



The Pony Express

Newsletter of the Canadian Pony Club
Western Ontario Region



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Let Them Eat Cake - They Earned It!



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If you missed tetrathlon, you missed a lot more than a fun filled weekend. Over 50 tetrathlon participants celebrated the 75th anniversary of Canadian Pony Club with a themed cake on June 14.



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This article is being sent (you may say by Pony Club Express) from Alberta. I am here to attend the International Mounted Games Exchange. Teams from Canada, USA, Australia and Great Britain arrived on June 24th and were immediately taken to Camp Nakamun on Lake Nakamun about a one hour drive north-east of Edmonton. Here, all participants had an opportunity to get to know each other in a relaxing environment. The group participated in a zip line, climbing wall, canoeing and kayaking. They went swimming off of a barge that toured the lake, played beach volleyball, had camp fires and just hung out as they got to know their International counterparts.

As I was preparing the Souvenir Program for this event, it struck me that people describe things using different

terms, depending on where you are from. I assembled a list of terms that were found in the Souvenir Program, largely taken from the biographies that the competitors submitted. I put together a questionnaire of these terms which everyone completed at our first gathering. Test yourself to see how well you do:

- 1) Pony Clubbers that are born in Canada are known as:
 - Canadians
 - Ca- neigh- dians
- 2) At a horse show in England do you put:
 - Your boot in a trunk
 - Your trunk in a boot
- 3) Rugby Union is
 - An outdoor sport played with a spheroid-shaped ball
 - A trade union that collects fees from rugby players

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Recognize some of the faces in this ad? Cody Hawkins and Toni Mansilla of Westover Pony Club represented WOR in this ad, run in Calgary Polo Magazine



The International Mounted Games Exchange at the Calgary Polo Club
July 6, 2009

An Event Marking Our 75th Anniversary Celebrations





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4) Campdrafting is

- Walking around camp with your zipper unknowingly undone
- A sport where a mounted rider cuts out a steer or heifer from a group and keeps it from re-entering the herd

5) A Maple Leaf Melange is

- A mixture or hodgepodge of people playing games in Canada
- A traditional Canadian pie made from maple syrup with a whipped topping.

6) Quading is

- Driving around in all terrain vehicles
- A state of drunkenness where you can only move by crawling on your hands and knees

I am proud to say that Western Ontario Region was well represented at these Games by:

- Del Zelmer, 2009 International Mounted Games Chairman
- Alison Rainford, National PPG Chair & Chief Stewart
- Ralph Rainford, Announcer
- Cynthia Cowper, Canadian Team Chaperone
- Nicole Robinson, Canadian Team Member
- Barb Robinson, Mother & enthusiastic Canadian Team supporter
- Cathy Miller, CPC National Vice- Chairperson

Del Zelmer

WOR Regional Chair

Need Some Volunteer Hours for School?

On Sept 5-6, 2009, Headwaters Farm just outside of Orton is hosting the OHTA Championships. They need about 30 volunteers for jump judging, as well as stadium crew and runners. If you or anyone you know are able to attend, please contact Darlene Haines at rickhaines@xplornet.com or 519-925-6907.



Creative learning at its best. Notice anything strange about this picture?

Welcome to WOR!

A belated, but warm welcome to the four new clubs joining Western Ontario Region. We look forward to seeing Boomer Creek, Oxford, Blue Mountain and Lake Huron Pony Club out at all the 2009 events!



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Mill Ridge Celebrates Horse Week



Mill Ridge Pony Clubbers Rebecca Grose, Courtney Rogerson and Brooke Richardson took advantage of the showjumping clinic with champion showjumper, Frankie Chesler on May 31 at Headwaters Farm just outside of Fergus.

National Horse Week took place this year May 30- June 7th. Mill Ridge Pony Club Members participated in Horse Week events and received official certificates for taking part. National Horse Week is held annually to promote and celebrate Canada's thriving horse industry, appealing to both horse enthusiasts and the public alike. Featuring a wide range of activities held across the country, including trail rides, equine showcases, charity events and competitions of all kinds, Horse Week has been growing steadily since its inception in 2002.

C Rally Prep Clinic

Open to everyone Pony Clubbers and those who wish to learn from this excellent opportunity! The clinic will take place Thursday July 16 2009 at Checkmate Equestrian Centre.

Cost: \$60.00 plus \$5.00 ambulance fee

Clinicians for this clinic are Garry Roque, Philippa Hambly and Jessica Ruppel. Each rider will receive three lessons, dressage, show jumping and cross country.

We want you to be well prepared for C Rally! This clinic will give you an excellent opportunity to have top quality lessons from top coaches over Checkmate's NEW CROSS COUNTRY courses, fine tune your dressage test and prepare for show jumping.

For more information please contact Philippa Hambly at 519-787-4345 or email jhambly@darwood.ca



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Canadian Pony Club 75th Anniversary Sandra Sillcox Memorial Award 2009

These Awards are in recognition of the Canadian Pony Club 75th Anniversary and of long time supporter, Sandra Sillcox. They are for 2009 only.

Sandra started her Pony Club career in the Eglinton Pony Club in 1946, where she later achieved her A. As an adult, she was DC of Toronto North York Pony Club and Regional Chair for Ontario before it was split into three Regions. She served as Senior A examiner and Chief Judge at National Rally for many years. She also helped to establish PPG in Canada. She went on to become a Senior CEF Judge and an FEI Steward. She had many fond memories of her years in Pony Club and made many friends over the years, who became a special part of her life.

Awards:

- One \$500 Award to one member in each Region
 - One \$500 Award to an Affiliate Member from all across Canada
- There will be a total of 14 Sandra Sillcox Memorial Awards.

Criteria:

- Active Members: 5 or more continuous years of membership in CPC.
 - Affiliate Members: 10 or more continuous years of membership in CPC.
- The Award is to support and promote future training and education in the equestrian field.

Submission:

- 250 to 500 word electronic submission (written, audio, visual) on:
- what it means to them to be a member of Canadian Pony Club,
 - how Pony Club has helped them in their riding career and in their life,
 - their goals for future training and education.

A letter of reference from the DC, RC or Branch instructor, which should be e-mailed directly to the National Office.

All submissions are to be sent to the National Office electronically. The header in the e-mail must be "Sandra Sillcox Award".

All submissions must be received at the National Office by August 1, 2009. Late entries will not be considered.



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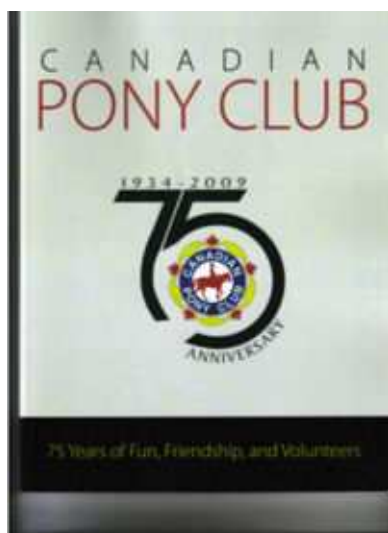
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Anniversary Yearbooks

The new Canadian Pony Club Yearbook is now available. Each Region took some home from the annual meeting in April, so contact your National Director if you want to see a copy.

The books can also be ordered from the Supply Office for \$28.00



Want to See Yourself in Print?

The Pony Express wants your submissions! Games, stories, pictures, classifieds and club updates- it's your newsletter Western Ontario, tell us what you want to see!

Catch Us On Facebook!

Find us by searching Western Ontario Region- Canadian Pony Club in groups. Post photos and videos from club and regional events and get a chance to get to know your fellow pony clubbers better. You already spend all your time on there...why not stay in touch?

Upcoming Events

Is your club holding an event in honour of the 75th anniversary? Send it to the Pony Express and we'll include it in our calendar!

Date	What is it?	Where?
Thursday, July 16	A/B/C Rally Prep Clinic	Checkmate Equestrian Centre
Saturday, July 18	Regional Dressage	Ancaster Fairgrounds
Sunday, July 19	Regional Showjumping	Ancaster Fairgrounds
Saturday, July 25	High County Cross Country Clinic	TBD
Monday, August 3	D Rally Cross Country Clinic	Caledon Riding Club
August 14-16	A/B/C Rally	Checkmate Equestrian Centre
August 23	D Rally	Caledon Riding Club