



# Bits 'n Pieces

## Manitoba Pony Club's Quarterly Newsletter

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### SHE COMES FROM THE LAND DOWN UNDER

Hi my name is Jaz Zebra, I'm 16, and am currently over here in Canada on an exchange from Australia. I'm here with an exchange program, called EF exchange, for a period of 6 months. I was given a host family to live with (the Bradley family), and whilst I am here I am attending high school and also try to learn about the Canadian culture and way of life!!!

There was a wide variety of countries I could choose to go for my exchange abroad, however I chose Canada because I had heard how friendly the people are, how beautiful the land was and also because of the snow (I love skiing!!!) So far what I had heard is proving true!

In Australia I am a member of Pony Club, and while I'm here I'm hoping to learn a bit about the Canadian Pony Club system, as so far it seems to be rather different. Perhaps I could take some of your ideas back to my Pony Club, and even share some of ours with you! It all helps to make us more horse wise and better riders!

I'm giving a bit of a presentation about how the Australian Pony Club system works, and what we do, at your Pony Club Banquet, so feel free to ask any questions then and I'll do my best to answer them!!!

Cya then, Jaz

Editor's Note: Welcome to Canada and Manitoba Jaz! We are excited to have you participate with us and hope you have a rewarding exchange here. Yes, we love your accent...the Canadian accent is not nearly as distinctive.

### **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 submit those snaps SOON, the AGM is very quickly approaching!

### **Pony Club Camp 2006** July 15 to 21, 2006 Portage la Prairie

A great time was had by all. Some new things were tried and there are already new things to try for 2007. Mark your calendars for July 21 to July 27, 2007 in Portage la Prairie. Thanks to Helene, committee and all the volunteers for pulling it off!

### **YOUTH REP**

This is that important role that everyone can apply for once they turn 14 years of age. Not only does each club have a rep that keeps contact with their parent group, there are also Youth Reps for both the Eastern and Western Regions. These individuals bring the thoughts and ideas of the youth to the Regional Meetings. If you would like to let your name stand, contact your DC as the new reps are elected at the AGM in November.

## REGIONAL BENEFIT SHOW

This year's Benefit Show had 106 entries and 128 Dressage rides. We added a Walk Trot Dressage Division, sponsored by Family Fare in Oakbank. We also added a jumper class for non-Pony Club riders.

Show Champions were:

<b>Company</b>	<b>Category</b>	<b>Division</b>	<b>Winner</b>	<b>Horse</b>
Rutherford Farms Ltd	Blanket	Dressage	Stephanie Sawatzky	Blue Crush
Tom's Truck & Trailer	Reserve	Dressage	Michelle Johnson	Tessa Rose
J.B. Transmission	Blanket	Equitation	Stephanie Sawatzky	Blue Crush
Baldur P.C.	Reserve	Equitation	Jennifer Andrews	Bob/Simplee Irresistable
			Kerry Moore	Alisharp
Selkirk Courier Service	Blanket	Junior	Stephanie Sawatzky	Blue Crush
Windy Plains P.C.	Reserve	Junior	Kate Oleson	OA's Just a Joker
Hilltop Russ Stables	Blanket	Pony	Megan Martens	Gandolf
Quarry Ridge P.C.	Reserve	Pony	Kaitlyn Fraser	Chipped Paint
King-O-Matic	Blanket	Senior	Jennifer Andrews	Bob
Mars Hill P. C.	Reserve	Senior	Jennifer Andrews	Simplee Irresistable
Westgates/Horse & Co	Blanket	Top A/B	Kerry Moore	Alisharp
Mordha Farms	Reserve	Top A/B	none	
Dream Ridge Enterprises	Blanket	Top C	Stephanie Sawatzky	Blue Crush
Brandon Pony Club	Reserve	Top C	Alexia Reske-Nauroki	Fox
Eastridge Farms	Blanket	Top D	Nicole Brown	Kalina
North Hill P.C.	Reserve	Top D	Michelle Johnson	Tessa Rose
Pegasus Riding School	Blanket	Walk-Trot	Marlo Glass	Tony
Canvasback	Reserve	Walk-Trot	Kirsten Tunmer	Russ Haven's Red Willow (Willow)

At this point, the show has made about \$2600 but there is still a bit more to come.

We also ran the Regional Dressage and Show Jumping Championships at this show. We had 10 D Teams and 2 C Teams for Dressage and 4 D Teams and 2 C Teams in Show Jumping. Check the web for results and pictures.

We were down approximately 30 horses from last year, while expenses went up slightly. The canteen did very well but suffered a bit because of a rainstorm right at lunchtime. The rainbow auction did very well, thanks to a lot of hard work from Lynn Tunmer.

Volunteers run this show and it takes an extraordinary number of volunteers to make it run smoothly. The canteen was co-ordinated by Carole Good and Maria Setterbom, who did an excellent job, with the help of parents from all the Branches. Marilyn Funk and Val Crowe did a great job running the office. Helene Savard and Debbie Wood worked hard on the Dressage and Show Jumping Championships. So many people worked so hard to make this show a success. Thank you to all of them.

One other thing we did add to this year's show, was a volunteer draw. We drew the names of volunteers who had signed up on the volunteer sheet. This seemed to be a popular addition to the show and we will likely keep this in for next year.



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

### BALDUR

Baldur Pony Club finished up the season with a very successful test day and wind-up Barbeque. Congratulations to Kristen Leverington, Ben Read, Stacey Sherritt and Jamie Sherritt for achieving their D level; to Nicola Ray, Jacy de Koning and Jill de Koning for passing their D1; to Callum Read, Caroline Sims, Amberlee Brownlie and Lesley Goethals for successfully completing their D2 and to Kaitlyn Fraser who passed her C level. All the members were well prepared and we are all very proud of them.

Following the testing, we had a badge presentation. All members got their level badges as well as some of the other achievement badges. We are all looking forward to the Annual Awards Banquet and are busy planning our display table.

Our reorganization meeting will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 18 at 7:00 at Lori Leverington's in Souris. Next year will be Baldur Pony Club's 25th Anniversary and we are looking forward to a very exciting year.

Val Crowe

### BRANDON

Members of the Brandon club had a busy summer attending PC events including camp, shows and clinics.

Our schooling show at Souris was a success despite a drop in horse numbers. We held testing in mid-September but unfortunately the weather rained us out near the end. However, as all Pony Clubbers, we bounced back and co-ordinated completion the last weekend of September. This means results will have to be postponed until the banquet. Despite not having complete results we are very proud of all of your achievements!

Our annual meeting was held in early September. Brandon welcomes: Jennifer Mickle-DC, Kim Ryan-Nichols-ADC, Jill Brown-Treasurer, Margaret Woods-Secretary, Barb McConnell-Education Chair and Melissa Jones -Testing Chair as our executive committee. We are planning to welcome our new members in late October. Welcome back to everyone and here's to another outstanding year of horsemanship and fellowship!

Jennifer Mickle, DC

### NORTH HILL

After 10 weeks of stable management in early January and February, our members had the opportunity to attend 2 fun filled clinics: a horse chiropractor demo and a polo clinic. We started our riding season early in April with weekly riding lessons and

the North Hill schooling show. Many of our members attended the various Pony Club events this year and did very well.

September 23rd was our testing day. We were blessed with beautiful weather and all 10 candidates completed their examination successfully. Congrats to our new D level members: Mattie Halowaty, Jazmin Novoselnik, Fara Marino, and Matthew Tunmer. Our new D2 members are Jamie Deneweth, Taylor Hein, Rhianna Saunders, Daniel Sawatzky, and Kirsten Tunmer. Congratulations to Mackenzie Wishart from the Portage Pony Club who joined our club for testing and passed his D2 level successfully. A huge thank you goes to our examiners who made this day fun and educational.

One of our senior members, Stéphanie Sawatzky, was also successful in challenging the C2 level in late August.

Lastly, our club would like to welcome our 2 newest members, Isabel and Gabrielle. We hope to see you all at the November Banquet!

Hélène Savard, DC

### Horse Chiropractor

Thanks to Helene Savard for submitting a summary and pictures on equine chiropractic work from camp. Since many of our members are in areas that don't support high speed Intranet (dial up connections don't support pictures well), we have posted the document on the website. It's worth a look...go check it out! Watch for the new Camp page!

**AGM and Awards Banquet**  
**November 4, 2006**  
**Herman Prior Seniors Centre**  
**Portage la Prairie**

***Tentative Schedule***

1:00 – 6:00      Various Activities, Meetings and Games

6:00 pm            Grace then Supper – tossed salad, turkey, dressing, potatoes, gravy, corn, perogies, buns, cheesecake with cherry topping, tea, coffee and juice.

Door Prizes will be drawn during dinner and presentations. Two jars will be set up for names - one for kids and one for adults. Rainbow Auction – Tickets 5 for \$1.00.

Following Dinner: Award Presentations and Power Point Presentation

**Cost - \$12:00 for adults and non-members over 10 years old**  
**\$7.00 for Pony Club Members and non-members 10 & under**  
**5 & under free. Children under 5 must be listed in order to book a seat, even though there is no charge.**

*Complete details and Branch Responsibilities are available from your DC.*

Reminders: Get your display board ready, send pictures and accomplishments to John M. Don't forget to invite instructors, clinicians etc as your guests.

**CLASSIFIEDS**

● 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 December 15, 2006.

**On the Lighter Side of the Fence!**

In recognition of many years of service, a reception for Dr. Ross and Brenda McKague of McKague Equine Services will be held from

7:30 to 10:00 .m on Friday October 20, 2006 at the Convention Hall, Keystone Centre, Brandon, Manitoba

More information and tickets are available from:

Diane Kullberg 727 1834

Karen Remple 728 5018

Marion McLeod 725 1567

Mansfield's Western Shop, Total Farm Supply, Cowtown, the stables of Brandon and Minnedosa Vet Clinic

All clients and friends are invited to attend.

Proceeds to the Equine Research Centre

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