



## The Pony Express

Newsletter of the Canadian Pony Club  
Western Ontario Region



Winter 2011

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## Canadian Pony Club awarded as Builder Organization of the Year

On November 7, Canadian Pony Club was officially inducted into the Jump Canada Hall of Fame as a builder organization. This award recognizes an organization that has demonstrated excellence in leadership and commitment to equestrian sport. Check out our induction video on our Facebook page, or on the [Jump Canada website](#).

The Jump Canada Hall of Fame was created in 2006 to recognize outstanding contributions to hunter/jumper sport. To date, 31 champions have been welcomed into the Hall of Fame.



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*"From our point of view, Canadian Pony Club is inextricably bound not only with the lives of the extraordinary equestrians and equines of Canadian show jumping and the broader world of Canadian equestrianism, but with all the horse crazy kids and parents of Canada both past and present who have been part of our family."*

- Cathy Miller, National Director, Canadian Pony Club



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As we begin 2011, I reflect on the great times that I have enjoyed over the past twelve months. It was a pleasure to attend and volunteer at Regional championships in Quiz, Tetrathlon, Show Jumping, Dressage, D Rally, A/B/C Rally and Zone PPG. Additionally, it was a pleasure to travel to Halifax to attend National Quiz with our WOR Quiz Team, led by Penny McLaren comprised of Kristen Wight, Mary Pigozo, Caitlin Brast and Allie Schmidt. For me, it was an opportunity to learn about the structure of the competition as WOR prepares to host National Quiz in 2012. Penny will chair the 2012 Championships and already has a lot of great ideas for a successful event in 2012.

Another highlight of 2010 on a personal level, but with a Pony Club connection was the marriage of my daughter, Jennifer to Jason Fievet. Jennifer graduated Pony Club with her A and has returned to the Albion Pony Club as D.C. You can't take the horse out of the girl and Jen wanted her long-time mount Maverick or "Piece of the Puzzle" to be present

for her special day. Thanks to the Albion girls, Piece of the Puzzle was turned-out looking very dapper for the occasion.

Although the Fievet family has Albion Pony Club in their background, Jason pursued his passion as a firefighter. To balance the horse for the bride, the groom brought the Vaughan Fire Service antique pumper truck. All in all, it was a great day for equestrians and firefighters alike.

We are fortunate to have a full slate of willing volunteers to run the affairs of the Region as we enter 2011. It looks to be another great year for WOR thanks to each and every member.

I wish everyone all the best for 2011.

*Del Zelmer*

*Western Ontario Region Chair*



*Albion D.C. Jen Fievet ( Zelmer ) was married June 26, 2010. The picture is proof that you can't take the Pony Clubber out of the girl.*

*Jen was accompanied by her long time mount – Maverick (Piece of the Puzzle). In the front row from left to right Albion members: Alexandra Ford, Rosalia Ford, Tasha Orr and Julie King who prepared Maverick for turn-out on his big day. Behind Rosalia and Tasha is bridesmaid Krystin Anderson, an Albion RA Graduate.*



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### Recognizing more than 30 years of volunteerism



This year one of Canadian Pony Club's most dedicated volunteers and leaders, Crawford Dales, will be retiring from his pony club duties. Proud to call Crawford one of our own, WOR truly appreciates everything Crawford has done for us over the years—everything from scoring at regional events to maintaining our WOR website.

To recognize his contributions, WOR donated \$500 to the Petrolia Food Bank. This donation was provided at Crawford's request to recognize his 30+ years of volunteerism and leadership. In the picture from left to right are Sandra Hartman and Brian McManaman of the Petrolia Food Bank, Crawford and National Director, Cathy Miller. Brian observed that such a generous donation was doubly appreciated because it arrived just as they were beginning to prepare the Christmas Hampers. In addition, they just recently experienced an increase in the geographical area they serve since some nearby food banks have had to close. At this time, they are covering the town of Petrolia and six surrounding townships.



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**WESTERN ONTARIO REGION PONY CLUB**

*Presents*



## **Valentine's Day Semi-Formal Dinner & Dance!**

*When:*

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2011**

**6:00 P.M.**

*Where:*

**PUSLINCH COMMUNITY CENTRE**



**DINNER, SILENT AUCTION & DANCE!**

**New Penny Table Auction**

**ADULTS: \$15    KIDS UNDER 12: \$10    KIDS UNDER 5: FREE**

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## Inter-Pacific Exchange 2010

Submitted by Sean Mitchell

My trip to Hong Kong cannot be described as anything less than spectacular. From the moment we arrived in the Hong Kong airport and Beas River, to the sad moment we had to leave, everyone had the experience and time of their life. From the incredible accommodations and facilities, to the well-run competition, or just the people I met, the IPE trip was a great success for everyone involved.



As a team, Canada did quite well. We placed second in both the dressage and show jumping phases of the competition. The competition portion of the trip was great, but the best part was the amazing people I met. Everyone was extremely supportive of each other, which really showed the spirit pony club instills in its members. Many of us are still in contact with each other and the people we have met have opened new doors and opportunities for all of us across the world.

I would like to thank all those who helped me get to Hong Kong and China this summer as I could not have done it without you. I strongly recommend the trip and competition to anyone else considering it. Thank you very much once again.

## Garry Roque Clinic February 12 – 13, 2011

The Bright Water Pony Club is proud to host a clinic with Garry Roque at Twisted Pine Farm February 12 - 13.

Garry competed in the 1990 World Equestrian Games in Stockholm, Sweden and the 1991 Pan American Games, where he was a member of the Silver Medal Bermuda team. He also participated in the 2004 Athens Olympics as a member of the Canadian eventing team.

Take advantage of this fantastic winter training opportunity! Pony Club members and non-members are welcome (\$60 for pony club members, \$120 for non-pony club members).

Lessons will be an hour and a half long in groups of four. Please e-mail Nathalie Couture at [nathverbit@hotmail.com](mailto:nathverbit@hotmail.com) or Dana Balfour at [danabalfourtistedpine@live.com](mailto:danabalfourtistedpine@live.com) for more information. Registration closes February 10.



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### NATURAL HOOF TRIMMING SEMINAR BY CLAUDIA GARNER

You have been invited to attend a very special event by Jana Vleuten and Boone Run Farms! We are hosting a clinic on performing a barefoot natural trim on your horse.

This is an amazing opportunity to learn more from a world renowned expert in the field of the barefoot trim. To learn more you may visit her website at:



Claudia Garner

803-647-1200

<http://www.equinesoundness.com>

<http://www.hoofcareunltd.com>

Just click on the link above to discover more about Claudia and her teachings. Even if you don't plan on doing your own feet it is great to learn about how your horses conformation, and lifelong soundness can be affected by the way your horse lands on his feet! Get educated about what your farrier is doing!

Claudia would love to pass on her knowledge to help horses have a long productive life. Lots of info on the inner workings of the hoof.

The seminar starts on: Friday March 4th, 2011 (6-9pm)  
Saturday, March 5th, 2011 (9-6pm)  
Sunday, March 6th, 2011 (9-4pm)

Cost: \$250

Discount for early booking.

Please respond to [jana@harvan.com](mailto:jana@harvan.com) if interested in signing up for more info.  
Or call at 519-475-6991 home or 519-532-9901 cell



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## This year why not try LeTrec?

WOR held its first annual LeTrec regional clinic on Sunday, October 17, 2010 at Shiloh place Farm just south of Belwood.

If you weren't able to attend this first-ever clinic, you're probably wondering what the heck is LeTrec? LeTrec is short for "Technique De Randonnee Equestre De Competition" and is best described as orienteering on horseback. Trec is one of the fastest growing equine sports in the world and involves knowledge of terrain and a good understanding of map reading. Trec is designed to test a horse/rider combination through three phases which can take place on a single day, or be held over two days.



Forty-two riders from seven clubs within WOR attended the clinic with clinicians Lindsay Grice, Andrea Johnson and Joanne Handley. Participants navigated obstacle courses, learned orienteering, map and compass reading skills and trail safety.

After the clinic portion of the day, all entrants were given a map, a compass and a time limit to practice the skills that they had learned. Special thanks to the nine parent volunteers from Millridge who made this event possible!





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## National PPG 2010

**Submitted by Kirsten Radcliffe**

I have competed in Prince Philip Games for a number of years, but this year was my most memorable. I had never competed at the national level before and I have to say it was a great experience! It was a bit tough in the beginning, considering we had two green ponies, but with a lot of work and fine tuning we became a strong team.

Before we knew it, it was time for the regional competition! We ran into some tricky situations, but tried our best and placed second. After regionals, we practiced even harder. With the help and dedication of our coaches, Jess Ralston and Dave Kelton, we improved and were ready for the zones competition. Going to zones was quite an adventure - nothing could keep us from getting there, not even flat tires! The competition day was full of surprises, such as thunderstorms and pouring rain, but despite it all, we played hard and placed first!

Last but not least, we attended the national competition. After our last win, we were ready to take on the country. We pulled it together, played as hard as we could and most importantly, had a blast. In the end it all paid off! I would like to thank all the pony lenders and everyone who helped make this happen for our team.

## International Tetrathlon Exchange 2010

**Submitted by Philip Cigagna**

This summer I had the opportunity to participate in the 2010 International Tetrathlon Exchange in San Francisco. It was my first taste of international competition and it was an experience I will never forget.

Teams from all over the world participated in the competition. The Canadian contingent consisted of me, Gen Walton and our chaperone Sue Eagleson, both from London Pony Club.

To kick off the competition, the competitors participated in a mini-meet. We were assigned randomly to teams and competed in all disciplines. The real competition took place at Stanford University and Woodside Horse Park, where Gen and I placed second in the riding phase behind the Australians.

While in California, we took a bus tour of San Francisco, spent three days at Yosemite National Park, went to Lake Tahoe and white water rafted down the American River. On the last night of our visit, we had a formal banquet to celebrate with all the teams.

It was a fantastic trip I will never forget. I loved meeting the other kids and look forward to the next competition. It was unfortunate that only two Canadians participated this year. I highly encourage more boys and girls in Canadian Pony Club to get their C2 and train hard so they can come on this trip of a lifetime!







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## Guelph Rides High into 2011



Congratulations to Guelph Pony Club for winning the Western Ontario Region High Points trophy for 2010!

This is the second consecutive year Guelph has won this award and the 13th time they've won it since the inception of the award in 1971.

Guelph took home the trophy every year from 1989 to 1994—are we about to witness a comeback?

Congratulations!

### Final High Points Trophy results:

1st	Guelph	117.14
2nd	Grand River	71.43
3rd	Mill Ridge	68.74
4th	Headwaters	49.29
5th	Caledon	47.51
6th	Mount Nemo	47

### 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?

### Winter Dressage Clinics

Center Line Equestrian (located in Carlisle) proudly presents a series of dressage clinics for winter 2011. These clinics are an excellent opportunity, whether you're a seasoned dressage rider or are just starting at the basics. Fine tune your skills with these highly knowledgeable dressage professionals!

February 6 - Cindy Ishoy 6 Time Canadian Olympian, Level III Dressage coach

March 12 - John MacPherson - Level III Dressage Coach, M Judge, FEI Competitor

Riding spots and auditing fees include refreshments, lunch and ticket for door prizes. Pre-registration is required. Auditing fees are \$30 paid ahead of time or \$35 at the door. Riding fees are \$150 for a 45 minute private lesson with John or \$225 with Cindy.

For more details please contact Heather at 905-659-2974 or [h\\_warner@sympatico.ca](mailto:h_warner@sympatico.ca).