



COR BITS

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It's been awhile since the previous issue of CORBits. Your editor has been very busy with the CPC AGM, preparing proposals for a National Communications program, developing questionnaires for Regional Chairs and Regional Communications Chairs and launching the new CPC newsletter, National Notebook. With things finally getting sorted out at that level, I can now catch up on the news in COR.

National AGM

The Canadian Pony Club Annual General Meeting, held in Guelph March 31 to April 2, attracted a sizeable turnout from the COR Regional Executive. This year, CPC invited Regional Chairs - or where the Regional Chair is also a National Director - Regional Vice Chairs to the entire meeting, paying part of the costs of attendance. Both of COR's Vice Chairs, Bill Murray and Tracey McVittie, were on hand for the Regional Chairs meeting (Friday evening) and all of the Board meetings as well as the AGM proper on Saturday afternoon. The idea behind the invitation was to give these Regional officers the opportunity to gain a better understanding of how the National Board works, to get to know each other better and to network with others from across the country.

Also on the Friday evening there was a mini National Disciplines Chairs Conference led by National Disciplines Chair, Barbara Grimm. National Dressage Chair, Daina Strickland (COR) and National Rally Chair, Sara Brown (COR) participated with their usual enthusiasm.

The AGM proper, held at the Large Animal Clinic of Ontario Veterinary College, on the Saturday afternoon saw additional COR members such as Gwen and Christy Barnes show up to participate. Awards presentations are always a highlight of the AGM, and this year, COR Visiting Commissioner Sandra Sillcox was among those presented with an Examiner Emeritus Award for her long service to Pony Club.

At the conclusion of the business portion of the meeting, we were taken on a tour of the facility by Dr. John Baird, former National Show Jumping Chair and a faculty member of OVC. We went from the intake and assessment area, through the surgical area, to recovery room to convalescent areas, while Dr Baird described how things work. According to people from other parts of the country, we in Ontario are very lucky to have such a facility for our horses when they're seriously ill, as there is nothing quite like it elsewhere in Canada. Dr Baird, a native of Australia, says there's nothing like it in Australia as well.

This year's AGM was very productive, and likely to lead to a stronger Pony Club in Canada. Minutes and reports have just been issued by e-mail, so if you're interested in learning more, please call Karol Shipley to arrange to have some or all of this forwarded electronically.

Regional Quiz 2000

This year's COR Regional Quiz attracted 120 competitors from 20 Branches. The youngest participant was the 7-week-old nephew of OPTOC Chair Catherine Burke. Mummy was one of the project judges with Carmen Cotter of Timberline Pony Club. Need we say that this very good natured baby, attracted a LOT of attention!

Overheard: This year's projects show deeper, more extensive research and better knowledge than usual. Most impressive!

As usual, Quiz provided the adults present the opportunity to catch up on news of old friends, especially those of emeritus status.

The Quiz Stations this year were most enjoyable and challenging. Topics included "What's in the box" a test of memory, "Assemble the bridles" a test of knowledge and dexterity, "Famous horses and riders" general equestrian knowledge, "What's wrong" a challenge to spot the errors on a miniature jumper course, and "What doesn't fit".

Congratulations to all those who competed and especially those who have made the teams for the National Quiz. And thanks to all the volunteers, led by Quiz Chair Robyn Van Berkel, who contributed to the success and enjoyment of the day.

We Have a Cover Girl in our Midst

Regional Chair, Karol Shipley, got a big surprise recently at the Rolex Three Day Event in Kentucky. She visited a news stand at the event, and low and behold, there was daughter, Katie (Pickering Pony Club) and her lovely grey, Overtime, on the cover of the May 2000 issue of "The Horse"! Big surprise. Seems the picture was taken last year when Katie was schooling Overtime at Checkmate. If you want to take a look, the cover can be found at www.thehorse.com. A case of "You never know who's taking your picture or where it will end up"?

USPC in "Practical Horseman"

If you can find a copy of the April 2000 issue of "Practical Horseman" magazine snap it up. There are several articles on the United States Pony Club in it, and it will give you a good chance to compare the ways in which they operate as compared to COR. You might find some good ideas to copy where CPC rules and bylaws permit.

Dressage Update 2000

Dressage Chair, Nancy Codlin, has asked that the following information for Dressage competitors be included here.

To qualify for the Eastern Canadian Dressage Championships, COR riders must attend at least 2 COR Pony Club qualifying dressage shows and obtain 2 scores of 55% or over in 2 consecutive levels at both shows. Riders must ride the 2 consecutive tests at the same level as they rode in their qualifying shows. The Regional Dressage Chair will record all the scores from the COR qualifiers. Competitors do not need to submit tests in order to be eligible for the Eastern Canadian Championships. The number of entrants is determined by Championships show organizers.

New Medical Form: At all dressage qualifiers, riders will be REQUIRED to have the new medical form ON THE PERSON and VISIBLE. Riders can put the complete form in a

baggie OR purchase plastic pouches (200 of these armbands are being purchased by COR from CPC supplies) and attach. Preferably the baggie/pouch is on the arm or boot. (Riders in other disciplines take note; you, too, will need these forms. Each discipline has its own rules, so you will have to check requirements.)

Beginner Tests: Please note that the Victoria show will use Beginner tests that are in the 2000 COR rules, NOT those sent out with the entry forms.

Show Jumping

Since no Branch has volunteered to host the Regional Championships, COR itself will host. Watch for further information as it becomes available.

Working Rally

Regional Chair, Karol Shipley, reports that this year's Working Rally went very well, and a good time was had by all. Gwen Barnes, Testing Chair, brought back a large number of "lost and found" items we would like to return to their owners. If you left something behind at Working Rally, please call Linda Denis at 705-726-4170 to arrange for pickup.

Oshawa Branch reports that they still have Working Rally 2000 crests available for \$5.00 each. If you're interested please contact DC Lynn Kift at horseguy@planeteer.com.

Regional (C) Rally

Chair Jan Jamieson reports that there have been no inquiries regarding preliminary level, so that division may be dropped this year. She still needs volunteers: 2 for tack check, a warm-up ring steward, stadium crew, 2 stable management judges. In addition, the facility we have booked (Lane's End, near Bobcaygeon) has asked if Pony Club can supply 6 - 8 volunteers to assist at their event. The entry deadline for Regional Rally is June 23 - if there is inadequate interest by that date, Rally will be cancelled.

A Testing 2000

Central Ontario Region is hosting RA testing July 12, 2000 and HA testing July 13-14, 2000. There are two candidates each from COR and WOR. All tests are happening at Lane's End, near Bobcaygeon. B level examiners and B2 level Pony Club members should consider auditing at least one day. If planning to attend, you must contact Gwen Barnes for details (gbarnes@sympatico.ca).

B/B2 Testing 2000

There will be testing in August and October. Details will be announced later.

Examiners Clinic (Northern Ontario)

Watch for details of a July examiners clinic in North Bay.