

## **Prince Philip Games Report for 2011**

Western Ontario Region, Chair Barb Robinson hosted the National Selection Camp on the weekend of September 23-25. There were 10 wonderful young ladies vying for the coveted place on Team Canada. Each of these girls had to be selected at their regional level first. This team will travel to Australia from April 7 – 22, 2012. A coach and chaperone are to be selected by November. The riders selected are: Megan Dick, ABN; Kirsten Radcliffe, WOR; Kearstyn Sabourin, ABN; Tayler Vick, ABC; and Emma Wiebe, BCLM. Taylor Schneider from BCLM has agreed to be the alternate. We wish these people happy traveling and the best of luck in their competition. They are all wonderful ambassadors.

British Columbia Lower Mainland Region, Chairs Don Cornish and Nick Van Dongen hosted the national “A” competition on September 9 - 11. There were only 3 teams present with the results: first - BCLM, second - WOR, and third – ABN. The competition finished with only one point separating each team! Hopefully, this region has seen some of the benefits of loaning their ponies for another time. This region is in a building time and it was wonderful to see them work together for a successful time. These national competitions build friendships across the country and help the riders see how things are done in other areas of the country.

Central Ontario Region, Chair Dana Strickland hosted the National Masters Competition on the weekend of August 19 - 21. Because of an ineligible rider due being under age, the teams showed good sportsmanship and agreed to run this competition as an invitational event instead of disallowing the rider to play. Alison Rainford, National Chair, asked that each region sending teams and national CPC still support the teams financially, as each team traveled in good faith and that a national gathering and exchange of friendships still took place. Thank you to the Management Committee for their last minute considerations.

The International Mounted Games Exchange was hosted by the USA this year. Jazz Graham, Kristen Pym, Jacquie Kelton, Jessica Wallin, and Jordan Cornish represented Canada on the team. Unfortunately, Travis VanDongen was forced to withdraw because of a broken arm. This is a wonderful opportunity for both members and adults to see how things are done in other countries and to take part in a cultural exchange as well as an international competition. The team played well with third and fourth decided in the last race: Great Britain, Australia, USA, and Canada. There were a good number of parents and supporters in the stands this time!

Many regions across the country hold varying regional games events. Some are blossoming; some are extremely competitive. Once again, the Central Canada Zone was the only zone in Canada that still held a zone competition. Thanks to Central Ontario Region for ably hosting this event. There were teams from Western Ontario, Central Ontario and St Lawrence/Ottawa Valley regions who arrived for their competition at

Dana Strickland's Brelview Farm. The Guelph Pony Club from WOR won the opportunity to travel to BCLM for the national A final while the Grand River team from WOR and the Uxbridge/Scugog team from COR attended the nation Masters weekend.

I would like to thank all of the parents and volunteers of Canadian Pony Club who make these events happen.

Respectfully submitted by,

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