

CANADIAN PONY CLUB



Annual Report

2003

Canadian Pony Club Annual Report



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I. AIMS & OBJECTIVES OF THE PONY CLUB

To encourage young people to ride, and to learn to enjoy all kinds of sports connected with horses and riding.

To provide instruction in riding and horsemanship, and to instill in members the proper care of their animals.

To promote the highest ideals of sportsmanship, citizenship and loyalty, thereby cultivating strength of character and self-discipline.

II. MISSION STATEMENT

To develop competent and knowledgeable young horse persons who combine enjoyment, responsibility, sportsmanship and good citizenship with the pursuit of various equestrian activities.

III. MOTTO

Loyalty

Character

Sportsmanship

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CHAIR'S ANNUAL REPORT 2003

The Board of Directors for 2003 was a great group of people that could be relied upon to deal with all the necessary functions of running a large national organization to benefit our youth membership.

For 2003 we were involved in the following activities and programs:

- Attendance at International meetings held at the USPC AGM in Sacramento, CA in January. An excellent opportunity to liaise with the international pony club community, to discuss mutual concerns and negotiate agreements.
- A well-attended Disciplines Conference held in Winnipeg in early February with revised rules approved for all five disciplines.
- After 2 years of diligent work by the Governance Committee, the revised CPC Bylaws were granted approval by the Federal Ministry on April 24, 2003.
- The Education Committee worked very diligently to produce an excellent Badge program as mandated by the T & E conference from Feb 2002.
- The Promotions campaign had the CPC display making it's way across the country to bring the good news about pony club to various provincial agricultural fairs and equine events.
- Completion of the National Membership Survey, with some very thought provoking results.
- Recognition of the value of our senior members with the new Affiliate Testing and Affiliate Education Membership categories up to age 25.
- Design and launch of a 10 Year Member pin.
- Press Releases on National activities were published in many national communications such as Equine Canada's Horse Life, PSO publications and various commercial magazines.
- "News from National" by Val Crowe continued to be a timely information source for our branches and members on the web site.
- Promotion of the Athlete Development Scholarship offered through Horse Trials Canada with 4 of the 5 recipients being current or former pony club members.
- Despite SARS and a major power outage, the Ontario regions hosted a very successful International Mounted Games Exchange that was attended by Mr. Gordon Wesley, Chair of The Pony Club of Great Britain.

- Members also participated in international exchanges for Interpacific Rally in Australia and Foxhunting in Ireland.
- Completion of an in depth insurance review plus negotiation and confirmation of a revised policy for 2004.

We still have some challenges ahead of us:

- Clarification of responsibilities at all levels of pony club.
- Determination of the place CPC has within the Equine Canada/PSO harmonization.
- Further enhancement of our Risk Management guide.
- Education and reliance on our volunteers for their expertise and the commitment of our organizers

We said goodbye to our two Youth Directors, Kirsten Scott and Theresa Moehring and three National Directors: Cheryl Leask, Bruce Douglas and Heather Crampton. Thank you for all the wonderful contributions to our programs during your terms.

I must also thank our Administrator, Val Crowe and our Treasurer, Phil Crowe for their unending support in the National Office. Special thanks are extended to Virginia Buchanan-Smith for her dedication and leadership as National Chair over the last 3 years. John Moehring and Ken Craig are to be commended for their excellent work on the insurance review and the risk management committees.

I look forward to working with this Board as we focus on the needs and rights of our membership and the future direction of Canadian Pony Club.

Respectfully submitted,

Karol Shipley

CANADIAN PONY CLUB



DISCIPLINE REPORTS

Chair for Disciplines

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Dressage Chair

Kasia Miedzinska

Show Jumping Chair

Billi Solverson

Rally Chair

Heather Crampton

Tetrathlon Chair

Gay Hansen

PPG Chair

Peter Munro

REPORT OF NATIONAL CHAIR FOR DISCIPLINES

The first major item of business for all disciplines in 2003 was participation in the National Disciplines Conference held February 7 – 9 in Winnipeg. The conference was attended by 81 Delegates from all Regions of Canada. For the first time, the Canadian Pony Club encouraged the attendance of our Active Members, who made up a full 25% of the registrations. One of the first issues to be placed in front of the Delegation was whether or not there was interest in continuing to support the Zone format of competitions. This question was discussed in Discipline groups, Zone groups and in Youth groups. The Zone format received unanimous approval in all of these groups. With this major decision made, each Zone confirmed all competition dates for 2003 and established the Rotation Schedule for the next three years. The Rotation Schedule is attached to this report. Discipline specific concerns and rule changes were discussed in Discipline groups. Rule changes were ratified by the Board of Directors in March and Rule Books updated in time for the 2003 competition season.

Each of the Discipline Chairs has provided a full report of their Discipline's activities. Reports on the Inter-Pacific and the International Mounted Games Exchange are also provided.

The incidence of SARS cases in Canada threatened for a period of time to compromise both the Inter-Pacific and the International Mounted Games exchanges. The Australian Pony Club on advice of their Department of Health and their Sports Commission were concerned about receiving Canadians and sending their own citizens to Canada, then under a WHO health watch. Concessions were made to fly the Inter-Pacific Team out of Ottawa rather than Toronto. This allowed the exchange to be salvaged and everyone had a great experience. Australia wasn't as accommodating to the Hong Kong team who were barred entry to Australia and the exchange. The WHO health watch and travel advisory was lifted just in time to convince the Australians that it was safe for their mounted games team to compete in Canada. Being presented with an issue such as SARS, which is beyond anyone's control, can frustrate the best of organizers. The International Mounted Games Exchange was chaired by Bill Murray and just as he had the SARS issue in hand, another uncontrollable event suddenly presented itself. A US / Canada power outage in the Great Lakes Region presented Bill and his committee with another unexpected challenge. The unexpected was taken in stride and a great, fun-filled time was had by all.

An invitation from the Irish Pony Club was received to send a team of four to a Fox Hunting Exchange from November 20 – December 1, 2003. This exchange was not an official international exchange and not eligible for National financial support. Teams from Great Britain and the U.S.A. were also present. Team members were Shannon Cook (BCLM), Devon Gamble (ASR), Kendal Lehari (COR), and Abigail Miller (WOR). The Coach / Chaperone was Tracy Thorbjornsen (ASR). A full report is provided.

I would like to thank each of the Discipline Chairs for ably and efficiently handling the affairs of their Discipline:

Kasia Miedzinska	Dressage
Peter Munro	PPG
Heather Crampton	Rally
Billi Solverson	Show Jumping
Gay Hansen	Tetrathlon

Heather Crampton resigned from her position as National Rally Chair at the SAM in November. Thank you Heather, for your years of devotion to Rally and all the expertise that you have brought and left with the discipline. Taking over from Heather as Rally Chair is Jan Jamieson of COR. My job in 2003 was made easy through the help of so many dedicated volunteers. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted

Del Zelmer
National Chair of Disciplines

National Dressage Report 2003

I am happy to be able to say that enthusiasm for dressage seems to have risen this year, predominantly due to the enthusiasm of the various Regional Chairs.

NS/Nfld has had difficulty in the past getting more than a few individuals to display any interest, yet this year Elizabeth Crewe managed to entice forty members to a Dressage Weekend in Truro. Having realized that the major obstacle was a lack of training facilities, Elizabeth arranged access to a "real" dressage ring for a training day, followed by a Dressage Is Fun Show on the Sunday. The competition in itself included technical tests, freestyles, pas-de-deux and quadrilles. Having shifted the focus in the region to more "fun" seems to have brought them all out of the woodwork.

COR has always had a strong technical basis in dressage. This year Audrey Robbescheuten arranged a series of riding clinics with one coach in order to provide continuity and a means of registering progress. There were also clinics on freestyles and a clinic on equine dentistry for the performance horse, which was of particular interest because it supported testing and overall education in addition to dressage.

Audrey also had the task of running the Central Canadian Zone Championships. The true test of an organizer is to be able to walk away and have the show run itself. Audrey did not do so by choice, but due to an illness, she was forced to hand over the entire two day competition to Marg-Ann Quinn who ran the show without a hitch – as I can attest. It was unfortunate that many competitors from further away (SLOV and WOR) were unable to attend due to the blackout – mostly due to fuel rationing. Being limited to a \$20 purchase at a time just doesn't get those trailers very far down the road. That didn't stop the majority from COR as they showed up in droves and were not the least bit fazed by the lack of power.

WOR again ran a successful regional dressage final. Manitoba sent one rider to the Prairie Zones, and Saskatchewan sent three. Both Darlene Haines and Marcia Reid have been making an effort to raise dressage awareness and interest in their regions.

Alberta South integrated their education with regional competitions and received a very good turnout. Sue Bercha arranged clinics with two different clinicians, one of who was a Canadian Pony Club "A" graduate. Aside from honing their riding skills, the members were also educated about the roles of various personnel (volunteer and official) at the shows, show etiquette, turn-out and working within a show schedule. Sue feels that a reasonable and achievable goal is to double this year's twenty participants by 2005. Riders did go forward to the Prairie Zones in Edmonton in August as Sue sent two teams.

Alberta Central kept Christine Seidel very busy this spring as she used her members as guinea pigs for the new tests she was writing. Reports from across Canada show that her efforts were well received for the new Entry, Starter and Pre-training tests. She doesn't know it yet, but they are asking for more, so she and her members will be pressed into service yet again. Christine also sent a team to the Prairie Zones.

Alberta North held a clinic which was remarkably well attended from a geographic standpoint. Bernice Heffring managed to transport members from seven different Branches to one location for a very well-received clinic with a coach from B.C. She then went on to host the Prairie Zones, which included four teams from Alberta North.

In BCLM Betty Cross was kept busy not only with regional activities but with the Pacific Zones held in October. The logistics of travel in B.C. for all three regions are greater than it would

seem at first glance, as so much of it involves ferries and mountain passes. There seems to be a strong contingent of up and coming riders in BCI. BCIN ran clinics in both the northern and southern portions.

CPC received two invitations to dressage competitions in 2003. The first was to South Africa, an invitation that was turned down due to the political unrest in the area at the time. The second invitation, to New Zealand, has been accepted and will take place in January of 2004.

I confess to being surprised and impressed with the applications for New Zealand. We received three from NS/Nfld, one from BCIN, one from COR and two from BCI. The applications received bode well for further team selection should such opportunities come up again. The senior (16 and over) member chosen was Beth Murray of Durham PC in COR. The junior (15 and under) member chosen was Teena Schneider of Quennel Lake PC in BCI. We were very lucky, in that Teena's coach, Deborah Fox of Ladysmith, B.C. was willing to travel to New Zealand with Teena and Beth.

Choosing this team was difficult, as the technical level required in New Zealand is fairly high, especially for a junior member who has to ride at a level approximating our Second Level. Both Beth and Teena will be participating in the New Zealand Pony Club Championships and International Derby in Taupo in which they will be riding several different unknown horses with only 30 minutes to warm up each horse. A further invitation has been issued from Dressage New Zealand. As a result both Beth and Teena will also be participating in the New Zealand Young Rider Classic in Auckland, again with limited time to get to know their borrowed mounts.

The Regional Dressage Chairs are trying hard to get reports from their Branches so that we can develop statistically valid data. The purpose is to determine not only where our strengths are but to help identify when and why we are losing members who have a strong interest in dressage, or why we keep the members but lose them from dressage. As a committee we are going to try to work our way to FEI Pony and FEI Junior. The process will undoubtedly take time but will not happen at all if we don't try.

We have had requests to continue to develop Entry/Starter/ Pre-Training tests in order to provide more variety. Throughout the year a number of excellent suggestions have come in for the 2003 Dressage Rules with respect to correction, clarification and expansion. Dressage Canada has advised us that the 2004 Equine Canada Rule Book will yet again include several significant changes with respect to competition rules and officials. Therefore the CPC Dressage Rules will have to be amended yet again for 2004.

There is a role for CPC in the development of riders and horsemen but we need to work to define that role within the context of Equine Canada and the various provincial federations. We need to work with, not against, the Dressage Canada officials and rules committees. We have representatives in place at Equine Canada, and therefore Dressage Canada, who are in a position to speak on our behalf. In order to be effective they need a clear indication from CPC regarding the direction we would like EC and DC to take. We are after all one of the member organizations of Equine Canada. Thank you for having given me the opportunity to work for dressage within the CPC this past year.

Kasia Miedzinska
National Dressage Chair

Show Jumping Report 2003

Disciplines Conference:

I felt that the Conference went very well for the Show Jumping committee. All the rules to be addressed on the agenda were discussed and changes made.

The Medal Division was officially accepted into the Show Jumping program. The Medal Class is judged on equitation in two parts, an over fences round and a flat class. The intention to consider a Medal division for Pony Club was to encourage members, parents, coaches and instructors to focus on the member's equitation over fences at all riding levels. Here in ANR we have been running Medal Classes for 3 years, both at our Regional Finals and at the Branch shows. We have really noticed an improvement in the riding, not just in the Medal class but also in the other jumping divisions. This improvement has also been noted by some of the judges who have worked with Pony Club for several years. I hope that other regions will include Medals in their regular competitions, thus encouraging equitation instruction specific to the show jumping ring.

Having read the recent survey results in which our members are requesting more equitation classes, I feel the Medals should help to address this request. The problem I see currently is that many people do not understand the division. I am hoping to be able to develop a better outline for the requirements and to encourage more regions to participate in the program.

The Disciplines Conference gave the Regional Show Jumping chairs a valuable opportunity to get together and discuss the problems that each region faces in the running of their programs as well as an opportunity to share experience and ideas. With many of the Chair positions being held by parents who have limited knowledge of the sport, it offers a valuable learning forum. To build the program to the level where it can be of true value to our members, education of the parents should be one of our main goals.

Zones:

Zones were top of the list for discussion at the Disciplines Conference with regard to the feasibility of this event. The feeling from almost everyone attending was that the Zones should continue on an annual rotation.

ANR hosted the Prairie Zones and it was a tremendous success; well worth all the hard work and expense involved in organizing a competition of this magnitude. The opportunity to travel out of one's own region and meet members and parents from different areas is, in my opinion, one of the highlights of the competition. On the down side, the travel and the expense is a limiting factor in attendance. If Zones are to continue as a true "Championships", we should be seeing the best riders from each region making up the teams, not just the ones who are fortunate enough to be able to afford the entry fees and travel expense. I am not sure what the answer is here; the involvement of a major corporate sponsor nation wide would go a long way to solving the issue. Getting such a sponsor to come forward and embrace our organization may prove difficult. However, the need to develop "Grass Roots" programs to feed the sport down the road is a topic of discussion with Jump Canada. Unfortunately, the value of the Pony Club program has not been considered by this group. Perhaps we should be doing more to promote ourselves in this area!

International Travel Opportunities:

I have been asked many times why there are no International exchanges or travel opportunities for the Show Jumpers. Both PPG and Rally offer opportunities for members to qualify for International travel. Although Show Jumping is the most popular event both in Pony Club and world wide, we have no program to give our members an opportunity to travel in this sport other than the occasional invitation to attend the competition in South Africa. To do justice to our members who are serious competitors in the sport, we should be looking into a program similar to the IPE for the Show Jumping program. I would like to see discussion on this at the next Disciplines Conference.

Grant:

Unfortunately it appears that only 4 regions hosted clinics and applied for the Grant this year. I had hoped to see more regions offering clinics to their members in 2003, especially after the discussion we had at the conference about the different options for inexpensive clinic formats.

Members Survey:

It was very encouraging to read that our membership is so enthusiastic about Show Jumping. Show Jumping is seeing an increase in participation Nation wide with more and more shows being offered every year. In the past 5 years the number of jumper shows offered here in Alberta has more than doubled.

It was interesting to note the request for "Hunter Divisions" to be included in our program. Hunter classes are an excellent starting place for both young horses and beginner riders as they encourage a focus on pace, striding and overall 'good form'. If our goal is to turn out well rounded horse people capable of competing outside of Pony Club and possibly find a future in the Horse Industry, understanding Hunter competitions and being able to turn out a well schooled hunter is a must here in North America. Hunt Seat Equitation is something we can look at adding, as this class is judged on the rider.

I had hoped to be able to visit one of the other Zones competitions this year, however the organizing of our own Prairie Zones championships took up my entire summer so it did not happen. I hope to be able to fulfill this goal in 2004.

I have really enjoyed my first year in this position and I am very much looking forward to the up coming year. I would like to encourage all Regional Show Jumping chairs to contact me at any time with any questions or problems and I will do my best to assist them.

Respectfully submitted.

Billi Solverson

National Show Jumping Chair.

National Rally Report

With the exception of coordinating the travel plans for the IPE 2003 in Australia, the work of the Rally committee centered around the Disciplines Conference in Winnipeg in February. Unfortunately I was unable to attend, but Mitch Gunn graciously accepted my invitation to take over the chair for me in my absence. I gather that the representatives from the various regions enjoyed themselves, discussing issues of common concern and gaining some new thoughts on how to deal with problems back home. Thank you, Mitch, for your able leadership.

As soon as the team, manager and coach were named in late 2003, they were off, running, planning, booking, fund-raising under the very capable “managership” of Jan Jamieson. As many as possible met in Winnipeg at the Disciplines Conference and started the bonding procedure. Communication between the members of the team continued over the winter and early spring by e-mail and then they departed. A detailed report, written by Melissa MacKinnon is found elsewhere in this report.

Eleven regions applied for Rally Working Grants by the deadline in mid-May and seven notified me that a successful rally (type) experience had been held in their regions.

A Zone Rally was held in Alberta in August.

Regretfully, I have made the decision that I must step down from National activities at least for the present. I have enjoyed “meeting” people from across the country and trust that we will meet again, somewhere, sometime. I leave the work of the National Rally Committee in the very capable hands of Jan Jamieson. I wish her and her committee all the best.

Respectfully submitted

Heather Crampton
National Rally Chair

NATIONAL TETRATHLON REPORT 2003

The first major activity of the year was the National Disciplines Conference, held in Winnipeg on February 7-9. The Tetrathlon session was very well attended with representatives from nine regions attending. Only NB/PEI, Sask, BCIN and BCLM were absent. The delegates worked during the conference and in the days that followed, to rewrite the rulebook. Our goal was to simplify and clarify the rules and to make some rule and score keeping changes that would improve the safety of Tetrathlon for our members. We received valuable input via e-mail on proposed rule changes from 11 senior Tetrathletes. The new Tetrathlon Rule Book was approved by the board in April at the AGM.

To accompany the Rule Book and make the rules easily accessible to our volunteers and members alike, a two page *Rule Summary Sheet* was prepared. A *Tetrathlon Competition Score Sheet* and a *Tetrathlon Clinic Score Sheet* were prepared and placed on the web page. These documents can be downloaded. I hope that they will help to make life a little easier for our Tetrathlon Reps as they organize and run their regional programs.

Nine regions applied for National Tetrathlon Grants. Six grants of \$250.00 each, were awarded to Nova Scotia, Western Ontario, Saskatchewan, Alberta South, Alberta Central and Alberta North. These grants were to be used for education and development of Tetrathlon at the regional level.

Ten of thirteen regions had Pony Club members who were active in Tetrathlon in 2003. These data are summarized in the table below. The overall numbers of Pony Club members in each region who participated in Tetrathlon clinics, training sessions, camps, mini meets and demonstrations are found in column 2. The numbers of participants at Regional and National Tetrathlon Championships are presented in columns 3 and 4.

CPC TETRATHLON ACTIVITY, 2003

Region	# Active	Regionals	Nationals
NB/PEI	4	1	1
NS	15	8	5
SLOV	60	0	0
COR	?	36	8
WOR	100	25	9
Man	0	0	0
Sask	16	0	0
ABS	32	14	9
ABC	10	4	0
ABN	15	0	0
BCIN	?	0	0
BCLM	?	0	0
BCIs	6	?	4
Total	258	88	36

On August 3 to 8, the BC Islands Region hosted a very successful National Tetrathlon Championship. Accommodation was at St Margaret's School in Duncan, BC. The riding competition was at Michael Lake, home of the Michael Lake Horse Trials. Thirty-six competitors as well as chaperones, coaches and parents attended. Robin Taylor and her assistants organized one of the best Championships that I have attended. The weather was great, the facilities were wonderful and the competition was keen. Everyone had a wonderful time! See the BC Islands Regional Report for more information.

In August 2004, Ireland and the UK will host the next International Tetrathlon Exchange. The Canadian Pony Club has been invited to send five men and five women to participate in this exchange. The application deadline for a position on the Canadian Tetrathlon Team was December 1, 2003. Fourteen applications were received. The members of 2004 team will be announced in early January, 2004.

After a few years of declining participation in Tetrathlon, I feel that numbers are finally on the increase again. The St Lawrence/Ottawa Valley, Alberta Central, Alberta North and NB/PEI regions now all have members who are active in Tetrathlon programs. I am hopeful that Manitoba will also develop a Tetrathlon program in the near future. It takes a number of years to build the experience and confidence necessary for Pony Club Tetrathletes (and volunteers) to become active at the Regional and the National level. I am looking forward to watching the development of athletes and Tetrathlon programs in these regions! I am very hopeful that we will have representatives from some new regions at the National Tetrathlon Championship in 2004.

Respectfully submitted,
Gay Hansen,
National Tetrathlon Chairperson,
Canadian Pony Club

2003 YEAR END REPORT FOR PRINCE PHILIP GAMES

This report outlines some of the happenings in PPG across the country for the 2003 season.

REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS:

Regional Championships were held in most zones across the country. Some regions within the zones did not participate in PPG this year. The Atlantic zone did not participate in Regional competition again this year.

ZONE CHAMPIONSHIPS:

Zone Championships for 'A' teams were also held in the two participating zones this year. Following the zone championships, teams from the Pacific, Prairie and Central Zones competed in the National 'A' Finals held in Newmarket, Ontario. Masters riders were also active in two participating zones and the National Masters Competition was held in Alberta in August.

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS:

The following are the results from this year's National 'A' PPG Championships held in Newmarket, Ontario and Masters Championships held in Edmonton, Alberta.

"A" – 1st – Vancouver PC – BCLM, 2nd – East Maple Ridge PC - BCLM
 3rd – Temiskaming PC – COR, 4th – Uxbridge-Scugog PC – COR,
 5th – Strathcona PC - ANR, 6th – Davisburg P.C. – ABS

MASTERS: 1st – Mohicans – ANR
 2nd - Uxbridge-Scugog - COR
 3rd –The double D's ABS

INTERNATIONAL MOUNTED GAMES

INTERNATIONAL PPG 2003:

The 2003 International Games exchange was held in August in Ontario. The tour visited many regions in Ontario and culminated with the International Competition held at Newmarket, Ontario.

The team members were:

COACH: Alison Rainford from WOR

CHAPERONE: Carolyn Cordell from ANR

RIDERS: Amanda Harris – Panorama Ridge Pony Club, BCLM
 Emily McIntyre – Grand River Pony Club, WOR
 Jamie Munro – Campbell Valley Pony Club, WOR
 Katie Olechowski – Guelph Pony Club WOR
 Anna Stafford – Panorama Ridge Pony Club, BCLM

The results were as follows:

1st Great Britain
 2nd United States of America
 3rd Canada
 4th Australia

Congratulations to our team and special thanks to Alison and Carolyn for providing the leadership and the expertise for the team.

A very special thanks to the Central Zone for providing Pony Club Members from Australia, USA, Great Britain and our own Canadian Team with such a memorable experience. Organizing the tour, living through the blackout just before the competition, holding both the National A competition and the International Competition at the same time, coming up with enough ponies for 2 competitions, all your volunteers...you were great. Thank you.

INTERNATIONAL PPG TEAM 2004:**NATIONAL TRY-OUTS for the 2004 TEAM (held August 2003)**

This year, participating regions were eligible to send up to 2 riders to the selection camp that was held in August 2003. By the deadline for applications, only seven riders had submitted applications to the National Chair. Tryouts were held in BCLM region. The judges all felt that all of the candidates who tried out were qualified; the task of selecting a team of only five was very difficult. The scoring was done as specified in the RULES FOR PRINCE PHILIP CUP GAMES AND MASTERS GAMES 2003 Handbook. Judges scores were consistent with their scoring throughout the tryouts and the following riders were selected to represent Canada in the IMGE in July, hosted by United States Pony Club. As of writing, positions for coach and chaperone are unfilled. If interested in one of these positions please visit the National Web page at www.canadianponyclub.org

The 2004 IMGE Canadian team will be:

Ricki-Lee Gillespie	Strathcona Pony Club	Alberta North Region
Alicia Kayes	East Maple Ridge Pony Club	BC Lower Mainland Region
Dylan McPhail	Guelph Pony Club	Western Ontario Region
Jordon Maynard	Vancouver Pony Club	BC Lower Mainland Region
Cailin Radcliffe	Grand River Pony Club	Western Ontario Region
Alternate is:		
Tina Mitchell	Garden Valley Pony Club	Alberta North Region

The 2004 International Games Team will compete in the United States against teams from Great Britain, Canada, and Australia. The tour will be hosted by the Heartland Region, touring around the central U.S. before ending up at the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington, Kentucky for the actual competition.

LOOKING FORWARD**NATIONAL GAMES 2004**

The list of games to be played at this year's National championships is as follows:

Bending, Old Mug, Housewife Scurry, Milk, Windsor Castle, Nine Ring, Hi Low, Potato Scramble, Pyramid, Sword. Pony Club, Egg and Spoon, Pony Express, Wizard's Castle, 5 Flag, Bottle, Tack Shop, Stepping Stones, Litter, Balloon

Tie Breaker: Bending Alternate: 2 Flag

OVERALL

I thank the many volunteers in each region for all their hard work and effort in putting on regional games days, Regional Championships, Zone Championships and National and International Championships.

You deserve all the credit for ensuring that PPG continues its popularity. Thank you!

I commend all the riders who participated in Prince Philip Games this year. I hope that they all continue in this fun team event.

Peter Munro
National PPG Chair 2004

Zone Reports

Central Zone	PPG
Central Zone	Dressage & Show Jumping
Prairie Zone	Dressage, Show Jumping & PPG
Pacific Zone	Dressage

National Reports

National "A" PPG	
National Masters PPG	
National Quiz	
National Tetrathlon	See the BC Islands Regional Report

International Reports

International Mounted Games Exchange
Inter Pacific Exchange
Fox Hunting Exchange

Central Zone PRINCE PHILIP GAMES 2003 Report

The Central Zone competition was held at the Durward's Farm, north of Port Perry, on Wednesday July 23rd. All three regions were invited to send their top **two** teams at both the A and Masters level. SLOV was only able to send one team for each level, so we had a total of 10 teams competing. This helped to offset the expense of hosting the National and International championship at the Ontario's Pony Club Tournament of Champions hosted by COR in August.

At the A level, the COR team from the Temiskaming Pony Club successfully defended the Championship it won in 2002. The members of the team were Bethany Brown, Shawna Chester, Mallory Durling and Jessica McVittie.

Finishing in second place was another COR team from the Uxbridge-Scugog Pony Club. Third place went to a mixed Grand River/Caledon Pony Club team from WOR. Fourth went to the Ashton First Field team from SLOV and fifth place to Guelph Pony Club from WOR.

Temiskaming and Uxbridge-Scugog advanced to the National A Championships hosted by COR.

At the Masters level, the Uxbridge-Scugog "Cowboys" were again Zone Champions. The members of the "Cowboys," who are the defending Canadian Champions, were Brent Couch, Mike Durward, Allison Pascoe, Lisa Pascoe, and Lorraine Smith.

Central Ontario also took second spot, with a mixed Temiskaming/Durham/Uxbridge-Scugog Pony Club team. Third place went to the Ashton First Field team. A mixed Guelph/Niagara/Mill Ridge team finished fourth with High County Pony Club in fifth.

Uxbridge-Scugog advanced to the National Masters Championship hosted by ANR.

Central Zone Dressage Championships Central Zone Show Jumping Championships

The Central Zone Dressage and Show Jumping Championships were held as part of the COR hosted Ontario's Pony Club Tournament of Champions (OPCTOC) held August 15-17th at York Equestrian Centre in Newmarket, Ontario.

This facility allowed us to run activities for three separate disciplines over the three days. We held a Rising Star Dressage Challenge and the National PPG A Championships on Friday, August 15th, Central Zone Dressage Championships and Central Zone Show Jumping on Saturday, August 16th and the Rising Star Show Jumping Challenge and the International Games competition on Sunday, August 17th. Dressage and Mounted Games demonstrations were held on the Saturday night along with a buffet dinner.

We had 45 riders registered for the Central Zone Dressage Championships and 48 riders for the Central Zone Show Jumping Championships, however the power blackout caused about 6 scratches in each group.

The participation breakdown by region was:

	Dressage	Show Jumping
COR	33 riders from 10 branches	35 riders from 11 branches
SLOV	9 riders from 7 branches	10 riders from 8 branches
WOR	3 riders from 2 branches	3 riders from 2 branches

We also had approximately 23 riders registered for the Rising Star Dressage Challenge and approximately 22 riders for the Rising Star Show Jumping Challenge.

Prairie Zones Report 2003

In August of this year Alberta North Region of the Canadian Pony Club hosted the Zones Championships at Whitemud Equine Centre in Edmonton, Alberta. This was the third Zones Competition since its inception to be held, and the first hosted by Alberta North Region.

Planning the framework of this competition began in 2002 with the set-up of an organizing committee who would be responsible for putting the event together. With input from the two previous host Regions, Saskatchewan and Manitoba, we proceeded to plan competition details and costs. The entry fees were kept at a reasonable level to ensure that as many people as possible could afford to enter and compete. The criteria for participation i.e. the qualifiers, was left to each individual Region to develop.

The Organizing Committee had two main goals in mind when planning this competition.

1. To be financially viable.
2. To make the competition as much fun as we could possibly manage whilst maintaining the highest standards possible.

The key to being financially viable is to have your own hosting Region as actively involved as possible. Alberta North Region supported us 110%! Participants came out to qualifiers from every part of our large Region and we filled all the teams for all the participating disciplines without too much problem. Our decision to include the lower level heights in the Show Jumping Competition ensured that the maximum number of our members were eligible to enter.

To ensure that we would not lose money putting on the competition, we also put on Invitational Shows that needed no qualifiers to enter that ran in tandem with our Prairie Zones Championships.

Our other main goal was to make sure that everyone who came out to participate in the Prairie Zones Championships went home with a positive experience, having had fun and having made new friends. Our Stable Management portion of the competition was organised in Regions rather than Disciplines in order to foster a feeling of togetherness. We also had some fun events for competitors with little spot prizes awarded. We ran a 'Funky Fact of the Day' competition and also a 'Barn Olympics' evening.

The following is a list of the Champion teams from the competition in Show Jumping, Dressage and Prince Philip Games. For the complete listings of all our winners please visit the Canadian Pony Club site and visit the Prairie Zones Championships 2003 listing.

Show Jumping.

Champion Team: Alberta South
Alison Barr riding Dawns First Light.
Kalina Malowany riding Jasmine.
Celeste Huska riding Arrow.
Devon Gamble riding Orion.

Dressage.

Champion Team: Alberta South [1]
Devon Gamble riding Einstein.
Rachael Leask riding Riptide.
Jessica Leask riding Ali.
Celeste Huska riding Arrow.

Prince Philip Games

'A' Division.
Champions: Alberta North Region.
The Supercalifragilistics.
Robyn Macbeth riding Scratch [Honor Trakter]
Katie Macbeth riding Comanche
Lindsay Campbell riding Celtie [WC Celtic Legacy]
Tiffany Runnels riding Nikita
Ricki Lee Gillespie riding Fred
Coach: Lindsay Acheson

'Masters' Division.

Champions: Alberta North Region.
The Mohicans.
Jen Grundke riding Amigo
Morwenna Goodliffe riding Sadie
Katie Fraser riding Gandur
Emily Heffring riding Lady
Coach: Jane Goodliffe

In conclusion, we at ANR, felt that we had put on the best competition that we could possibly manage, and had fun doing it!

Respectfully submitted by,
Jane Goodliffe. Chair, Prairie Zones 2003 Organizing Committee.

Pacific Zone and BCLM Regional Dressage Championships

This year championships were extremely successful with over 50 horse/rider combinations riding in CPC Starter tests through to EC Second level tests. The Zones competition included horse/rider combinations from BCIN and BCIS. I think it is fair to say that a good time was had by all and that according to the feedback, the day flowed very well. We had only one scheduling glitch and would really like to thank Karen Evans for her awesome attitude. She really displayed the pony club spirit.

The committee would also like to thank the following clubs for their hard work and willingness to help wherever was needed: Grove, CVPC, Pacific Spirit, Langley, Panorama, Hazelmere, Mt.Cheam, and Orion. We look forward to working with you again next year. Our goal was to put on a real championship that would be fun for all pony club members no matter what riding level they were at. One that would open the door of dressage to many young who might not have the opportunity to otherwise experience the sport. I feel very confident that this was achieved. Thank you so much for you help and support.

Melody Froc (Regional Dressage Co-Chair)

RESULTS

Starter Division:	CPC Pretraining	EC Training
1 Nicole Quinn	Paige Cote	Jami Munro
2 Hannah Vogel	Stephanie Roman	Ruby Ray Rugowski
3 Lauren Grafton	Larrisa Merasty	Blaire Larsen
4 Dara Dejong	Alex Gagnon	Whitney Cross
5 Melissa Gilbert	Nicole Quinn	Jami Munro
6 Katie Vogel	Brittany Moon	Micheal Gunn

EC 1 st Level A	EC 1 st Level B	EC 2 nd Level A
1 Alyse Corsan	Taryn Asselstine	Megan Rintala
2 Dana Cooke	Melissa Thompson	
3 Rose Rugowski	Karyn Smith	EC 2 nd Level B
4 Hayley Pinfold	Alyse Corsan	Karen Evans
5 Penny Elliot	Brittany Froc	
6 Claire Raines		

Zone Competition

- 1st BCIS Megan Rintala, Karyn Smith, Hayley Pinfold
- 2nd BCLM A Karen Evans, Brittany Froc, Rose Rugowski
- 3rd BCLM B Taryn Asselstine, Alyse Corsan, Whitney Cross
- 4th BCIS Melissa Thompson, Dana Cooke, Blaire Larsen

PPG MASTERS NATIONAL COMPETITION 2003.

This year Masters Nationals were held in Edmonton at the Whitemud Equine Centre over the weekend of August 23/24th 2003.

We had three teams competing, one from Ontario, one from Southern Alberta [with two of our ANR players on their team helping out...thanks Tasha and Jen for your great team spirit] and one from ANR.

Kate and Emily and Morwenna made the effort to try to entertain the Cowboys from Ontario on the Friday evening when they arrived but sadly they were all too exhausted to party!! We left them to rest for the events that we had planned for the following day.

First stop was the West Edmonton Mall. All the Easterners had expressed a wish to see the eighth wonder of the world up close and personal so we embarked on our tour. First stop was the tattoo parlour where one of our ANR team had a sister working! I managed to get them out of there with only one body piercing which I considered quite a feat. After winking all the men out of the stereo shops, we all piled into the various transport [theirs was a convertible Seebring!!] and headed to Old Strathcona to take in the Fringe Festival.

We parked and headed off on foot for the Fringe. We met up with the girls from the Southern Alberta team and spent the next couple of hours eating strange food and watching an amazing number of weird and wonderful street performers ply their trade. We had a lot of fun and it was a great time for them all to get to know each other and have fun together outside of the games field. My own personal disaster of the day started when we arrived back at the spot where we had parked our vehicles. We parked five cars and arrived back to four! Mine had disappeared without a trace. Two hours and \$94 later, I retrieved my car from whence it had been towed and got ready for the next leg of the entertainment.

We took the group [via the LRT to avoid losing any more vehicles to parking indiscretions!]] to the Skyreach Centre to watch the Lippizanner Stallions Show. Thanks to the incredible generosity of Epcor and a personal friend of Chris's we had two boxes from which to watch the show. Snacks and drinks and a waitress [!] were provided as we sat back and enjoyed the show. We escorted them all back to their hotel to have a good nights sleep in readiness for the competition the next day.

The competition itself was very exciting. All the teams were very well matched and there were many 'photo finishes' to the various races. The crowd was very involved and there was so much cheering and shrieking that I'm sure that a lot of people went home voiceless. As scorekeeper I had a hard task keeping up as everything went at such high speed. I am exceedingly proud to report though that the final scores put the ANR Mohicans team ONE point ahead of the Ontario Cowboys team. The Cup stayed in the West!!

After the awards ceremonies, the players, pony lenders and workers/parents all sat down to the most wonderful steak BBQ put on by the ladies of Strathcona Pony Club. Thanks to Fran and her helpers for feeding us so well.

We also need to thank all the pony lenders, too. Without them there is no National Competition. To put everyone at the same disadvantage, all National PPG Competitions are played on borrowed ponies and so this means that many different mounts are needed for even the smallest of competitions. Lynne spent many hours on the phone negotiating and cajoling and then putting together all the information on those mounts onto individual sheets for the competitors to study prior to actually riding them. Jen Stephenson from the South was also very generous in lending us some of her ponies and transporting them for us all the way to Edmonton from Calgary.

On the Monday, Emily, Katie, Morwenna and Angela went back into the city to wish the Easterners a final farewell before their afternoon flight back to Toronto. We had a final farewell race at the racetrack in the Mall to which the boys had become addicted and they were off with cries of, "see you all next year!"

All in all, it was another success for ANR PPG, both organizers and players.

Jane Goodliffe. Mohicans Coach and Scorekeeper.

Prince Philip Games - National A Championships
August 15, 2003
York Equestrian Centre, Newmarket

▪ **Participation**

A total of six teams from across Canada competed in the championships this year. A number of activities were organized for them while they were on their short tour here.

▪ **Volunteers**

Volunteers from Durham, Maple, Temiskaming, Uxbridge/Scugog, and Simcoe Pony Clubs helped with the officiating of the games.

▪ **Ponies**

A total of thirty five ponies were loaned. Twenty nine made it to the competition despite the blackout of 2003.

▪ **Competition**

Pony tryouts for the teams were held on the morning of the competition.

Davisburg Pony Club did not arrive until the start of the competition because of communications difficulties. The competition was fiery and fast with places changing up until the last set. The following games were played: Bending, Stepping Stones, Sword, Postman's Chase, Litter, 5 Mug, Spillers, 5 Flag, Ball and Cone, Canadian, Pony Club, Tack Shop, Bottle, Daily Mail, Ball and Bucket, Pyramid, Fishing, and Windsor Castle.

▪ **Results**

Teams	Set 1	Set 2	Set 3	Set 4	Set 5	Set 6	Total	FP
Central Temiskaming	18	36	52	69	81	95	95	3 rd
Central Uxbridge/Scugog	11	24	34	46	57	71	71	4 th
Pacific Vancouver	17	29	49	66	86	103	103	1 st
Pacific East Maple Ridge	16	32	50	66	83	99	99	2 nd
Prairie Strathcona	11	24	35	41	56	68	68	5 th
Prairie Davisburg	8	15	18	29	35	43	43	6 th

Sally Chamney and Dace Phillips
 Central Ontario Region Prince Philip Games Co-Chairs – 2003

16th Annual Pony Club Quiz a Huge Success!

The 16th annual Canadian Pony Club National Quiz was held in Charlottetown in October. Nineteen teams in total competed at two different levels, with one team from the US adding an international flare.

The Charlottetown Pony Club, as part of the NB/PEI region, played host to the rest of the country. A small core of volunteers started laying out a strategy last November. Planning meetings started in February with a committee that included the branch executive and some club parents who teach at AVC.

Andy and Deena Robb, who were instrumental in putting on the 1992 Quiz, acted as advisors. Tracy Singleton, formerly a stable management instructor and now DC with the Charlottetown branch, agreed to spearhead the actual competition itself. She was a competitor at the '92 quiz, and was thrilled to be able to be involved this time as an organizer. "It was a daunting task," she said. "There was a lot of studying and reading to do before I could even decide on what stations to use." Having organized both branch and regional quizzes before, however, she felt up to the task. The result, after hundreds of hours, was a quiz that national chair Karol Shipley from Ajax, ON, called, "Just fantastic!"

The biggest chore was pulling together the ID station. Tracy travelled all over the Island, borrowing tack from riding instructors, draft owners, farriers, harness racing drivers and English and western riders. She complemented this stock with artefacts from AVC including bones and skulls, parasite and plant samples, medical equipment, even an artificial vagina for collecting semen samples. After months of careful work, the outcome was an impressive twelve tables of paraphernalia, specimens and artefacts. Three hours had to be slotted for the competitors to adequately move from table to table, clipboard in tow, attempting to correctly label as many items as possible.

One special feature added to the National Quiz in the last few years is the North American Championship. The US Pony Club is invited to send one team to the Canadian Quiz, and the top scorers in each of the four zones across Canada are named as the honorary Canadian team. This year's team included Jessica Swinkles (Atlantic zone), Anje Bauck (Central), Amanda Penner (Prairie) and Anne Marie DeLeenheer (Pacific.)

The competition is the basis of the weekend, but the social side of things is equally important. There were 104 competitors, chaperones and national officials in Charlottetown for the long weekend. More than 90 of them had never been to the Island before. Activities included an evening of fun trivia and "downeast" finger foods, team photos in Anne of Green Gables costumes, an all-you-can-eat lobster dinner, and of course, the obligatory trip by double decker bus out to see Anne's house in Cavendish. A stop at Cavendish beach found some of the braver souls ducking into the Atlantic Ocean for the first time!

Awards and prizes were presented at a banquet on Sunday evening. The high-point C individual was Anne Marie DeLeenheer from the BC Islands region, and for the second year in a row, the A/B level winner was Kirsten Scott from the St.Lawrence/Ottawa Valley region. Ms. Scott is finishing her many years as an active member on a high note. She turns 21 this year and will join the ranks of dedicated volunteers.

The Saskatchewan region took double honours in team placements with both their C and A/B teams placing first.

The National Chair presented the Volunteer's Gold Pin to Kevin Coffin, a Charlottetown Pony Club father. Karol said, "All the volunteers did a super job. Kevin just seemed to stand out. He was always around helping everyone."

Next year's National Quiz will move to the BC Interior region and will take place in Prince George. The chaperones with the BCIN region left Charlottetown fearing that they could never live up to this year's competition. We have no doubt that they will shine and show everyone how the west was won. But it does show what one little club with lots of heart and a good helping of Maritime hospitality can do!

Respectfully submitted,
Adelle Coffin, NB/PEI Regional Chair

**International Mounted Games Exchange
August 17, 2003
York Equestrian Centre, Newmarket**

▪ **Participation**

Australia, Canada, Great Britain and the United States participated in the International Mounted Games Exchange. The event was the culmination of a tour that had begun for the Canadian Team at the end of July in WOR under the guidance of their coach Alison Rainford, and for the British, Australian and American teams on August 4 and ended in COR on August 21.

▪ **Volunteers**

The exchange was made possible through the help of host family hospitality and involvement, the generous individuals who loaned their awesome ponies, and the officials who volunteered to make the competition a success.

Volunteers from WOR, Durham, Maple, Pine Ridge, Simcoe, Temiskaming, Uxbridge/Scugog, Toronto & North York, and Tynedale pony clubs helped with the effective officiating at the games.

▪ **Ponies**

Pony lenders who had provided ponies for the National A Prince Philip Games continued to be generous on August 17.

▪ **Competition**

The four international teams competed on August 17 in beautiful weather and perfect conditions. They raced four sets of five games each and had the opportunity to ride all pony groups. The competition was fierce and fast and their riding skills were well demonstrated particularly in the rope race where they had to ride in pony pairs through bending poles. The performance by all teams was excellent. We had worried about the danger of pairing "strange" ponies with each other but they proved us wrong. The lead changed hands as the sets advanced and pony groups influenced the results.

▪ **Results**

A total of twenty games were raced in four sets. The competition was very close and pony groupings contributed to the results; however, since all teams rode all pony groups the competition was fair and heated.

Teams	Set 1 Bending, Stepping Stones, 5 Mug, Litter, Sword	Set 2 Postman's Chase, Spillers, 5 Flag, Ball & Cone, Pony Club	Set 3 Canadian, 3 Mug, Tack Shop, Bottle, Daily Mail,	Set 4 Rope Ball & Bucket Pyramid Fishing Balloon	Total	FP
Australia	19	32	46	63	63	4 th
Canada	14	30	47	65	65	3 rd
Great Britain	16	37	56	76	76	1 st
United States	21	38	58	73	73	2 nd

Sally Chamney and Dace Phillips, Games Managers

INTERNATIONAL GAMES TOUR HOSTED BY SLOV REGION

The portion of the International Games Tour that was hosted by SLOV Region started on Saturday, August 9th 2003 when the group arrived at the Haliburton Forest and Wildlife Centre. Here they were split into 2 groups with 1 group canoeing and swimming on the Saturday afternoon whilst the 2nd group took part in some team building activities. After supper the group visited the wolf pack and took part in a "wolf howl". On the Sunday the groups switched activities. After lunch and a visit to the Siberian huskies the group traveled to Ottawa to meet their billets.

On Monday, they took a tour of Ottawa aboard an open topped double-decker bus, stopping at the RCMP stables for a quick tour of the stables and a photo opportunity. The afternoon ended with time for shopping in the Byward Market and in the Rideau Centre.

Tuesday saw them watching the Changing of the Guard on Parliament Hill from the VIP seating area. After spending some time on the Hill they walked down past the Rideau Canal Locks and along the Ottawa River to Victoria Island to the "Aboriginal Experience". Here they were treated to an exhibition of traditional dancing by representatives of the First Nations and took part in a friendship dance.

Then it was on to the Canadian Museum of Civilization for a guided tour of the Grand Hall (First Nations) and a quick trip through the Canada Hall to learn a little bit of Canada's history. The day ended with a swim and barbecue at the Matthews' house.

On Wednesday the group went to "Karter's Korner" for go kart racing and mini golf. Then on to Fiddlers Green Stables for a scramble games competition and a great pot luck supper.

On Thursday morning it was on to Kingston for a visit to Fort Henry, followed by lunch, hosted by the Kingston Pony Clubs and a visit to "The Boiler Room" for some climbing fun.

Disaster struck as they left SLOV Region for the final portion of their tour in Central Ontario Region. As they were travelling on the 401, the massive power outage occurred that took down the power grids for the whole of Ontario and the Eastern United States. This affected some of the activities planned for them. The International Competition took place on Sunday, August 17th with Great Britain coming in first, the U.S. 2nd, Canada 3rd and Australia 4th.

Many thanks to all the families and friends who billeted team members, drove them around, provided souvenir pins, brought food for the pot luck supper and ponies for the scramble competition etc, etc. Many thanks also to all the Branches for their financial support.

Inter-Pacific Exchange, Australia, 2003

By Melissa MacKinnon (ed. Jan Jamieson)

The Canadian Pony Club recently sent a team to the Inter-pacific Exchange in Australia (May 2003). This team consisted of Jackie Allen (captain), Kirsten Scott, Melisa Gunn, Jen Zelmer and Melissa MacKinnon, with Jan Jamieson as the chaperone and Shannon Daly as the coach.

We all met in the Sydney airport after getting off of our various flights from Canada. However, I must say that for those of us that were lucky enough to stop in Hawaii, it was quite breath-taking. In Australia the first hurdle was getting through their customs. They are very strict with what you can and cannot bring into the country.

Some people had cranberries confiscated and I (Melissa MacKinnon) was lucky enough to have all of my horse stuff disinfected by the nice customs officers. Once we got through customs we met our hosts, the Arcadia Pony Club, for the week in Sydney. When I think of Australia, I imagine dry, sun and warm weather, but on that day it was cool, rainy and cloudy.



Group photo in front of the Sydney Opera House and Harbour Bridge

Our hosts drove us all through the city in the rain and we even stopped to see Bondi beach. Getting absolutely soaked to set foot on this famous beach was definitely worth it. After touring the city we went back to Joho's house (the head of Arcadia Pony Club) for an Australian BBQ and to meet our host families. Each member of the Canadian team was assigned to a different family in the host club.

The next day we went back into Sydney and did all of the tourist stuff. We saw the Opera House, the Sydney harbour bridge, the Rocks (the older part of Sydney, which had great shopping), Darling Harbour, and the Tower. Our guides took us to Patty's Market, a flea market of Australian souvenirs which were all very reasonably priced.

This is the place that other stores come to get their stock. We all stocked up on the souvenirs and found something for almost everyone on our list. After a full day in the city we return to our hosts. It was nice having our own personal guides because in one day we did a tour of the city that is a 3-5 day tour in the travel books. The weather was not very co-operative and there was rain, rain and more rain. They had been in a drought for three years and all of a sudden when we arrived it RAINED! They joked that the Canadians were rain charms and they would not mind keeping us around because it rained more in the last three days than it had in the last three years.

We were fortunate enough to be able to attend the two-day show jumping State Championships with the Arcadia Pony Club. It was a breathtaking five-hour drive watching the landscape turn from suburbia, to the Blue Mountains, to the desert town of Mudgee. Watching the competition was an eye-opening experience, as there were so many differences from a Canadian Pony Club event. To start with, there were more than 250 participants in this event. Each club member and their horse were outfitted in their club colours to show their sense of pride. As well, it was interesting to see the level of involvement of the parents. They were all outfitted in their club colours and right in the middle of the action, grooming and helping.

The next day we toured the countryside, visiting wineries and even a gold mine which one of our hosts holds a 5% share in. We even got to see a herd of wild kangaroos, which Jackie acted as a herder so we could take some good pictures! On the way back to Sydney, we were fortunate enough to be able to stop and see the Three Sisters, three huge pillars of rock that overlook a vast canyon. Unfortunately, it was dark but the rock pillars were well lit and we could hear numerous waterfalls in the area.



Melissa MacKinnon with some kangaroos sun-bathing

The next day it was off to Melbourne via a 1000-km airplane ride southwest of Sydney. Here the Canadian team were billeted together with a great family, Jamie and her mom, Leslie Portsman. They operate an adventure company called Portsman's Australian Adventures from their ranch. Since we were all together it was a great time for team building and really getting to know each other. We visited tack shops and they even helped us find the "real" Australian oilskin jacket called 'Driza-bone' and the ever popular Blundstones. Once we were all outfitted in authentic Australian attire, it was off to Werribee, just south of Melbourne, to meet the other national teams.



Overlooking the river from the Melbourne Aquarium

The next five-days were spent in a hotel close to the competition site. We had the honour of riding at the Werribee Park National Equestrian Centre for the event, which is used annually for CCI**** event. The first day in Werribee we toured their facility and then meet back at the hotel for a formal opening dinner. It was really fascinating to meet all the teams, Japan, New Zealand, USA and Australia. Unfortunately, Hong Kong was unable to attend this year due to the SARS outbreak. The next day we visited the Australian Equine Behaviour Centre where they retrain and break horses using a very non-invasive method. Many of the team members were also interested in the fact that they take working students. The following day we spent at the Melbourne Aquarium and had great fish and chips for lunch.



Canadian Team at the Werribee Park National Equestrian Centre

Now it was finally time for us to compete. Before the event began, we were allowed to ride our assigned horse twice. Each team was allotted five horses, which were then assigned to a member of the team. We also walked the course with the TD and course designer, who both provided insight into the intricacies of the cross-country course, before the event. On competition day we competed in teams which consisted of one member from each national team. There were also 90 other local Pony Club members competing in a one-day event. The competition went well for everyone; however, there were a few soggy people after falls into the water. There were a large number of CCI* horses lent for our use and Jackie was even lucky enough to end up riding Dermott, who belonged to Jamie (our first billet in Melbourne). To complete the competition day, a sit down formal dinner was held at the equestrian centre in arena for approximately 150 people. Team skits rounded out the night.

The next day we explored downtown Melbourne, which was highlighted by a visit to Victoria Market with more than 1000 vendors. The architecture of the buildings and the history of the city was fascinating, it was really too bad that we only had a few hours to explore.

The next day we drove north to Sovereign Hill, located in Ballarat, which is an old gold mining town that has been restored into a tourist attraction. We panned for gold, to no avail, and took a guided tour via a mining trolley underground into a real gold mine. In the afternoon we headed north to Wodonga, where we stopped at the Healesville Sanctuary, which is zoo of native animals. We were all fascinated to see wombats, kangaroos, echidnas, koalas, platypuses, large birds of prey and other animals up close. After the zoo, we made a short stop at in bakery known as Australia's greatest bakery, Beechworth Bakery, located in Beechworth. We all agreed with their claim to fame.



Koala at Healesville Sanctuary

The next two nights we spent at Tooma Farms, a rustic camp like establishment. Here we took trail rides in the rolling hills on the edge of the famous Australian 'outback'. It was absolutely breathtaking. We also rock climbed and 'AB sailed'. 'AB sailing' consists of hooking participants onto a metal cable that stretched from one side of the valley to the other, which we all thoroughly enjoyed. At the Tooma Farm, they have a pet baby Wombat named Bethany that we were all lucky enough to hold and have our picture taken with.



Melissa MacKinnon riding at dusk – Tooma Farm

As our trip was coming to an end it was time to compete in the Nation's Cup in Wodonga. In Wodonga, we invited to the local race track where we given a tour of the backstretch and then we watched a couple of races. Individuals were billeting again, but it was definitely nicer to be staying with billet families rather than staying in a hotel. The next day we watched a competition involving the owner's and their horses that we were going to be riding the next day.

The Nation's Cup was won by the USA team. The course was tough and demanding and again there were a large number of spectators. The Canadian team and their horses looked outstanding in their Canadian uniforms which consisted of red fly veils, red edged saddle pads, red and white helmet covers and red sparkly maple leaves that were stencilled on the horse's hindquarters. Our team also distributed over 200 Canadian flags to the spectators in the grand stands; almost every spectator was waving a Canadian flag by the end of the day. Following the competition, the closing dinner was held at the local casino.



Group photo – closing ceremonies

Our last day in Australia was spent travelling back to Melbourne and getting ready to depart on our flights to Canada. Some of the team members were lucky enough to extend their trip and spend some extra time in Australia. Shannon spent some more time around Melbourne and Jackie and Melisa stayed an extra week in the Sydney area.

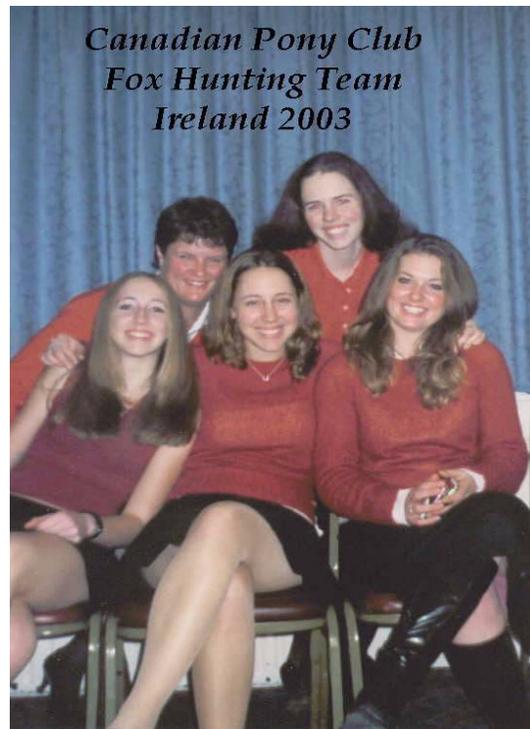
This experience led to nothing but positive memories and lots of great pictures. I know that none of us will ever forget this trip and all of the people that made it possible. I think that I speak for all of us when I extend a thank-you to the Canadian Pony Club for selecting and supporting us throughout the entire process, to Jan Jamieson for all of her great organizing and support (we were definitely the best dressed team and we had a different combination of clothes everyday!) and a big thank-you to Shannon, who was a great coach and really provided the needed guidance. I know that Canada will host a great Inter-Pacific Exchange in 2005 and will provide the participants with life-long memories, just like the ones that all of us carry.

Fox Hunting, Ireland 2003

Survival of the Fittest

By Tracy Thorbjornsen (D.C. High Country Pony Club)

November 19th to December 1st 2003 saw the ultimate survival challenge for senior level Pony Clubbers from 3 different Nations. The challenge "*Hunt Irish Style*". The countries represented were Canada, U.S.A. and the U.K (England and Wales). The U.S.A. was represented by Mark, Sally, Tiffany, Fiona and chaperone Kristen. The U.K. was represented by David, Serena, Alice, Sara and chaperone Andrea. Team Canada was represented by Shannon Cook (B.C. Lower Mainland), Devon Gamble (Alberta South), Kendal Lehari (Central Ontario), Abby Miller (Western Ontario). I was very fortunate to be chosen as the riding chaperone for this amazing group of Canadian Pony Clubbers. All the participants were fit and ready for whatever challenges lay ahead – (or so we thought!)



*Tracy Thorbjornsen, Shannon Cook
Kenda Lehari, Abby Miller, Devon Gamble*

Prior to the actual event taking place, the first challenge for our team was fundraising. From team selection date until departure date, Team CPC had approximately 3½ weeks to fundraise and organize uniforms. The team came through with flying colours. With solicited donations, a silent auction, rainbow auction and a 50/50 draw held at the SAM in Toronto in November, this enthusiastic team was able to raise enough funds to completely cover the cost of their uniforms, team mobile phone (Ireland ready) as well as their Land/Travel fees. These funds were also used to provide gifts to the host Hunt Clubs and from the Canadian Pony Club in Thanks for allowing us to hunt with them each day.

Challenge number two was encountered on departure day of November 19th. As none of the team members had met each other prior to the event, gathering at the check –in at Toronto Pearson International would be test. If a team member did not complete this challenge they would be voted off the island (or in this case miss their flight to the Island of Ireland). The only clue the team members were given was that the chaperone would be wearing the Team Canada flag jacket and would be in the check-in area by 5:00 pm. I am pleased to report that this challenge was met by all team members (except Devon who was already in Ireland at the time-we hoped). After 13 hours of travel, which gave us all a chance to get to know each other a little, we all arrived safely in Dublin, Ireland. We did manage to leave Kendal's bag in London but it tracked her down a few hours later.

Upon arriving at the airport we were hospitably greeted by Mary Fitzpatrick, Administrator, The Irish Pony Club, and her wonderful daughter Julia. We were glad to see that Devon was also there. Also, the USPC members were there as they had arrived just an hour or so before us. The USPC avoided the airport meeting challenge as they had a met the day before their travel day and had a dinner get-together, sponsored by the USPC. (This was a great idea and should be considered for other survival challenges of this nature).

Mary efficiently organized us all into our respective groups. The UK team would meet up with us all later. In order to facilitate a true cultural exchange all the teams would be mixed up and change throughout the journey. The Canadians and US teams loaded up into the mini-bus with Julia, as our support person, and off we went to our first host branches of Kilkenny, Carlow and Laois. Each of these branches hosted 4 Pony Clubbers and one chaperone. I stayed with the D.C. of the Laois Hunt Pony Club, (home club of Bernard Condren from the Irish team that traveled to the US in 2002 for the Hunting trip) Lena Farrell and family. They were so friendly and hospitable. They live on a great estate where they raise race horses and Dalmatians - 101? no only 11. The remainder of my group Shannon, Mark, David and Alice were hosted by David , Master of the Laois Hunt.

On Friday November 20th we arrived for our first hunt of the trip. This was the only Hunt that we were all together. We were hosted by the Kilkenny Hunt Club. Challenge number three our first Hunt! This was a lovely hunt and it was our first attempt at jumping barbed wire (not our favorite jump but we got pretty good at it). This was a very posh Hunt and the Club members were very welcoming to all the Pony Clubbers. The horses were wonderful although mine liked to buck when we stared out each time and a few of us discovered that brakes were an option not included on our models. I rode a horse named Patch as he was a paint or, a coloured horse as they call them there. He had huge feet and I still can't get over the size of the heads of most of the Hunt horses (*note to self – do not order a bridle from Ireland, it will not fit!*)



Gathering the Hounds at the start of the Kilkenny Hunt



Field Master and Pony Clubbers gather

As expected, Irish Hunting is a bit more of a challenge than that of North America but it was truly thrilling. The obstacles are more natural with very large banks, ditches and drains, wire both barbed and electric, gates (often referred to as six bars) and on the odd hunt you may see the Hunt Master jump a horse and rider who are in his way. Abby and Devon said that they will never again have any problems with ditches. The hunts also last a bit longer many days we rode for 5-6 ½ hours.



Jumping Electric Wire Fence



A wee little ditch jump

Saturday saw two of the three groups hunting with the Laois Hunt Club. The third group toured Kilkenny and the Castle. This hunt was a little more relaxed as they said this was more of a farmers hunt. My host family's daughter, Edwina, took a day off from her job as a Vet. (reproduction specialist) to join us on the hunt. This I was told was a Pub Hunt as it started in a Pub and following the Hunt the Pub had soup and sandwiches for us all. Today I rode Bob the Polo pony. There were many more ditches and walls today but Bob knew his job and any time anyone needed a lead, Bob was the one they sent first, I just stayed with Bob. There were many more children on this hunt. I am sure they were as young as 10 and those ponies they were on were amazing, just like little spiders they would climb up and down anything. Here we were told that the true definition of a good Hunt horse is "one who will hunt well all day, then stand in his box (horse trailer) for several hours after while the owner socializes in the Pub".



Tiffany, Abby, Fiona, Alice, David & Shannon

Check out how clean they were after the hunts - This was a good day?

Following the hunt each host family co-ordinated the evening activities. One of the activities was an impromptu international bowling tournament with the Carlow group. CPC can be very proud of our own Devon Gamble bringing home the **Gold**. (challenge #? we lost track)

Sunday was day three of hunting (*hold on, I thought we were only supposed to hunt 3 times in total? It was so much fun they could not keep us away*). One group hunted with North Kilkenny and the other two groups hunted with the Carlow. On this day the fox lost the challenge. The Carlow hunt had one successful kill; however most of us missed this as we were so busy jumping through the brush with one hand on the reins as the other hand was covering our faces from the thorns. That is all except for Mark, of course who rode most of the hunts one handed as he had his video camera in the other hand (CD ROM to follow) Mark also earned the reputation as the **horse catcher** because as the horses managed to ditch their riders throughout the trip it always appeared to be Mark who caught them.



Carlow Hunt – Shannon, Devon & Abby



Carlow Hounds

Well, we had survived three days of hunting so the Kilkenny, Laois Hunt and Carlow clubs hosted a wonderful evening of Irish culture. There was a party for all the teams, chaperones, host families and all of the host Hunt clubs. We were presented with traditional Irish Music and Dance. This evening's challenge was to try to teach the Canadian girls how to do an Irish Dance. It didn't look to bad by the end of the night. At the end of the evening Mrs. Alice Mernagh, Chairman, The Irish Pony Club, presented each of us with an Irish Pony Club mug and two of their Pony Club pins, one which is used everyday and another with the shamrock as a background that is used during international travel.

Monday we said good-by to our host families and we were on our way to Wexford. On the way we stopped at Coolmore Stud for a tour by Tim Corballis, Stallion Bookings. What a beautiful facility. Following our tour we were treated to a lovely lunch and we were all given hats and magazines outlining all the horses that stand at Stud at that facility as well as their US and Australian operations.



Coolmore Stud tour

We then stopped at the Tipperary Tack shop on our way to Wexford. The drive took about three hours. The groups were changed and we dropped the first group off with the Island Hunt Pony Club. The remaining two groups continued on to the Ferrycarring Hotel. Here we were picked up by our new host families from the Wexford Hunt and Killinick Harriers Pony Clubs.



Beach Ride

For the next four days Kendal and I were hosed by Pat and Neil Roache and family. We again were treated exceptionally well. Also in our group this time were David, Mark and Sara. Tuesday we all went to the Liosin Riding Centre and went on a beach ride.

Tuesday night Alice Mernagh hosted a dinner party for all families from the Killinick Harriers Pony Club who were hosting us. It was a wonderful chance for us to get to know our host families. We were told that we would be riding on Thursday with the Killinick Harriers Hunt and that this was an exceptionally tough hunt (laugh, laugh said the hosts). *We could do this we survived Carlow – or so we thought!*

Wednesday was the day we went to see the Irish National Heritage Park. We saw a movie then went on a tour. Following the tour we had a wonderful lunch provided by the park and then did some shopping in the gift shop.



This Park depicts mans settlement in Ireland from 7000 BC to the arrival of the Normans in 12th Century. It was truly fascinating.



The ship builder's yard at the park. We are all in a small fishing boat as it would have been built by the early Vikings in the 9th century

After the Heritage Park tour we then went into Wexford and toured the Dunbrody "The Irish Famine Ship". This ship is an exact reproduction of the actual ship that carried the Irish trying to escape from the "Potato Famine". Every detail is exact and they even have the original Bell on board.



Later that afternoon Kendal, Mark, David, Sara and I all went into Wexford to do a little more shopping then it was home for a quiet night.

Thursday, the greatest challenge of them all. We should have picked up on the clues earlier. Clue #2, three different people asked us if we are planning on riding the Killinick Hunt do we have a change of clothes with us? (clue #1 see dinner at Mary's). Clue #3, there were no children on this hunt and there was not a horse to be seen who was under 15.3 hands. I was so pleased with my horse (not a pony this time) his name was Jake, he was the Master's alternate and he was about 17.3 hands. (*note to self- don't fall off you will never be able to get back on again*) We headed off. Within ½ hour of the hunt starting 4/5 of the hunt had lost the master and hounds, but not Mark, he was right with the master and his video camera was still in hand. After we met up

with the Hunt again we headed off to another field. As the hounds started working on the far side of the ditch the Huntsman headed over the ditch but his horse missed and slipped down the ditch only to land upside down in the ditch. Several of the locals rode over and gave the Huntsman a hand turning his horse over. The horse climbed up the ditch; his rider mounted and headed off. The field master then told the rest of us to head off over that same ditch. I was thinking we are all nuts as we headed out. This proved to be the easiest part of the day. As the day went on the ditches got bigger, muddier and had drops with them. We also encountered double ditches, which are very wide ditches that must be jumped upwards so you land on the wall or hedgerow followed by a 4 foot drop with a 6 foot ditch – from a standstill. I can now do ditches!! 5 hours later and we all survived to tell about it.

Thursday night we had a traditional Irish night at a local Hotel hosted by the Irish Pony Club. This was the last night we were all together. There was singing and dancing and the evening was full of hunting stories. All three Pony Clubs, all our hosts and all the Hunt Clubs were there. Each of the Pony Clubbers and Chaperones were presented with a gift from our hosts. It was truly a lovely evening.

Friday saw us on the move again and this time it was to Waterford. This was a much shorter drive. As the groups were split again I was with Devon, Mark, David, Alice, Serena, Sara and Andrea. When we arrived in Waterford Serena, Sara and I went with our host families to the Waterford Crystal factory. We had lunch and toured the factory. That evening the five of us and our families got together for pizza at a local shop.

Saturday morning it poured rain. I was sure that the hunt would be cancelled. The weather gods looked kindly upon us again and the skies turned a beautiful blue just in time to head out for the Waterford Hunt. David and Mark did not ride today, they followed on foot. Again I had a lovely horse named Chapman. He was ½ Irish Draft and ½ Thoroughbred. We had a great day with no wire and I even saw a fox.

Sunday was our last day to ride. Not bad as we thought we would ride 3 times and most of us rode 7 or more times. We rode with the Kill Harriers. The Master is District Commissioner Geraldine Power from Waterford Hunt Branch. She was the Irish Chaperone on the trip to the US and she was a very gracious host. I rode another Polo Pony and his name was Apollo. It was only after I agreed to ride him that I learned that he had never hunted before. (*Challenge # who cares?*) After a bit of a rough start we seemed to click. I learned that he wanted to fly everything, it didn't matter if there was a ditch on the other side of that wall or not, and he learned that I required him to at least put one foot on the wall before taking off over whatever was on the other side. This was a very nice Hunt with Irish Show Jumper Frances Conner joining us for part of the day. (*finally someone who knew where Spruce Meadows is*)



*The start of the Kill Harriers meet
Andre, Sara, Tracy, Mark, David, Serena
& Alice*

Monday morning saw an early wake up for anyone who went to sleep. The first group of Canadians and Americans were picked up at 3:00 am and the last one, me, was picked up at 4:00am for a 4 hour drive to the Dublin airport. (*last note to self, next time book departure times for late afternoon like the UK team did*). After we all checked in we said our goodbyes to the US team and headed for home with our cameras full of photos, our notebooks full of new friends names and e-mail addresses and in Kendal's case a few plane letters.

All in all this was a trip of a lifetime. In twelve days (including arrival, departure and travel days) the group managed to collectively ride with in excess of 11 different Hunt Clubs and some people even rode 9 days. The Canadian Pony Club members should be extremely proud of themselves for representing their clubs, regions and Canada so well. I would not hesitate taking any of these girls anywhere at any time. Thanks goes out to Val and Phil Crowe for making this trip so easy. And I would also like to thank Karol Shipley and the rest of the National Executive for allowing us to participate in this event. If there is ever an opportunity for Canada to host this type of event I would strongly recommend that we jump at the chance. I can't forget to thank the selection team, whoever you are, for putting together such a strong representative team from Canada.



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British Columbia Interior North Region Annual Report 2003

Each year I marvel at the tireless energy of our volunteers: those who quietly work in the background, those on the board at the branch level, and those on the board at the regional level. 2003 was no exception. Although our region has had a fluctuation in membership, new members, and with them, new volunteers come forward. I feel that at this time, our Region is the strongest it has been for some time.

Some of our Branches have faced adversity in one form or another over the years, but this year was more serious than most. The BC wild fires were in our Region and we were greatly affected by them. At times, planned activities were rescheduled or juggled, but they did occur. Many of our members were evacuated, or were involved in taking in evacuees or their animals, and in some cases they helped to move horses and other livestock. Our members will also be greatly affected by the second year of drought, water shortages and high prices of hay.

Our Region has tried to keep regional fees to a minimum, given the tough economic times, particularly in rural BC. We try to give our members financial assistance where possible, to Regional, Zone and National events.

2003 has been a belt-tightening year for our Regional Board. This year we had 20 active branches. Pemberton was an addition, while Summerland became inactive.

In 2003, BCIN accomplished:

- continuing good attendance at Regional Meetings
- hosting two quizzes, one north and one south
- sending one B team and one C team to National Quiz
- providing quality instruction, educational opportunities and camps
- providing 2 B/B2 testing opportunities; one north, one south
- providing Dressage and Show Jumping Championships; one north and one south
- presenting a regional scholarship
- sending two representatives to the disciplines conference
- sending two representatives to the Zone Championships in Nanaimo
- hosting our most successful Rally to date – 16 teams
- belt-tightening without decreasing our support of our youth

Respectfully submitted,

Heather McDonald
BCIN Regional Chair

B.C. Islands Region Annual Report

The year 2003, has been a great year for Pony Club in the B.C. Islands Region!! Our 8 branches had a total of 176 members, which is holding steady, and a good indication that Pony Club is alive and well on the Island. Most of our Branches had many new members and are doing an excellent job of initiating these new members, judging by the great attendance at our Regional Events. I hope that it will be our goal in 2004 to continue to make our Regional Events fun and inviting for all levels of Pony Club! BC Islands Region again showed outstanding participation in National events and proudly hosted a very successful and memorable National Tetrathlon 2003.

We began the year by sending five Regional representatives to the Disciplines Conference held in Winnipeg in February, 2003. Many thanks to our dedicated Discipline Chairs for attending these busy meetings and contributing their input and bringing valuable information back to our Region. Thanks go to: Yolanda Lewis, PPG, Cathy Afford, Rally, Elizabeth Anderson, Dressage, Robin Taylor, Tetrathlon, and Lisa Birchard, who went as a youth representative for our region, in place of our Rep., Ashley Hicks, as Lisa was also the alternate rider for the Interpacific Exchange and had to attend important meetings with the team. Thanks also to Janet Manson, who tried her best to attend for Show Jumping, but was fogged out at the airport and couldn't make her connection! Many thanks, again, to Heather Crampton, our able National Director, for also attending the National AGM in April 2003, and attending the SAM meetings in Nov. of 2003.

All four of our Regional Events, were well attended and successful this year! Thanks to Howie Thomas and P's and Q's Branch for hosting a great Quiz during some very stressful times for our National Board, over insurance concerns. Our Region showed great teamwork and excellent communication with all members during this difficult period. Thank you to everyone who cooperated so well to make this event happen for our members.

Many thanks to Comox for hosting PPG with the help of our PPG Chair, Yolanda Lewis. It was a great day for everyone, and PPG is always one of the favorite events for younger Pony Club members.

Thanks to Metchosin Pony Club, under the direction of our Rally Chair, Cathy Afford for hosting our Regional Rally. This year, a brand new facility was used, and the continued format of two days, and using trailers for Tack and Feed rooms was again successful. Prior to attending Rally, members were encouraged to attend a clinic at the new facility, and this practice will be continued with our Region to try and better prepare the riders and ensure safety. The Region is also looking at writing our own set of Regional Rally rules in early 2004 to clarify jumping levels, etc.

Many thanks to Quennell Lake Pony Club for hosting Championships again at Beban Park, and for taking on the challenge of hosting the Zonal Show Jumping Championships. It was a great weekend, and everyone agreed that it was a good experience to participate at a zonal level and meet members from our Pacific Zone. Congratulations to all the participants of all the Regional Events, and many thanks to the Parents, Volunteers, Members and Coaches who all help to make these events happen so successfully.

BC Islands, once again, did an outstanding job of hosting our 2nd National Event in three years, and did our Region proud by welcoming members from across Canada to participate in National Tetrathlon 2003.

This was a huge undertaking, with a small membership base of only four participants, who are spread across our Region. Many thanks go to my family, for supporting me throughout the whole year of planning and work that went into hosting this enormous event, and also for physically helping during the entire week of the event, with very little sleep! We had 36 competitors arrive with an entourage of 22 extra chaperones and volunteers, and ten horses transported in from Alberta.

As the Tetrathlon Chair, and organizer of the event, I was responsible for organizing all four phases of the competition, and making sure all our guests, officials, competitors and mounts were looked after, fed and transported to venues on schedule! Many thanks go to Lisa Pink and Yvonne Pink for the fabulous job they did in organizing the horse orientation and matching all the riders with suitable and safe mounts. All riders and horses completed the Stadium Jumping and Cross Country competitions with no injuries and

big smiles! Many thanks to those who lent their trusty mounts for this competition, as without their generosity, the event could not happen.

Our Regional Grooms did a fantastic job of looking after all the horses when the competitors were not there. Clare Perry, Teena Schneider, Emily Harris, Lacey Iskra, Marina Iskra, Erin Renwick, Ginny McLane, Gillian Hammond, Rachel Lebold and Leah Butcher, all should be commended for their wonderful Pony Club spirit of Character, Loyalty and Sportsmanship! Many thanks also go to the Iskra and DeLeenheer families for camping on site, and making sure that all the horses were safely looked after, and the houdini's were caught and returned to their paddocks!

The other phases of National Tetrathlon ran incredibly smoothly thanks to the generous support of Victoria Modern Pentathlon and BC Modern Pentathlon, who supplied volunteers, equipment, and their expertise in conducting the shooting, swimming and running phases of the event. We were incredibly fortunate to have ideal venues to offer at Queen Margaret's School and at Michael Lake Cross Country Course. Our fellow Canadian Pony Club members were most impressed with our lovely Island, our generous hospitality and our team work to make it such a wonderful event. We were proud to have four members participate: our girls team with Ashley Hicks, Anne Marie DeLeenheer and Kira Iskra, and our FIRST boy competitor on the Island, Roy Walker!!! They were strong competitors, and wonderful hosts! Many thanks also go to the local sponsors for prizes, Apple Saddlery for their generous prizes and to BC Horse Council and BC Modern Pentathlon for their generous grants of \$500.00 each. I personally had no doubt about the success of National Tetrathlon 2003, when I observed the many tears and hugs goodbye on the last morning, and read the many thank-you letters from the participants. I would like to take this time to thank the Region for supporting National Tetrathlon, even though we have a small membership involved, and for letting me take the plunge to host this event. It was an experience, for those of us involved, that we will always remember fondly. The Tetrathlon kids across Canada also thank you for this opportunity!

Our Region also sent six competitors to National Quiz in Charlottetown, PEI. Congratulations go to both our AB(Rebecca Manson, Sasha Fort) and C (Anne Marie DeLeenheer, Clare Perry, Nita Palmer, and Erin Renwick) teams which placed Third overall, and to Anne Marie DeLeenheer who for the second time, placed first at National Quiz!!!! Thanks for doing us proud! Many thanks also to Howie Thomas for helping our teams prepare with study sessions and for helping them get organized to travel. Congratulations also to two members from Quennell Lake Pony Club, Alex Pinfeld and Meagan Rintala for attending the Zone Dressage Championships on the mainland.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the Discipline Chairs, Regional Committee members, DC's and Assistant DC's, Youth Reps, Members, Coaches and Parents for their continued support in Pony Club and for their commitment to Sportsmanship, Loyalty, and Character in our Region. It is a difficult task, in our busy lives, to take the time and energy to volunteer for these jobs and positions, but without this effort, there would be no Pony Club for the members. Thank you for volunteering your time to make these wonderful opportunities available for our equestrian youth. I hope that our goals for 2004 will be to expand our education efforts for the upper level members of Pony Club, and to find ways to encourage more members to join BC Islands Pony Club.

Respectfully yours,

Robin Taylor, B.C. Islands Regional Chair

BC Lower Mainland Region Annual Report 2003

2003 was a busy productive year for the BCLM. We added 1 club to our Region. The Allouette Pony Club joined us in September. We now have 14 clubs in our region and our membership has remained around 350.

We have a new Regional Executive this year with Betty Cross as Chair, Melody Froc as Vice Chair, Marlene Roman as Treasurer and Heather Brookes as Secretary. I'm sure they will bring new ideas and energy to the region.

We had a full schedule this year with Quiz starting us off in February. We had almost 200 kids competing from E's to A's and everyone had a great time. PPG was next with the first playday in late April winding up in early June with the Regional Finals. We sent 2 teams to the National A finals in August with Vancouver Pony Club placing 1st and East Maple Ridge Pony Club 2nd. 3 of the five riders on the International PPG team were from BCLM, Jamie Munro ,Anna Stafford and Amanda Harris. The team placed 3rd in the competition .

In June we held our Show Jumping competition with 40 plus competitors. The weather was great and everyone enjoyed the day.

Rally 2003 - we tried very hard to hold a zone competition in July but conflicting dates and facility availability made it impossible to get BCI and BC Interior to join us. We have not given up. We are trying again in 2004. Regional rally went exceptionally well this year as we had 100 competitors and lots of volunteers to make it successful.

Dressage - 2003 was our 2nd rebuilding year. The competition went well. We invited BCIN and BCI to compete as a Zone championship and had a few riders join us. We will continue to promote and invite the other regions to join us when ever possible.

We had 4 members achieve their A level this year, which is a tribute to our Education and Testing people getting these candidates prepared. Congratulations to Katie Gerber-Turrieff, Chelsea Himsworth, Melissa Johnson and Lisa Ferguson. We have 4 more candidates preparing for their A , 6 preparing for B2 and 11 preparing for their B.

All in all it was a good year in the BCLM Region. I would like to thank all the volunteers, parents and sponsors whose efforts make Pony Club what it is.

Respectfully yours,

Mitch Gunn

BCLM National Chair

Alberta South Region Annual Report 2003

Alberta South Region had 20 branches with a total membership of 324 for 2003.

C/D Testing: We had a very successful Testing year with 171 riders passing at the varied tests that were held at the Branches and a Regional C2 Test.

Test 1	D Level	42
Test 2	D1 Level	43
Test 3	D2 Level	19
Test 4	C Level	15
Test 5	C1 Level	10
Test 6	C2 Level	6
Total		171

A/B Testing: Cheryl Kaczmer attended the A test at Maple Ridge, completed her HA level and partially completed the RA. She will repeat the necessary riding test next year at the regional test. 5 B candidates and 3 B2 candidates passed their practical examinations in August. 2 B candidates and 2 B2 candidates passed parts of their tests and are encouraged to complete those levels next year and go on to the next level.

Education: An Examiners Clinic was held for new examiners and to update previous Examiners. The two examiners' clinics in 2002, followed by the spring 2003 clinic, have developed the current list of 34 C/D examiners along with our 7 national examiners. Most Branches ran their own D Camp. An ABC Camp was Regionally run with the A/B Evaluations being done at this time.

Quiz: In April High Country Pony Club hosted Regional Quiz. We had 127 participants. We sent 4 members to National Quiz in PEI. 1 in the A/B Division and 3 in the C Division.

Rally: Regional D Rally was hosted by Delacour Pony Club, 23 members attended. Regional ABC Rally was held as a qualifier for Zones and as a working Rally opened up to D2 riders due to the low numbers. Alberta South hosted the Prairie Zone Rally held at Alhambra. We had 12 members with teams from Alberta South and Alberta North attending. We also put on a Fun Rally for lower levels and had 15 members participate. Westbrook Pony Club also hosted an E/D Rally, which was well attended.

PPG: We have a strong group of members in PPG. Regional PPG had 34 entries. An A Team and a mixed Masters Team went on to represent our region at the Prairie Zone competition. The A Team went on to Toronto for the National PPG Competition.

Dressage: Qualifiers were held for Prairie Zones with 9 riders going on to represent Alberta South at Prairie Zones in Edmonton. Our end of the year Dressage Invitational was held at Claresholm this year with about 100 entries.

Show Jumping: Qualifiers were held for Prairie Zones with 8 riders going on to represent Alberta South. Challenge Cup was held at Spruce Meadows with 30 entries. Our end of the year Show Jumping Invitational was held at Claresholm with 104 riders competing.

Tetrathlon: A training camp was held at Alhambra, May 31/June 1. The Provincial Competition was held at Cochrane June 28/29. We had 8 members go on to compete at National Tetrathlon in BC Islands.

Fox Hunting Trip to Ireland: Alberta South had 2 people on the Team that went to Ireland, Devon Gamble represented us as a rider and Tracy Thorbjornsen went as the Chaperone. A great time was had and Tracy has a wonderful report on the website.

We have many wonderful people in our Region and a big thank you goes out to all our organizers, examiners, teachers and all the rest of the volunteers it takes to put on these events for our Members.

Respectfully submitted,
Anne Valois
Alberta South Region, Vice Chair

ALBERTA CENTRAL REGION REGIONAL REPORT, 2003

Alberta Central Region had a very busy year, with lots of riders moving outward from strictly Pony Club activities to trying their skills at eventing, dressage and show jumping as well as hunter shows. We had two new clubs who have been going through a few growing pains but hopefully they will persevere. The new clubs are Chinook's Edge in the Sundre area and Boots and Saddles Pony Club in the Didsbury Area. Both these clubs had a very small amount of members but a few of them managed to get to some regional activities.

Winter theory camp was hosted by Chinooks edge this year. It was held at Pinoneer Ranch Camp at Sundre AB. We had a total of 34 members take in the weekend of learning. There were several different study sessions, ranging from polo and bandaging to vet and farrier talks. With a bit of leisure time in between, the members seemed to enjoy the company and education.

Quiz was postponed due to the insurance problems this spring so it wasn't held until much later in the spring – in fact it was almost cancelled due to riding dates starting to conflict. We ended up with 38 members participating, a bit smaller due to conflicts. It was still well run and everyone had a good time.

Tetrathlon in our region had quite a few less competitors than last year. We had only 4 athletes coming to most of the training sessions. The training camp was cancelled this year because there were not enough riders to break even with the cost of running a camp. We sent 4 athletes to the south regional competition and two of our members came home with the boys sub-novice trophy and the girls novice trophy.

Rally was well attended this year. We had 3 one-day clinics and then a 3-day camp. The camp consisted of 2 full days of instruction in all disciplines and the final day was a competition day. Several of the riders at the camp went on to attend the Zones Rally hosted at Alhambra Stables by Alberta South Region. We had one team in the pre-training division who came in first and we also had a junior team in the "Fun Rally" and they came in second. A lot of these riders are now competing regularly at 3 day events and are involved in the young riders program as well.

We sent 7 riders to the Zones Show Jumping and Dressage Championships in Edmonton. All of them did quite well and enjoyed the experience. Several of our members tested this year. We had one rider test her C2, one her C1 and several tested their C. We still have a majority of younger riders who are at D level in most of the clubs but are starting to have a few more upper level riders.

Championships were held in Rocky Mountain House at the Thompson Country Pony Club site. Riders enjoyed 2 full days of competition and both days were well attended. All the dressage levels were well attended and we even had more than one freestyle rider! The show jumping was also well attended although in the C1 level and up we had only 2 riders. The majority of our riders were competing at the C level and down. All around a very well run and good competition.

Only one of our members attended National Quiz. She enjoyed the time spent there and placed 5th in the C division individually.

Alberta North Region Chairs Annual Report-2003

The Alberta North Region's slogan "Loyalty, Character, Sportsmanship through Horsemanship" was flying at many events throughout this year. The annual Parkland Tack Sale, the Devonshire show, Regional Quiz, PPG Regionals, Show Jumping, Dressage and PPG Zones competitions at Whitemud, Regional meetings, Show Jumping and Dressage Championship competition at Amberlea Meadows, Spruce Meadows Equifair, to name some. It is great to see what we believe in being displayed so often and so proudly!

We ended the membership year with a total of 323 active members – more than the final tally for 2002. Several of our Visiting Commissioners were kept busy in the spring addressing requests for information and attending orientation meetings in order to form new Branches. The result was we welcomed two new Branches, Ministik and Whitemud, and have a couple more waiting in the wings for 2004. Rocky Lane requested "inactive" status for the year, thus ending the year with a total of 20 Branches.

Each year our very capable Discipline Chairs put on various clinics and camps and this year was no exception – the one noted difference was that the majority of them met several times under the loose title of Disciplines Committee chaired by Jane Goodliffe and worked out dates and details so as to avoid scheduling conflicts. This seemed to work in a positive way as the Calendar of Events was consistently full.

The Zones 2003 committee put together a very successful event with Alberta South offering to host the Zones 2003 Rally on our behalf. While the number of out of province participants was small, the support from the three Alberta Regions was huge giving us totals of just over 40 competitors in Show Jumping, about 30 in each Dressage and PPG. Alberta North fielded teams in all three Disciplines. The Invitational Show Jumping and Dressage competitions drew good numbers as well.

On a National note, Regionally speaking – the Strathcona "Supercal A" team participated in the National "A" PPG competition where they brought home the National Sportsmanship award, the mixed "Mohican Master" PPG team brought home first place honors, Carolyn Cordell graciously assisted the Canadian PPG team, acting as a chaperone, and of our two members who tried out for the 2004 Canadian PPG team both were successful in that Ricki Lee Gillespie made the 2004 team and Tina Mitchell is the alternate. Four Alberta North Region Quiz members attend the National Quiz competition in P.E.I. Margo Gaglione was presented with the CPC National Chairs award for her work as Chair of the Governance Committee.

As our Discipline Chairs cover their respective Disciplines here are some highlights from the year –

In February we approved a budget of just about \$16,000, dropped the Horses All subscription as part of the membership package, saw a perpetual Calendar of Events developed by Lillian Burchill, who then resigned and we welcomed Linda Whiteman in her place. Dressage Canada and Pony Club were heavy into discussions about our members needing to belong to their respective Provincial Sport Organization in order to ride the Dressage tests. Show Jumping kicked off its year with a course design clinic and Tetrathlon was well underway with swimming and shooting practices. As a Region we joined Alberta South and Central to become an Associate member of AEF.

In April, the Testing and Education Committee began a campaign to promote our higher level kids (C2 & up), with bios being put on the web site as well as articles in Horses All. We had a Nation- wide shutdown of all Pony Club activities for a few weeks and I m proud to say that within our Region we had almost total co-operation in suspension of activities. Regional Quiz was held this month, unfortunately the bad weather hampered the numbers that turned out. Canadian Pony Club produced their new National Bylaws this month. Regional membership cards were developed and distributed. April also saw the first of the Regular Chairs reports begin...seemed the Region wanted to know what the Chair did.

May saw the approval of the new Alberta North Region letterhead and the Lammle's Chain of stores offering a 10% discount to our members – a new Test notification form for practical testing was distributed for use in the 2003 testing year

June saw many requests for clarification on Insurance issues with the new guidelines from Canadian Pony Club. It was decided that our National Director would receive all Incident Reports.

June, July and August just flew by with various clinics, camps, qualifiers, competitions and of course, Zones. These have all been highlighted by the various Chairs. Let's just say there really wasn't a reason for any of our Regional Pony Club members to not be riding this year! There was something going on every single weekend and most weeks during those three months!

September – the Spruce Meadows booth – we took advantage of the one time National promotion offer to co-host with the South Region a booth at Equi-Fair. Championships were again held at Amberlea Meadows. The number of competitors was on par with 2002, with contingencies from Cold Lake to Grand Prairie joining Branches closer to the Edmonton area for a great weekend of Pony Club competition.

The one great thing we can count on every year is the Volunteers – past and current members, friends, parents—they continue to join the organizers at various activities, camps, clinics, the 2003 Prairie Zones competition, Year End show as well as the many regular and special events that were held by each of the 20 Branches throughout our Region. Pony Club is an awesome organization run by wonderful volunteers. It is because of our common belief in Pony Club and its' goals and a common bond with our equine friends that we gain that "feel good" feeling that urges us to continue each year as one of those proud volunteers of the Alberta North Region. Thank You to all!

Yours in Pony Club,

Vivian Slugoski
Chair, Alberta North Region

SASKATCHEWAN REGIONAL CHAIR REPORT 2003 Season

Our 2003 season was another growing year – increasing our numbers by 15 to 152 members. We had a number of members obtain their B level, but most of the activity took place in the C and D levels. We have 8 clubs in our province as of November with another club on its way to being approved.

Pony Club shut down completely for the first time since inception in March of this year, due to insurance issues. This period of inactivity created a buzz for our Region, as Quiz and written exams are usually in progress that time of year. Elaine Partington stepped in to run a similar event that Pony Club could use results for determining which members would go on to National Quiz.

It was actually Saskatoon Pony Club's turn for Quiz this year.

The D through to C1 levels had their riding tests in June and the C2 and B levels had their riding tests at Ebon Stables in August.

Pony Club Camp and the Championships were cancelled this year and was a huge disappointment for the organizers of both. Prairie Zonals hosted by Alberta this year was another event that was not well attended by Saskatchewan Pony Club. Three members participated in the event in Edmonton and though did not bring home 1st place – are richer for the experience.

Hopefully this year's lack of participation in Regional Events is not a reflection for future years. If we are to function successfully, we as a group need to encourage our members to take advantage of such opportunities.

The one area that our members were enthusiastic was for National Quiz held in PEI this year. The girls had a grand time and were successful in bringing home 1st place for both teams. Thanks Quiz coordinators and participants, you did a wonderful job.

Cindi Gaucher

MANITOBA PONY CLUB REGIONAL REPORT

The year 2003 brought many changes to pony clubs across the country in terms of insurance and other important issues facing volunteers and members alike. Manitoba had an eventful year as well with members taking part in National and Zone Competitions.

Regional Quiz was held at the Canad Inn in Portage la Prairie this year and a strong team of "C" level members made the trip to Prince Edward Island where they placed a strong second at National Quiz. Amanda Penner of Baldur Pony Club placed 2nd overall and our congratulations go out to her.

We also had several members receive ten year pins (which was a new and very welcome addition to recognising members across the country for their time spent in pony club activities) at National Quiz. Manitoba is also planning its first ever "Awards Night" in January in Portage la Prairie, where we will have a dinner and recognise our members for their achievements throughout the year.

Manitoba youth also welcomed the announcement that pony club members can now test until the age of 24 and seem to be carrying a somewhat lighter load on their shoulders when they know that they now have more time to achieve a higher level. I think that this will help keep our members for a longer period of time and will also enable them to teach younger members what pony club is all about.

Rally continues to be a struggle in Manitoba with very few taking part and the Rally Chair having to begin at the grass roots level with a working rally in June and trying to educate younger riders to the pleasures of eventing which does encompass three of the pony club disciplines – dressage, show jumping and cross-country. Unfortunately Manitoba has been unable to hold a Regional Championship in the past two years. Hopefully 2004 will see some improvement.

Regional Camp was held in Treherne in July and we had 3 instructors – Kirsten Scott from SLOV, Jennifer Zelmer from WOR and Teri Moehring from Manitoba. They provided excellent instruction and the members thoroughly enjoyed the camaraderie and fun aspect of camp along with the stable management, quiz and riding lessons and various other activities that were organised for their benefit. Not to mention the swimming pool!

Manitoba is hosting Zones again in 2004 and it is hoped that the format we have chosen for this event will encourage more prairie members to attend. The cost will be more affordable and for anyone who has attended Zones, they are a place to not only compete but to make lifelong friends that care about what you care about – horses. The two members from Manitoba that made the trip to Edmonton last summer thoroughly enjoyed not only the competition, but renewing old acquaintances and making new ones.

I enjoyed my time as Regional Chair and Rally Chair for Manitoba Pony Club. I have now chosen to step down and let someone else guide the ship as I take on the role of DC of our local club in Baldur. I wish John Moehing all the best as he now takes on the role of Regional Chair and have every confidence that he will do a great job.

Respectfully submitted,
Maria E. Berry
Past Regional Chair
Manitoba Pony Club

Central Ontario Region 2003 Report

- We had 507 **members** in 31 **branches**. 50% of branches had 10-24 members and 50% of members were 11-14 years of age. We welcomed 2 new branches: Northumberland PC (near Peterborough) and Northwind PC (near New Liskeard). For 2004, Napanee PC will be transferring as a whole to SLOV.
- Two **Examiner's Clinics** were held in the spring. **Testing** results from 20 branches reflected the following number of successful candidate testings: 57 D, 52 D1, 22 D2, 17 C, 9 C1, 4 C2, 2 B and 1 RA.
- **Educational** activities continue to be primarily provided through our local branches. 16 branches have started using the new badge program to support these activities. Regionally, an education workshop was held in conjunction with our AGM for C2 and above members with Dr. Anton Steyn on Rules, Safety, Injuries, and Conditioning and the Horse and Rider. Additional sessions are being considered for 2004 to provide information on some of the more difficult topics for branches to deal with.
- **Quiz** was held at Sutton District High School with 165 participants from 18 clubs. Branches were allowed to send up to 5 teams at any level such that we had 53 D, 53 D1, 31 D2, 21 C and 7 A/B competitors. 12 clubs submitted projects. In October, 3 A/B and 4 C members attended **National** Quiz in PEI representing us well as teams and individuals in their respective competitions.
- **Working Rally** was again hosted at Saddlewood EC in Bethany with learning and fun for riders and their mounts over two weekends. 24 D2 and up members from 8 branches participated during May and 65 D-D1 members from 15 branches during June.
- **Showjumping** qualifiers were hosted by the Ajax and Uxbridge-Scugog P.C.'s with participation ranging from 85 to 91 riders from 17 branches. The year-end final was hosted by Ajax PC at Audley Road Stables with 62 competitors from 12 branches. 35 riders from 11 branches went to the **Zone** Championship hosted by COR at York Equestrian Centre near Newmarket in August as part of our **Ontario Pony Clubs Tournament of Champions (OPCTOC)**.
- A **Dressage** freestyle classroom workshop and a separate riding clinic were held in the spring with Daphne Haagman's. Qualifiers were hosted by Kawartha, TNY & Victoria PC's with participation ranging from 46 to 51 riders. The year end finals were hosted by Victoria Pony Club at Lanes End Stable near Bobcaygeon with 32 competitors. 33 riders from 10 branches attended the **Zone** Championships hosted by COR at OPCTOC.
- **PPG** regional meets and finals with 88 riders from 10 clubs were held at Durward's Farm near Port Perry. 66 riders were on B or C games teams. The Temiskaming A team and the Uxbridge-Scugog Masters and A teams continued on to the **Zone** Championships again hosted at Durward's. The A teams went on to compete at the **National** PPG A Championships at OPCTOC finishing 3rd and 4th respectively while the Masters team represented Central Zone at the **National** Masters Championships in Alberta coming in 2nd by one point.
- **A/B/C Rally** was held in conjunction with **Zone** Rally at Checkmate over 3 days with participation from 7 COR branches. 3 Pre-Training teams had 11 riders and 9 grooms while 2 COR zone teams (1 Training and 1 Pre-Training) had 8 riders and 6 grooms. **D Rally** was held at Glen Oro Farm with 66 riders (24 D, 36 D1, 9 D2) from 16 pony

clubs. Again this year, two **Pony Club Events** were held. The Victoria Event was held at Killusty Farm in Fenelon Falls. The Kawartha Event was hosted at Saddlewood in Bethany. **Inter-Pacific** Rally was held in Australia in May-June. Although COR didn't send any riders, Jan Jamieson attended as the team chaperone.

- **Tetrathlon** swimming, running and shooting was held at various venues around Peterborough, with the riding phase at the Saddlewood EC with 35 participants from 6 branches (over half in the Novice division). A team of 2 juniors and 6 seniors went on to compete at **National Tetrathlon** hosted by BC. The top Men's team included Zachary and James McCue from COR. Zachary was also the top individual Senior Men competitor. The top Ladies team was the COR entry of Maddie Baker, Karen Foell, Brittany Emery & Kendal Lehari.
- The invitational **Fox Hunting Exchange** in Ireland in November included Kendal Lehari from Central Ontario.
- Beth Murray from Central Ontario was selected to participate in the invitational **International Dressage Derby** in New Zealand in January, 2004.
- The 5th Annual Central Ontario **Awards Banquet and Dance** was held at a banquet hall in Pickering in October hosted by Durham PC. Year-end and/or recognition awards were presented for disciplines. Our national competitors were recognized for their outstanding successes. PC graduates and 10 Year members were also recognized.

Special Recognition

- COR hosted **OPCTOC** which included Central Zone Dressage & Show Jumping, National PPG A's and the International Games Exchange. Dressage and Show Jumping Rising Star competitions were also held. A special thanks goes out to our OPCTOC chair, Bev Rice, and our OPCTOC secretary, Barb Grimm, for their time and effort. In addition, Dace Philips and Sally Chamney did a wonderful job in support of the National Games and helping co-ordinate the 3 week International Games Exchange tour.
- Our **Communications** team of Bob & Liz Inglis sent out 36 press releases about our activities to local newspapers, magazines, television stations and a cable companies - a total of 1,024 individual pieces. In addition our COR Bits newsletter, CORCOMM emails and regional web site helped keep our members, their parents and our volunteers informed. Bob was also the tireless chair of our **Rules and Regs committee**.
- Many thanks to those dedicated coaches, chaperones and parents who made all these activities and events possible for our members.
The following individuals also fulfilled **National positions for 2003**: Karol Shipley as *National Chair*, Liz Inglis as *National Communications Chair* and Gwen Barnes as *National Testing Chair*. Karol, Liz and Gwen are continuing in their positions for 2004 and will be joined by Jan Jamieson as *National Rally Chair*.
- We also appreciate the financial grant received from the **Ontario Equestrian Federation** in support of our programs, the large donation of tickets from the **Royal Winter Fair Horse Show** and the great hats and saddle pads supplied by **Apple Saddlery** in Ottawa as prizes for our regional, zone and national championships.

Looking ahead to 2004, COR expects to be hosting the Central Zone Rally and Games competitions as well as getting their new Rules and Regulations approved.

SLOV Regional Activity Report for 2003

Well, 2003 has been an exciting year, to say the least. I didn't know quite what I was getting into when I volunteered for this position a year ago – and I'm still not quite sure what to do in some cases. The other members of the executive and Region give me suggestions and good advice – thank you!

The Region has seen some changes – some good, some bad – over the last year. Napanee Pony Club has joined our Region, bringing a whole new set of strengths and ideas. Some branches have increased their membership through our profile-raising activities this year. On the other hand, we're losing some good people as branches chose not to stay with the Canadian Pony Club. Ashton First Field, Vaudreuil, and Lake of Two Mountains branches will not return this year – at least not in their present form.

At our Regional meetings, we've had some energetic discussions of insurance, the badge programs, and the way National gives out information. We also sent our condolences and sympathy to the family and friends of Margrit Wigger, a Pony Club supporter, former branch DC, and wonderful coach, who died suddenly while competing this summer of an apparent heart attack.

The Region participated in the Equine Canada Youth Day at the Barr Arena at Kemptville College, handing out pens, pamphlets, and stickers to interested participants. Most of our branches subsidized their members to enable them to attend. The Region also participated in The Ex in August, holding twice daily demonstration sessions and manning a display for two days in the Aberdeen Pavilion. Diana Bayer organized a demonstration at the International Plowing Match in Carleton Place. For both events, we had a good turnout of members from several branches and gave out more stickers, pens and pamphlets.

Regional Quiz was a big success again this year. Kathy Harding did a magnificent job of organizing and coordinating all the volunteers and participants so that everything went smoothly on April 12. Congratulations to Kirsten Scott, Chantal Hortop, Anje Bauck, Charlotte Harman, Stephanie Yates, and Katelin Everson from SLOV for doing so well at National Quiz in Charlottetown, PEI, October 10-13th.

Regional PPG Scramble Day and the Championship were plagued by rain, but the heavy stuff held off until the games were over. Liz Tucker organized the teams for Scramble and planned the wave pool swim and dinner at Pizza Hut. The teams had fun and everyone played well. The A and Masters teams from Ashton First Field went on to compete at the zone championships in Port Perry where they placed 4th and 3rd respectively.

Regional Dressage and Show Jumping was held at the Richmond Fairgrounds this year. It was a great venue – lots of space to set up the dressage ring and the jumps. Kasia Miedzinska and Diana Bayer coordinated the competitors so that neither jumping nor dressage was delayed by conflicts. The competitions finished on time and everyone had a great time.

The following members qualified to go to the Central Canadians, but due to the power failure that struck all of central and eastern Ontario, were unable to participate. Our Show Jumping team included Kate Anstey of Kingston & Region PC, and Caitlin and Matt Kidney of West Carleton PC. Our Dressage team included Caitlin and Matt Kidney of West Carleton PC, and Gina Billings of Kingston & Region PC.

There were several rallies in 2003. Maxville D Testing Rally, Hawkrigde C Working Rally and a D rally in Seeley's Bay. All were well attended and enjoyed by all members.

Congratulations to Melissa MacKinnon (Ashton First Field P.C.), who passed her A level in 2003.

Susan Lorden
SLOV Regional Chair

2003 ANNUAL REPORT WESTERN ONTARIO REGION

WOR fielded a full slate of officers and Discipline Chairs for 2003. Catherine Miller agreed to complete the term of office of the previous Chair, Gerry Stephenson, who resigned the position a year prior to the end of his 3 year term. 13 Branches were active during the year, Windsor-Essex having ceased to attend meetings after 2002. Financially, the Region's income and expenses for the year were essentially equal to the date of the Annual General Meeting (Nov. 15/03) and we maintain total liabilities and equity of \$23,265. There is some concern about shrinking membership – there was a 20% decline from 2002. Efforts were made throughout the year to advertise Pony Club both Regionally and at the Branch level e.g. CPC booth at the 4 day Equifest Exposition at the Western Fair Grounds; advertisements in local equine publications; participation in community agricultural events (Ploughing Match; Fall Fairs; Parades). We had one or two enquiries about forming new branches and this will be pursued in 2004.

All disciplines held Regional competitions –

Quiz – May 4th - 136 competitors in 7 divisions – sent two complete teams (C and A/B) to National Quiz. Quiz continues to be an extremely popular discipline in WOR.

Tetrathlon – June 28th – 25 competitors (drop of 30% from 2002) – sent 9 competitors to Nationals;

PPG – July 6th – 90 competitors (drop of 25% from 2002) - sent 2 A teams and 2 Masters teams to Zones; 2 WOR members were selected for 2004 International Team; helped Central Zone host International PPG during month of August

Show Jumping/Dressage – July 19th (combined one day event) – 57 entries in Show Jumping, 64 entries in Dressage (more than 2002) Show Jumping replaced Table C with Medal Classes – 9 competitors went on to Zones

Dressage had 7 Classes and also offered Freestyle including 5 Pas-de-Deux teams and 1 Quadrille – 8 competitors went on to Zones

A/B/C- Rally – August 2-4th – also hosted COR's Regional Rally and Central Zone Rally at the same time and place – 9 WOR branches (45 riders, 40 grooms) participated

D-Rally – August 23rd – 67 competitors in 3 divisions

Regional **Education** activities included 3 Tetrathlon mini-meets, a shooting clinic and a cross-country riding clinic; 2 PPG fun-day clinics; an Ainsley Vince Show Jumping clinic; and a cross-country riding clinic aimed at D and C Rally participants.

A total of 5 **Newsletters** were published and distributed electronically which provided a forum for inter-branch communication, educational and informational articles and a classified ad. section.

Junior Testing saw 103 members (E through C) successfully test up to D through C1. Two Junior Examiners' clinics were conducted by two senior members (one in the spring and one in the fall), and members are being encouraged to become examiners as soon as they qualify. Four **Senior Tests** were conducted during the year resulting in 4 successful C2's and 4 B's. We had no A candidates this year.

International CPC participants - Jennifer Zelmer was selected for the Interpacific Rally Team which competed in Australia in the spring. Abigail Miller participated on the International Fox Hunting Team in Ireland in late fall.

WOR received \$2100 in Sports Grant base funding from our PSO, the Ontario Equestrian Federation.

Respectfully submitted by

Catherine Miller,
Chair - WOR

Nova Scotia Regional Report 2003

Our region is very excited about our new name, Nova Scotia! 2003 has proven to be a very productive year, full of fun and plenty of riding. Our Rules & Regulations have been submitted to the Management Committee for final approval.

We are proud to announce that Emily Dexter is one of two Active Member Directors. Our membership is steadily growing with 206 members in 2003. We are pleased to welcome our newest branch, Hants County, which started in December. We have 9 branches.

Five regional meetings were held from September through April. The majority of meetings were held at the NSEF office in Halifax, a central location, which enabled a high attendance of the committee members.

Five delegates, Margie Johnson, Rally; Suzanne Perry, Show Jumping; Jackie Allen, PPG; Debbie Sloan, Tetrathlon and Emily Dexter, Youth Active Member, attended the Disciplines Conference Feb. 7th-9th in Winnipeg. I attended the AGM March 28th-30th, in Winnipeg and the SAM, Nov. 7th-9th, in Toronto.

The year began with C Quiz hosted by Avon PC in on Feb. 24th. Four branches/22 members attended. Colchester and Fairwind branches co-hosted a Novice/D quiz and C National Qualifier in Truro on March 22nd. Six branches/108 members participated. The NS Quiz team members, Emily Dexter, Kate Mattocks, Michelle Hood and Jessica Swinkels attended National Quiz in Charlottetown, PEI on Thanksgiving weekend. Brenda Swinkels acted as chaperone and reports a great time had by all. Congratulations to NB/PEI Region for hosting a superb quiz.

Tetrathlon Run, Shoot & Swim clinics were held April 26th, May 24th and Oct. 26th in Jolicure, NB. Two NS branches and one PEI/NB branch participated. Tantramar hosted the Regional Championships on June 28th, 29th. The venue was Stathgartney, Jolicure and Amherst, NS. Five competitors, Inga Hansen, Jenn Wilson, Laura Sloan, Anna Murray and Erin Sloan participated at the National Tetrathlon Competitions in Duncan, BC. Debbie Sloan attended as chaperone. Thank you to BC Islands for hosting a successful and fun championship. An article on the national championships is featured in the Atlantic Horse & Pony magazine and our December newsletter.

The Fourth Annual Dressage-Is-Fun was held at CNHP grounds in Salmon River on June 8th. Early June proved to be a popular time as 35 members attended. A clinic was held at CNHP the previous day. Elizabeth Crewe, Dressage Chair, organized both days. D Challenge was hosted by Avon Pony Club on October 18th.

Rally remains a very popular event. The D rally, starter level, was held July 13th at Hobby Horse with seven branches participating. This is a great stepping stone for our younger members to become familiar with cross country and the very important component of stable management. Our experienced older members were available as Captains to offer guidance. Jennifer Healy, Rally Chair, organized the day. The C/B Regional Rally was held at the CNHP grounds in Salmon River and hosted by Colchester PC on August 2nd, 3rd. Starter and pre-training levels were offered and the teams were mixed to encourage participation and offer an opportunity for the inexperienced mount. Jackie Allen attended the IPE in Australia. Her experience was truly fabulous and was featured in the Atlantic Horse & Pony magazine and a local paper which helped to increase Pony Club awareness. Thank you to Jan Jamieson and Shannon Daley for your time, expertise and friendship.

The Regional Show jumping and Dressage Championships were cancelled due to the lack of entries. This was a lost opportunity for our members.

PPG is attempting to gain an interest among our younger members. Branches could request a clinic however there were no requests. A regional PPG clinic with Jenn Zelmar, scheduled for early fall, was cancelled. An article on PPG was printed in our 3rd newsletter. I hear that there is already interest for 2004 and we are confident that our members will get hooked.

The Regional Committee agreed that we attempt to carefully choose dates for regional activities which are favorable to a majority of members. The DCs agreed to discuss the importance of supporting PC activities with their members. We also agreed that each branch host/organize a regional activity. The discipline chairs are to be available as a resource.

An examiner's clinic was held May 3rd. In March, Rob Stevenson gave a lecture on Feeding and Conditioning to members, B level and above. Unfortunately due to the insurance issue lectures by Dr Tim Blatt on vaccinations and Dr. Tom Hutchinson on worming and Colin Guthrie on sport psychology of riding were cancelled.

This year we received a \$1,000 grant from the NS Amateur Sport fund for a dressage ring. Thank you to Tantramar Pony Club for designing and building the ring.

Four graduates, Laura MacEachern, Fairwind; Elizabeth Crewe, Colchester; Amber Hancock & Jackie Allen, Annapolis received graduation pins. Ten year pins were awarded to Elizabeth Crewe, Amber Hancock, Jackie Allen, Joseph Holowinia, Tantramar; Lauren Johnson, Colchester; and Lindsay Steele, Annapolis.

Results of our former and current competitions can be found in our Virtual Trophy Case on the CPC website. Margie Johnson, Communications Chair, issued three wonderful newsy newsletters. These newsletters are enjoyed by our members and especially reading about the experiences of our members who attend national events. The newsletters are posted on the website.

Nova Scotia Region would like to thank National for their continued support. We also appreciate Apple Saddlery for their continued generosity. Our sponsors for the Regional Fund Raiser Ticket Draw are Ted's Tack Shop, Apple Saddlery and Swagman's Tack Store.

As I end my term as Regional Chair, I would like to thank all the members of the Regional Committee and volunteers who dedicate their time and continued support to ensure our members have the opportunity to continue to learn and develop character and sportsmanship as young riders. My personal thanks go to Val and Phil Crowe. I am always amazed to receive such speedy replies any time of the day and any day of the week.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Allen
NS Regional Chair, 2003

NB/PEI Regional Report

NB/PEI had a very busy year. We had a regional show jumping clinic with EC level 4 coach Jen Hamilton that was well attended. We also had a regional quiz in Charlottetown, and of course, the national quiz was here as well. See the report under National events for a full report on Quiz.

Both Charlottetown and Pinehill tested at the branch level in 2003. There were no regional candidates tested. We had 6 apply. One failed the written and went no further. The other 5 were felled with horse problems as the summer progressed and none ended up testing.

Both branches held branch quizzes, and Pinehill attended the regional quiz held in, and put on by, the Charlottetown PC.

Pinehill had a summer camp for their members and also joined Marshwinds for some PPG. Pinehill also hosted a successful beginner level horse show.

Charlottetown had a spring "get ready for the season" clinic with EC level 2 coach Gidget Oxner. We hosted two full EC primary hunter/jumper shows in honour of 2003 being the 25th year for the Charlottetown Pony Club horse show.

Charlottetown junior Pearl MacGregor attended the national tetrathlon for the first time and registered the highest running score. Her score beat even the senior women's scores! Several Charlottetown members are busy training for 2004 national tetrathlon in NS. We hope to send a full team of 4 local girls to represent NB/PEI.

Submitted by

Adelle Coffin
Regional Chair

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ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT 2003

As always, the National Office has been a very busy place in 2003. This job continues to grow and I continue to enjoy working for Canadian Pony Club.

Here is a list of a few of the projects that have occupied my time over the last year:

- Sent out over 1100 new member packages. Baldur Pony Club continues to assist in the preparation of these packages.
- Attended the USPC AGM and the International Meetings in Sacramento in January. Canada has become a strong voice in the International PC community and I feel it is important that we continue to participate in these International Meetings.
- Assisted Del and the Discipline Chairs in setting up, preparing for, and running the Disciplines Conference. Also assisted in taking minutes and producing the package of follow-up materials.
- Worked on updating all the Discipline Rules.
- Worked with Apple Saddlery to get the Regional, Zone and National Awards out to the Regions. Apple Saddlery has been exceedingly generous with their support at all levels and I hope that the Regions will see fit to order things from them whenever possible.
- Assisted the Fox Hunting Exchange team organize their trip.
- Assisted Heather Sherratt with both the Todd Sandler and Governor General applications.
- Set up the AGM, took the minutes and distributed them following the meeting.
- Set up conference calls for Management Committee meetings, take and distribute the minutes.
- Produced the Annual Report.
- Prepared packages for all International Exchange tours.
- Acted as liaison between Canadian Pony Club and the US, Great Britain, Australia and New Zealand.
- Assisted NB/PEI with National Quiz.
- Assisted the International PPG Committee as they hosted International PPG.
- Assisted John Moehring with the insurance review.
- Assisted John in setting up the Feed Rite Incentive Program.
- Assisted the Dressage Chair in preparing our team for the International Dressage exchange.

- Worked on the Badge program extensively and launched the program, along with 40 multi-coloured badges, in the fall.
- Organized the SAM, took minutes and distributed them following the meeting.
- Updated much of the printed material to be consistent with the new Bylaws.
- Updated the web site coming events calendar as required.
- Researched hotels for future National Meetings.
- Produced 6 issues of News from National. I try to put up a new issue every couple of months and following each National Meeting.
- Filled 395 supply orders, which is up about 13% from last year.
- The biggest part of my job is probably communications. I receive anywhere from 20 to 50 e-mails a day. Phone calls are light, averaging about 6 per day, but the 800 number is quite well used. Communication by regular mail is nearly non-existent, except for supply orders.
- I deal with inquiries regarding starting a new branch, where to find a branch, names and numbers of local DC's etc, as well as questions about grants, championships, donations. Part of my job is to direct callers to the best source for the information they need.
- I am available to assist any Discipline Chair, Director or Regional Chair as required.

This year I was able to attend both the Prairie Zone Championships in Edmonton and the National Quiz in Charlottetown. Although I did not attend as part of my job, I found the opportunity to meet both kids and volunteers from around the country to be invaluable. It was really nice to put faces to the voices on the phone or names on an e-mail letter.

As I finish up my fourth year as Canadian Pony Club Administrator, I find that I am still enjoying the job very much. It is a varied and interesting position, with the opportunity to meet and talk to a great number of people from across the country.

I would like to thank Karol and John for making my job easy and rewarding. Their guidance and assistance has been invaluable.

Respectfully submitted,

Val Crowe

Administrator, Canadian Pony Club

Annual Supply Report

Supply sales are up again for the second year in a row. I continue to add new books when there is enough interest.

The launch of the Badge Program in the fall was a major factor in the increase of sales. In the first 4 months of the program, I sold 11,761 Badges.

I filled 395 orders, up approximately 13% over last year. Approximately 55% of the orders used Visa or Master Card. I sold just over \$60,000 worth of books and supplies, up just over \$5000 from last year.

The winners of the Every Hundredth Order Promotion were #100 Diana Dickson of **Mars Hill Pony Club**, #200 Diane Rintala of **Quennell Lake Pony Club** and #300 Karen Smith of **Armstrong Pony Club**. Perhaps in 2004 there will be a #400!

Postage continues to rise at an alarming rate and now includes a fuel surcharge. I will hold my minimum postage to \$8.00 for at least the first 6 months of 2004 but it may be necessary to raise it later in the year.

I was able to carry Courses for Horses for awhile and it was a very popular book. Unfortunately, it is now out of print, as is Maximum Hoof Power.

This year I added Vet Notes for Horse Owners, Basic Course Building and 101 Jumping Exercises.

Sale of printed materials continues to drop as more and more of these materials are available on our web site.

The most important occurrence from my point of view, was the acquisition of the house next door to ours as the new Supply Office. Imagine if you will, the basement of a small bungalow, stuffed from floor to ceiling with boxes of passports, armbands, padded envelopes, books, books and more books, boxes for mailing, 7 shelving units, tables, etc., etc., etc. Passage ways so narrow, a person had to walk sideways in places. You now have some idea of what my basement looked like.

Now the Supply Office is neat, tidy and well organized in the small house next to ours. There is room for everything and everything is in its place. Thank you to the Management Committee and the Board for allowing me to take this step. Hopefully, it will allow me to serve you better.

Respectfully Submitted,

Val Crowe
Administrator, Canadian Pony Club

CANADIAN PONY CLUB SUPPLY SALES

	2000	2001	2002	2003
	Total Sales	Total Sales	Total Sales	Total Sales
CPC Brochure	2,000	2000	2000	1305
Member Application Form/Risk Form	24	7	33	2
2000 Branch Report Form	10	6	5	*
2000 Membership List Form	10	0	5	*
Medical Armbands	1,076	679	687	739
CPC Individual Member Passport	1,295	1004	204	175
By-Laws	11	10	11	4
Critical Issues Handbook	12	*	*	*
Operations Manual	*	8	13	1
CPC Branch Member Record Card	74	134	178	32
Starting a Pony Club Branch	13	0	4	3
CPC Membership Pin	1,335	1519	1244	1533
CPC Internat. Games Exchange Pin	0	14	14	14
CPC Crest	223	415	391	477
CPC Blazer Crest - BLUE	9	4	*	*
CPC Blazer Crest - RED	0	6	0	7
CPC District Commissioner Pin	18	42	41	22
CPC Visiting Commissioner Pin	2	3	3	1
Handbook for District Commissioners	18	3	14	6
CPC Blue Stickers	1,314	1513	761	531
CPC Logo Sticker - 4"	561	454	233	130
CPC Caution Horses Sticker - 13"	0	119	*	*
CPC Caution Horses Sticker - 11"	267	222	158	71
Canadian Pony Club Pens	910	552	802	865
CPC Flag	3	6	13	8
CPC Notepads	35	19	43	10
Coloured Notecards	198	306	452	327
A/B Testing Procedures	68	41	108	33
C/D Testing Procedures	293	157	74	85
Examiner's & Instructor's Record Book	*	46	48	29
Certificate B	62	89	73	86
Disc B - Red	78	98	105	99
Certificate C	279	401	252	367
Disc C - Green	368	446	322	378
Certificate D	723	710	670	763
Disc D - Yellow	817	829	742	826
Are You Ready?	15	31	34	23
Are You Ready II?	15	20	31	21
Points of a Horse Game	64	78	94	78
Riding and Road Sense	44	58	98	67
Fire Rules	32	24	63	61
CPC Rally Rules	36	15	29	13
Certificate - Rally	30	132	62	100
Dressage Rules	36	17	19	9
Tetrathlon Rules	23	9	9	5
Show Jumping Rules	36	22	24	10

	2000	2001	2002	2003
PPG Rules	28	8	13	8
Coaching PPG	13	8	12	6
Starting PPG	19	5	4	5
Quiz Bank on Diskette 1992	12	10	12	7
USPC D Manual	285	304	314	283
USPC C Manual	137	172	167	159
USPC AB Manual	61	68	92	70
Bandaging USPC	63	37	42	28
Conformation and Lameness USPC	62	30	38	31
Longeing USPC	63	36	37	29
Grooming to Win	20	12	8	9
Horse Gaits,Balance & Movement	18	14	24	10
Maximum Hoof Power	28	22	27	10
British Manual	213	224	230	274
Saddlery	33	26	27	24
Know Your Horse	47	41	36	25
Allen Photo Guides	*	143	274	189
My Horse Colouring Book	*	*	53	32
Conditioning Sport Horses	29	17	25	11
Horsemaster's Notebook	92	57	40	38
Horse Anatomy	12	21	29	16
Instructor's Handbook	*	29	18	23
Horse Talks	*	*	8	10
Vet Notes	*	*	*	15
Basic Course Building	*	*	*	13
101 Jumping Exercises	*	*	*	21
Courses for Horses	*	*	*	15
Every Time Every Ride Video	90	8	9	11
D Checklist	9	11	29	7
D Workbook	36	40	52	24
D1 Checklist	9	14	30	8
D1 Workbook	33	44	58	18
D2 Checklist	11	12	31	8
D2 Study Guide	22	32	61	17
C Study Guide	15	25	52	16
C1 Study Guide	8	20	45	19
C2 Study Guide	11	23	41	16
B/B2 Study Guide	12	9	38	17
Education Resource Handbook	30	10	2	*
Education Handbook	*	*	14	4
Flow Charts	4	7	16	3
Quiz Handbook	15	8	17	4
Scarves	9	*	*	*
Badges	*	*	*	11761
Posters				15

Governance Committee Report

2003 was an exceptionally busy year for the Governance Committee.

All of the first quarter was taken up with making the revisions to the draft bylaws following the 2002 SAM review and then going through a detailed legal review and making further revisions before preparing the final draft for presentation at the AGM.

When the draft was approved, the work then shifted to preparing some rather complex government paperwork and then submitting the bylaws with that paperwork to the Ministry. We submitted the bylaws in late April and were all pleased and relieved when the Ministry gave their final approval in late May.

After taking a breath for a couple of months, the committee then worked on revisions to the Procedures for Handling Breaches of the Code of Conduct, a procedure for running supervised votes, and a policy to clarify the status of branches located near the borders of regions. All of those documents were adopted by the Board at the SAM in November.

Updated Rules and Regulations for the Alberta North and Western Ontario regions were reviewed, some minor changes made and approved by the regions, and the final documents were also approved by the Board at the SAM.

New Rules and Regulations were also submitted by BC Islands, BC Interior North, Saskatchewan, and Nova Scotia regions, however following review by the committee, these documents were returned to the regions for further changes without asking for Board approval.

Since the SAM, the committee has reviewed new R&R's for the St. Lawrence/Ottawa Valley region as well as revised R&R's for the Manitoba and Alberta South regions. New R&R's for Central Ontario have also been "unofficially" reviewed and as of year end all of those regions are considering changes based on the committee's comments.

A draft policy covering the operation of elections is in the beginning stage of development and will be ready for presentation to the Board at the AGM.

Thanks to all those committee members who contributed so much during the year.

Special thanks to Pat and Dennis Duke who contributed their time and efforts free of charge so that we could complete the legal review of the bylaws far under budget.

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National Active Directors' Report

This year our annual National Youth Meeting was held in Charlottetown, PEI on October 12th, 2003. We had representation from all regions across Canada, except for BC Interior; this was our best turn out to date. Although due to time restrictions and flights home, we were only able to hold one meeting, we felt it was very productive. We hope the next two National Youth Reps will continue with the meetings as everyone present felt it is a very valuable method of communication.

Some of the topics discussed at the meeting were the presentation of the Grad and 10 year pins, the CPC Internet forum, a Parental Code of Conduct, some inquiries from the CPC National Board, the Badges, raising the age to 25 and feedback on the National Youth Meetings. Below are the responses:

Presentation of the Grad and 10 Year Pins:

All the youth reps felt the Grad and 10 Year pins are a great way of recognizing the effort and dedication that goes into being a member of the Canadian Pony Club. They really liked the idea of peer recognition by handing out the pins at large events where a number of other active members are present. We would like to see this continue at National Quiz and any other well-attended national meets.

Use of CPC Youth Rep Internet Forum:

Many of the youth reps did not realize that we had a forum, as they were not the regular contacts we have for youth representatives. It was recommended that we provide a link from the youth web page to the forum so it is more readily accessible, which Crawford has done.

Prior to the meeting, we discussed with Crawford the possibility of shutting down the forum, as it was not well used. However, with some encouragement at the meeting, and using the email lists of branch youth reps we gathered over the year from regional reps, we have successfully generated some discussions on the forum. Responses to topics discussed at the Youth Meeting have been posted by other youth who were not in attendance, and have already been included in this report, or sent on to the appropriate committees.

It seems the best way to encourage use of the forum is to periodically email all reps and remind them to contribute to discussions. As National has followed our suggestion of including a space for youth reps on the Regional Report Form under Incoming Regional Officials, it will be easy to generate an email list from for such purposes. We would also like to see the same thing done on the annual Incoming Branch Officials forms. This will not only get us the email contact of an active member in each branch, but also encourage branches to officially elect a youth rep. If an email list of branch reps is generated, it could be used to disseminate information, poll active members, encourage interbranch communications and the use of the forum. We would like to see the next 2 National Youth Reps take on this project, so they can stay directly in touch with the branches in their respect halves of the country.

Follow up on Parental Code of Conduct:

Overall, it was thought Pony Club should have a Parental Code of Conduct that is signed each year as a reminder to parents about their role in our organization. It was felt the PCoC should indicate the positive ways parents may be involved, and gently remind them of the potentially negative impact on youth when parents step out of place. The youth also felt it was very important that we don't make the PCoC a negative thing, but rather a document that will prevent or buffer negative situations involving parents. In following with requests from the youth reps to have such a document in place, we have drafted a Parental Code of Conduct which we would like to present at this meeting (see attached pages). Does the board feel the PCoC should also outline the proper protest/appeal procedures or make reference to their location within in other documents?

The youth reps would also like to see a Chaperone Code of Conduct (does this already exist?).

Inquiries from the CPC National Board:

The possible removal of written tests was not well received at all, as most of the youth felt the tests are an important part of the educational and life-skill building component of CPC. It was suggested and agreed upon that the youth reps take this issue back to their regions for further discussion, given that

their personal opinions may have been biased towards enjoying tests considering all youth reps present were also attendees at National Quiz! A discussion ensued on the forum, with a very strong majority of replies stating that written tests should remain, as they helped candidates see strengths and weaknesses.

A fair amount of the youth reps attending belonged to their PSO and compete at provincial if not national shows. They felt it important for CPC to stay in line with the rules and regs. of these two levels of equine organizations because Pony Club is a learning tool and should therefore have similar rules and regs. to the national sports governing body. The youth reps also felt it wouldn't be a bad thing to require all Pony Club members with the intention of competing to belong to their PSO. Another possibility is to require all C and above Pony Club Members to be PSO members, as these are the riders who are more likely to be competing in recognized shows.

Feedback on Youth Meetings:

As mentioned before, everyone felt the youth meetings are very important in communication between active members and the Board. We hope the Board might consider having the National Youth Meeting allotted a specific time in the National Quiz schedule. This would avoid interruptions with Quiz activities and also ensure the permanence of the Youth Meeting annual at Quiz.

It was suggested that, in the future, there be a space on the National Quiz registration form for each region to write the name of their appointed youth rep or attendee at the youth meeting. Some youth reps asked for more time to review the agenda before the meeting; therefore we suggest a draft agenda be sent out with the National Quiz registration package to each region. There was also talk of more than one youth meeting a year, perhaps at other National events. Everyone hoped that all regions would continue to follow the National Board's example and appoint youth reps to their regional and branch boards, as, unfortunately, some are still not doing this.

Badges:

Pictures of the badges were handed out and were well received by the youth in attendance. They are looking forward to the distribution of the badges in their regions.

Member Survey:

Discussion about the member survey was positive, people who participated said it was "interesting", "good" but thought there might be a better result for feedback if we surveyed a majority of Pony Club members who were C and above. They are looking forward to the results of the survey.

Age Raise to 25:

Once again this topic was brought to light, with more detailed discussion than in past years. The current proposal was outlined and there was a unanimous vote that we recommend changing the age limit to 25.

As a last note, this will be Kirsten's and my last CPC National Board Meeting so we would just like to say thanks for all the help and encouragement we have received along the way! We have always felt welcome to make suggestions and go ahead with our ideas. We really appreciate all the opportunities that come with being a member of the National Board, especially the chance to give back to such an amazing organization. Both of us have learned a great deal, met many wonderful people and had a good time serving the active members of Pony Club. Thank you for electing us!

Theresa Moehring, Active Member Director West
Kirsten Scott, Active Member Director East

National Education Report

2003 found the Education Committee in a bit of a transition year. The year began with new Education Chair Heather Sherratt focussing on the Badge Program. Heather worked very hard to develop the program criteria. Virginia Buchanan-Smith and Val Crowe worked with Heather to develop the badges.

Unfortunately, Heather was not able to complete the year as our National Education Chair and Val Crowe took over in the interim until a new chair could be elected in November.

The biggest challenge was to complete the badge program and have it ready for distribution by the fall. The badges were designed with the help of Kim Penner, an Equine Artist from Manitoba and Vicki Hanes of Perth, ON. Both these ladies gave unstintingly of their time and talents to give life and colour to the badges. We are very grateful to them for their support.

The program was launched in September and has proved to be extremely popular. The badges are available from Supplies and the Badge Program may be download for free from our web site.

Quiz was held in Charlottetown, PEI in 2003. A small group of dedicated volunteers put on the most awesome weekend.

In November, Karen Mutchmor was elected to the position of National Education Chair. Karen plunged right into the job and has a lot of great ideas for the future. Her first task was to work with the selection committee to choose the winners of the Governor-General's Scholarships. The 2003 Scholarships were awarded to:

Jackie Allen	NS	\$1,000.00
Cheryl Kaczmer	ABS	\$1,000.00
Ann Revill	WOR	\$ 500.00

Although we have grown from one five hundred dollar scholarship to the three scholarships we give out now, Karen has plans to increase our ability to help these fine young people to continue their education.

In 2004, Canada will be hosting the 3rd Biennial International Quiz Exchange. We are all extremely pleased to have this opportunity and look forward to a fantastic event.

National Testing Report

Congratulations to the 2003 A candidates.

HA	RA	A
Lisa Fergusson	Lisa Fergusson	Lisa Fergusson
Cheryl Kaczmer	Katie Gerber-Turriff	Katie Gerber-Turriff
Melissa MacKinnon	Chelsea Himsworth	Chelsea Himsworth
Jaclyn VanDasselaar	Melissa Johnson	Melissa Johnson
	Ashley Minion	Melissa MacKinnon
	Jaclyn VanDasselaar	Jaclyn VanDasselaar

While the number of national level tests has declined slightly this year again, the overall results are as successful as last year. We need to look closely, however, at the results at the upper levels. The success rate has dropped dramatically and we need to assess the reasons for this. The test chairs are reviewing the situation and will be watching next year's results closely.

NATIONAL LEVEL TEST SUMMARY

Region	C2	B	B2	HA	RA	
NS	6	2	1	1		
NB/PEI						
SLOV	3			1		
COR	4	2			1	
WOR	6	5				
MB	1	3		3	1	
SK	10	4	1	1	1	
AB		9	5	1	1	
BCIN	10	7	1			
BCLM	12	7	13	1	5	
BCI	2	2	3			
Pass Rate 2003	90%	79%	64%	50%	60%	Avg. 77%
Pass Rate 2002	83%	67%	80%	83%	83%	Avg. 77%

The written tests and answer keys were again distributed electronically and the regional test chairs seem to be happy with this arrangement.

We now have a new category, the "affiliate testing" member, to consider in our test organization and planning. At the National level I must ensure affiliate fees are sufficient to prevent dipping into the funds set aside for regular membership testing. Regional testing committees will need to set up local guidelines to preserve funding in a similar manner. The technicalities of including this category within the testing program have yet to be discussed and finalized. At the HA/RA level, it has increased the number of candidates by 30 % this year alone. This is extremely surprising when the category was only created in November 2003 at the SAM. This will definitely increase the number of participants at all national level tests for a year or two until the program is fully integrated. It will also, hopefully, maintain larger numbers of graduates in our resource pool of volunteers.

In 2003 we visited several testing issues by email, sometimes coming up with a successful conclusion and at other times unable to determine a satisfactory result. Written tests are still on the table for much future discussion. I am still struggling with better ways of reporting test results to national office. We have had an increase in national examiner applications, a good sign of the interest in our program. We had one national level and one regional level appeal, both resolved.

I wish everyone a successful 2004.

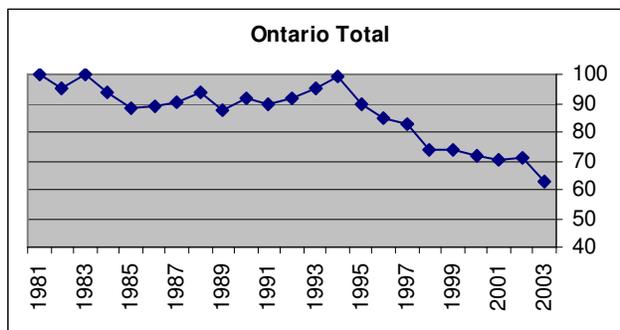
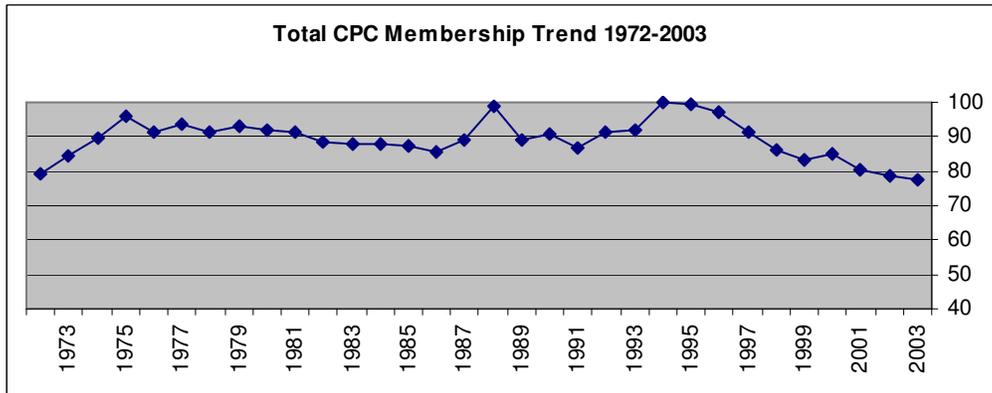
Respectfully submitted
Gwen Barnes

Report on 2003 Membership

The Numbers:

Our 2003 registration was 3209 members which was down by 44 members or 1.4% from the 2002 total. This is the 8th out of the past 9 years in which our membership has dropped and we have now had 2 years in a row in which our membership has hit a new 30 year low.

The following chart shows the total CPC membership trend for the last 30 years. Individual regional trends are attached to this report.

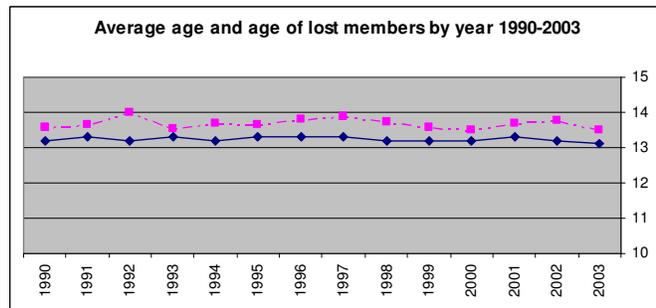


This year Ontario membership dropped significantly in all 3 regions, losing a total of 134 members while the other regions gained 90 members in spite of the loss of the large Fredericton branch in NB/PEI as expected.

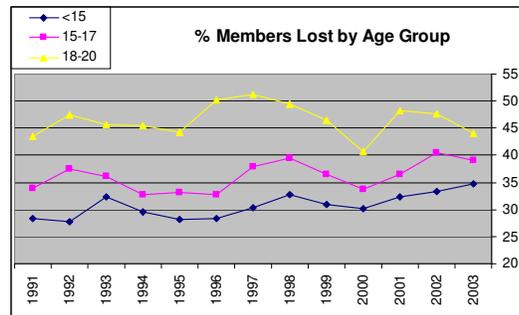
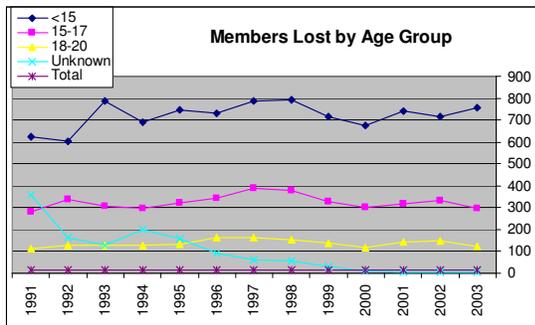
Ontario membership has dropped in 9 of the last 10 years and is now at 1018 compared to 1711 in 1994. This is a drop of 693 members or 41%. During the same period, membership in the rest of the country has been relatively constant.

There continues to be a lot of discussion about which members we are losing, particularly with regards to age so I will update several of the charts I used at the AGM and include them again here.

As can be seen by the chart to the right, both the average age of all Pony Club members and the age of the members we lose has been very stable. The average age of members has only varied by +/- 0.1 years!

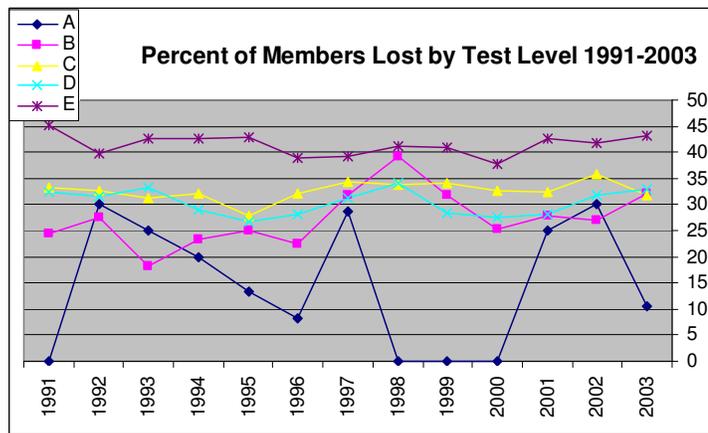


The two charts below show that while we lose a higher percentage of older members than of younger ones, the percentages don't seem to be changing much. If anything, we may be losing more of the *young* members than in the past. This is most apparent from the percentage chart on the right. The past 2 years have been the highest percentage losses of both the under 15 and 15-17 age groups since 1990.



The two following chart shows the breakdown of the members we are losing by test levels. We lose far more E members than others. That's not unexpected because of members "trying out" the Pony Club for a year and deciding it is not for them. There is a similar effect in other similar organizations.

As a percentage, the losses of B, C and D members are about the same, however it appears that we may now be losing a greater proportion of B members than in the past. The average loss from 1990 to 1996 was 22.7% and from 1997 to 2003 it was 30.8%



Membership Verification:

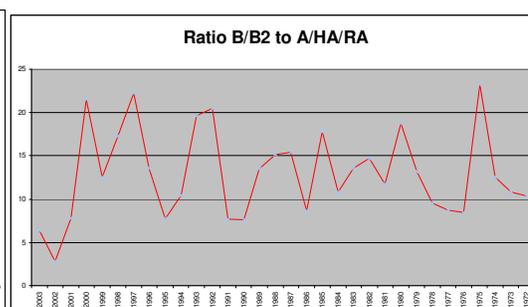
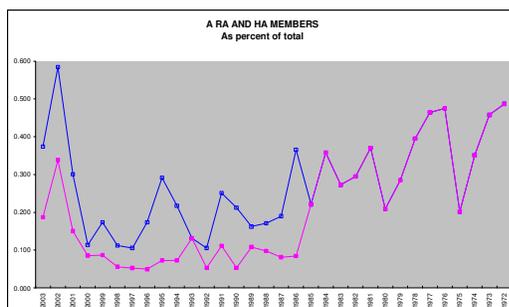
We had planned to do a membership verification by email again this year, however do to other commitments, I did not have time to do it. I plan to resume the survey in June, 2004.

Registration and Records Procedures:

Only 3 Regions, BC Islands, Alberta Central, and New Brunswick/PEI did not use electronic registration in 2003. BC Islands are interested in starting in 2004 and I hope that we can get NB/PEI back "online" as well.

We have been using an experimental testing results reporting system in Western Ontario since last April. It has been quite successful and will be used again in 2004 with some improvements. Updates to the regional and national membership and testing records have been much more reliable and faster with this system.

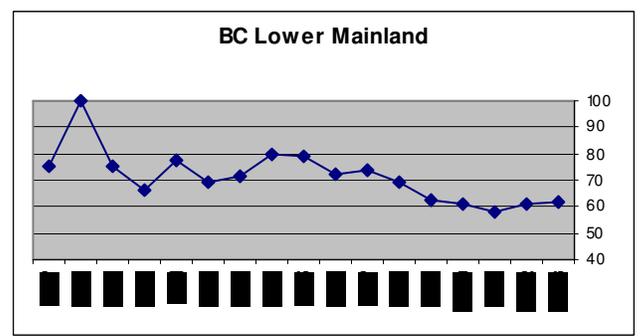
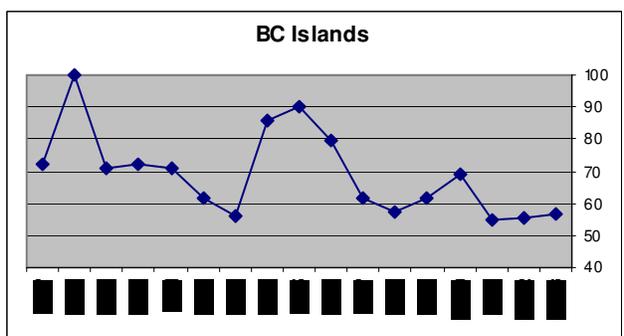
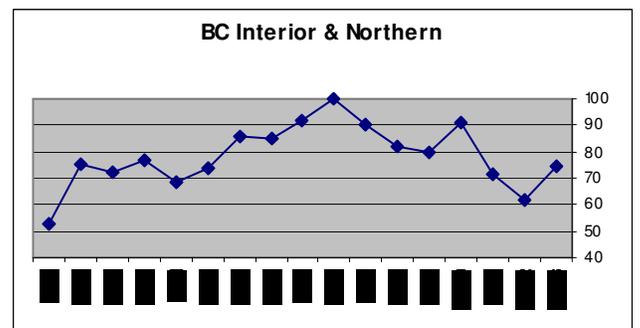
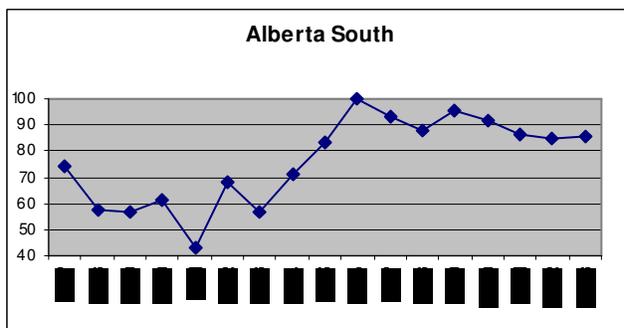
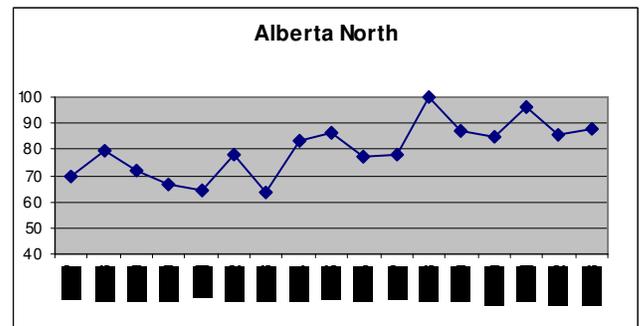
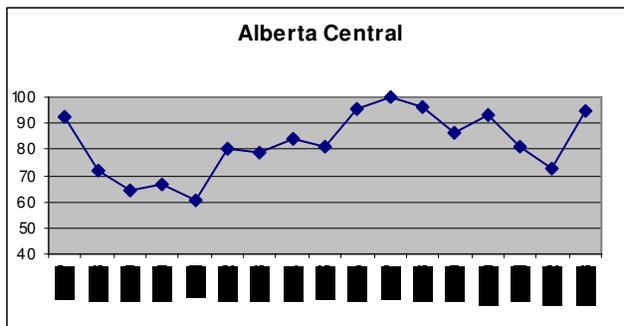
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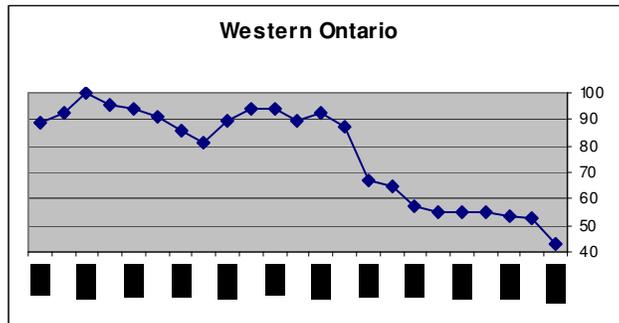
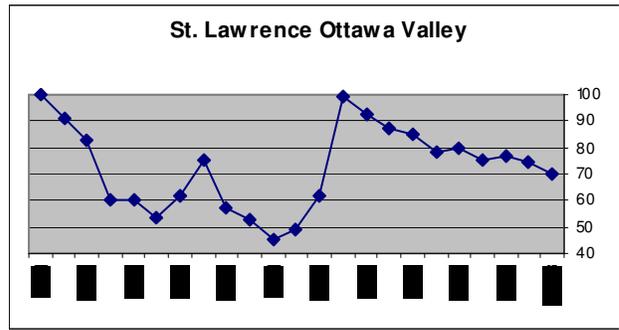
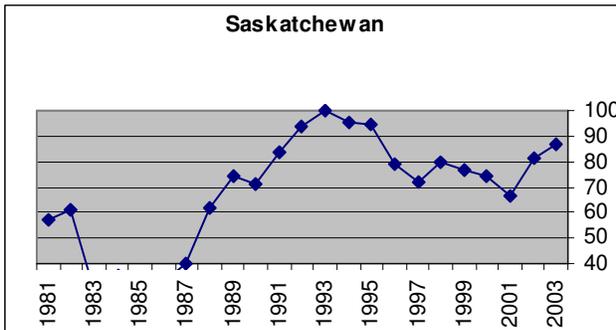
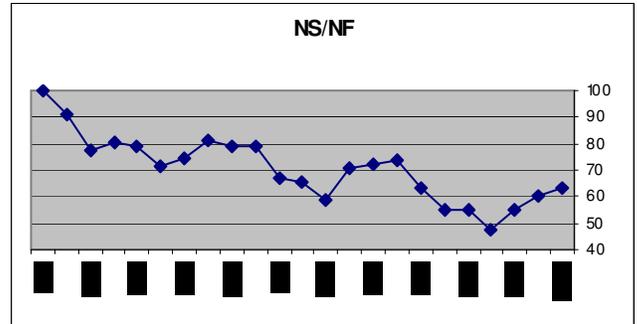
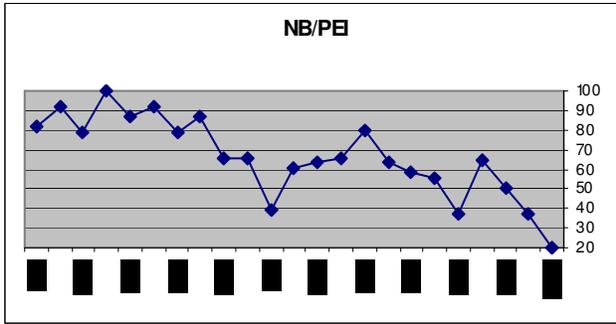
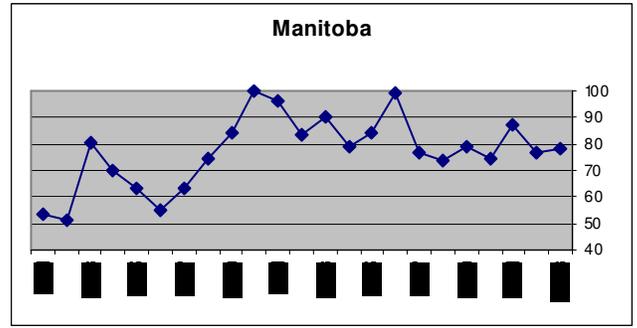
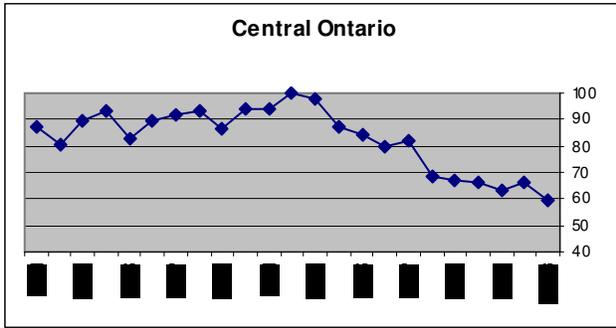


As shown in the charts above, the proportion of full A members and the total of A, RA, and HA members remained at a level similar to the 1972-84 period. However, we seem to have done this at the sacrifice of the number of B and B2 members. Historically, we have nearly 14 B/B2 members for every A/RA/HA member, however for the past 3 years, the average is only 5.6. We will need to encourage more C members to progress or the number of A's will soon decrease again due to the lack of available B's.

As of year end, it appears nearly certain that the new requirement for all members to have proof of PSO membership will cause some delays in branch operations due to a lack of prompt confirmation of membership by most if not all of the PSO's. We will need to develop a much better way of getting prompt proof of membership from PSO's before this fall. The situation of new members joining late in the year will also need some work to avoid having them pay their PSO for a full 2 years of membership.

Crawford Dales – January, 2004





Notable Achievements for 2003

NEW BRANCHES 2003

APRIL 2003

Northumberland P.C.	COR
Ministik P.C.	ANR

NOVEMBER 2003

Whitemud P.C.	ANR
Athabasca County P.C.	ANR
Prairie N Forest P.C.	SK
Kingskettle P.C.	SK
Tamarack Valley P.C.	BCIN
Allouette P.C.	BCLM
Chinook's Edge P.C.	ABC
Boots and Saddles P.C.	ABC
Northwoods P.C.	COR

Scholarship Recipients 2003

Governor General's Award of Excellence

Jackie Allen	Nova Scotia
Cheryl Kaczmer	Alberta South
Ann Revill	Western Ontario

Billie Mann Memorial Award

Kirsten Scott	SLOV
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Adele Rockwell Memorial Award

Anne Marie DeLeenheer BC Islands

Graduates

This list contains all members who graduated from Canadian Pony Club in 2003 at age 21, regardless of level.

Paul Nichols	Garden Valley	ANR	E
Alison Barr	Cochrane	ABS	C2
Jessica Aslin	Bulkley Valley	BCIN	C2
Allison Byron	Shuswap	BCIN	A
Janine Little	Vernon & District	BCIN	C1
Lisa Marie Fergusson	Campbell Valley	BCLM	A
Carrie McDonald	Campbell Valley	BCLM	C1
Brittany Linde	Langley	BCLM	B2
Katie Gerber-Turriff	Vancouver	BCLM	A
Tik Maynard	Vancouver	BCLM	A
Stefanie Boyd	Baltimore Hills	COR	C
Ian Sharpe	Brooklin	COR	D2
Anthony Denis	Huron	COR	C1
Meredith Smith	Napanee	COR	C
Andrea Box	Toronto & North York	COR	C
Kristi Plowman	Brandon	Manitoba	B2
Jaclyn Van Dasselaar	Red River	Manitoba	A
Jackie Allen	Annapolis	Nova Scotia	B2
Amber Hancock	Annapolis	Nova Scotia	B2
Elizabeth Crewe	Colchester	Nova Scotia	B2
Laura Maceachern	Fairwind	Nova Scotia	C1
Kirsten Scott	Kingston & Region	SLOV	HA
Lauren St.George	Ottawa Valley Hunt	SLOV	C2
HeatherHanson	United Counties	SLOV	C2
Katie Warren	Albion	WOR	B
Jennifer Zelmer	Albion	WOR	A
Paula Rainford	Esquesing	WOR	A
Ann Revill	Guelph	WOR	B
Valerie Bender	Huron Bruce	WOR	E

Ten Year Members

As this was the first year for this recognition, this list covers all current members who have been in Pony Club for 10 to 15 years.

Margaret Anne Friedenber	Baringa	ANR
Joanne Solverson	Battle River	ANR
Katie Fraser	Devonshire	ANR
Dana Hertzig	Devonshire	ANR
Jodie Vella-Gregory	Devonshire	ANR
Natasha Briscoe	Garden Valley	ANR
Angela Pettitt	Pembina River	ANR
Jennifer Grundke	Saint Anne	ANR
Stephanie Grundke	Saint Anne	ANR
Lindsay Acheson	Strathcona	ANR
Amanda Radomsky	Sturgeon Valley	ANR
Alison Barr	Cochrane	ABS
Alicia Berger	Cochrane	ABS
Kelsey Norman	Cochrane	ABS
Emilie O'Neil	Cochrane	ABS
Tawny Wadden	Cochrane	ABS
Jaimie Stephenson	Davisburg	ABS
Chelsea Brown	Delacour	ABS
Nicole Fequet	Delacour	ABS
Jessica Hickson	Delacour	ABS
Sara Jones	Delacour	ABS
Josh Riker-Fox	Delacour	ABS
Devon Gamble	Horizon	ABS
Cheryl Kaczmer	Horizon	ABS
Jessica Kronlund	Horizon	ABS
Lindsay Willis	Horizon	ABS
Heather Mills	Mini Creek	ABS
Noel Clark	Westbrook	ABS
Thalia Edwards	Westbrook	ABS
Kelly Bose	Armstrong	BCIN
Bronwyn Cormack	Bulkley Valley	BCIN
Kassia Helina	Lake Country	BCIN
Jillian Peebles	Lakes Cistrict	BCIN
Allison Byron	Shuswap	BCIN
Shannon Higgins	Metchosin	BC Islands
Ginny Mclane	Parksville-Qualicum	BC Islands
Shannon Cook	Campbell Valley	BCLM
Carrie Mcdonald	Campbell Valley	BCLM
Jamie Munro	Campbell Valley	BCLM
Erin Mckay	East Maple Ridge	BCLM
Melanie Walker	Golden Ears	BCLM
Jinnell Gunn	Grove	BCLM
Melisa Gunn	Grove	BCLM
Mathew Grant	Langley	BCLM
Caitlin Grant	Langley	BCLM

Brittany Linde	Langley	BCLM
Chelsea Himsworth	Pacific Spirit	BCLM
Katie Gerber-Turrieff	Vancouver	BCLM
Tik Maynard	Vancouver	BCLM
Julia Stanley	Vancouver	BCLM
Jessemy Lefevre-Watson	Centaurus	COR
Beth Murray	Durham	COR
Katie Murray	Durham	COR
Anthony Denis	Huronia	COR
Danielle Denis	Huronia	COR
Ashley Minion	Kawartha	COR
Meredith Smith	Napanee	COR
Morgan Vanclief	Oshawa	COR
Paule Cholette	Sudbury	COR
Courtney Cotter	Toronto & North York	COR
Emma Fauquier	Tynedale	COR
Michael Durward	Uxbridge-Scugog	COR
Amanda Weston	Uxbridge-Scugog	COR
Jenny Rae	Victoria	COR
Sarah Rae	Victoria	COR
Samantha Jonasson	Baldur	MB
Jennifer Andrews	Crocus	MB
Petra Deane	North Hill	MB
Theresa Moehring	North Hill	MB
Erin Maloney	Pinehill	NB/PEI
Jackie Allen	Annapolis	NS
Amber Hancock	Annapolis	NS
Lindsay Steele	Annapolis	NS
Elizabeth Crewe	Colchester	NS
Lauren Johnson	Colchester	NS
Inga Hansen	Tantramar	NS
Joseph Holownia	Tantramar	NS
Jennifer Ball	Saskatoon	SK
Natasha Yates	Glen Scott	SLOV
Amy Harding	Kingston & Region	SLOV
Kirsten Scott	Kingston & Region	SLOV
Shawna Carlton	Land O'Lakes	SLOV
Heather Hanson	United Counties	SLOV
Melissa Miller	West Carleton	SLOV
Stirling Miller	West Carleton	SLOV
Chantal Hortop	Westwind	SLOV
Jennifer Zelmer	Albion	WOR
Bronwen Jones	Esquesing	WOR
Paula Rainford	Esquesing	WOR
Ann Revill	Guelph	WOR
Allison Lockwood	Huron Bruce	WOR

15 and 25 Year Volunteer Awards 2003

Vivienne Nicol	25	Alberta South
Johanne Head	15	Nova Scotia
Casey Ansems	15	Nova Scotia
Fran Sarsfield	15	Nova Scotia
Mary Lew Murray	15	Nova Scotia
Harry Orton	15	BCIN
Anita Orton	15	BCIN