



COR BITS

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The competition season is still a little off (though we hope you are all working hard to prepare for Quiz) but there is still some news to report and some thank-you's to be made.

Revised COR Rules & Regulations Approved at Canadian Pony Club Annual General Meeting

The extensive revisions to our Regional Rules & Regulations made at the March meeting of the Regional Committee have now been approved, along with those made in 2008 which were inadvertently not presented for approval last year. They will be posted to the website soon (if they haven't already been - Teri Lindsay is pretty quick!) and I am sure you will all have them completely memorized before long. If time permits, there will be recitation contests every night at Working Rally (just kidding, but wouldn't that be good for ending the parties by putting everyone to sleep?). One of the main changes was to allow a lot more than before to be done by teleconference, so that the Northern Branches can participate more easily and fully in the business of the Region. One of the other important changes has to do with the position of Regional Youth Rep - see "Congratulations!", below.

Congratulations!

Several Central Ontario Pony Club members have achievements for us to salute in this issue.

- Johanna McKeen of Oshawa and Rebecca Simmons of Durham will BOTH be Regional Youth Reps for the coming year. The election that was held when we only had one Regional Youth Rep ended in a tie, but the revised Rules & Regs let us have more than one, so
- Kyra Holmes of Maple has qualified to represent our Region at the National Show Jumping Finals to be held in Manitoba this September.
- We are sending six competitors to the National Dressage Finals in Nova Scotia in August, as follows:
 - Starter - Devon Cassell of Springwater
 - Pre-Training - Tara Chaisson of Simcoe and Janene Howran of Kawartha
 - Training - Jennifer McKeen of Oshawa
 - First Level - Meaghan Lloyd of Durham
 - Second Level - Johanna McKeen of Oshawa
- Additionally, two Central Ontarians - Stacy Bootsma of Rising Star and Taylor Ryan of Whitchurch - have been awarded OEF bursaries (see the Press Releases section for more details).

Thank You's

Several organizations have supported Pony Club in general and Central Ontario in particular for many years, and they deserve our thanks.

First, the Ontario Equestrian Federation - In addition to bursaries such as those noted above, the OEF has given very welcome grants to the three Ontario Pony Club Regions for many, many years. Fairly often, we get the largest grant given to any of the OEF's member associations. This year alone, Central Ontario's share amounted to nearly \$3,000 - \$2,886 to be exact. Many, many thanks.

Next, a tip of the hat (ha ha) to Apple Saddlery, which has donated merchandise to be used at our Pony Club shows for years now, maybe decades. If you don't already have an Apple Saddlery hat, practice harder, and you might win one this season.

Last but not least, a long overdue thank you to the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair. Karol Shipley writes, "I am sure most pony clubbers don't know that, mainly through the efforts of Gayle McPherson, the RAWF has donated free tickets to the fair and the Royal Horse Show to the Ontario Region Pony Clubs for 14 years now. At 500 to 600 tickets a year for the 3 Ontario regions, that amounts to a total donation estimated at \$234,000. Gayle started the first pony club in Manitoba (Assiniboine) with Doug Catto. She then came to Ontario and was with the Caledon PC. Gayle is now the first woman to serve as President of the RAWF, a wonderful achievement. Many, many thanks to her for so many years of supporting our members and volunteers who go to enjoy the show every year...on what a lot of us now unofficially call 'Pony Club night at the Royal. The <http://www.freewebs.com/yorkuequestrian/index.htm> RAWF is further supporting CPC this year on our 75th Anniversary with an additional donation towards tickets for the youth conference participants in November 2009."

York University Equestrian Team

Those of you enrolled at York, or about to graduate from high school, may be interested to learn that former Pony Club member Alicia Cantin has started a York University Equestrian Show Team at her barn, Constellation Farms. There are also teams at Brock, Guelph, Laurier, McMaster, Toronto, Trent, Waterloo and Western, and they do compete with each other at the Beginner, Novice, Intermediate and Open levels - NOT necessarily the same as Pony Club levels with the same names. All shows are on a catch-ride basis, but York team members may train on their own horses if they are at Constellation, or use one of Alicia's horses. So if you are away from home at university and cannot get to Pony Club activities, here is a way to keep your hand in. Alicia reports that the team has a mini-horse for a mascot, and that the girls are making a sweater for it. For more information, go to one of the following links:

<http://www.constellationfarms.com/>

<http://www.freewebs.com/yorkuequestrian/index.htm>

<http://www.ontariouea.com/>