

**Education Report  
MPC Regional Meeting  
April 19, 2009**

**Two successful educational clinics took place in March.**

*“Through the Judge’s Eye”*, with Jan Stephens, was well received. Jan’s casual approach and excellent power point presentation provided many tips and advice on how to improve one’s success before and during competition. Jan will be emailing me a copy of her presentation so that I can provide copies to all clubs for their own viewing and discussion. 24 pony clubbr’s and 13 adults attended.

*“Tack Talk”*, with Teri Gudmunson at Westgates, was also well attended. 24 pony clubbr’s and 15 adults filled Westgate’s store and focused on Teri as she displayed and discussed an abundance of tack from all disciplines. Tack was circulated around the room, allowing the kids to really look and touch, and hopefully, remember. It was a great opportunity for those members in attendance to prepare for the tack i.d. table at Regional Quiz the following weekend.

Teri also generously volunteered to work with our 2009 Regional Quiz team members. With her experience at several national quiz competitions, Teri’s offer is exciting for our Quiz members. The team members are encouraged to drop by the store when she is working. Teri said if the store isn’t busy, she will gladly spend time with them. Arrangements will be made for a “study session” with Teri in the Fall prior to National Quiz.

Two clinics were cancelled due to change of schedule by the presenters. I am hoping to reschedule “Through the Dressage Judge’s Eye” and the Equine Dentistry session. Details will be emailed out when they are confirmed.

Elaine Banfield has agreed to work out a schedule to coach the National Dressage team members, if they so wish. This, perhaps, could be coordinated through our Dressage Chair.

**Regional Quiz...**

I had the opportunity to look over the C and B team sheets when Quiz was over. Despite having a word bank, the identification of feed and poisonous plants continues to be weak areas. I encourage branches to expose their members to this material. Coloured pictures are available easily via Google Images.

A comment on the written tests...if the same material is on both the C and B tests, perhaps the C’s should have a word bank to allow for some success, with the B’s having to come up with the actual answers. I saw many “blank” pages on the C tests (internal parts of leg; thoroughbred racing). We want these kids to come back next year and I heard several of the C’s commenting that they had no idea on some of these sections.

**Candidate Evaluation Clinic...**

As I am unable to attend today’s meeting, I will ask Val to update you on the details and numbers attending. The one comment I would like to make is I feel it is important we do our best to accommodate the senior candidates. These are the pony clubbr’s, whether regular or affiliate, that are working full time, attending university, etc.

### **Candidate Evaluation Clinic...**

Going forth to a regional test is expensive enough without the possibility of having to pay not only an Evaluation Clinic fee but a full Camp fee in order to secure a stall, if they are only able to attend Thursday/Friday. That would make it a \$250 evaluation clinic. This was my only concern when we first discussed the pros/cons of combining the Evaluation Clinic into Camp...I raised the question of “what if” Camp is full and a candidate is only able to attend Thursday/Friday?

I voiced my concerns to Val prior to this meeting. I will ask that she update the committee on any developments in this area.

### **2009 CPC Grant Application**

Val has agreed to submit this for me.

Karen MacLean  
Education Chair  
MPC  
April 19, 2009

## **PPG REPORT**

I have applied for the PPG Grant of \$300.00 , but have not recieved it yet. It will be used to cover the costs of any PPG events we are planning this year.

On that note, we have planned a PPG Play Day at Wilville on Saturday, May 2nd., which is open to everyone. Information posters have been sent out to all of the DC's . So far we have 4 riders which have shown interest in participating. Our clinician is Kathy Christian who has extensive PPG experience. Sara Berry has also offered her services for this day. I have received all of the PPG equipment that was previously at Lisa Browns and will include that with my inventory of what is at Will Farm.

We have plans to host an Eastman PPG Play Day in the near future. Once I have one event under my belt, I will be more comfortable with organizing the next one.

Sue Wilson  
PPG Chair

## **2009 REGIONAL QUIZ REPORT - MARCH 22<sup>ND</sup>, 2009**

### **By Maria Berry, Regional Quiz Chair**

I'm sorry I'm unable to attend this meeting but a previous weekend commitment made months ago is the reason.

Regional Quiz 2009 can be deemed a big success as we had 69 pony club members take part. There were 5 - A/B/Affiliate members (forming 1 team); 19 C members (forming 5 teams) and 45 E level and various D level members (forming 10 teams).

Special thanks go out to Rick Payne and Terri Gudmundson of Westgates Horse & Co. in Headingley and Sue Braun of Sue's Tack Shop in Morden, who always support our Regional Quiz with donated prizes for our winners. This year Sue even managed to get some treat bags donated through Cavalier, one of her suppliers. Thanks go out to these supporters of Pony Club. I also want to let all the parents and my Regional Quiz Committee how much I appreciate all that they do to make this yearly event the success that it has become. Without your volunteer assistance the job would be more than one person could handle. Thanks again and I look forward to calling on you all again next year.

Now for the 2009 Results:

The Top A/B/Affiliate Written went to Hugh Crawley of Mars Hill Pony Club. Other members taking part were Kerry Moore of Mars Hill and the Affiliate members were Sara Berry and Katherine Nichols of Baldur Pony Club and Megan MacLean of Quarry Ridge Pony Club. Sara, Megan and Katherine will be representing Manitoba at the National Quiz as our first ever Affiliate team (over 21 and graduated from regular pony club membership). Good luck to them. These members are much appreciated as they give their time volunteering to teach the younger kids in their respective pony clubs. Hugh and Kerry will be our A/B representatives and will also be attending National Quiz as long as we can find one more A/B from either the host region or another region to join them, as teams need a minimum of 3 members at Nationals. This should be no problem as there is usually always someone extra looking for a team to join up with.

National Quiz this year is being hosted by the BCLM (British Columbia Lower Mainland) and is being held at the Vancouver Airport Hilton in Richmond, BC on Thanksgiving weekend from October 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009. More details on that as they become available. Chaperones for this year will be Karen MacLean, who is the Regional Education Chair, DC of Quarry Ridge Pony Club and of invaluable assistance each year me as the Regional Quiz Chair. I will also be attending as a chaperone as it gives the regional quiz chairs a chance to get together while at the national competition.

The top C Written this year went to Stephanie Sawatzky of North Hill Pony Club who defeated Kaitlyn Cockerill of Windy Plains Pony Club by .5 of a mark; wow that was close!

The Top C's this year were Kaitlyn Cockerill, Stephanie Sawatzky, Karly Woods of Brandon Pony Club and Jessi Good of Quarry Ridge Pony Club. These four will also be going to represent our region at National Quiz as our C team. Should one of these members not be able to attend then the alternate is Sydney Hewins of Brandon Pony Club. Well done everyone!

Our Top D2 Written this year was Kirsten Tunmer of North Hill Pony Club with Laura Elder of Baldur Pony Club coming in second.

The Top D team honors went to team D8 consisting of Kirsten Tunmer of North Hill Pony Club, Jamie Sherritt of Baldur Pony Club, Marianne Renaud of Baldur Pony Club, Kierra Hannah of Portage Pony Club and Kerys Novoselnik of North Hill Pony Club. Second place went to the D1 team consisting of Laura Elder of Baldur Pony Club, Kendra Zimmerman of Mars Hill Pony Club, Matthew Tunmer of North Hill Pony Club, C.J. Wishart of Portage Pony Club and Dominic Good of Quarry Ridge Pony Club. Third place went to the team D10 of Taylor Hein of North Hill Pony Club, Nicole Gorman of Quarry Ridge Pony Club, Lynette Rutbeek and Jenny Delorme of Portage Pony Club. Fourth place went to the team D7 of Amber Orchard, Sabrina Kendall and Madisyn Tabin of Mars Hill Pony Club, Ember Carlin and Bennett Murphy of Red River Pony Club. Fifth place went to the team D6 of Christina Paramor of Brandon Pony Club, Storm Wesley and Kirsten Leverington of Baldur Pony Club, Eric Zimmerman of Mars Hill Pony Club and Steven Rutbeek of Portage Pony Club. Sixth place went to the team D9 of Jazmin Novoselnik of North Hill Pony Club, Karla Iverson of Red River Pony Club, Rachel Renaud of Baldur Pony Club and Gaby Wishart of Portage Pony Club.

I hope to see you all again next year and in the meantime keep up the good work and keep practicing for Quiz! Next year's booking has already been made at Portage and the date is also March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2010.

## **National Show Jumping Report April 2009:**

- Billets needed for all visiting representatives and their chaperones. E-mail to be sent out to membership shortly.
- Horses for weekend, I will be sending out an e-mail confirming horses are still available.
- Stewart, judges, facility booked. Agenda sent out at last regional meeting.
- All regions have been advised of affiliate member show jumping class and criteria to qualify at Nationals 2009.

- Declarations received thus far from Nova Scotia, Alberta Central Region, Western Ontario, BCLM, ABS, Central Ontario, BC Interior, plus the first affiliate from COR. and Manitoba. There is potentially one more region sending a representative pending the discussion below.

That gives Nationals 11 entries from 8 different regions thus far, and our first affiliate entry!

Very Exciting!

- From Diana Locke NSJC:

" 1.) I have had a question from a region that is trying to get medals started...they held a medal clinic in 2008 but not a medal class at regionals and they would like to send one of the members who attended to nationals....this is not what the selection criteria says but we are just getting underway with medals so i would like to say that they could send their member...

What do other SJ chairs feel?...esp manitoba...please reply all with your thoughts

This being said we have to look at agenda items for the meetings in Nov 2009.:

One item will be selection criteria for national and international events.

2.) gymnastic phase and what it can/should entail...maybe we will have outside speaker for this to help all chairs be aware.

3.) should there be an international opportunity for those doing show jumping?"

**Manitoba Clinics:**

I continue to struggle with finding a clinician that can commit to a show jumping program for spring/summer 2009 in the east and west. Terry Klassen has agreed to do something with the kids later in the season depending on his family responsibilities. I do have a lead on a clinician for the east and hope to update this report by the regional meeting.

## **Tetrathlon Report**

## **for Regional Committee Meeting April 19/09**

There is no real change from my last report, those Pony Clubbers in training for National Tet are working hard at their training.

There are 2 important announcements:

1. Westman Tet Clinic scheduled for Saturday May 9<sup>th</sup> has to be rescheduled as it conflicts with the date of the Garry Roque clinic at Birds Hill Park. For anyone attending Rally, Tet or testing D2 and up, you really should attend Garry Roque's clinic if you possibly can. Eventing is dying in Manitoba! A new date for the Tet clinic will be announced.
2. Manitoba Pony Club members are invited to attend the Saskatchewan Regional Tet at Regina on May 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. It is open to all Pony Club levels (there will even be poles on the floor), or for a reduced fee you can give just the swim, run and shoot a go, so a great chance to give Tet a try in a beginner-friendly event that also provides an opportunity to see more advanced tetrathletes qualifying to attend National Tet. You have to take your own horse/pony if riding and the only other pre-requisite is that you must have attended a minimum of 2 air pistol shooting practices with a coach. For Eastman members, Air Pistol Winnipeg meets on Tuesday evenings at 7 pm at Riverview Community Centre, and for those in Westman, contact Sarah Read the Regional Tet Chair, new phone number 204-867-5228 or [sarahread@inetlink.ca](mailto:sarahread@inetlink.ca) For information on the Saskatchewan Regional Tet, check out the Saskatchewan regional page on the Pony Club web site. Registration deadline is April 30<sup>th</sup>. Fees are very affordable, maybe you can arrange a car-pool, billets are available or there is camping adjacent to the stabling. Let me know if you have any questions or if there is interest in attending!

Sarah Read, Regional Tet Chair

## **Manitoba Pony Club Westman Youth Rep Report for April 2009**

On Monday April 6 2009 we held a Westman youth meeting at 7:30 pm at the Pizza Hut on 18<sup>th</sup> Street in Brandon. The meeting began at 7:40 to give time for food orders to be placed. There were three other members besides myself there, all from Brandon PC. We talked about things we wanted to see happen this year, the fundraising ideas suggested by the adults through e-mail, and any beefs they had about Pony Club.

Some ideas the members want to see happen are to have working rallies where you come out and gather as a group and have a good time, such as playing polo, polo-cross, PPG, jumping and more. These would be held in locations that would suit the activity, of if a club is already holding a fun day they could offer it to the other clubs as well.

There was also great support for holding an east/west clinician exchange where a couple of coaches from each side of the province would swap areas and hold a round robin clinic. As well there was interest in doing horse swaps, whether during a lesson in each separate club, or as part of a working rally. The members would swap from horse to horse, which gives great experience with being “put on the spot” in a riding situation.

The members would also like to explore some other areas such as Le Trek and also driving and maybe even team penning! It would be fun and go towards some of the badges too.

The proposed idea of having a dance at Banquet was popular. There was also a call for another Amazing Race at some point this year, maybe in the lead-up to Banquet.

Regarding fundraising proposals, a lot of us are in school bands or in schools with bands that do fundraising for band trips. We agreed that even though the parents should have some say, really the members are the ones who are expected to sell stuff for fundraising. I know that each location varies, but rural Westman has a number of food sales by bands, figure skating and hockey teams, to name just a few. All of us would rather not sell chocolate bars, which seem to reach a saturation point in sales, and gourmet food sales would be competing with fundraising for the bands, 4H etc. We thought that the grocery cards would be the best route to go since not a lot of people do that, but it really depends on the particular area you are selling stuff in. Food may work well in some larger centers but not so well in smaller ones, while grocery cards might work better in smaller centers than larger ones if you are using local stores.

For “beefs”, they felt that senior and junior camp should not be split because they think that the older members should help out the younger ones through some sort of mentoring since they need it for later levels anyway and it is good practice. We have been noticing that camp is not as popular as it was in the past. It seems it was more fun to attend in the past.

I plan to send out a questionnaire about some of these ideas to try and get some feed back from the members who were not able to attend the meeting, and will pass along the results.