



Manitoba Pony Club Newsletter

Bits 'n Pieces

December 2002



Merry Christmas to All. This is the Christmas Issue of Bits 'n Pieces and the last newsletter of the year.

First some news from the Regional AGM in October.

- ❖ A hardy welcome to our new Branch, **Jewel Pony Club**. The D.C. is Florence Branconnier and the club is centered around Roblin.
- ❖ Welcome back to Portage P.C., which has reactivated with Barb Bradley as D.C.
- ❖ New executive members include Val Crowe as Secretary and Marilyn Funk as Membership Secretary. Wanda Hicks has taken over the reins of the Show Jumping portfolio.
- ❖ Congratulations to Amy Hawkins and Dianna Fraser for being elected as Visiting Commissioners.
- ❖ Several Branches have new D.C.'s. Kim Brown is the new DC for Crocus P.C., Harry Crawley has taken on the job at Mars Hill, Helene Savard is the new D.C. for North Hill and Wanda Hicks has taken on the job of guiding Red River P.C.
- ❖ The January 25th Regional Meeting will include a D.C.'s Workshop and Information Session. All D.C.'s, old and new are encouraged to attend. All Discipline Chairs should also make every effort to attend.
- ❖ The National Discipline Conference will be held at the Delta Winnipeg, Feb. 7-9. We will be sending our Dressage, Show Jumping and Rally Chairs. Plus we can send some youth reps. If you are a youth rep for one of those disciplines, let Maria know if you are interested in attending.
- ❖ The 2003 Zone Championships are being held in Northern Alberta in August. If you are interested in competing, please fill out the form at the end of this newsletter. Show Jumping, Dressage and PPG will be held in Edmonton, August 5-7 and Rally will be held in Red Deer, Aug. 9-11. Manitoba hopes to send lots of kids this year so be sure to let us know if you are interested.

- ❖ We have decided to make our fundraising raffle an annual event. Tickets will be handed out at the April Regional Meeting and the draw will be made at camp. All Branches will be expected to take 2 books per family and must bring a cheque to the April meeting to pay for them.

News from the Branches

Baldur Pony Club has had a great start to the year. We have several new members and have been busy fundraising. Four of our members plan to test for B level this year. We hope to send several members to Zones in ANR, and are working to raise money to assist them with travel. We have started SM lessons and have planned a great Christmas party at Connie Dyck's in Boissevain.

Crocus Pony Club Hey Everyone!!!! Let's start this segment by wishing everyone in Pony Club Land a Very Merry Christmas and all the Best for 2003 from all of us at Crocus Pony Club!!!! Our club reorganized and we have 8 members this year. We would like to welcome our newest member, Cierra Wadell-Hodgson, and her family to our fold. We are doing stable management lessons once per month with the D - D2 kids and the C and up join us plus are doing extra lessons with Jenn. Our next meeting is December 29 which is our Christmas Party. We are meeting at the Victoria Inn for a day of swimming, game playing and eating. We might even sneak in some stable management!!! We will continue to do our monthly meetings in the New Year and hopefully throw in some extra 'stuff' just for good measure!!!

All of us at Crocus PC would like to wish Dana Young the best of luck with her trip and procedure in Australia. We think she's a Saint!!!!!!

Happy Trails!!!!

Red River Pony Club has once again had a busy fall. We started our stable management and then had Testing. Congratulations to those who passed the following levels:

D2 - Kira Fowler, Jessie Carleton, Melanie Streeter; D1 - Michelle Streeter, Wayne Hicks, Patrick Dawson, Teagan Robertson, Richelle McCullough; D - Marcy Streeter.

Our Halloween Party with riders and mounts dressed in costume for some mounted games went well. Some of the costumes were real interesting. We were lucky once again to host part of the Gina Smith Clinic and had 9 of our riders take part in lessons. Those that did not take part in Gina's clinic had a lesson with Wanda Hicks to prepare for our in club Dressage Schooling Show that was held in November.

We are also busy making plans for the Red River Pony Club Benefit Show in the spring.

Quiz News

For all you Quiz kids!

- The Eastman regional quiz qualifier is scheduled for February 16/03 at Horse Council in Winnipeg. The time has not been set yet. All C and up are invited to attend. Older Ds are also welcome.
- Currently, a date for the Westman regional Qualifier has not been set.
- The D Quiz will be held at camp next summer.
- If anyone has any ideas for a great Quiz game call me.

Education News

- The HA clinic is still in the works. Nothing has been confirmed yet. The
- Testing Evaluation is scheduled for May 30, 31, June 1. at the Horse Council Equestrian Center in Bird's Hill Park.

Merry Christmas to all and very Happy New Year!

Lynn Kurylko

Education Chair

Tidbits From National

- ❖ As of January 1, 2003, **ASTM/SEI approved helmets will be required at all mounted Pony Club events.** Please check out your helmet today, and if it is not approved, put a new one on your list to Santa. Remember, you only have one head. Protect it.
- ❖ Karol Shipley is the new National Chair and our own John Moehring has taken on the task of National Vice Chair.
- ❖ We have a wonderful website at www.canadianponyclub.org. If you haven't visited it yet, try and do so in the near future. It carries results from all National and International Competitions, application forms and many other interesting items. Check out the News From National, which contains interesting and timely information for both members and adults.
- ❖ A heads up to all prospective HA candidates for 2003. The Testing Committee is looking at some format changes to the Lungeing Phase of the test. The requirements will remain the same.
- ❖ The National Youth Directors have some wonderful ideas for promoting membership and acknowledging the accomplishments of our members. One idea is to present 10 year veterans with a special pin. Do you have any comments? Connect Theresa Moehring with your opinions or ideas. Read their reports on their special web page.
- ❖ Through the meetings held at National Quiz this year, once again the idea of remaining in Pony Club until age 25 has been brought forward. What do you think? The Membership Committee plans to do a survey to get input from the members. Make sure you make your opinion known.

- ❖ The 2003 AGM will be held on Saturday, March 29 at the Delta Winnipeg.
- ❖ Governor-General and Todd Sandler applications must reach the National Office by December 15, so if you are interested in applying, time is running out. Applications are available on the web site.

COMING EVENTS

Feb. 7 - 9	CPC Discipline Conference	CPC & MPC	Delta Winnipeg, Winnipeg
Feb. 15	Regional Examiners & Test Rep clinic	MPC	Portage La Prairie
Feb. 16	Eastman Quiz Qualifiers	MPC	Sport Manitoba
Feb. 21-23	Brandon Schooling Show	BLHPSI	Brandon
Mar. 7-9	Brandon Schooling Show	Brandon PC	Brandon
Mar. 28-30	CPC Annual Meeting	CPC & MPC	Delta Winnipeg, Winnipeg
Mar. 31-Apr. 5	Brandon Winter Fair	BLHPSI	Brandon
Apr. 26-27	Schooling Show	North Hill PC	Equestrian Centre, Birds Hill Park
May 3-4	Birds Hill Back to Back	MHT	Equestrian Centre, Birds Hill Park
May 3-4	Spring Flower Show	Dressage Wpg.	Equestrian Centre, Birds Hill Park
May-07	PC C2-B2 Written Tests	MPC	TBA
May 9-11	Schooling Show	MHJA	Equestrian Centre, Birds Hill Park
May 16-19	Victoria Day Show		Teske's
May 23-25	Red River P.C. Show		Red River Exhibition Park
May 30-June 1	Wheat City Classic	BLHPSI	Brandon
May 31-June 1	Regional Evaluation	MPC	Equestrian Centre, Birds Hill Park

June 7-8	3 Star Horse Show	MQHA	Equestrian Centre, Birds Hill Park
June 7-8	NADAC Agility Trials (Dogs)	Agility In MB	Equestrian Centre, Birds Hill Park
June 7-8	Willville Horse Trials	Will Farm	Will Farm, Carroll
June 11-15	Brandon Summer Fair	BLHPSI	Brandon
June 14-15	Capt. deKenyeres Trophy Show	Dressage Wpg.	Equestrian Centre, Birds Hill Park
June 20-22	Summer Classic	MHJA	Equestrian Centre, Birds Hill Park
July 4 - 6	Bird's Hill Summer Event	MHT	Equestrian Centre, Birds Hill Park
July 9-13	MPC Regional Testing	MPC	Equestrian Centre, Birds Hill Park
July 17-20	MHJA July Show	MHJA	Red River Exhibition Park
July 19-20	Bird's Hill Combined Driving Event	MCDA	Equestrian Centre, Birds Hill Park
Jul 25-Aug. 1	MPC Camp	MPC	Treherne
Jul 31 - Aug. 3	Derby Show	MHJA	Red River Exhibition Park
Aug. 5-7	Dressage, SJ and PPG Zones	ANR	Edmonton
Aug. 9-11	Zone Rally	ANR	Red Deer
Aug. 5-10	Heart of the Continent	MHJA	Red River Exhibition Park
Aug. 15-17	Benefit Show	MPC	Equestrian Centre, Birds Hill Park
Aug. 30-31	Fall Harvest Horse Show	MHJA	Equestrian Centre, Birds Hill Park
Sept. 13-14	Autumn Classic	Dressage Wpg.	Equestrian Centre, Birds Hill Park
Sept. 13-14	Bird's Hill Fall Fest Horse Trials	MHT	Equestrian Centre, Birds Hill Park



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Loyalty

Character

Sportsmanship

Preliminary Intention to Compete at Zones

Rider's Name _____

Branch _____ Level _____ Age _____

Mailing Address _____

Postal Code _____ Phone # _____

E-mail Address _____

I wish to participate as a non-riding Stable Manager. _____

Horse's Name _____

Age _____ Height _____ Breed _____

Show Jumping

Please check off the possible level(s) in which you are hoping to participate.

Division	First Round	Second Round	Jump Off	
Beginner	2'9	3'	3'0	
Novice	3'0	3'3	3'3	
Intermediate	3'3	3'6	3'6	
Advanced	3'6	3'9	3'9	

Dressage

Please list the level(s) at which you hope to participate.

Rally Please check off any that apply.

Stable Manager _____

Captain _____

Rider _____ Training _____ Pre-Training _____ Prelim _____

PPG

A team _____

Masters team _____

I am interested in applying to be a coach or chaperone _____

Name _____ Discipline _____

This is only a preliminary application. It does not commit you to actually attend Zones. It does give us a data base to distribute information. Please send this form to the secretary at the above address as soon as possible but no later than March 1. Participants will be allowed to form their own teams, so you may wish to send your forms in as a possible team.