

# WESTOVER PONY CLUB NEWSLETTER



September/October 2007

## REGIONAL EVENTS OF 2007

### REGIONAL TETRATHLON

By: Mandy U.

Regional Tetrathlon was held on June 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, and was attended by Jacklyn in Novice, Hilary and Darsi in Green Junior, Kathryn in Junior and Mandy in senior. The first day was held in Guelph. The first event was swimming, which was held at Centennial pool. The next event was shooting, which was held at Old Orchard Farm in the arena. This was only Jacklyn's second time shooting, and did very well! The food booth was set up by our club beside the arena. Everyone enjoyed their lunch of subs and other baked goods- compliments of the parents. The last event of the day was running, which was also held at Old Orchard Farm. Kathryn wasn't able to run, but did a great job cheering everyone on. I think that our club at Tet had the loudest voice for cheering our members on, and also cheering other pony club members on as well. The second day was held in London, at Highland Green Stables. Jacklyn rode Dixie, Darsi rode Sugar, Kathryn rode Hercules and Mandy rode Bailey. Way to go everyone! A special thanks to Hilary and Thalia who were the wonderful grooms for the day and also to Toni for managing the food booth!

### REGIONAL QUIZ

By: Riley T.

On Saturday May 5, 2007 our Pony Club went to Regional Quiz in Guelph. Our club did very well, we placed third overall with 397 points. We had two teams for the games in the afternoon, they both finished well, placing third and fourth. All of our individual placings were good too. In the E junior level, Amelia placed 2nd and Julia came in 5th. In the E open level Riley was 3rd and Gabriel came in 14th. In D level, Hilary placed 1st. For D1, Thalia placed 8th, Kathryn was 18th and Toni was 27th. For C level Cody placed 18th, and for A/b level Amanda finished 4th. It was a very fun day for everyone, and thanks to our parent volunteers for all their help.

### REGIONAL A/B/C RALLY

By: Thalia G.

This year Westover competed in A/B/C Rally on July 13-17. The event was held at the beautiful Checkmate Farms in Feversham, Ontario. Western Ontario Region (W.O.R) had invited Central Ontario Region (C.O.R) to join us for this event. This made this usually small event into a bigger more

challenging one. Our Westover spirit was high and excited for this was the first year that Westover had been represented by chaperones, grooms, and riders (and their horses). Our Westover grooms (Thalia, Darsi, Hilary, and Kathryn ) and riders (Cody and Mandy) were separated into two teams. The first team was a Westover/Guelph team (Team 2) which consisted of Darsi, Thalia, Cody and Mandy. The next team was a Westover/Willowcreek/Centaurus team (Team 8) which Hilary and Kathryn were on. Our chaperones were Carol and Simone.

On Friday evening the competition started with vet check. The stable management judges also began walking around and judging the grooms. Both of our riders passed vet check and everybody was pumped and ready for the next two days.

Saturday morning it was cold and cloudy. After breakfast the grooms started getting horses and riders ready for dressage and turnout. Mandy and Bailey (Mandy's horse) had a fairly good test and Cody and Cameo (Cody's horse) had a good test. After Cody had finished his test it started to pour and pour. Eventually the rain stopped momentarily but started again even harder. While the rain dropped grooms, riders, and horses were getting ready for their stadium round. We, as grooms, had to stand in the rain with our riders to make sure they were ready and safe. Mandy and Bailey had a disappointing round and were eliminated. Despite the rain, Cody and Cameo managed to pull through with only four faults. The rain went on through the night.

In the morning the weather was perfect. Which was especially great because everybody had to be ready for the third phase of the event cross country! Early the grooms and riders got ready for cross country and

cool out. While they got ready, they started the groom's round. Hilary decided to use Cameo (Cody's horse) for the groom's round and got a clear round! During the groom's round cross country began. Both our riders had excellent rounds and easy cool outs. After everyone had completed their course country course the scores were counted. The ribbon presentation started later and everybody packed up and went home.

This year at A/B/C Rally the Westover competitors learned a lot, had a ton of fun and walked away with some lovely ribbons. We got to see about things that should be improved, and things we should improve on. It was surely a weekend that will be never forgotten by many. I know all the Westover competitors were very thankful for our chaperons for they supplied us with food, shelter, and transportation.

In the overall rider's placing Cody got an awesome 5<sup>th</sup> and Mandy 12<sup>th</sup>. In Cross Country, Cody scored a 2<sup>nd</sup> and Mandy followed with a 3<sup>rd</sup>. Stadium, Cody had only 4 faults and Mandy was eliminated.

Dressage, Mandy got 13<sup>th</sup> and Cody 7<sup>th</sup>. In the overall groom's placing, Thalia and Darsi were tied for 24<sup>th</sup>. Kathryn was in 13<sup>th</sup> and Hilary 8<sup>th</sup>. Groom's round scores were a clear round for Hilary. No other grooms rode.

Overall team placing were a 8<sup>th</sup> for Team 2 (Cody, Mandy, Darsi and Thalia) and a 5<sup>th</sup> for Team 8 (Hilary and Kathryn). Stable management team placing were 10<sup>th</sup> for Team 2 and 3<sup>rd</sup> for Team 8.

## **REGIONAL SHOW JUMPING**

By: Erin W.

This year has been a great year for the Westover Pony Club. One of the shows our Pony Club competed at was Western Ontario Region Showjumping in Ancaster, July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2007. We did very well this year, and the Showjumping day

was beautiful, without a cloud in the sky, and it was really hot. We had a fun day, even though it was a VERY long day.

Congratulations to Darsi, Jacklyn, Hilary, Erin, Kathryn, and Cody for competing in the showjumping rounds. In the PRE-ENTRY level, Darsi did well on Sugar, coming in 5<sup>th</sup> overall. Unfortunately, Jacklyn took a spill during the first round, and hurt her leg, so she decided not to continue. Hilary placed 7<sup>th</sup> riding Bonnie. Erin placed 4<sup>th</sup> overall on Roxy. In the STARTER level, Kathryn rode her new horse Hercules, and Cody tied for 4<sup>th</sup> with Cameo.

This year had a great turnout and some pretty tough competition. Congrats to all on competing in such a prestigious event. Hope to see you all next year as well at the WOR Showjumping competition.

## REGIONAL D-RALLY

By: Darsi B.

D Rally is a one day event that consists of dressage, show jumping and cross country. It is for pony clubbers that are in level D, D1 and D2. D Rally was held on August 18 2007 at Caledon Hunt Club in Caledon Ontario. The riders that attended D Rally were Hilary Braniff, Erin Whittier, Kathryn Robertson, Jacklyn Brown and Darsi Brown. Hilary, Jacklyn and Darsi all competed in the D level. Over all Jacklyn came in second, Hilary came in eighth and Darsi came in eleventh. Erin rode in D opened and overall came in seventh. In D1 Kathryn came in Second place overall. All of the horses and riders did great! I think the only reason this ran smoothly is because of our excellent groom and coach team. The amazing grooms were Christie, Courtney, Mandy, Cody and SUPER GROOM Thalia! All in all the day ran smooth (no thanks to the parents who sat around with chips and dip, just kidding thanks for doing your jobs!!! Heehee) we all had tons of fun and can't wait for next years D Rally.

Regional Tetrathlon



Regional Quiz



Regional A/B/C Rally



Regional D-Rally



## Fun & Games

### Counting Colts:

Two horse breeders met up at the local feed store.

"Say, I heard a few new colts were born at your place this spring," the first one remarked to the other. "What do they look like?"

"Well," answered the second breeder, "they are all buckskins but two, all chestnuts but two, and all roans but two."

How many foals did the second breeder have?

Answer: one buckskin, one chestnut, and one roan.

### Cooking Up Horse Names:

Besides cooking, the Canterng Chef's favourite past time is riding horses. So for his birthday, his family decided to give him a half-dozen horses, each one a different colour. Delighted, the cook decided to name the horses after some of his favourite foods. See if you can make the right matches.

#### Column 1

Strawberry Roan

Paint

Brown Powdered

Palomino

Black

Appaloosa

#### Column 2

Butterscotch

Shortcake

Sugar

Marble Cake

Licorice

Cocoa

## Rider Profiles:

Rider: Hilary Braniff

Age: 14

Instructor: Linda Hale

Pony Club Level: D

Favourite Horse: Twizzler & Carrera

Favourite Horse Memory: Showing Twizzler at Old Orchard

Favourite Pony Club Event: PPG



Rider: Jacklyn Brown

Age: 10

Instructor: Susy/Annie

Pony Club Level: D

Favourite Horse: Dixie Chic

Favourite Horse Memory: Watching Dixie when she is being frisky out in the field.

Favourite Pony Club Event: D Rally, especially when they called my name for 1st Place.



Don't forget to send in stuff for  
the November/December  
Newsletter !!!

Upcoming in Next Newsletter:

- What place did Westover come in for the entire year out of the entire Region?
- More Regional Summarys
- More Rider Profiles