

National Director's Report April 2008

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75th Anniversary

- Any outstanding branch histories should be sent to National office. Please include pictures if available. Even if the branch history is not available please do a short piece on the current activities of the branch.
- Please encourage any PC Alumni to register on the National Website. This section has been moved to the main page.
- Promote Awareness of our 75th . ie: When ordering ribbons, doing prize lists etc for 2009; incorporate the 75th Logo.
- Make members aware 2009 is the 75th and plan local anniversary celebrations.
- Each member (active & Affiliate) will receive a special 75th anniversary badge in 2009.
- **National Anniversary Plans :**

Calgary - June 24 - July 7 - International Mounted Games Exchange. Pony Club International Allia Meetings, Anniversary Dinner.

Toronto November 11-15 - Disciplines Conference, testing conference, Education Conference, Youth Conference, 75th banquet, and presentation of various awards and scholarships

- Transcanada Trail - a virtual ride across Canada. The trail is 18,000 km long. More information available soon.
- Special Awards - there will be two financial awards in occasion of the anniversary. Criteria & deadline will be available on the website once all details have been worked out.

Membership

- Crawford Dales will be retiring from membership. National office will be taking over.
- Encourage associate members to send in applications. Get parents, volunteers to sign up.
- Reminder: Head Fees for National will increase to \$65 from \$55 for 2009 . (this fall)
- A certificate will now be issued for Affiliates when they graduate out at 25.
- There is now a 15 member pin. They will be retroactive and handed out this fall.
- New tax receipts available for Child Fitness Credit. Club Fees receipt to be completed by DC or treasurer. Activity receipt to be completed by organizer (ie. camp). Both receipts are available under downloads section of website.
- Deadline for Governor General Scholarships is Dec.15th for 2008. The deadline for 2009 will be moved up to **September 1st/2009** so that they may be handed out at the 75th Banquet

Testing

- Spring D2 test is out of 80 instead of 90 marks.

- National Testing Dates: July 28/29 - RA - BC Lower Mainland HA July 30/31
Aug.8/9 HA - Rocky Mountain House RA Aug.10
RA - Ontario 3rd week of July

All test dates are available on National Calendar on Website

- New Stable Management Stream has been approved as a pilot project for this test year. Members of any level can test and get credit for doing the SM portion of a level. It is not necessary to do the riding portion of the test in order to move to the next level of SM . All branches are encouraged to participate.

New Program & Policies

ACE Program (Across Canada Exchange)

This program will provide opportunity for members 14 & up to participate in an exchange program with another Pony Club . Details of the program are now available on the CPC website (under downloads)

Billeting Policy

As a result of the ACE program, we have a new billeting policy (CPC website , under downloads)

Disciplines

- grant applications for the various disciplines are due at the end of April
- **Tetrathlon** - International exchange is being hosted by England and Ireland (August 5-26/ 2008)
- **Inter Pacific Exchange** - hosted in 2009 by Hong Kong, starting July 25th. Applications will be due in the fall if you are interested in applying. If applying, be sure to take videos this summer of your riding ability. Both jumpers and eventers will encouraged to apply.

There is a new cover letter that must go with applications for all international exchanges. The requirements include having a PC and a PSO membership at the time of the application and the year of the exchange. The applicants must also have a passport that is valid for 6 months after the end of the tour.

Congratulations to Kerry Moore on winning a 2007 Governor General Scholarship !