



# Bits 'n Pieces

## Manitoba Pony Club's Quarterly Newsletter

March 2006

### EASTMAN, WESTMAN & REGIONAL QUIZ

Mid winter is definitely Quiz time...both Eastman and Westman held events. Both were successful pre-events for the Manitoba Regional Quiz.

Regional Quiz was held on March 19th at the Herman Prior Centre in Portage La Prairie. 43 MPC pony clubbr's participated in a full day consisting of the dreaded written test, yummy lunch complete with donated desserts, and then an afternoon of stations. When all was calculated and finalized the awards were presented. Congratulations to our winners:

A/B Regional Team: Amanda Penner, Hugh Crawley, Kerry Moore and Robby Norris

C Regional Team: Kelly Krakalovich, Sara Berry, Stephanie Sawatzky and Jessi Good

C Team: Kelly Krakalovich, Aylicia Spitzke and Leighton Dyck

D Team: Whitney Fortin, Daniel Sawatzky, Stefanie Markewich and Carly Leverington

E Team: Leslie Goethalf, Mathew Tunmer and Gabi Wishart

High Scoring Individual: A/B - Amanda Penner, C - Kelly Krakalovich, D - Whitney Fortin, E - Leslie Goethalf

Thanks go out to all the parent volunteers, who marked tests, ran stations, prepared lunch, etc. Without you, Quiz would not be possible. Special thanks also to our sponsors: Westgates, FeedRite and Prairie Farm & Ranch. The donations of prizes helped make the day more special.

Good luck to our two Regional Teams as they prepare for National Quiz being held this fall in Saskatoon, Sask.

Karen MacLean, Education Chair

### **HALT... PICTURE SEARCH:**

John Moehring is on his never ending search for the good, bad and even a little embarrassing Pony Club pictures. Don't forget to take those snaps at ALL your events!

### **Pony Club Camp 2006**

July 15 to 21, 2006

Portage la Prairie

Space will be limited this year as we have a lot of interest. Be sure to register early through your DC. Forms are available NOW! Early bird deadline for registration is May 13.

### **SEE THIS SPACE...**

It was supposed to contain something from our youth reps! Hey, where are you? Please help them out by sending ideas. Next newsletter, I hope to have some great stuff!

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



### BALDUR

Announcing our spring FUN show. See below for details. We want to stress that this is an excellent show for beginners as orientation is included! Find out about tack and dress rules, protocol, class descriptions etc. Come with lots of questions and we will try and answer them.

If you don't have a coach, we will have one for you. This Derby style event will be a great way to begin or continue your "Show Season".

### BRANDON

Welcome Spring!

Our March Schooling Show was a huge success. Again our volunteers were outstanding and not stepped up to the plate despite a couple of accidents. The Mickles want to thank everyone who came to their aid and yes, both have recovered from their mishaps.

We welcome our new volunteer Melissa Jones (formerly of Souris). Melissa had accomplished her C2 and attended National Quiz several times. We bet some of you know her well. Her experience is a great asset to our younger members. Brandon club will be concentrating on written testing and plans for our July Schooling Show. In between, we hope to have some fun building a useful horse-related gadget and getting outside to ride. Come on spring!

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.

### NORTH HILL

Our 15 members were busy taking stable management classes this winter and are now ready to start lessons as soon as Mother Nature will give us the ok! Many of our members will be riding new horses this year, so it will be exciting to see their progress.

NHPC members attended in large numbers both the Eastman and Regional Quiz. Congratulations to Robby Norris who made the Regional A/B team and Stephanie Sawatzky who made the Regional C Team. They both will be participating in the National Quiz in Saskatchewan in October. Congratulations also to Daniel Sawatzky who was part of the D team who took first place and to Matthew Tunmer who was also first with his E team at the Regional Quiz.

Our club members are always busy learning new skills. This year, we will have a polo clinic on April 9th and a Horse chiropractor will teach us exercises to do with our horses to keep them pain free on April 22nd. Our members will also learn about arena etiquette during that session.

We hope to see many familiar and friendly faces at our Spring Show,

which will take place April 29th and 30th.

Have a safe and long riding season. Hélène Savard, DC

### PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE

Saturday, 22 April 2006 - Portage Pony Club will be hosting our 3rd Annual Pony Club Clinic. This year we are focusing on flat work and dressage. Clinician is Lorraine Wilson from the Brandon area. To register, please call either Leslie Wishart at 857-3311 or Barb Bradley at 252-3448.

### QUARRY RIDGE

This year at QRPC we have a smaller, but dedicated group of 10 pony clubbers. We have Megan working towards her B; Lisa, Shannon, Eden and Jessi working towards their C2 and Thomi, Nicole and Kristena working towards their C. Our club meets weekly in Stonewall for stable management lessons.

Several of the girls travelled to Tyndall and participated in Eastman Quiz - way to go MarsHill - we had fun! March 19th saw the same bunch drive to Portage La Prairie and compete at Regional Quiz. The stations were fun and interesting and the day was enjoyable. Congratulations to our Jessi Good who was successful in securing a place on the MPC C Regional Quiz Team. Good luck at National Quiz Jessi!

The weekend of April 8/9 was a busy one for us. Eden and her

best bud, Bugsy, rode well under the watchful and talented eye of Gina Smith at the clinic hosted by Quarry Ridge Farms. Lisa, Shannon, Jessi, Aylicia and Nicole went to their first Annual General Meeting of the CPC (the luncheon of course!). Congratulations Val on receiving your Life Time Achievement! The weekend

wrapped up with Jessi participating at the Polo Clinic organized by NorthHill.

April is here and our members are busy with the 'ole shedding blades, helping their horses shed that winter fuzz. With most of our members riding "greener" horses this year, show season will take on

a new challenge. We look forward to seeing everyone out and about, and especially at Camp in July and Benefit Show in August. (Be sure to get your Camp apps into the Helene Savard ASAP.)

Happy riding!

### Saskatchewan Regional Tetrathlon & Rally May 26-28, Saskatoon

Application forms are available through Sarah Read 867-2571, MB Regional Tetrathlon Chair.

Details available include:

Friday, May 26 = swimming

Saturday, May 27 = shooting, running, and x-country riding clinic

Sunday, May 28 = all riding events

\*Outdoor stalls and camping are available.

Details of Manitoba's Regional Event are pending and were not ready at Newsletter print time. Watch for information coming through your DC.

#### ● Bulletins ●

- 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 next Newsletter. Editorial deadline is June 1, 2006.
- Minnedosa 4H Western Riders Spring Ride & Poker Derby with Horse Swap 'n Shop. Come, bring the stuff you no longer can use and sell or swap with someone else. May 7, 2006, Classic Rockfest site, Minnedosa. Registration 11am-12pm, \$10 includes Roast Beef Supper. All sale items to be labelled with name, phone #, and asking price. Wagons welcome!
- Horse-A-Rama, May 20 @ 10am at Carberry Fairgrounds. \$25 to register by 8am with ANYTHING horsey. Camping available and lunch will be sold. For more info call (204) 834-2513 or 834-2659. Miniature horse clinic to start at 1pm.

#### *New Tack for sale*

Items for both horse and rider, Caitlin Bunkowsky at 229-2506 or email at [leabanke@mts.net](mailto:leabanke@mts.net)

Vicky Wilson at The Tack Trunk, Brandon; specializing in English Attire – phone 763-4757

Do you receive Sue's Newsletter? Free to sign up, check it out at:  
<http://mordenhomehardware.ca/SuesTackShop/data.htm>

#### *Horses for lease or sale*

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

#### *Trailers for sale*

Barb had one for sale and some of you may have seen the pictures...call Barb Bradley at 252-3448.

## Clubs' Fundraising Activities/Shows

This is an update of fundraising activities 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.

- North Hill Schooling Show  
April 29th-30th Bird's Hill Park  
Show secretary is Heather Hein 482-3533  
ticket show at \$6 per class Stabling \$55 for 2 days; \$35 for 1 day  
Judges: Marg Teske and Susan Adey
- Baldur Fun Show  
May 13/14, 2006 at Will Farms, Carroll, MB  
Contact is Val Crowe or Lori Leverington  
Flat classes \$3 each; Jumping rounds \$5 each, Maximum of 2 classes/section. Stabling available first-come, first-served basis at \$15. Pre-registration appreciated by Tuesday, May 9. Canteen will be available on Sunday.
- Red River Schooling Show  
Details to come later, so, keep watching for them!

## On the Lighter Side of the Fence!



Yes, it's a frog. Now turn it 180 degrees to the left or counter clockwise...surprise!

Have you seen Patches the horse? This video is entertaining if nothing else- [PatchestheHorse.wmv](#)

**Well due to truck trouble, I missed the AGM for CPC in Winnipeg! On behalf of all of us VAL CROWE – CONGRATULATIONS! You were speechless and everything...we are all blessed with having you give a Life Time of Your Achievement to Pony Club – THANKS!**

**Thanks for all the contributions! Please keep them coming.**