecroft Geraint ap Dilwyn - 29 points - owned by Lisa Hossack Scott and ridden by Janene Howran of the Kawartha Pony Club.

"Winston" participated at Working Rally, Show Jumping Qualifiers and Show Jumping Finals.

Champion Half-Welsh

Wabi Brook Tarragon - 72 points - owned by Emily Lindsay of the Rising Star Pony Club, ridden by Emily Lindsay, Skalar Norman and Olivia Gionet.

Tarragon participated in three PPG events, Dressage qualifiers and at PPG zones.

Stillwoods Farm Award

This is another new award this year, generously donated by Edwine Hugnholtz, owner and operator of Stillwoods Farm. It is for the best job schooling and training a green horse or pony. The first winner of the Stillwoods Farm Award was Emily Lindsay (lots of exercise

for Emily going between the Rising Star table and the podium), for her work training a five year old Clydesdale-Thoroughbred cross named Trinity. Here are excerpts of Emily's entry for this award.

I got Trinity in March 2008 to do a favour for a friend. I thought this would be a good chance to try eventing on a horse, as well as try to qualify for National Medals next year. (My pony is 13HH..) When I got her I realized how green she really was. She either had very little to no training on her or she had forgotten everything.



When I got Trinity in March she was green and did not know how to canter. Before each lesson we would lunge her to help me get the bend, before I rode her. This went on for about a month, and then we started to ride her without lunging her first. She was getting better and was learning how to canter. She was very stubborn and strong but we worked through it now she is responsive and respectful (most the time). For the first three months we worked hard and long. I had two lessons a week and was riding her at least 4 -5 times each week. Then she was going so well we started jumping her over little things no bigger than 2".

As soon as she was ready

we started trailering her and a friend to Cedar Peaks for lessons with Anne Zander on the cross-country course. There we also had lessons in dressage and stadium. In the spring I was having three lessons week on Trinity and sometimes a show on the weekend. In the summer because of my Mom's business we have to move away from my coaches, but still I rode her three times a week and once a week on the cross. When we got back we now have lessons twice a week at Cedar Peaks. We are jumping 2"6' to 2"9' in our lesson to get ready for the event coming. I have learned that working with a young, green horse requires a lot of patience and persistence, I found out (sometimes the hard way) that green horses have to be rode differently then my trained pony. You have to help them out with some things like balance. Working with Trinity was a lot more work then I though when I agreed to take her, but it has been a lot fun and I have learnt a lot. I will be very sad when I have to give her back at the end of next season.

My first show was at Wits End. This show was a combined training event (not with Pony Club). It was dressage and jumper. We did a walk/trot dressage test, and since there was no real walk/trot division I didn't get any placing. It was just for experience for Trinity. Next,

I went to the Simcoe dressage show in the pre-training level. I got a fourth and a second in my two tests that I rode. After that, it was the Uxbridge-Scugog, Show Jumper Qualifier at Blue Star. I rode in the starter division. I got a first in the medal, but was eliminated in the other two rounds. The next show was the Brooklin Show Jumper. Here I got a seventh in the Table A, a fourth in the Power and Speed as well as a fourth in the Medal. We went to Show Jumping Finals at Ajax. I got a fourth in the Power and Speed, also a fourth in the Medal. My last show was at Foggy River. It was a short course and I got fourth in dressage and went clear in the jumping portion. So, I got third overall in the entry division (this was a non-Pony Club event). I am also working towards going to the Grand View horse trials in October.

Royal China Memorial Award

This trophy, new this year in honour of a well-loved pony who has gone to the great pasture in the sky, is to recognize the pony/horse that a Pony Clubber rides in any discipline. The winner is chosen based on a short essay. Once again, the winner was Emily Lindsay of Rising Star. Here is her winning essay.

My pony's name is Tarragon. He is 13hh, 18 years old bay reg. Welsh. I got him when he was 12. We borrowed him for 2 years and then bought him from a pony club family. Tarragon was a surprise to me, because he was my tenth birthday present.



I rode my first dressage test ever on Tarragon at a Pony Club dressage qualifier and we came 2nd and 3rd at Entry level in 2003 and in 2007 we were champions in the Pre-training division.

In the years in between he has taken me lots of places and we have accomplished many things together. With Tarragon I have had a lot of fun showing, playing, going on trail rides, galloping through fields, sometimes bareback and bridleless. He has taught me to ride, to jump, and have fun. When I go to the field and call his name he comes to me. (he won't do this for anyone else, not even my mom). He is my best friend.

Tarragon has done "A" PPG's for 2 years, one of those years that team made it to the National competition. He played at the B level before that. Last year we won the pre-training division for dressage, and I lent him to another Pony Clubber who didn't have her

own pony and they were reserve champion in the starter division. Also he was on the national pre-training drill team for 2007 and 2008. Tarragon was reserve champion for the entry division in Show jumping in 2007. Through out his years in pony club he was champion at D Rally at the D1 level. Also he has taken several beginners through a dressage test and came out in the ribbons. In 2006 he took the year off from doing PPG's to do the Trillium Hunter Shows. He was 6th in his division (medium pony) in the Zone and went to championships at Palgrave and placed 2nd. (He & I like Pony Club shows much better)

Tarragon also teaches young kids to ride. He is in a summer camp program, for the 9 weeks of the summer. In the winter he is teaches lesson to beginners he is extremely good. He just took a beginner to her first show ever and she was Res. Champion in the cross rails division.

I have, very sadly, outgrown Tarragon. I will continue to ride him for fun and to play PPG's on and he will continue to be my best friend and will forever be my first pony that taught me everything I know. And he will continue to teach young pony clubber all he knows.

I hope you will consider Tarragon for your award. He is what I consider the perfect Pony Clubber Pony!! He takes good care of his younger riders but will still do what I ask him to.

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. There is a trophy that would remain with the Region with a plate with the winner's name engraved upon it. The winner would be presented with a commemorative gift and an award card.

This year's winner is Rebecca Jones of the Springwater Pony Club. Here is her nomination form, submitted by her DC.

Springwater Pony Club would like to nominate REBECCA JONES for this award. Rebecca is the most senior rider in our club as well as being our Youth Rep. Rebecca is currently at the D2 level and her main goal is to become a C before she leaves for university next year. Her riding interests include, dressage, show jumping, tetrathlon and rally.

Rebecca has been the ideal role model for all members. Below is a list of Rebecca's outstanding contributions to our club.

1. At the Durham/Uxbridge SJ at Blue Star this year, our coach had a personal tragedy and was unable to attend this meet. Rebecca took it upon herself to scratch from the competition so she could coach our team. She showed a tremendous amount of leadership and helped the girls through the day especially through the emotional times.

2. During working rally this year, Rebecca stepped up to be the "leader" to the other first time attendees. She was terrific in explaining the process of how rally and working rally works and made sure the kids understood everything.
3. Rebecca has stepped in to coach lessons whenever needed and is always willing to help out.
4. She is excellent at working with riders with various cognitive and physical challenges.
5. Rebecca has always showed leadership during our pony club meetings. She has led the girls through many activities while the parents had their meetings.

Overall, Rebecca's team spirit, sportsmanship and overall general attitude make her a valuable team member and a worthy recipient of this award. Rebecca has an infectious personality that makes her very enjoyable to be around.