



# The Pony Express

Notes from the Editor: Sandy Zelmer  
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We are trying a new format for getting information to our members. This shorter version of The Pony Express will come out frequently and will be copied by the DC of each club for distribution. (Please DCs ☺). It will also be on the WOR web site (thanks Crawford!).

Regular features may include:

- Regional news and upcoming events - submit anything you wish to advertise.
- Education - please forward any good items you have to include.
- Please, please, - send us information on clinics/educational events in your area.
- Classified - a good way to recycle ponies, clothes, tack etc.
- History of some of the older clubs? Information on some of our members who are doing something out of the ordinary? Question/Answer section?
- Results of all WOR PC events.
- Anything else that you, that's right, you wish to send me. Pictures welcome!
- This will only be as good as you support it - otherwise it will be all Zelmer and Albion because they are close enough to throttle for information!!! Please let this be a means of communication for all clubs and all members! Send stuff!!!!

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## **A word from our Regional Chair: Cathy Miller**

A new year, a new newsletter – a sincere “**thank you**” to Sandy Zelmer for this initiative. As your new Regional Chair I am indeed lucky to have the support and guidance of such a talented and hard-working group of Branch representatives, Discipline chairs and Regional Executive. In addition to our new Communications/Education chair (Sandy) I am delighted to announce that LeeAnne Bell of Glen Highlands is our new A/B/C Rally Chair. We are only lacking a PPG Chair apprentice to work with Alison Rainford – please, parents of keen games players, give this chance to get involved serious consideration.

On a more personal note, I want to take this opportunity to ask you to go out and give your horse and/or pony a hug today. On Monday, January 27, 2003 I had to bid farewell to my old friend Dancer. We came together almost exactly 23 years ago and he has been a significant part of my life ever since. A beautiful, 16 hand chestnut thoroughbred gelding, Dancer was my partner in Hunter/Jumper, Eventing, Dressage, Trail Riding and just plain "horsing around". He has left me with an infinite number of wonderful memories and I truly believe that I am a better person because of my relationship with him.

<p style="text-align:center"><b>In Memoriam</b></p> <p style="text-align:center"><b>Dancing Master</b></p> <p style="text-align:center"><b>1977-2003</b></p>
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### **Regional News:**

- Be sure to check the WOR and the CPC websites to be up to date!
- The Governor General's awards have been announced! Congratulations to Bronwen Jones of the Esquesing Pony Club and Jennifer Zelmer of the Albion Pony Club. Both girls get a \$500 scholarship towards their education.
- WOR's Jen Zelmer will be going to Australia on the Canadian Pony Club Inter-pacific Team. Five members are selected from across Canada and WOR has had a successful candidate 3 years in a row now. Jen needs fund raising ideas and is actively looking for anyone who would like to sponsor her in any way, no matter how little. Donations and items for a silent auction will be gratefully accepted at Regional meetings or by calling 905-936-2658
- All Clubs are reminded of the Youth Forum on the web site where members can air their views and make suggestions. Contact Crawford at cdales@ebtech.net or jenzelmer@hotmail.com if you need more info.
- The Pony Club Tack and Clothing Sale will be held at Quiz May 3rd. Bring all your horse-related items that you have outgrown, don't need, or are tired of. Be sure to label them with your name, your club and your price. WOR takes 10% to support our kids, and the rest is your profit! If you need riding clothes, boots, tack or other assorted riding equipment, bring your checkbook or cash, we can't take credit or debit cards.
- A Silent Auction to help fund the Canadian Inter Pacific Team travel to Australia will be held. WOR has one member on the team (Jen Zelmer) so watch the CPC website for details to donate or bid. To donate items call 905-936-2658.

## Upcoming Pony Club Events:

- Feb 7-9 - Disciplines conference in Winnipeg
- Feb 16 - Meetings, Room 1715 OVC, Guelph
  - 10 AM - ABC Rally Workshop
  - 11 AM - Tetrathalon Workshop
  - 1 PM - Regional Meeting
- March 13-15 - Equi-Fest at London Fair Grounds, volunteers needed!
- March 23 Meetings - Room 1715 OVC, Guelph
  - 10 AM - PPG Workshop
  - 11 AM O Show Jumping & Dressage Workshop
  - 12 PM - Testing Workshop
  - 1 PM - Regional Meeting
- March 29 - 30 - Guelph Mini-Meet
- April 27 - Albion Mini Meet
- April 27 Meetings - Orangeville Community Center
  - 11 AM D Rally Workshop
  - 1 PM - Regional Meeting
- May 3 - Quiz and Tack Sale at Fergus
- May 4 - Guelph Combined Event at Old Orchard Farm

## Other Clinics, Events and Education Opportunities:

### Eventing In Canada

<http://www.eventingincanada.com/cgi-bin/db>

- March 7-9 - Cris Irwin Discover your horse power clinic at Cedar Peaks, Cookstown.
- April 20 - Grandview Combined Test
- April 27 Cedar Peaks Combined Test

### CARD

<http://www.card.ca/html/events.htm> -

- Feb. 2 - Ian Roberts Eventing Clinic
- Feb. 16 Tom Dvorak Dressage Clinic
- March 9 - Nancy MacLachlan Dressage Clinic
- March 27-28 - NARHA Registered instructors Workshop
- March 29-30 - HARHA Registered instructors Certification
- April 13 - Randy Roy Hunter Clinic
- April 27 - Jay Hayes Jumper Clinic

**Classified:**  
**(free to members!!!)**

**Horses and Ponies**

- 16.1 hand bay TB gelding, 9 years old, tons of scope, jumps anything, owner going to University, active but sane, \$2500, Amanda at 905-936-5836
- 2 yr. old dark bay filly, registered Half Sport Horse, bred to jump, lovely mover, very athletic, will finish over 16 hands, by TB/CSH "Yellow Creek" out of CSH "In the Spotlight " \$2,800, Sandy at 905-936-2658 or check out "Mischief Maker" and other youngsters at [www.parklaneranch.ca](http://www.parklaneranch.ca)
- 2 yr old bay filly by TB/CSH "Yellow Creek" out of Clydesdale mare. She will be a big girl, well over 16 hands, Eventer? Field hunter? Pony Club?, can be registered half Sporthorse \$5,000, Clay or Carolyn at 905-936-5136
- 14.3 hand 9-year-old mare, shown jumper and eventing, have bought bigger horse, must sell, \$3500 OBO. Sarah 905-936

**Tack and Equipment**

- New all purpose 16 inch, saddle never been used, price tag still on it \$1100 - wrong size will sacrifice for \$900. Also 2 green size 80 New Zealand blankets, brand new in bags, paid \$125 ea., sacrifice \$90 ea., Sandy at 905-936-2658
- Women's size 26 Pikeur navy blue breeches- \$75, Schleese brown 24 inch dressage girth- \$95, Green wool cooler - \$50, Miriam at 905-508-9419

**Wanted**

- 13.2 to 16.2 hand, 4 to 14 yr old mare or gelding, sound, for D1 going to D2 rider, also going to event Entry level (2'9"), maximum \$1500 to spend. Please call my coach, Sue Boyle at 905-936-2658

**Quiz Practice Ideas**

- Go to a local tack store and have some older members or the staff show you different tack items
- Go to a feed store and have the staff show the kids different grains and feed samples, the types of hay and bedding too if possible.
- Have a senior pony clubber show the younger ones parts of the horse, colors, markings, and the coach show the senior kids conformation, unsoundness etc.
- Use the National Pony Club work books
- Learn all the diagrams in the PC manual for your level (and even above)
- Use old quiz questions, old exams
- Use the quiz book from National PC. To practice with
- Go through a local barn and their tack and feed rooms with a coach or senior pony clubber labeling everything you see
- If you see it - name it and explain it.

# GAME OF WORDS

## A GOOD QUIZ PRACTICE

- it is suggested that the big kids help the little kids to find all the words and then explain and expand the meanings given here.
- Words go from left, right, up, down and from all 4 corners diagonally.
- Letters can be used twice or more.
- Have fun!

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**Words are:**

Canter - 3 beat gait, leads  
Trot - 2 beat diagonal gait  
Reins - part of the bridle  
Oats - grain, concentrate  
Hay - roughage (types?)  
Salt - why is it important?  
Shank - to lead with (always?)  
Dressage - (the importance of)  
PPG - Prince Phillip Games,  
Bay - color (brown with black points)  
Bale - of hay (quality and types)  
Vet - horse Dr., your best friend  
Keeper - bridle part (vs Runner)  
Rally - D & ABC, discuss

Teams - importance of teamwork  
Saddle - types and parts, care  
Event - horse trials, 3 day  
Pony - under 14.2 hands (4 inches)  
Show - types and opportunities  
Walk - 4 beat gait, active  
Halter - safety-leading lesson?  
Lesson - the importance of them  
Pinto - color (piebald, skewbald)  
Horse - over 14.2, breeds and types  
Lame - how to tell, call the Vet  
Pay (ask Mom & Dad this meaning)  
Bot - fly, worm, worming, removal  
TD - Technical Delegate, alias God,  
Low - jumps don't have to be high  
Pin - 1<sup>st</sup> aid kit, safety pin only