



Bits 'n' Pieces

Manitoba Pony Club

Quarterly Newsletter January 2009



Happy New Year to All !

Welcome to my first Newsletter! I hope it finds you all well, though I know we are all eager to see some nicer weather so that we can on our horses and get ready for the 2009 season. I am very happy with the great response to my call for material and I want to thank all the contributors to this newsletter! Keep it coming! -Maria-

Manitoba Pony Club Camp 2009!

It's back! Something for everyone! All levels of Pony Clubbers are invited to register for camp. Move in on Saturday July 18, with instruction through to noon on Friday July 24. We are in Portage la Prairie at the Fairgrounds once again, which is located in the heart of the city. Camping is available on site along with excellent barns with box stalls for your pony/horse.

If you are interested in coming to camp, talk with your parents so that they can book time off work, and let your DC know right away to avoid any disappointment. Camp registration forms should be out to your DC by mid February 2009. Ask your DC.

MPC Camp is a great opportunity for consistent instruction for 6 days, meeting with your Pony Club friends and joining in with the fun activities offered at camp. The camp schedule allows for quality family time too.

If you or your parents have questions, email bjbrtb@mts.net or phone 204-252-3448.
See you at Camp!

Canadian Pony Club National Show Jumping Championships in Manitoba !

Competitors from across Canada will soon be traveling to Manitoba for the CPC Show Jumping Championships. The event will be held in Birds Hill Park, Sept. 3-5, 2009.

The hosting Region, Manitoba, will have the privilege of having all four qualified riders from last year's Regionals competing at the Nationals. These riders are Karly Woods, Kerry Moore, Sydney Hewins and Jessie Good. All other regions may qualify one rider to travel to the National Championships. The minimum age requirement to compete is 12 years of age and the maximum age is 20 years. The minimum Pony Club level requirement is C. Eligibility is based upon participation and placings at the Regional Finals (held the previous year) in the Medal Division and jumping 3' or higher.

Each candidate competes in a flat ride from memory, grid work and the equitation

portion/jumping course of the Medal Finals on a borrowed horse. Manitoba's competitors must provide at least one horse, capable of competing over a course(s) 3'+, with prior show ring experience, for the pool. No competitor may ride either their own horse or a horse that they have ridden prior to the competition, except in the case where they are in the final 4 switch.

This year, we plan to offer a class for Affiliate Members. As this is new for this year, Regions may decide how to pick members to compete.

This is a chance for everyone to participate either by lending a horse, volunteering for a committee, or offering to billet a rider and their chaperone. There is lots to do and lots to see. I am looking forward to watching some terrific show jumping, and am sure there will be some fantastic friendships made.

News from our BRANCHES :

Baldur News

Baldur is currently sitting at 15 members so far this year.

We have begun our stable management; with one lesson under our belts. Sara Berry & Cailey Nichols are looking after our E group this year, and Katherine Nichols is teaching the D-D1 group. It is very nice to see our older members giving back to the club.

All members had a successful year; doing well in competitions and testing. Congratulations to you all.

We would like to welcome a couple of new members to our club. Storm Wesley from Carroll and Abby Tye from Portage.

Baldur will be hosting Westman Quiz this year. The date will be Saturday, February 21 in Souris. More information will follow after Christmas.

We are also putting on an English Show in conjunction with the Souris Fair. Date is Sunday, July 12th. Cash prizes. Come out and join us !

North Hill News

This year North Hill PC members have continued to meet on a weekly basis from January to October. We are now on our Christmas break and look forward to start Stable management lessons in the new year with many of our regular and also many new members. Welcome to Courtney, Allison, Emma, Alyssa and Chantel. We look forward to getting to know you better!

Our members were busy all season, here are some of the highlights:



Connor and Julia Kowaluk were participating in a driving clinic in February. Kirsten Tunmer was participating in her first Horse Trials event in July. Our dressage teams placing well at the Regional dressage championships in the August

Benefit show with the team of Jamie Deneweth, Stefanie Markewich and Anna McCrea placing 2nd. Kirsten Tunmer placing 2nd in the Junior 13 and under at the same show. A large group of NHPC members were participating at the Mordha Farm Fun Show: Anna, Stefanie, Kirsten, Matthew, Rhianna, Connor, and Julia. It was a wonderful show and it was a blast to see the parents running during one of the fun classes! Many of our members enjoying the learning offered in the clinics put on by our education chair, Karen McLean, as well as the Dressage and Jumping series.

We ended our year with a fun Christmas Party at Roxy Lanes Bowling hall where all enjoyed fun games, excellent pot luck and gift exchange, thank you Pat for organizing this!
We look forward to seeing you all in the new year!
Hélène Savard, NHPC DC.

Prairie Valley News

It was a busy spring, summer and fall here. Some of our members took in the Chelan Kozak eventing clinic at BHP followed by the event the following weekend which was marked by quite a snow fall. Visibility was a bit of an issue going around the course. Ya gotta love spring in Manitoba, it was nice and sunny by the time we got back to Minnedosa so we could hang up wet rugs, saddle pads, leg wraps, cottons etc. The weather was much better for the Willville fall event in which some of our members competed. We also had some members compete in the Westman CADORA dressage show, and Callum represented the club at Rally.

In June, Callum and Caroline went on a road trip to compete at Alberta South Regional Tet to qualify for National Tet. They made a stop to tour the facilities at Spruce Meadows with Albert Kley as their host. At National Tetrathlon in Ottawa at the end of July, they represented Manitoba Region well, with Callum placing 2nd in the Junior Men and Caroline placing 7th in the Junior Women. Sarah Read went on from there to act as chaperone to the Canadian Tet team that travelled to competition in England and Ireland in August.

We held our summer camp-out in July with pony games, stable management sessions, a day-long trail ride and practices for the quadrille that we performed at the Heritage Village in Minnedosa as part of the town's 125th anniversary celebrations. Some of the moms joined in as well to make enough pairs of "matching" horses and ponies. The day before, we took part in the parade and got thoroughly soaked as the weather was less than ideal.

In the fall we organized the Awards Banquet and did the set up and take down at the Herman Prior Centre. Thanks to the PVPC parents who helped out and it was great to have 100% club attendance at Banquet. Caroline was elected Westman Youth Rep at the AGM.

We also held a testing day at Pegasus Riding School, including 2 visiting test candidates. Amberlee, Callum, Caroline and Mackenzie (Brandon) all passed their C level. Abby (Portage) and Marley passed their D2. Ben and Rebecca passed their D1. It was a looong day and rather a cold one too; thanks moms who brought lunch and snacks to keep everyone happy.

This coming year we say goodbye to Rebecca, who is trying out Western riding through 4H. We also welcome 2 new members to our Branch by way of transfer from Brandon. Brady and Abby are giving the "buckskin brigade" (aka The Dun-amic Duo) as well as good old Teddy some work to do. It's nice to see those outgrown ponies back in the lesson ring with a new pair of young riders.

Our regular riding lessons are in progress as well as stable management sessions. A session on handling, harnessing and driving heavy horses is coming up shortly as part of the Equine Adventurer badge work. We are looking forward to some badge work presentations, fun, food and games at our upcoming Christmas party as well.

Best wishes of the season to all from all of us at Prairie Valley!

Quarry Ridge News

17 members strong! That's us at Quarry Ridge, growing stronger every day. Our new season started in October at Quarry Ridge Farms. Welcome back to



Megan MacLean and Jessi Good (working on their B), Shannon MacLean (working on her C2 and B), Nicole Brown and Aylicia Spitzke (working on their C1), Maegen Bond (working on her C), Dominic Good, Brennan McCullagh and Kieran McCullagh (working on their D1). Welcome "home" to pony clubbers Emma Dealey, Julie Wilson and Luke Boguski. Emma, Julie and Luke began their pony club careers with QRPC. Emma and Julie are

working towards their C1 and Luke on his C level. These three started their pony club careers with QRPC before transferring out to Mars Hill and North Hill clubs. A warm welcome is also extended to Ilsa Regelsky (working on her D/D1) who has transferred in from North Hill. Welcome back to Nicole Gorman and Kelsey Dilts (working on their D2). Nicole and Kelsey have rejoined QRPC after taking a few years away from pony club. New this year to our QRPC family are sisters, Gillian and Mae Pinniger who are working on their D level.

We meet weekly for stable management (Sundays) with riding lessons taking place either Thursdays or Sundays. Our DC, Karen Maclean along with assistance from our ADC, Sue Wilson, and our riding coach, Catherine McCullagh, coordinates our program. We will be voting on our branch youth rep. when we resume in January.

Congratulations to Jessi Good! Jessi is a member of this year's Regional Quiz C Team. In October, Jessi and her fellow team members traveled to National Quiz hosted by Central Ontario. They returned home with 2nd place overall in the C Division! An awesome accomplishment!

November was a busy month...several of our families traveled to Portage La Prairie to enjoy the company of other pony club families, awards and the much anticipated power point presentation at the annual MPC Awards Banquet. The morning after, November 1, saw the arena full of both two and four-legged "Halloween gremlins". We celebrated Halloween with a fun afternoon of PPG races and of course, great food. On November 21 many of our members attended MPC's Evening at Greenhawk, broadened their knowledge on a variety of bits and enjoyed some time to shop.

The weatherman was on our side up to our last day of scheduled pony club. Our members were able to ride up until December 11, then the cold weather hit. We celebrated the holiday season with a family afternoon of glow bowling followed by a potluck Christmas dinner and gift exchange at Julie Wilson's home in Stonewall. Thanks to Sue, Dave, Brian and, of course, Julie, Wilson for their hospitality.

QRPC will be resuming riding and stable management lessons on January 4. We are keeping our "spurs crossed", hoping for the temperatures to improve. Riding lessons take place unless the mercury hits -21 Throughout January and February we will be working on our stable management along with our riding, but also preparing for Eastman Quiz on February 28 in Stonewall. March will see us working hard to get ready for Regional Quiz on March 22 in Portage La Prairie along with spring testing and show season (ahhh...did we say "spring" and "show season"...means warmer weather would be upon us!)

From all of us at QRPC to all of you, we hope you had a peaceful and enjoyable holiday and wish you all Happy New Year!

By: Karen MacLean, QRPC DC

Mars Hill News

Mars Hill is very excited to welcome five new members!!! But sadly, we need to say good bye to Julie Wilson and Emma Dealey who are now members of Quarry Ridge.



We had our first meeting of the year, which was followed by lots of good food. We already had our Christmas party, which was held at Steinbach Aquatic Centre where we had a blast swimming and opening great gifts at Pizza Hut.

On January 11th everyone is looking forward to starting stable management and starting weekly riding lessons beginning in the spring.

By: Ariel Orchard, Mars Hill Pony Club

Red River News

Red River Pony Club started up again at Teskes in the Charleswood area of Winnipeg with the successful D testing for two of our members, Ember and Katherine. Registration on September 20 was followed by a Barbeque and activities at the Carlin/Heming house in Charleswood. Members and guests made their own mop stick ponies and then had races over an obstacle course.



We have changed our schedule slightly this year. Changes included meeting the first 3 Saturdays of the month and having the last weekend off. We scheduled riding sessions for the fall and are meeting for stable management in January through March.

A highlight of the fall season was the Halloween party for members and horses in October. A variety of games were played on horseback for small prizes. Costume highlights included the lone ranger, horse and rider as matching clowns and a Indian war pony paint job.



Everyone also enjoyed the second Greenhawk evening in November.

By: Cheryl Heming, RRPC DC

Brandon News

Brandon Pony Club is off to a great start this year with new DC Barb McConnell. We have been having monthly stable management indoors while winter is here. Although some of our members have been continuing riding lessons in preparation for the upcoming schooling shows and the Royal Manitoba Winter Fair! For social events we had a club Christmas party at a hotel where we had fun swimming and water sliding, with a gift exchange and potluck supper to follow!

We had a very successful club testing in October, congrats to Jayme Atkinson, Sarah Brown and Mercedes Bertrand for achieving their D2, also Christina Paramor for D1 and HD2, Dacia Unrah and Mackenzie Wishart who both passed their C. Also our regional testers in the summer, Sydney Hewins, Katie Boisvert and Karly Woods for their C2.

Our Pony Club parents have been busy preparing for our hunter/jumper schooling show in March at the Keystone. It is February 28th - March 1st everyone should mark it on their calendars and plan to attend!

Web Site

Our Manitoba Pony Club web site <http://www.canadianponyclub.org/Manitoba/> has had a face lift, and I hope to keep it up to date with activities and other information.

If you have any comments or material that you would like posted on it, please forward it to me maria@scrc.umanitoba.ca - I am looking forward to hearing from you!

For newer members I would like to encourage you to also spend some time on the CPC web site <http://www.canadianponyclub.org/> where you can find a wealth of information such as the Badge program, study guides, membership forms etc.

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Tentative Schedule of Shows and Events for 2009!

Jan 11, 2009	MPC Regional meeting 11 am	Portage Fair Board
Jan 31-Feb1st, 09	Brandon LHS Schooling Show	Keystone Centre, Brandon
Feb. 7th, 2009	NHPC Bud, Spud and Steak	Oakbank
Feb 14-15, 2009	Brandon LHS Schooling Show	Keystone Centre, Brandon
Feb 14-15, 2009	Jill Henselwood Clinic	Pineridge Equestrian Park
Feb 15, 2009	C2 up testing application deadline	
Feb 21, 2009	Westman Quiz	Souris
Feb 28, 2009	Eastman Quiz	Stonewall
Feb 28-March 1, 09	Brandon PC Schooling Show	Keystone Centre, Brandon
March 22, 2009	MPC Regional Quiz	Herman prior Centre, Portage
March 30-April 4th	Royal Manitoba Winter Fair	Keystone Centre, Brandon
April 3-5, 2009	CPC AGM	Winnipeg, Manitoba
April 19, 2008	MPC Regional meeting 11am	Portage Fair Board
April 30th, 2009	Deadline for National Grant	To National Discipline Chair
May 2-3, 2009	Dressage Winnipeg	Birds Hill Park, Winnipeg
May 8-9, 2009	Garry Rocque Clinic-MHT	Birds Hill Park, Winnipeg
May 9-10, 2009	MHJA Schooling days	Birds Hill Park, Winnipeg
May 10 th , 2009	Derby- MHT	Birds Hill Park, Winnipeg
May 15-17, 2009	MHJA Victoria Day show	Red River Ex
May 22-24, 2009	Red River Pony Club Show	Birds Hill Park, Winnipeg
May 24-25, 2008	Spring Fling Westman Cadora	
May 30-31, 2009	Wheat City Classic	Brandon
June 5-7, 2009	Brandon Summer Fair	Keystone Centre, Brandon
June 13-14, 2009	Dressage Winnipeg	Birds Hill Park, Winnipeg
June 13-14, 2009	Willville MHT Regional Rally	Will Farm, Carroll
June 19-21, 2009	Summer Classic	Birds Hill Park, Winnipeg
June 21-22, 2008	Touch of Class Westman Cadora	
June 27-28, 2009	Bird's Hill Summer Event MHT	Birds Hill Park, Winnipeg
July 1-8, 2009	CPC week	
July 4-5, 2009		
July 12	English Show at Souris Fair	Souris
July 10-12, 2009	Beach Party MHJA	Red River Ex
July 17-18, 2009	Combined Driving Event	Birds Hill Park, Winnipeg
July 18-19, 2009	Dressage Winnipeg	Pineridge Equestrian Park
July 18-24, 2009	MPC Camp	Portage
July 24-25, 2009		
July 30th, 2009	Deadline for CPC Governor General scholarship	
July 30-Aug 2, 09	Westgates Heart of the Continent	Red River Ex
Aug. 4th-8th, 2009	National Tet	BCLM
Aug 7-9, 2009	MPC Benefit Show	Birds Hill Park, Winnipeg
Aug 9-10, 2008	Summer Classic Westman Cadora	
Aug 15-16, 2009	Possible MHJA show	Red River Ex
Aug 22-23		
Aug 28-30, 2009	Fall Harvest MHJA	Birds Hill Park, Winnipeg
Sept. 3-5, 2009	CPC National Show Jumping	Birds Hill Park, Winnipeg
Sept. 6, 2009	Bird's Hill Fall one day Event MHT	Birds Hill Park, Winnipeg
Sept 12-13		
Sept 19-20	Dressage Winnipeg	Birds Hill Park, Winnipeg
Sept 26-27, 2009	Willville – derby- MHT	Will Farm, Carroll
Sept. 30th, 2009	Deadline for post event report	To National Discipline Chair
Oct 3-4, 2009	Fall Show	Brandon
Oct. 10-12, 2009	CPC National Quiz	
Nov.	MPC Awards Banquet	TBA
November 11-15	75th anniversary Conferences and Banquet	Toronto

Pony Club Events: Red: National level Blue: Regional level Black: Branch level