



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>
- ◆ **Last minute notice for education meeting for all D2 members and up!**

At the same time as we have our Regional Meeting this Sunday, starting at 1:00 p.m. a C-Education meeting will be offered for all members (D2 and up) in the region. The topic will be "Common Equine Injuries and Ailments and their Treatment". This topic shows up on written tests, at Quiz, and during stable management practical tests. What is needed for a complete and useful Horse First Aid Kit will also be covered. The presenters for this first session are Lindsay Thompson, an HA Pony Clubber and graduate in Biology from the University of Guelph, and Abigail Miller, graduate the U. of Guelph's Kemptville College Equine Management Diploma program and a B level-Pony Clubber. We have the two lecture theatres at the Life Learning Center so there will be lots of room to hold the Regional Meeting and accommodate the education session. Although not essential it would help if branches could let Kathy Miller know approximately how many members will be coming so we can plan for snacks. I know this is rather short notice, although we did discuss it at our AGM but we wanted to make sure we had the room commitment from the University first. Norma Poel and I really hope that this way of offering Senior Education will be useful and popular with our older members. If you have any suggestions for topics, don't hesitate to let us know. See you all on Sunday at 1:00 p.m.

- ◆ **Helmets and Armbands** - Just a quick reminder that ASTM/SEI approved helmets are now mandatory for all mounted Pony Club activities, and armbands must be worn for the mounted portions of testing and the mounted portion of all competitions, including PPG. Armbands may be purchased from Supplies for \$10.00 each, including a blank information card. The Board would like to encourage members to wear their armbands whenever they are riding. For those of you running competitions, please note that you are not expected to check everyone's helmet before every class. This would entail having each person dismount and would be disruptive to the entire show. Instead, we recommend that spot checks be performed, both in the barn area and while riders are dismounted, to ensure that riders are complying with the rule. It is the competitor's responsibility to know and obey all rules at any competition.
- ◆ **New this year for all members!** This year all Pony Club members must be members of their Provincial Sport Organization (PSO) to compete in Pony Club Events. It is important that Branch DC's ensure that their members are members of their PSO prior to participating in any Pony club function after January 1, 2004. The Canadian and Provincial organizations are listed below.

<p><u>Canada</u> Equine Canada 2460 Lancaster Road Ottawa, ON K1B 4S5 Phone: 866-282-8395 Fax: 613-248-3484 Email: cpeters@equestrian.ca</p>	<p><u>Ontario</u> Ontario Equestrian Federation 1185 Eglinton Ave. East North York, ON M3C 3C6 Phone: 877-441-7112 Fax: 416-426-7355 Email: horse@horse.on.ca</p>
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- ◆ **Badge Program from National** - The new badge program is very nearly ready 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.

- ◆ I hear I missed a **fantastic presentation** given by **Carly Buck and Jessica Ralston of Mill Ridge**. Rumor is that your audio-visual presentation was exceptional and that everyone really enjoyed it - going on the professional speaking circuit soon girls?
- ◆ **International Pony Club Mounted Games Exchange** - Canadian Pony Club has been invited to send a team of 5 players plus a coach and chaperone to the US from July 7 - 24, 2004. The team will fly to Chicago on July 3, where they will visit and go sightseeing, finishing at the Kentucky Horse Park on July 18. The actual International Competition will take place on Wednesday, July 23. They will fly home from Cincinnati on July 24. Our team is comprised of: Ricki-Lee Gillespie, Strathcona PC, ANR, Prairie Zone. Alicia Kayes, East Maple Ridge PC, BCLM, Pacific Zone, **Dylan McPhail, Guelph PC, WOR, Central Zone**, Jordon Maynard, Vancouver PC, BCLM, Pacific Zone, **Cailin Radcliffe, Grand River PC, WOR, Central Zone**, Alternate is: Tina Mitchell, Garden Valley PC, ANR, Prairie Zone.
- ◆ **New membership classes up to 25 years old** - For many years, the older P.C. members have been asking to have the age extended to 25. This year, thanks to the great work done by your Active Member Directors, Theresa Moehring and Kirsten Scott, this wish has become a reality. If you graduate from the regular P.C. program at age 21, and have been an active member for at least 5 of your last 7 years, you can join as an Affiliate Testing Member. This membership allows you to continue to test, providing that you have achieved your C2 by the time you graduate at 21. For this year only, Affiliate Testing Members who wish to test in 2004, have until December 31 to get their applications in to the National Testing Chair. Full information about the Affiliate Testing Member and the Affiliate Education Member may be viewed by clicking here.
- ◆ **Polocrosse** - I received some information regarding the Polocrosse World Cup, which was held in Australia in May. Three members of the Canadian team were members of the Vancouver Pony Club. Congratulations to Saskia Ringsma, 13, Jordon Maynard, 15, and Brian Morton, 16. BCLM has been playing Polocrosse for the last couple of years, with an eye to possibly expanding the sport to other Regions, and eventually, possibly, becoming a recognized discipline within Canadian Pony Club. Rick Maynard sent us the following information regarding Polocrosse: Polocrosse is played with a racket and soft rubber ball. Played on a 60 yd by 160 yd field, it can be modified for a smaller area, or even an indoor arena. It is usually played in a snaffle bit, and only one horse/pony per rider is allowed. Polocrosse is fun for riders of all levels, and there are many opportunities to travel to competitions and rallies in Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Zimbabwe, UK, Ireland and the USA, where Polocrosse has been played for many years. Polocrosse is for all ages of children, and adults, and is fun for even the most beginning rider, yet it continues to be exciting as the rider's skill increases. Anyone who enjoys the excitement of Prince Phillip Games will definitely enjoy the thrill and strategy of this fun filled team game! It is a great alternative for Pony Clubbers who are too old to participate in PPG. The members of

the Canadian Polocrosse team would like to give your club a clinic. We will provide the balls and rackets- all you need is a few willing people and horses/ponies (no experience necessary). Those without horses are welcome to attend on foot, as many of the exercises (picking up the ball, passing, cradling, giving wood and the rules) are practiced on foot. Our clinic is FREE: all we ask is that your club cover our expenses. This could be an excellent fundraiser for your club if a small fee was added to our expenses. If we have intrigued you, or if you have any questions regarding this growing sport, please don't hesitate to contact either: Marta McIntosh (DC, Vancouver Pony Club) at (604)- 736-2705, or e-mail at mortonc@interchange.ubc.ca Rick Maynard (Polocrosse Instructor) at (604) 263-0370.

- ◆ **Tetrathalon** - As we are starting the new season for Pony Club, Gail Dennison is going to arrange shooting practice/coaching for those who may be interested in learning or practicing their shooting to prepare for Tetrathlon which will begin soon. There is also a shooting competition in early February that you can participate in to see how you are doing. More on that to those who would like to get started. If you have a gun, great. If you need one let Gail know. Also, let her know if you are interested, so she can give her contact person an idea of numbers. 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
- ◆ **The Western Ontario Quiz Teams did well at the National Quiz** - The National Competitions feature the best Pony Clubbers in Canada and to place is fantastic - to be in the top half is something to be proud of - Congratulations to our teams.

<p>A/B Level Ann Revill - Guelph - 2nd Abigail Miller - London 16th James Prine - Bluewater - 20th Allison Poel - London - 21st They were 5th as a team.</p>	<p>C Level Theresa Kerr - High County - 8th Becky Lindsey - Caledon - 23rd Meaghan Mackey - Glen Highlands - 28th Krystin Anderson - Albion - 40th They were 6th as a team (in the top half)</p>
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- ◆ **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

Horses and Ponies

- ◆ 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
- ◆ Mr. Fancy Pants (RJ's Little Lad) 8 yr old fancy registered Welsh pony. Brave, strong, 100% sound, great feet, professionally trained, jumps small course, lots of show experience, used for lessons, roads, ditches, trailers, easy loader, ponies, solid and very fit. 12.2 HH. Currently used as Pony club Mount for my D level green junior, also has been used for short stirrup and lunge lessons. Sadly outgrown. To great home only. \$3500.00 Call Ann-Marie 519-753-8038 or e-mail at amc2sitel@aol.com
- ◆ 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, \$3900. 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, 3rd division PPG, won at hunter shows (Grand Champion Beginner's hunter), 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), jumps cavelletti's and cross poles. Suitable for D Pony Clubbers or backyard. She has had 2 gorgeous foals for us, (Sawyer Creek is on the website www.parklaneranch.ca). She has not been bred this year. 905-936-2658, szelmer@sympatico.ca or view at www.parklaneranch.ca
- ◆ 9 y/o tb mare, jumper or eventer, and has hunting experience as well. Solid flatwork, very bold, and careful over fences. A pleasure to handle with no vices, and no marish attitude. Potential for training, possibly prelim eventing. Also has had 2 foals, and has excellent lineage (Seattle Slew granddaughter). 2nd in the mimosa cup. She went pretraining at Equus. Contact eventingaddict@hotmail.com
- ◆ 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

- ◆ Off to Law School and must sell: 'Luger' - 13 yr old trakehner/Thoroughbred, light bay. Sound, safe, hacks, clips, etc. Luger has evented as well as done endurance riding. The last 2 years Luger has been trained intensively in Dressage with Cindy Ishoy. Luger willingly does all lateral movements in trot and canter, has started flying changes and is ready to move up to a double bridle. He has a beautiful extended canter and trot, currently training at a Medium 2/3 level. A sweetheart, very personable, but I can't afford to maintain a horse while in university. \$15 000 Serious inquiries only please. Pam Elgie 519 -666-0758 or pbelgie@hotmail.com
- ◆ 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
- ◆ Summer Gold a.k.a. Nova, 7 years old Palomino 15.2 hh Mare, Sane, Sound and sensible, No Vices, Good for the farrier and vet, Trailers, clips, bathes, etc. Competed pre-training in 2003, Placed 6th overall at D Rally at D2 (3rd in Dressage), suitable for a competent beginner, would excel in the jumper ring - has schooled over 3' 9" at home. Her dressage is correct and she always places well. \$5000.00 Cdn., flexible to the right situation. Dorothea Hill hilltdpj@brktel.on.ca
- ◆ 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 19th, 2004. Live foal guaranteed. Produces very correct, attractive foals. (Kaleigh Creek, Fiesta Creek on website www.parklaneranch.ca). We are cutting back. Others available. Szelmer@sympatico.ca

Wanted

- ◆ 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 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

Tack and Equipment

- ◆ WANTED, a black breastplate with running martingale attachment, cob sized and in good condition. e-mail at roxygurl_030@hotmail.com
- ◆ New all purpose 16 inch Santa Cruz, fits a bit larger, saddle never been used, price tag still on it \$1100, wrong size will sacrifice for \$800. A really nice all purpose saddle. Sandy at 905-936-2658, szelmer@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

- ◆ 2000 Traillet goosenecks 2-horse trailer with dressing room - hardly used. \$16,000. Or best offer Irene 905-936-4761. e-mail 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
- ◆ Jamco 2 horse trailer - custom built extra high for large horses. Has tack room in the front. Immaculate condition only used 7 times. Asking \$14,500. Please call Cathie 519-432-4882
- ◆ 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 \$8900 obo. Sandy Zelmer at 905-936-2658 or 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.
- ◆ Women's size 26 Pikeur navy blue breeches- \$60, Miriam at 905-508-9419
- ◆ Quality jumps for sale. Brand new. Painted or unpainted. Great prices. Variety of jumps available as well as custom design. idealjumps@sympatico.ca
- ◆ Tipperary Vests, Tall-Medium, white, cover comes off for easy washing, brand new, \$100. 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
- ◆ RICO, 17.3 hand Registered Oldenburg stallion (son of Rio Grande) 519-787-8725, j_r_a@operamail.com

Editorials, jokes, other things worth reading

I have received 2 really good emails this month and will include them now

- First: Character Counts, this is so true of our wonderful Pony Club members and their wonderful volunteering parents!
- Second: Two letters from YOUR horse. The first is when it is a good horse, and the second when it is a bad horse! OR IS IT The first is when you are a good owner and the second is when you are a bad owner!

CHARACTER COUNTS

This is taken from the Firefighters Website - Firefighters.com but I think it can be used with equal truth for our Pony Club people.

(The Michael Josephson Institute recommends and I quote:)

"Be honest:

- Don't deceive, cheat or steal
- Be reliable — do what you say you'll do
- Have the courage to do the right thing
- Build a good reputation
- Be loyal — stand by your family, friends and country

Treat others with respect; follow the Golden Rule

- Be tolerant of differences
- Use good manners, not bad language
- Be considerate of the feelings of others
- Don't threaten, hit or hurt anyone
- Deal peacefully with anger, insults and disagreements

Do what you are supposed to do

- Persevere: keep on trying!
- Always do your best
- Use self-control
- Be self-disciplined
- Think before you act — consider the consequences
- Be accountable for your choices

Play by the rules

- Take turns and share
- Be open-minded; listen to others
- Don't take advantage of others
- Don't blame others carelessly

Be kind

- Be compassionate and show you care
- Express gratitude
- Forgive others
- Help people in need

Do your share to make your school and community better

- Cooperate
- Stay informed; vote
- Be a good neighbor
- Obey laws and rules
- Respect authority
- Protect the environment"

This last part was written for Firefighters but what if we changed a few words - then I think it describes what we expect from our International and National candidates who are lucky enough to travel and represent the wonderful organization we call Pony Club. The underlined italics are my additions.

- Lastly, your off-duty (*away from home*) conduct is a direct reflection on who you are, your work ethic, and how seriously you accept your personal responsibility as a FIRST RESPONDER (*Pony Club member representing your Country or Province*) in your community. If your conscious thoughts are always in the forefront of those YOU serve, (*those you visit and those you represent*) and the public image you work so hard to protect while off-duty, (*away*) we (*pony Club families*) have much in common.

Letters from your horse

When you are tense, let me teach you to relax.
When you are short tempered, let me teach you to be patient.
When you are short sighted, let me teach you to see.
When you are quick to react, let me teach you to be patient.
When you are angry, let me teach you to be serene.
When you are self absorbed, let me teach you to think of greater things.
When you are arrogant, let me teach you humility.
When you are lonely, let me be your companion.
When you are tired, let me carry the load.
When you need to learn, let me teach you.
After all, I am your horse.

AND THEN!

When you are tense, let me teach you that there are lions in them thar woods
and we need to leave NOW!

When you are short tempered, let me teach you to slog around the pasture for an
hour before you can catch me.

When you are short sighted, let me teach you to figure out where, exactly, in the
40 acres I am hiding.

When you are quick to react, let me teach you that herbivores kick much Faster and
harder than omnivores.

When you are angry, let me teach you how well I can stand on my hind feet
because I don't feel like cantering on my right lead today.

When you are worried, let me entertain you with my mystery lameness.

When you feel superior, let me teach you that, mostly, you are the maid service.

When you are self absorbed, let me teach you to PAY ATTENTION. Remember, I
told you about those lions in them thar woods?

When you are arrogant, let me teach you what 1200 lbs of "YAHOO LET'S GO!"
can do when suitably inspired.

When you are lonely, let me be your companion. Lets do lunch. Also, breakfast,
snack and dinner

When you are tired, don't forget the 600 lbs of grain that needs to be unloaded.

When you are feeling financially secure, let me teach you the meaning of
"Veterinary Services".

When you want to learn, hang around bud. I'll learn ya.

Sincerely, Your Horse