



Nova Scotia Regional PPG Report January 2010

2010 NS Regional PPG Competition

Annapolis Pony Club has graciously offered to once again step forward and host the 2010 NS Regional PPG Competition. Teams from across Nova Scotia will gather on Sunday of the father's day weekend in June. Location will be in the Annapolis Valley, but the branch has not yet announced the location of the competition grounds.

Team application forms will be available in March and forwarded to the Branch DCs once competition details have been finalized.

2011 International Mounted Games

The 2011 International Mounted Games will be held in the United States. Canada selects their team in 2010 at the National Selection Camp. Successful members are then identified and will form the 2011 Canadian Team.

NS Regional Members interested in applying for the Canadian International Mounted Games must meet the following criteria:

1. A Pony Club member in good standing
2. Aged 14 as of January 1st of tryout year (2010)
3. Be at least a D2 pony club riding level at time of application
4. Applicant must have played games regionally for at least 3 years previously
5. Applicant must be able to execute a running vault on both sides of a 14.2 hh pony.
6. Candidate should have good ambassadorial skills and also have an informed knowledge of their own country.

The candidate will also require a letter of recommendation from their PPG coach as well as one other reference from someone else such as a teacher or other sport coach.

The team members are responsible for their own airfare, land fees and spending money. Billeting is arranged as is all transportation etc.

Candidates apply regionally. The Nova Scotia region then selects a maximum of two candidates to attend the National Selection Camp. The camp is held in a different region each year. The 2010 National Selection camp will be hosted by the Alberta North Region.

NS members interested in applying for the International Mounted Games team must submit their applications to the NS Regional PPG Chair no later than April 30, 2010. Applications are available on the Canadian National Pony Club web page.

PPG Camp Opportunities

Alberta North Region normally hosts a PPG camp over the long weekend in May and is open to all Canadian Pony Club Members. As the camp is strongly supported via fundraising, registration fees were only \$70.00 last year. Alberta members are required to bring their own horse; members travelling in from out of province are encouraged to contact the camp organizers to see if a local horse can be secured. Organizers require one adult volunteer per day for each family to assist with camp organization, meal preparation, etc



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We had a strong showing in 2009 at the national level for PPG and I am hopeful NS will once again return to National competitions at both the Masters and A level in 2010!



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NATIONAL PRINCE PHILIP GAMES "A" CHAMPIONSHIPS

HOSTED BY BC LOWER MAINLAND REGION

Aug 29/30

Joe Brown Park in Surrey

Teams from Alberta , Central Ontario, East Maple Ridge in BC Lower Mainland Region, Vancouver in BC Lower Mainland Region and Nova Scotia met at Joe Brown Park on Panorama Ridge in South Surrey BC to compete for the National A Level PPG Championships on Saturday August 29th.

The competition was made up of five sets of four games each, with teams riding different borrowed ponies in each set.



The "Bouncers" team from Alberta North came in first. They were Stephanie Strome, Tara Mitchell, Kelsey Bochon-Duffy, Jessica Wallin, and Kristen Pym

The Central Ontario team from the Uxbridge-Scugog Branch, made up of James Cruikshanks, Chrystal Geer, Jane Stephenson, Rachel Stewart and Emily Stubbings placed second.

In third place was East Maple Ridge team from BC Lower Mainland. They were Travis Van Dongen, Jordan Cornish, Martine Kramer, Emma Weatherill and Naomi McCulloch.

The Vancouver team from BC Lower Mainland comprised of Naomi Tidball, Julia Madigan, Sarah Gilmour, Taylor Schneider and Emma Wiebe captured fourth place.

In fifth place, returning to National Games competition for the first time in about 20 years was the Nova Scotia team. Making it a truly national (sea-to-sea) meet were Sidney McKenzie, Kaissa VanMeekeren, Rebecca Ongor, Miranda Beveridge and Cali-Rose Keating.

Competition was close on an almost perfect day, with the standings going back and forth throughout the day.



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NATIONAL PRINCE PHILIP GAMES MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIPS 2009

Hosted by: Central Ontario Region
Aug 21-23

Location: The Cruikshank Farm, 14th Concession, R.R.#2, Cannington, Ontario

Our competition this year was hosted by Central Ontario Region, at the farm of Michelle and Rob Cruikshanks, Cannington, Ontario.

We hosted clubs from Alberta North Region, Nova Scotia, Central Ontario and Western Ontario.

We began our weekend together with a very early start on Saturday August 21st with a visit to Adena Springs North, the home farm of Mr. Frank Stronach and family. This thoroughbred facility is Canada's premier showcase for all phases of the industry, from mares to foals to yearlings to training 2 yr. olds and onwards. We were hosted by Mr. Dermot Cartey, sales manager, who guided us around the many barns on the farm.

The beautiful workmanship of the stone barns is breathtaking, and no expense has been spared to ensure that the animals are treated in the best possible way.

We spent the remainder of the day socializing around the pool, viewing the games props and enjoying a BBQ at the Cruikshank residence.

Sunday dawned with impending rain that finally caught up with us, and drizzled for several hours.

However, it did not dampen the competition! Our teams rotated thru a wide assortment of games ponies, all generously donated by the members and families of COR. The conditions of the field improved once the rain finished, and the meet was held without incidence.

At the end of the day the scores were as follows:

COR – 95 points

WOR – 68

ANR – 61

NS - 57

Many thanks to the riders, coaches and chaperones that attended, and as always, a big thank you to the many COR families and volunteers that help to make all of our games meets a big success.

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