

Awards Banquet 2008 report

The Herman Prior Centre in Portage la Prairie has been booked for Saturday **November 1st 2008**. (Please note the date is not the 8th as originally mentioned as the Centre was not available for that date.)

The Annual General Meeting will precede the banquet as usual. Prairie Valley Branch will look after keeping the young people entertained during the afternoon.

We are looking for a group to chair the Chinese auction if it is to be held as we just don't have enough members in our Branch to deal with this too. If the youth members don't want to take it on again then perhaps another Branch would do that. Each Branch could contribute a gift item for this. Last year it was approximately \$30.00 value. You just need some paper bags or buckets for the tickets, a supply of cut-up paper tickets and some people to sell the tickets.

Catering for the banquet... we have tentatively booked the usual caterers of the HPC (which may not be all that popular a step)... However the other caterers I contacted in the area last year were already booked up for November 1st. Val and John felt that we should try to find someone else and Val was looking into prices etc for a different caterer so hopefully will have a decision by the end of this September regional meeting. The HPC caterers would charge \$11.00/plate for roast beef, turkey or ham supper with potato, veg, roll, condiments, a dessert and tea or coffee. This is up \$0.50 from last year. Adding a dish such as S&S meatballs, or perogies or cabbage rolls is \$1.00/plate extra. Children under 10 are half price, and last year we charged \$15.00 for an adult ticket or a non-member over 10 years, and \$8.50 for Pony Club members or a child under 10 years of age. It would be good to keep the ticket prices reasonable even if the cost of the meal has gone up slightly in order to retain attendance numbers but whatever the majority decides is best since it impacts the Manitoba Pony Club budget..

As well as the usual presentation of awards there will be a slide show presentation from our National Tet competitors and from Sarah regarding the international tet competition. If there is anyone else we have missed please let us know at the meeting.

We will be getting the tickets out to the DC's shortly; they will be numbered and you will just need to circle whether it is a full price or reduced price ticket and collect the appropriate amount in each case. The monies collected should balance to the tickets sold and any outstanding unsold tickets to be handed in also. Please let us know how many tickets you think you will need for your Branch, and please encourage your members and families to come out to get together with the other Branches, including car-pooling wherever possible.

Prairie Valley Branch per Elizabeth Sims D.C.
For September 2008 Regional meeting

