



Nova Scotia Pony Club

The Lead Line

Regional Newsletter Spring 2008

A message from the Editor

Greetings to all of our members for the Spring edition of my very first NSPC Newsletter. I am sure everyone is excited to see a little warm weather come our way and all the cold and storms hopefully behind. Now we can look forward to shedding ponies and show season coming up very soon. NSPC has a lot of activities planned this season including shows at the branch level as well as Regional and National events. Participation is the key to make these all a success. Looking over the list there is something for everyone at any level. Stay tuned to the Regional website for changes or updates. We live in a world where our members are very computer savvy and I believe the web links us all together from end to end of this province. So make sure your branch site is current and if anyone needs assistance please contact me directly.

Canadian Pony Club is celebrating 75 years in 2009!



We are compiling Branch histories as well as personal memories from Pony Club over the years. You can submit your information directly to your Branch DC. Stay tuned !

Pam Hooper-Regional Communications

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News from National



There is a lot of activity and enthusiasm behind the scenes at the National level working on many different topics and I'll try to give you a brief update here.

ACE Program - The ACE Program (Across Canada Exchange) arranged at the Branch level and can include members from more than one branch is a go. This program has been revived following the suggestion by Diana Locke and a lot of work by a National Committee chaired by Judy Allen. So as you see, Nova Scotia took a lead role on this. You can see details on exactly how this ACE Program will be run on the CPC website. Just do a search for Canadian Pony Club if you've never been there before.

Stable Management Stream - This is another changing face of CPC and was approved at the National Level as a pilot project across the country for 2008 with a review in the fall. So please do forward your comments to your DC who will take those to a Regional Meeting. This is a Stable Management Program that will run from the D level up and simply means that a member can test Stable Management only through all the levels. A member must have passed their Stable Management at the previous level in order to test at any particular level; ie no riding test. Members would then be awarded their 'D1 SM' for example (no colored disc behind the CPC pin). This would allow CPC members who didn't have access to a horse or pony, an opportunity to learn and 'test' through the Stable Management Stream. Our National Youth Reps (one being our very own Laura Jacquard) are working on two new badges ... The Green Horse and Lungeing so watch the web site for those. Take lots of pictures this summer for the calendar for 2010 and pass these on to your DC by early fall. The pictures submitted for the 2009 calendar were passed on to National and have been chosen although they are keeping us in suspense until the calendars are released. So, take lots of pictures for the 2010 calendar. NSPC is looking for a \$250 sponsor to cover the cost of our calendar page. Our sponsor will be able to put an advertisement on our page in this National publication!

Congratulations!!

It was announced at the CPC Annual General Meeting Dinner in Calgary that Jessica Swinkels was awarded the C2/B \$500 Governor General's Scholarship.

The Governor General's Award of Excellence is a financial scholarship funded by the patron's fund of the Canadian Pony Club. Two awards of \$1000.00 each, and one award of \$500.00 will be given out to Pony Club members who exemplify the aims and objectives of Pony Club

Congratulations Jessica!



Education

Examiner Clinic April 27, 2008:

As education chair I would like to recognize the amount of work, energy and dedication Jackie Allen and Valerie McDermitt invested to make this clinic happen. The materials, organization and delivery of information was well thought out and professionally delivered. A special thank you as well to Alex Beaton.

B B2 Pretest Clinic

June 7 and 8 at Killeavy Stables in Wilmot An email has been sent to all B/B2 candidates and DCs with the information regarding the pre-test clinic in June. The information letter has been posted on the regional pony club web page under testing.

Grooms:

B/ B2 candidates are to have a qualified groom present on the day of their pre-test

Auditing the clinic:

In an effort to provide an education opportunity to our C2 members in the region and to limit the number of spectators auditing the clinic I am asking that all grooms be C2 (or testing C2 in 2008). Opportunities will be assigned on a first come first serve basis. I think this is an exciting opportunity for our C2 members in the region. Not only does this promote the opportunity of learning, but it provides a means for members from different clubs across the region to get together and help each other.

Examiners are encouraged to observe the clinic.

Candidates are asked to bring their own drinks, snacks and lunch.

Volunteer to escort the clinician. The clinician arrives Friday night at the airport. I have arranged a rental car for her, and Brenda Swinkels has volunteered to meet her at the airport and drive her to Middleton. Thank You Brenda! We are still in need of someone to drive her back to the airport on Sunday afternoon.

Education Day - I am working on a NS Regional Education Day. The day will consist of series of lectures in the morning, with members rotating through sessions in the afternoon. To date, I have two sessions organized tentatively (Gay Hansen, Nancy Marshall (conditioning), Julia Young (conformation)

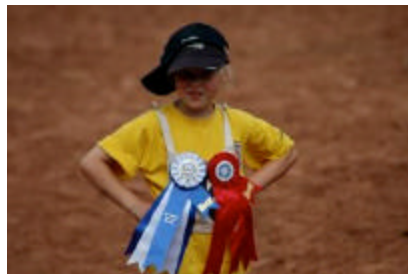
I am investigating the possibility of providing a "designing a jump course per Pony Club requirements" for examiners and those hosting pony club jumping events/clinics. Stay tuned!

Heather Ongo-Regional Education Chair

Youth Update:

We had a very successful meeting at the Opportunity Scramble quiz, everyone had some great ideas and we got a lot covered. ***Our main focus for the year is the website, and the end of year social/fun day.*** Our aims are to get a more frequently updated site with more points of interest on it, such as pictures, results, information, and contacts. We are looking at the possibility of combining a year end social with an educational session that will be held sometime in October/November. Stay Tuned!

Megan Johnson, Regional Youth Rep



CALENDAR OF REGIONAL EVENTS

DRESSAGE

REGIONAL QUALIFIERS

JUNE 14-CNHP-SALMON RIVER: *TANTRAMAR, COLCHESTER, OPPORTUNITY, FRIENDLY BREEZES & FAIRWIND*

JUNE 15-CLAYHILL FARM: *AVON, EASTERN SHORE, WEST VALLEY, ANNAPOLIS, EVANGELINE*

DRESSAGE REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

AUGUST 16-CNHP-SALMON RIVER

DRESSAGE CLINIC -JANE FRASER

AUGUST 17- CNHP-SALMON RIVER

TETRATHALON

REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

JUNE 28,29-CONTACT INGA HANSEN (506-536-2532)

TETRATHALON CAMP

JULY 14-17

SHOW JUMPING

NATIONAL AND REGIONAL (3' AND ABOVE)

JULY 1-4 CNHP

AUGUST 3-UNDER 3' REGIONAL'S- -KILLEAVY STABLES

PPG

JULY 13 REGIONAL CUP CHAMPIONSHIP- WINDSOR

RALLY

JULY 21,22 -ABC RALLY -CNHP

JULY 23-D-RALLY -CNHP

News from National Cont'd..

Interested sponsors should contact Gay Hansen, NSPC Regional Chairperson.

IPE (Inter Pacific Exchange) in 2009 will be held in Hong Kong on the Equine Olympic Site.... I understand a video of applicants riding skills will be required along with the application form to qualify for a spot on the team, so watch for a good opportunity to prepare this. It sounds very exciting and a wonderful opportunity for CPC members, so watch the website for more information and deadlines.

Celebrations for the 2009 75th Anniversary are rapidly advancing. At the National level, there will be two major festivities, one in Calgary during the summer...July 6th at the Calgary Polo Club and one in November in Toronto. As shown on the website, the Anniversary Logo has been adopted; a badge will be given to each member and there will be a number of items for sale.' If you are interested in purchasing any of these, do talk to your DC (lapel pin, carry-all bag, tie/scarf, horse brass and the history book. Passports will be revised with the new ones showing the 75th logo. National is working with Canada Post to see if they will produce a commemorative stampRegionally we have our new logo on a stamp which will be used to mail out one issue of our newsletter in 2009.

There will be extra \$1,000 scholarships in 2009 so watch for these on the website. . They are hoping to have something CPC related with the butter sculpture at the Royal Winter Fair. Any suggestions you have for celebrating at the Regional or Branch levels could be passed on to your DC.

The Wall of Recognition/Wall of Fame on the National website is yet another anniversary endeavor. Keep sending in names of alumni who have received their 'A' along with initial contact information.... National has a number of names but because of a lack of contact info or permission we are unable to post.

CPC Alumni are also encouraged to register on the website. Its s great way to keep in touch.

CPC sent a Quiz Team to the International Quiz in Kentucky where we placed 1st with a difference of around 50 points... 'Kicked butt' as the National Discipline Chair reported.

Graduation certificates will be designed and presented to Affiliates who graduate out of PC at age 25.

Margie Johnson-National Director

Regional Show Jumping

Application deadline for Regional and National competitions is May 20th.

In the past a formula was used to determine who would represent the region for the national show jumping competition. Erin Sloan represented Nova Scotia in 2007. I believe the formula, which considers things like age, pony club level, experience riding other horses, and the applicant's regional show jumping placing, jumping height, is still a good method of choosing a representative.

This year we chose four from the eight applicants, with two alternate riders if someone from the top four were not able to compete. The four successful members are:

Krista Brouwer, OPC, Tracy Brouwer, OPC, Emma Eisses, OPC and Connie McLellan, OPC. Sarah Locke and Kari Brown were named as the alternate riders if another member was unable to compete.

This is an exciting event and we hope to see lots of our members out to cheer the team on and get a taste of the National event right here in our own Province!

Remember WVPC will be hosting a Show Jumping competition for members who wish to compete under 3' on August 3rd at Killeavy Stables in Wilmot. The forms will be sent out regionally to all DC's and the deadline for these forms will be July 15th, 2008. PEI and NB clubs were invited to attend this event making it a Zone Show Jumping competition.

On a final note we are in need of members to loan horses for the National Show Jumping competition in July. She can be contacted through her email dianajoneslocke@hotmail.com. As well she has indicated she will be in need of support from each of the branches for the July 1 – 4 National competition.

Sheila Bower-Jacquard, Regional Show Jumping Chair
jacquards@xplornet.com



Dressage

The final details are being worked out for the Regional Championships on August 16, 2008.

A dressage clinic is planned for August 17 at CNHP with Jane Fraser as clinician.

The Regional Dressage qualifiers are six or so weeks away, we are hoping for an excellent turnout from the Region. Remember the deadline May 24, 2008 for both qualifiers.

At the National level, the new EC competition system is causing some problems within Pony Club in all Regions.

At the AGM, a motion was passed on how pony club will organize their competitions with regards to the new EC structure. The following motion was passed concerning dressage;

"That for all Canadian Pony Club Dressage Competitions for 2008, CPC and CADORA Tests will be used and the show shall obtain a PSO permit (i.e. Discovery Level)."

This decision applies to 2008 only, it is hoped that by 2009 that we can run our shows independently with our own tests and officials.

For 2008 National Dressage Championships will be run for Pre-Training, Training, 1st and 2nd Levels. There was much debate over Starter and the younger age of the members participating in that division so for this year we will not be offering Starter at the National level.

Brenda Swinkels, Regional Dressage Chair

Tetrathlon

We have a few old air pistols for clubs to borrow. Looking forward to Tetrathlon Regionals at Strathgartney Horse Trials on June 28 and 29. Billeting on Saturday night for horses and competitors can be arranged. Anyone planning on attending the Strathgartney Horse Trials should be encouraged to attend the Alex Beaton Clinic at Strathgartney on June 14 and 15. Clinic application form is attached. Tantramar Branch Tetrathlon and Cross Country Camp with Alex Beaton still has room for more members. Dates are July 14 to 17.

Contact Inga Hansen at ingahan@go.com or phone 506 536 2532, if you want to arrange tetrathlon activities in your branch.

Inga Hansen, Regional Tetrathlon Chair