



# Bits 'n Pieces

## Manitoba Pony Club's Quarterly Newsletter

December 2005

### REGIONAL AGM & BANQUET IN REVIEW

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual MPC Banquet and Recognition Evening was very successful and well attended.

The evening started with an icebreaker game run by senior members Amanda Penner and Mike Kurylko. They came up with some very difficult questions. Baldur P.C. managed to get the most correct answers and was rewarded with a big box of candy.

Diana Dickson said grace and everyone enjoyed a wonderful turkey dinner with all the trimmings, supplied by the Haywood Country Kitchen.

After dinner, everyone enjoyed a terrific power point presentation by Mike Kurylko on his New Zealand adventures. Mike was chosen by Canadian Pony Club to represent Canada at the New Zealand Eventing Championships and International Exchange. Mike encouraged the older kids to visit the International Info Centre on the Canadian Pony Club web page to see what exchanges are coming up in the future.

During the evening, draws were made for a super range of prizes donated by the various Pony Clubs. Many thanks go out to all the Branches for being so very generous with their donations.

Special guests at the Banquet included Flo Watson, MHC Executive Director, and Teri Gudmundson, representing Rick Payne and Westgates/Horse & Co., one of our major sponsors.

Teri presented 15% off certificates to each member of Quarry Ridge as their prize for winning the Build a Jump Contest. The Quarry Ridge jump was truly a work of art and most deserving of recognition.

This evening is also a time to recognize the accomplishments of our members throughout the past year. John presented members with certificates listing all their achievements. These included such things as placings in Regional Championships, Rally and Regional Quiz plus recognition of achievements in testing and participation in National and International competitions.

The highlight of the evening was the power point presentation of the Year in Review, compiled by John Moehring. John started with pictures from the various events such as Quiz, Camp, Testing and Rally, then finished with a collage of images from each Branch as they worked together throughout the year. Complete with music and some interesting comments, the presentation was a huge success and very well received. Thanks to John for all the hours he spent putting this together.

MPC would like to thank all the volunteers who worked so hard to make the evening such a success. There are too many to name each one but special mention must be made of Barb Bradley and Diana Dickson for making it all come together.

## Your 2006 Regional Executive for Manitoba Pony Club ... drum roll please...

Regional Chair/Director	John Moehring
Regional Vice Chair	Ted Krakalovich
Treasurer	Phil Crowe
Secretary/VC	Val Crowe
Membership Secretary/VC	Marilyn Funk
Baldur DC	Lori Leverington
Baldur ADC/VC	Dianna-Lee Fraser
Brandon DC	Kim Ryan-Nicholls
Brandon ADC	Barb McConnell
Jewel DC	Florence Branconnier
Jewel ADC	Louise Bonser
Mars Hill DC/Bingo	Harry Crawley
Mars Hill ADC	Diana Dickson
North Hill DC/Dressage	Helene Savard
North Hill ADC	Lyne Tunmer
Portage DC	Barb Bradley
Portage ADC	Sherry Peloquin
Quarry Ridge DC/Education	Karen MacLean
Quarry Ridge ADC/PPG	Lisa Brown
Red River DC	Kim Ruud
Red River ADC	Brenda Grom
Windy Plains DC/Rally	Lisa Taylor
WP ADC/Show Jumping	Debbie Wood
Communications	Jennifer Mickle
Testing Chair	Sue Krakalovich
Tetrathlon Chair	Sarah Read
Visiting Commissioner	Amy Johnston
Youth Rep East	Kelly Krakalovich
Youth Rep West	Kalee Bradley

VC = visiting commissioner

These are the people you should contact if you have questions or want to give ideas to (your Youth Rep would love to hear from you). Watch future newsletters to get updates from all the disciplines. Remember that they are all volunteers. They give freely of their time and expertise for all of you. Don't forget to thank them!

### **HALT... We stand corrected:**

Last newsletter Lindy Norris was acknowledged as having accomplished the Flat ride of the National RA test ... it was in fact the jumping portion of this testing that she challenged successfully. Way to go!

### **Rules & Regulations**

Not only do rules and regulations apply to showing and testing; your branches and regional executive are busy completing these for all levels. Each branch is required to make sure that a Branch Rules & Regulations document is completed and filed with the Region. Templates were provided in order that everyone keeps with Canadian Pony Club philosophy. It is then each Region's responsibility to ensure that copies are maintained on file. These documents are designed to keep everyone safe and ensure that Pony Club guidelines are followed in all Branches. They are available to view if you are interested, just ask your DC...warning dry reading will follow!

## QUIZ 2006

Planning for Quiz Events is happening all over the province. Anyone interested in qualifying for the National Team (C or A/B) needs to attend either Eastman or Westman Quiz or BOTH! Put your stable management skills to work for you...earn prizes...join the fellowship...have fun!

Eastman Quiz - To be announced

Westman Quiz – Sunday, February 12 at Souris School



## \*\*\* BRANCH NEWS \*\*\*

### BALDUR

Since the last newsletter in October, we have been very busy. We had a table at the Cypress River Craft Fair and also ran the kitchen as a fundraiser. A week later, we all gathered at Baldur School to make up the new member packages for Canadian Pony Club. This is a big job as 1000 packages are required each year.

Our members have also been busy with Stable management lessons and earning badges. Our kids are so dedicated; they even did some SM at our Christmas party. But it wasn't all work. We went bowling, had snacks and opened presents. Our younger members have been twinned with a Branch in the UK and have written letters to some of their members. This should be an interesting experience.

Amanda Penner and Katherine Nichols are busy studying for the A written exam, which takes place in January.

Baldur Pony Club is looking forward to hosting the Westman Area Quiz February 12<sup>th</sup> in Souris.

We have just completed our Branch Rules & Regs and we are pleased to announce that Sarah Read has agreed to take on the position of Secretary for the Branch.

### BRANDON

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

Congratulations are extended to our members who accomplished their goals in 2005 and we are looking forward to your achievements in the coming year. Enough about the past, we want to share what is in store for our future.

Our club is growing once again and it is exciting to have six new members. Although our more seasoned parents are trying to gently guide the newcomers, we are sure that Pony Club is overwhelming at times. We commend them on their patience and willingness to jump right in! Our members continue to train under the watchful and caring guidance of Cindy Klassen with stable management guidance from Kelsey Boisvert, Lindsay Cullen and Lynne Robertson. Our Branch committee cannot thank these dedicated volunteers enough for their sharing of their time and knowledge.

Brandon is pleased to be hosting two schooling shows again in 2006. March 4/5 will be our annual pre-Winter Fair schooling show at the Keystone Centre, Brandon. Although the new facilities may not be fully at our disposal, arrangements are in place to improve on last year's facilities. July 9 will be the date of our schooling show at the Souris Fairgrounds. This should be an exciting weekend as we are affiliated with Souris & Glenwood Agricultural Society and their plans for their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Fair-Homecoming. We invite everyone to come out and participate in both shows.

## NORTH HILL

Merry Christmas from the North Hill Family!

2005 was a productive and successful year for our club. Our members attended almost all Pony Club functions, and fared very well. Although it would be too long to list everyone's accomplishments, I must emphasize Robby Norris' passing her RA test. This is a rare accomplishment in Manitoba and one that makes us all very proud.

The North Hill club started the 2005 year with the traditional stable management classes then held its annual schooling show in a cold April. We appreciated all the riders who came to support our club and hope to see many of you again in 2006. Mark this important date on your calendar: April 29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup> at Bird's Hill Park!

Lessons started in May with our young riders and senior members/instructors wearing their winter gear (hats, mittens, scarves and winter jackets)!!! It was unbelievably cold, and the horses didn't appreciate being ridden in the Manitoba wind. However, the tough Manitoba riders continued their weekly lessons until the sun and heat appeared in...June?

Summer is usually our off season for club activities, but we were kept busy building a jump. Thank-you to Maria and Doug for their commitment and expertise, as well as Linda and Chris for the use of their shop. Our younger members were happy to help painting the beautiful jump, but were crushed when they found out that they could only use blue and white! Congratulations to Stéphanie who won our "design a jump" contest. The jump looked good!

Fall lessons were held in different arenas, as it seems quite difficult to trust Mother Nature nowadays... Thank you to Angela Enns and Delbert Grasby for the use of their facility.

Our members made many friends this year while participating in all the Pony club events, and are looking forward to see them again in 2006. Happy New Year!

## PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE

Portage Pony Club held their re-organizational meeting on Tuesday, 6 September 2005 and at that time we had 7 members. By our next parent's meeting, held on Tuesday, 1 November 2005, we had grown to 11 members and 10 families! Portage PC is alive and well.

Our returning members in September 2005 were: Kalee Bradley (15), Jenny Peloquin (12), Abby Tye (12), Mackenzie Wishart (11), Gabi Wishart (8), Breanne Neudorf (9), and CJ Wishart (8). We welcomed our new members: Amanda Fauschou (12), Amanda Perrin (12), Jacqueline Hoyes (9), and Nicole Rutbeek (8).

In September PPC had 2 members test for their next level. Kalee Bradley successfully completed the C level. Jenny Peloquin completed her D2. Both tested with the Baldur PC. Thank you to Baldur PC for hosting the testing and having our members join in.

Riding lessons were offered to our members during October and November, and were held at Agasea Farm in the arena. The members got to meet, chat and ride their ponies, which was wonderful. Riding lessons have continued into December for members who are able to trailer in the winter.

Stable management started up in October. PPC is very fortunate to have a local rider/coach and ex-pony club member, Shannon Bowers, volunteering with the D/D1/D2 and C levels. Shannon is also the Horse Project Leader for the local 4H club. Our members meet for stable management generally every other Saturday.

Our club goals for the winter are to have our members work on their badges in the Badge Program and to do a club project. In the spring the club will offer more riding lessons and host our 3rd annual clinic the weekend of 22/23 April 2006 at Agasea Farm.

Kalee Bradley was elected the Youth Rep - West at the Manitoba Pony Club AGM held on 5 November 2005. Kalee is also the Youth Rep on the Rally Committee.

PPC will be holding its AGM on Tuesday, 7 February 2006, which involves election of officers/committee chairs.

## Clubs' Fundraising Activities

Over the year we will all be fundraising for Pony Club. Please email [jmickle@mts.net](mailto:jmickle@mts.net) with your club's or parent committees' efforts and it will be shared with everyone via the newsletter! Please do your best to attend these events. Without them or local clubs would not have the funds needed to continue offering a local Pony Club.

- Brandon's Parent Committee Hosts Bud, Spud & Steak Dinner at Canad Inn, Brandon on Saturday, March 4, 2006 from 5pm to 9pm.
- Regional Raffle – Keep selling those tickets. Our Jump Project needs you!
- North Hill Schooling Show
- Baldur Fun Show
- Red River Schooling Show
- Other events to be announced at a later date!

For Schooling Show dates, check the handy chart below. When in doubt, check out the WebPages (see bulletins) for up to date info.

## CLASSIFIEDS

### ● Bulletins ●

- Raffle Tickets for Jump Project still available, contact Val Crowe!
- Be current ... check the calendar on the Canadian PC/Manitoba PC WebPages  
[www.canadianponyclub.org](http://www.canadianponyclub.org)
- Do you have classified notices, jokes, bulletins, or even articles? Email [jmickle@mts.net](mailto:jmickle@mts.net) to include in your Spring Newsletter. Editorial deadline

### *New Tack for sale*

Bridles, Bridle accessories, Halters and leads, Gloves, Boots for horse and people, Saddles and accessories, Other useful stuff and gift ideas!  
For more information Contact Caitlin Bunkowsky at 229-2506  
Or email at [leabanke@mts.net](mailto:leabanke@mts.net)

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### *Horses for lease or sale*

Contact Caitlin Bunkowsky 746-6011 for information on horses that are still available.

## Manitoba Pony Club Coming Events

<b>Date</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Location</b>
	*MPC Sanctioned Events	
<b>Jan. 15</b>	<b>*Regional Meeting/DC Workshop</b>	<b>Portage Fair Board Office 12:00 – 5:00</b>
<b>Jan. 27-29</b>	<b>*Disciplines Conference</b>	<b>Winnipeg, Hilton Suites</b>
Feb. 3-5	BLH&PS Schooling Show	Keystone, Brandon
<b>Feb. 12</b>	<b>*Westman Area Quiz</b>	<b>Souris School, Souris 1:00 – 4:00</b>
<b>Feb. 15</b>	<b>Deadline for C2 - B2 Test Applications</b>	<b>Send to Sue Krakalovich</b>
<b>Feb. 17-19</b>	<b>*Reg. Chairs Conference</b>	<b>Toronto, Quality Suites</b>
Feb. 17-19	BLH&PS Schooling Show	Keystone, Brandon
<b>March 3-5</b>	<b>*Brandon PC Schooling Show</b>	<b>Keystone, Brandon</b>
<b>March 19</b>	<b>*Regional Quiz</b>	<b>Portage, Herman Prior Centre 10:00</b>
Mar. 27-31	Winter Fair	Keystone, Brandon
<b>April 7-9</b>	<b>*AGM Board Meetings</b>	<b>Hilton Suites, Winnipeg</b>
<b>April 8</b>	<b>*CPC Annual General Mtg. and Awards Luncheon</b>	<b>Hilton Suites, Winnipeg 12:00</b>
<b>April 22/23</b>	<b>*Dressage &amp; Show Jumping Clinic</b>	<b>Portage</b>

<b>April 23</b>	<b>*Regional Meeting</b>	<b>Portage Fair Board Office 1:00 – 4:00</b>
<b>April 28-30</b>	<b>*NH Schooling Show</b>	<b>Birds Hill Park</b>
<b>May 12-14</b>	<b>*Baldur Spring Fun Show</b>	<b>Willville, Carroll</b>
May 12-14	MHJA May Schooling Days	Birds Hill Park
May 19-21	Victoria Day Show	Teske's
<b>May 26-28</b>	<b>*Red River PC Show</b>	<b>Red River Ex Grounds</b>
May 27	Westman Cadora Dressage Show	TBA
June 7-11	Brandon Summer Fair	Keystone, Brandon
<b>June 16-18</b>	<b>Willville HT and *Regional Rally</b>	<b>Willville, Carroll</b>
May 23-25	MHJA Summer Classic	Birds Hill Park
June 24	Westman Cadora Dressage Show	TBA
June 30-July 2	MHT Summer Event	Birds Hill Park
July 7-9	MHJA July Schooling Days	Birds Hill Park
July 9	Souris & Glenwood Agricultural Society Fair & Brandon Pony Club English Show	Souris Fairgrounds
July 13-16	MHJA Budweiser Beach Party	Red River Ex.
<b>July 15-21</b>	<b>*Camp</b>	<b>Portage Fair Grounds</b>
July 27-30	MHJA Derby Show	Red River Ex.
August 1-6	MHJA Heart of the Continent	Red River Ex.
<b>Aug. 11-13</b>	<b>*Benefit Show &amp; Championships</b>	<b>Birds Hill Park</b>
August 20	Mordha Horse Trials	Mordha Farms
August 26	Westman Cadora Dressage Show	TBA
<b>Sept. 1-4</b>	<b>*C2-B2 Testing</b>	<b>TBA</b>
Sept. 29-Oct.1	Willville HT and Combined Test	Willville, Carroll

## On the Lighter Side of the Fence! *New Year's Resolutions for Ponies*

- \* I CAN walk and poop at the same time. I can, I can, I can.
- \* I will NOT leave when my rider falls off.
- \* My stall is NOT my litter box. When I have free access to my paddock, I will NOT go back inside to pee.
- \* I will NOT roll in streams or try to roll when my human is on my back.
- \* I will NOT leap over large non-existent obstacles when the whim strikes.
- \* I will NOT walk faster on the way home than I did on the way out.
- \* I will NOT bite my farrier's butt just because it is there.
- \* I will NOT confuse my human's blond hair for really soft hay.
- \* I will NOT wipe green slime down the back of my human's white show shirt.
- \* I promise NOT to undo every gate/fence latch to prove to my human that I can!
- \* I will NOT lay totally flat out in my stall with my eyes glazed over and my legs straight out and pretend I can't hear my human frantically screaming "Are you asleep?"
- \* I will NOT chase the horses into the electric fence to see if it is on.
- \* I will promise NEVER to dump the wheelbarrow of manure over while a human is mucking my stall.
- \* I will NOT have an attitude problem. I won't, I won't, I won't!
- \* I will NOT pull my new shoes off the very next day just to prove that I can.
- \* I accept that not every carrot is for me.
- \* I will NOT shy at familiar objects just for fun.
- \* I will NOT bite the butt of the horse in front of me during the trail ride just to say "Hi".
- \* I WILL put my ears forward and co-operate when it comes to photos.

Adapted From: [http://www.emmitsburg.net/humor/archives/horse/horse\\_4.htm](http://www.emmitsburg.net/humor/archives/horse/horse_4.htm)

Thanks for all the contributions! Please keep them coming.