



# The Pony Express

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## Regional News:

- **Events, dates and the information on them can now be found at the following locations to avoid repetition. Check for dates you don't want to miss.**
  - ◆ **For all Pony Club dates and results** - Be sure to check the **WOR** website at <http://www.canadianponyclub.org/WesternOntario/index.htm> and the **CPC** website at <http://www.canadianponyclub.org/index.html> and especially the calendar there to be up to date!
  - ◆ **For all eventing and eventing clinic dates** - <http://www.eventingincanada.com>
- ◆ **Senior Pony Clubbers** - Take a look at the *CPC* page for James Wofford coaching clinics and for CEF preparation clinics
- ◆ **GIGANTIC TACK SALE AT QUIZ MAY 1<sup>ST</sup>!** The very best place to buy and sell all items - riding and horse clothing, tack and horse related items. New, gently used and well-used items are available. Bring your outgrown items! Buy items for this year's season! This is also a fundraiser, WOR get 10% of the sales price. There are some changes this year - please read the following:
  - ◆ **Sellers:**
    - ◆ You must label every item with your name, your club, and your price before you come.
    - ◆ The label must be affixed to the item by string or some other removable tag. The tags are how we pay out at the end. Stickers and tape that that we must take off the item get torn or stuck to other tags in the cash box and are hard to deal with. Tags that are put on coat hangers get separated from the item. We want our sellers to have a successful sale so **be sure your tag will stay with the item but that we can easily remove it to pay you.**
    - ◆ Have it there early, the serious buying is done in the first half-hour every year.

- ◆ Items must be clean, no dirt and straw for us to clean up after please
- ◆ Sizes are very important if you want to sell an item.
- ◆ No helmets can legally be sold second hand so we will not carry them in the used section.
- ◆ You may be paid by cash at the end of the day (until we run out), or you may get a WOR check mailed later by our treasurer.

◆ **Buyers:**

- ◆ Checks or cash only, checks payable to WOR. no credit or debit card equip. on scene.
- ◆ Know your sizes, bring your check book, try-ons are allowed
- ◆ We cannot hold things, everything is for sale to the first person who pays, the early bird get the best deal.

◆ **Some Regional Dates coming up:**

April	18	1:00 p.m.	<b>Regional Meeting</b> - Rm 1715 OVC Life Learning Centre, U. of G
		All Day	<b>C Education Workshop</b> - Emergency First Aid Course Rm 1713
			<b>Deadline - C2, B, B2 Spring Testing Applications</b>
		10:00 a.m.	Dressage & Show Jumping Workshop
		11:00 a.m.	D Rally Workshop; Tetrathlon Workshop
May	1	9:00 a.m.	<b>Regional Quiz</b> - Guelph - Centennial DCI
	15		Mt Nemo Mini-meet
	19	7:00 p.m.	<b>Regional Meeting</b> - OVC Life Learning Centre, U. of G Written C2, B, B2 tests
			<b>Deadline - Regional Tetrathlon Entries</b>
	23		Caledon Spring Clinic (Dressage, Show Jumping and Cross Country)
	31		<b>Deadline - International PPG Applications</b>

◆ **Information from the last Regional Meeting**

- ◆ **Managing a Branch** Copies of a manual were distributed containing good information to guide DC's. Share with others in Branch. Goes through qualities of DC, what the ADC does, ideas of timing (month by month layout).
  - ◆ The DC is a very important person - lots of responsibility and accountability. DC's cannot have a financial interest in the horse industry - cannot own a barn, tack shop, teach lessons etc. Prevents conflict of interest. We all work together though, share the load. Learn to say "No." Delegate work - ask others to help out too. Encourage volunteers, they will learn by doing. Encourage parents to attend the Regional meetings. It really helps them understand what Pony Club is all about and helps them learn the "lingo" of Pony Club. Encourage them that it is a learning experience and you learn by doing. It is not hard work, but people need to be encouraged to take on a task and know they are supported in doing it.
  - ◆ There is a wealth of knowledge and experience in the Region - use these people, they are happy to help.

- ◆ We are here for the kids to help them learn to be a good horsemen/women. Opportunity to help them learn to grow/experience/mature. Learn human relations skills.
- ◆ Mounted meetings - Headwaters looking for input from other clubs how they run their mounted meetings. Please email them with info.
- ◆ Treat each other with respect. We are all volunteers.
  
- ◆ **SPECIAL AWARD**
  - ◆ Colin Peace will be receiving the Syl Apps Special Achievement Award for his volunteer work in Modern Pentathlon. ***Congratulations Colin!***
  
- ◆ MILL RIDGE PONY CLUB is hosting an **education meeting** on April 21st 2004 at 7p.m., in the Wellington Room at the Grand River Raceway in Elora, presented by Dr. Bob Wright of The Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food. The topic will be "**Equine Encephalitis, Surveillance and Prevention - West Nile Virus and Eastern Equine Encephalitis**" and "**Strangles**". This meeting is open to ALL Pony Club members and the general public. There is a cost of \$1 (just to cover expenses) for anyone OVER the age of 16 years. Dr. Wright has made presentations to Mill Ridge Pony Club previously, and they have all been interesting and informative. This is the time of the year that we all are concerned about inoculations, which ones to get. Dr. Wright will give us an unbiased view of which ones and why! Please pass this information on to all your members and their parents and we hope to see you there. PLEASE R.S.V.P. with number in your group before April 19. Jennifer Coté - [jemini@direcway.com](mailto:jemini@direcway.com) , 519-787-1642, or Sharon Meagher, [meaghera@hotmail.com](mailto:meaghera@hotmail.com) Phone 519-787-0508
  
- ◆ I thought some of you might find this interesting, especially if you are looking for crafts to do at camp or for badges. The web site seems good - full color pictures of the crafts and lots of other stuff. Please pass this on to anyone in your Region that might be interested. - "Looking for **Horsy Crafts for Your Pony Club?** Horse Lover's Crafts Can Help! We offer a full line of craft kits to make your planning fast and easy. All our kits come with materials for 12 students to enjoy making a great horse craft, a perfect activity for all your young horse lovers. Call for a FREE Catalogue Today. 1-877-6CRAFTS (627-2387) or visit our website at: [www.horseloverscrafts.com](http://www.horseloverscrafts.com) "
  
- ◆ **Badge Program from National** - The new badge program is running and Branches are encouraged to start the program whenever they wish. It is our hope that Branches will purchase the badges and then give them to their members as they earn them. Each Branch and/or Region can decide how they wish to display the badges. Some people have suggested a sash, some a vest or shirt, and some thought maybe a miniature saddle pad. We have decided to leave this decision up to the kids. Remember, this program is not meant to replace testing. Many of the badges are for non-tested areas. The idea is to encourage your members to explore other interests as part of a well-rounded education. Many members do not wish to test every year and the badge program gives them

something else to work towards. We have endeavored to keep the paperwork to a minimum and this program is supposed to be fun.

- ◆ **Tetrathalon** - Gail Dennison has arranged shooting practice/coaching for those who may be interested in learning or practicing their shooting. The Burlington Rifle and Revolver Club offers a time slot to Juniors (18 and under) from 8:30 - 1pm every Saturday morning. The cost to join the club as a Junior for the year is \$22.00. They're pretty flexible - you go when you can... there is always one or two of the guys there to provide instruction and supervision. The kids have the opportunity to learn about and try all sorts of guns, as well as air pistol practice. It's a good idea to let him know you are coming so they can set up enough ports. They do like you to get there for 8:30 so the kids can help set up the range. For any info on Tetrathalon contact Gail Dennison at [don.mitchell@sympatico.ca](mailto:don.mitchell@sympatico.ca)
  
- ◆ **Albion Pony Club's Tetrathlon Mini Meet** is April 25, in Orangeville, ON. Swimming and Shooting will take place at Tony Rose Sports Complex and running will be held at Monora Park which is a change from last year's cross-country location and should prove to be an improved venue for the run. The registration forms, event notice, and a map to the event locations are available on both the Albion Pony Club and the WOR website. We welcome volunteers to time-keep at the pool, help at the shooting gallery, and be spotters on the cross-country course. Any questions, call Nathan Higgins at 519.938.9766 or [the.higgins@sympatico.ca](mailto:the.higgins@sympatico.ca)
  
- ◆ **Mount Nimo Pony Club's Tetrathlon Mini Meet** is May 15<sup>th</sup>. Registrations and shooting are at the Burlington Rifle and Revolver Club (1548 King Rd. Burlington) Order of Go for all Events: Nov. - Jr. - Sr. Running will take place at LaSalle Park (50 Northshore Blvd. W. Burlington), and Swimming at Aldershot Pool, (50 Fairwood Place Burlington.) More information is on WOR website. Please R.S.V.P. Denise Trigatti, [Manorun@hwcen.org](mailto:Manorun@hwcen.org) or Linda Agnew, [agnew@sympatico.ca](mailto:agnew@sympatico.ca)
  
- ◆ The **South African Exchange** opportunity for Dressage & Show Jumping is once again on for 2004. We should let our WOR members know now that the opportunity is available, so that any interested members can start to plan and work toward that goal. Like the recent Irish Fox Hunting and Dressage Exchange in New Zealand, this exchange is not a nationally recognized exchange subject to travel subsidy. Cost may be a factor for many. The last time that Canada attended this exchange was in 1998. WOR had 4 of the 6 members on that team. You can get a good idea of what this exchange is like by reading about that tour on our website. Go to National Events, then to 1998 and click on South Africa. You will hear more about applications and itinerary from Billi and Kasia as info becomes available.
  
- ◆ Notice to all pony club branches - the **Dressage/ShowJumping Regional Finals** is on July 17th at Century Court - we are looking for any clubs who may be interested in looking after the food booth for the day. Contact Darlene Haines - [rick.haines@rogers.com](mailto:rick.haines@rogers.com)

- ◆ **Alumni and out of Pony Club success stories:**
  - ◆ The follow pony clubbers competed in the **Provincial Winter games** air Pistol competition in London, Ontario this past March 11-14<sup>th</sup>. We congratulate them on a job well done. Alix Findlay (Sub Junior) and Devon Ambroise(Junior) won gold in their women Divisons. Jean Eagleson was 4th in (Sub Junior womens). Dylan McPhail won gold in Sub junior Mens and Peter Szkotnicki was 4th in sub junior mens. Also Samantha Stubbins did very well in Fencing at the games. These kids are all Tetrathalon athletes from WOR. There were also kids from COR competing on the teams. They first went to the Air Pistol Trials back in the Fall to be selected for the Teams . Peter, Alix and Devon were on the Western Team and they won the Team Gold. Dylan was on the Central Team and they won Team Silver. Jean was on the Northeast Team and they placed 4th. See what going to Pony Club will get you doing!! The kids had a great time together, another fabulous experience for them.
  - ◆ Albion Pony Club has double header this spring with their Alumni.
    - ◆ Jen Zelmer has been chosen as the coach for the **Canadian Tetrathalon Team** heading for Ireland this August. An "A" pony clubber, 4<sup>th</sup> place winner at the Canada Winter Games in Women's Pistol, successful eventer, and former winning International Tetrathalete herself, she is looking forward to helping this years Canadian team on to victory (and a fun time).
    - ◆ Karl Slezak is celebrating his first win in an **Intermediate Event** in the States, the first of many I am sure. He beat out several members of Canada's Eventing Team, way to go Kar!!!!
- ◆ OLD ORCHARD FARM **COMBINED EVENT** - MAY 2, 2004 AT OLD ORCHARD FARM, 12386 FIRST LINE, MOFFAT, 519-763-1134, FAX 763-7986, EMAIL - [oof@on.aibn.com](mailto:oof@on.aibn.com) ENTRY FEE: \$40.00, DRESSAGE ONLY : \$20.00. ENTRIES CLOSE APRIL 28 May be faxed or emailed. Times available evening of April 29 by calling 763-1134 or by email/fax if provided on your entry. Event open to all riders, including beginners. A great place to get experirnce for the season ahead!
- ◆ **Is your news here? It could be, send stuff please!**

### **Classified Section:**

- ◆ Classified are **free** to all pony clubbers, and for things that would interest pony clubbers.
- ◆ PLEASE LET ME KNOW WHEN YOUR ITEMS SELL SO I CAN DELETE YOUR AD!!!!!!!!!!!!!! THANKS. If I deleted your ad I haven't heard from you and you need it back in, please let me know.

## Employment opportunities

- ◆ Wanted: Riding Instructor for 2004 Summer Boys Camp - a contract position for the summer of 2004 is ideal for someone who enjoys working in a residential camp setting, has excellent teaching and stable management skills and is an accomplished English style rider. The contract runs from June 21st, 2004 to August 27th, 2004, there may be employment opportunities as early as the long weekend in May. Camp Ponacka is located an hour and a half north of Peterborough on Lake Baptiste, near Bancroft and offers a wide variety of activities, both water and land based, to the 155 campers who come to camp for a month each summer. For more information, please contact Anne Morawetz or Don Bocking at (705) 748-9470 or by email at [info@ponacka.com](mailto:info@ponacka.com) or by fax at (705) 748-3880. You may also send your resume to Camp Ponacka, 1674 Killoran Rd. R.R. #4 Peterborough, ON K9J 6X5. Take a look at our website, located at [www.ponacka.com](http://www.ponacka.com).

## Horses and Ponies

- ◆ Spark in the Dark - Sparky (showing now as Bootleggin) is 5 yrs old, 15.1 hands, really cute mover, bold talented jumper, totally sound, no vices, has shown and placed successfully hunter, jumper, and eventing last fall, all shots, friendly and sane, capable of at least Prelim eventing, perfect for upcoming A,B,C or D2 riders. \$3500. See him at [www.parklaneranch.ca](http://www.parklaneranch.ca)
- ◆ Bramen is a 7 year old, 15.1 hand buckskin gelding for sale (\$3200). He would be suitable for a confident D pony clubber wishing to do beginner dressage and small jumps. Tack and blankets are also available. For more information and photos, please call Carly or Joyce at (519)843-2367 or email me at [jbuck@uoguelph.ca](mailto:jbuck@uoguelph.ca)
- ◆ GREAT FAST GAMES PONY. 12.2 HH, Strong, stout, 100% sound, Sane, loves to go. super under saddle, doesnt spook, vault on, fit registered welsh. Patrick 519-753-8038
- ◆ 4 year old, Dutchwarmblood cross - backed only. Aara is 16.3hh and growing. She will be 4 July 2004. This lovely mare has the potential for eventing, she shows boldness with calm over fences, is a lovely mover for the dressage. She is by Top Notch, a bronze premium Canadian Sport Horse Stallion and was purchased as a young rider's event prospect. Due to circumstances beyond our control, we cannot bring her along, she needs a new home. Asking \$7500.00 Cdn. + G.S.T. obo. Contact Dorothea at [hilltdpj@brktel.on.ca](mailto:hilltdpj@brktel.on.ca) or call 519-844-2582 Photos available by e-mail.
- ◆ Diamond Lil 14.1HH black mare, arab, quater horse, welsh pony x. Has participated in PPG (also at the nationals), D-rally, Dressage and showjumping, and many other schooling shows. Diamond Lil trailers ve ry well quiet and well mannered in the barn. Sadly outgrown must sell. \$4500 call (1519) 622-8634, Sheila and Jackie Kirkconnell
- ◆ River - Bay 6 year old pony 13H, Broke to death/great schooling pony, has done Western riding including cattle work, Can also perform English. Goes over cavaletti, competed in the Lollypop Circuit for 2003 at Jane Castleman's. She also has been taken on trail rides. River has no bad habits is sound with great manners. She trailers, clips, ties and loves a bath. She's an easy keeper, River would be a great horse to teach children and build their confidence in riding \$ 3,500 or B.O. Call Wendy 905-627-2772

- ◆ Lucy - 9 yr. old, 16 hand, bay thoroughbred mare, has shown Pre-Training and 3'3" jumper. Schooled dressage and Training level cross-country. Friendly and sweet, \$3000 OBO, must sell!. Contact Clay or Carolyn at 905-936-5136
- ◆ Rebos Queen - registered AQHA mare, 14.2, old style quarter horse, 18 years old, dark liver chestnut, has been used in camps, lessons, trail rides, parades, 3<sup>rd</sup> division PPG, won at hunter shows (Grand Champion Beginner's hunter in 2003), is for sale to the right home only, \$1800 (\$2000 bred to Yellow Creek). She is totally sound, lives outside, goes barefoot, shots and worming up to date. She does not like to carry weights (so for kids and small adults only please), Suitable for D Pony Clubbers or backyard. She has had 2 gorgeous foals for us, (Sawyer Creek is on the website [www.parklaneranch.ca](http://www.parklaneranch.ca) ). She has not been bred this year. 905-936-2658, [szelmer@sympatico.ca](mailto:szelmer@sympatico.ca)
- ◆ Cameo - 2001 bay filly by TB/CSH by "Yellow Creek" out of registered Clydesdale mare. She will be a big girl, well over 16 hands, closer to 17 hands, Eventer? Field hunter? Pony Club? can be registered half Sport Horse. \$4,000, contact Clay or Carolyn at 905-936-5136
- ◆ Appollo - 2000 Clyde/TB cross bay gelding with lots of white, very attractive! Sound, friendly, broke to ride, 17.1 hands and growing, a big boy! And very quiet. \$10,000, contact Clay or Carolyn at 905-936-5136. Also some registered Clydesdales for sale.
- ◆ CANADIAN SPORT HORSE gelding, 2 years, 16.2h, chestnut with full blaze, and lots of chrome. Big mover, Dutch Warmblood X Anglo Trak. Great brain, quietly started under tack. Showing inherent talent for dressage and loves to jump \$10,000.00 CDN Call (519) 843-4293 Judy Johnson, Travis Hall Equestrian Centre
- ◆ Power Steering - 1993 registered TB broodmare, 15.3 hands, chestnut with blaze and socks, bred by Jenny Day, exceptional conformation, movement, and temperament, a real pet, \$3,000 in foal to 16.3 hand TB Yellow Creek for April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2004. Live foal guaranteed. Produces very correct, attractive foals. (Kaleigh Creek, Fiesta Creek on website [www.parklaneranch.ca](http://www.parklaneranch.ca)). We are cutting back. Others available. [Szelmer@sympatico.ca](mailto:szelmer@sympatico.ca)

### Wanted

- ◆ Wanted: Adding machine with tape. Abaccus worn out - need to move on to next century, cheap. [tharris136@cogeco.ca](mailto:tharris136@cogeco.ca) (and this folks is the treasurer of the Western Ontario Pony Club so we need to do something about this quick.)
- ◆ Wanted- airgun piston- for pony club target shooting for junior. Will consider pump or co2- [amc2sitel@aol.com](mailto:amc2sitel@aol.com) or 519-753-8038
- ◆ Wanted - 15.2 to 16.2 hand, 4 to 16 yr old mare or gelding, sound, for D2 going to C rider, also going to event Entry level (2'9"), maximum \$2000 to spend. Please call my coach, Sue Boyle at 905-936-2658. And tell her it is for Molly
- ◆ Wanted - free or very inexpensive lease on a large pony or small horse for beginner rider. Kate has been taking lunge line lessons over the winter and is ready to ride on her own, needs something safe and reliable for her to ride. e-mail Dorothea Hill at [hilltdpj@brktel.on.ca](mailto:hilltdpj@brktel.on.ca) or call 519-844-2582 where the horse would be kept.

- ◆ We are looking for a pony to buy or lease. Anna is 11 years old pony club member, level D1 good rider. Looking for large pony or small horse ,14 to 15 hands, contact Maria Durso at 905 838 1025 or e-mail at [mdurso@sympatico.ca](mailto:mdurso@sympatico.ca)
- ◆ Wanted to buy or lease a beginner type pony for a new pony clubber age 7, Call Anne or Dave at (519)846-0107
- ◆ Wanted, a black breastplate with running martingale attachment, cob sized and in good condition. e-mail at [roxygurl\\_030@hotmail.com](mailto:roxygurl_030@hotmail.com)

### Tack and Equipment

- ◆ Saddle for sale, 16" Stubben Rex , very good condition, \$500.00 contact Carol at [carol.hawkins@sympatico.ca](mailto:carol.hawkins@sympatico.ca)
- ◆ Crosby 16" close contact saddle, excellent condition, no scratches, stains, \$750 obo, [eventerbabe16@hotmail.com](mailto:eventerbabe16@hotmail.com) 416-236-7190 ask for Molly
- ◆ Competitive Target Pistol For Sale: GAMO compact .177 Like new. Ergonomic Wooden Grip. Accurate. W case and manual. GREAT PRICE: Only \$250.00 Patrick- Mount Nemo Pony Club: 519-753-8038.
- ◆ 16.5" Bates Caprilli Close Contact Saddle. Havana brown leather with CAIR panels and adjustable gullet system (white plate included). In excellent condition. Asking \$1300.00 For more information please contact Linda at (905) 335-8859 or by email at [agnew@sympatico.ca](mailto:agnew@sympatico.ca).
- ◆ Nelson Pessoa Saddle FOR SALE! This saddle is a fifteen and three quarter inch in the best condition due to being well taken care of. All of the fittings are not Pessoa but are included. Very very sadly out grown. \$1500.00 o.b.o. Contact London Pony Club member at (519) 475-4314 [Anuttree@aol.com](mailto:Anuttree@aol.com)
- ◆ 2000 Trailet goosenecks 2-horse trailer with dressing room - hardly used. \$16,000. Or best offer Irene 905-936-4761. e-mail [irenea@sympatico.ca](mailto:irenea@sympatico.ca)
- ◆ 1989 F-250 ¾ ton diesel truck - 220 km. 7.3 litre 4 gear old trans. Excellent condition. \$9,000. Irene 905-936-4761. e-mail [irenea@sympatico.ca](mailto:irenea@sympatico.ca)
- ◆ 4-horse gooseneck trailer for sale. Custom built by Tracer (USA Company) to be flexible. All the interior partitions come in and out easily. You can have one large space (great for hauling jumps and things), or 2 huge box stalls well separated (great for mares and colts, we used one for the stallion) or both box stalls make into 2 large trailer stalls for a total of 4 large individual stalls. Suitable for big horses, we hauled 16.3 and 17 hand horses with lots of room, has 2 ramps, one at the back and one at the side, escape door, mats, and is black with a red stripe. Sells certified \$8000 obo. Sandy Zelmer at 905-936-2658 or [szelmer@sympatico.ca](mailto:szelmer@sympatico.ca)
- ◆ Tack box - great for eventing. Wooden box with lift off lid, on wheels, holds 2 saddles, also hooks for helmet, body vest, jacket, and whip holder, etc. Approx. 4 feet long. Custom made. Asking \$150. Also Tons of horse stuff. Need anything? Call me. I've got large horse blankets, fly sheet, coolers, polos, bandages, cottons, fully stocked equine first aid kit (C rally stable management worthy), and many other things too numerous to mention. Pam or Betty Elgie at 519-666-0758



- ◆ Two room tent. Perfect for c-Rally, used 3 times. New was 350.00 Asking \$150.00 Three insulate sleeping bags, hardly used, excellent condition Pam or Betty Elgie at 519-666-0758
- ◆ Safety vest. Tipperary. Brand new. Still has tag. Size 34YL. Was \$265.00. Asking \$225.00. Phone 519-658-2998.
- ◆ Quality jumps for sale. Brand new. Painted or unpainted. Great prices. Variety of jumps available as well as custom design. [idealjumps@sympatico.ca](mailto:idealjumps@sympatico.ca)
- ◆ Tipperary Vests, Tall-Medium, white, cover comes off for easy washing, brand new, \$100. [equus3d@ican.net](mailto:equus3d@ican.net)

### **Services:**

- ◆ Yellow Creek at stud. 16.3 hand, homozygous black thoroughbred, approved AQHA, Bronze Premium Sport Horse in Eventing, tremendous jump, athletic movement, kind disposition, see him at [www.parklaneranch.ca](http://www.parklaneranch.ca)
- ◆ RICO, 17.3 hand Registered Oldenburg stallion (son of Rio Grande) 519-787-8725, [j\\_r\\_a@operamail.com](mailto:j_r_a@operamail.com)

## **Editorials, jokes, other things worth reading**

### **Horseman's Dictionary:**

barn sour - An affliction common to horse people in northern climates during the winter months. Trudging through deep snow, pushing wheelbarrows through snow and beating out frozen water buckets tend to bring on this condition rapidly.

big name trainer - cult leader; horse owners follow them blindly, will gladly sell their homes, spend their children's college funds and their IRA's to support them, as they have a link to "The Most High Ones" (judges).

bog spavin - The feeling of panic when riding through a marshy area. Also used to refer to horses who throw a fit at having to go through water puddles.

colic - The gastrointestinal result of eating at the food stands at horse shows

colt - What your mare always gives you when you want a filly.

contracted foot - The involuntary, instant reflex of curling one's toes up, right before a horse steps on your foot.

drench - Term used to describe the condition an owner is in after he administers mineral oil or a bath to his horse.

endurance ride - The end result when your horse spooks and runs away with you in the woods.

equitation - The ability to keep a smile on your face and proper posture while your horse tries to crow hop, shy, and buck his way around a show ring.

feed - Expensive substance used in the manufacture of large quantities of manure.

fences - Decorative perimeter structures built to give your horse something to chew on, scratch against, and jump over (see inbreeding).

filly - What your mare always gives you when you want a colt.

flea-bitten - a condition of the lower extremities in horse owners who also own dogs and cats.

flies - The excuse of choice a horse uses so he can kick you, buck you off or knock you over without being punished.

founder - 1. the discovery of your loose mare, some miles from your farm, usually in a flower bed or a cornfield. As in the phrase, "Hey, honey, I found 'er." 2. a condition that happens to most people after Thanksgiving dinner.

frog - Small amphibious animal that emits a high-pitched squeal when stepped on.

gallop - The customary gait a horse chooses when returning to the barn.

gates - Wooden or metal structures built to amuse horses.

girth sores - Painful swelling and abrasion made at the point of midsection by fashionable large western belt buckles.

green broke - The color of the face of the person who has just gotten the training bill from the "Big Name Trainer."

grooming - The fine art of brushing the dirt from one's horse and applying it to your own body.

grooms - Heavy, stationary objects used at horse shows to hold down lawn chairs and show bills.

hay - A green, itchy material that collects between the layers of clothing, especially in unmentionable places.

head shy - A reluctance to use the public restrooms at a horse show. Always applies to pit toilets.

head tosser - A blonde-haired woman who wears fashion boots while working in the barn.

heaves - The act of unloading a truck full of hay.

hobbles - Describes the walking gait of a horse owner after his/her foot has been stepped on by his/her horse.

hock - The financial condition that a horse owner goes into.

hoof pick - Useful, curved metal tool utilized to remove hardened dog doo from the treads of your tennis shoe.