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2023 Annual Report of the Canadian Pony Club



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1 GENERAL

1.1 Aims and Objectives of 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.

1.2 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.

1.3 Motto

Loyalty, Character, Sportsmanship

1.4 National Board

Board of Directors and officers 2023

National Chair - Naomi Girling

National Vice Chair – Alissa Cue

National Finance Chair - Marcia Reid

National Secretary – Sherry Jackson

National Treasurer - Elaine Webster

Director Alberta North - Melanie Waddell

Director Alberta South - Marcia Reid

Director BC Island - Jennifer Hoar

Director BC Interior North - Karen Ritchey

Director BC Lower Mainland - Ian Maclean

Director Central Ontario - Gwen Barnes

Director Manitoba - Sarah Read

Director New Brunswick/PEI - Jennifer Lingley

Director Nova Scotia - Alissa Cue

Director Saskatchewan – Teryn McBain

Director SLOV - Susan Lorden

Director Western Ontario - Sherry Jackson



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1.5 Honourary members

Honourary Life Directors:

Virginia Buchannan-Smith
Jacky Cooper
Val Crowe

Pam Dillingham †
Margo Gaglione
Barabara Kemp †

D. Kendal
Adele Rockwell †

Honourary Life Members:

Don Armitage
Phil Crowe †
Crawford Dales
Deirdre George
Barbara Grimm †
Mary Henry
Bob Inglis
Liz Inglis †
Doris Jacobi
Dorothy Kirby

Guy Koopmans
Basil Kuglin
Heather MacDonald
Elizabeth v. Mann †
Maylea Manning
Gayle McPherson
Gordon Munro
Nonie Mulcaster
Maura Muspratt
Jeanne Owens

Captain Mark Phillips
John Phillips †
Millie Pratt
Adele Rockwell †
Lenora Shiels
Sandra Silcox †
Robert Smith
Harold Thompson

Examiners Emeritus:

1992 Barbara Kemp †
1992 Trixie Montgomery
1993 Jean Simpson
1993 Dawn Ruthven

2000 Sandra Silcox †
2000 June Macgilvray
2000 Doris Jacobi
2000 Yvonne Pink

2000 Minna Renz
2009 Millie Pratt
2022 Pam Arthur

National Chair's awards

1999 Phil Crowe †
1999 Val Crowe
2000 Crawford Dales
2000 Barbara Grimm †
2001 Alanna Palmer

2002 Carolyn Crewe
2003 Margo Gaglione
2004 John Moehring
2004 Ken Craig
2005 Gwen Barnes

2006 Del Zelmer
2007 Mike Macbeth
2008 Liz Inglis †
2009 Karol Shipley
2009 Cheryl Leask
2014 Kent Gudmundson

† deceased



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2 NATIONAL NEWS

2.1 National Membership System

At the end of 2023 the CPC has entered into a contract with Interpodia / Horsereg to provide us with a membership system that allows for payments online. Interpodia provides membership management software for a great variety of sports organizations and can work with us to setup the system to meet our requirements while profiting from developments within other sport organizations as well.

Several Regions have started using this system at the end of 2023 to sign up their Regional (and National) members.

In some regions the system is also used to have members sign up and pay for events organized by the region. This has an added advantage that only current members can sign up, payment is received at the moment of registration and registration deadlines, or maximum numbers of participants can be set. It also allows for the signing of additional waivers and agreements if those are necessary for participation.



2.2 Financial System

In 2023 we continued to onboard more branches and regions to use the finance system for the Canadian Pony Club that allows for better and uniform financial reporting throughout the organization.

At the end of 2023 we are at nearly 50% use of the system, a number we hope to increase next year.



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2.3 National store



In 2023 the volume of sales was slightly down compared to the previous year. On average the store handles 100 orders annually, with a sales volume in 2023 of \$12,000.

We stopped charging GST in 2023, which makes the purchases for the members more economical.

Product costs and shipping fees are slowly increasing, lowering the financial results for the store.

The CPC has signed up to be a part of the “mystable” program of Trace Embroidery. Members can buy embroidered apparel through their website.

EXCITING NEWS !

CANADIAN PONY CLUB
has teamed up with
TRACE EMBROIDERY

You can now buy individual
CPC apparel through their
'mystable.ca' website

<https://mystable.ca/canadian-pony-club>

2.4 National Board Meetings

In 2023 we hosted two regular board meetings. The board convened in Calgary in April and in Toronto in November.

In November 2023 the board elected the new and returning officers and members of the working committees for 2023.



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Officers & discipline chairs

CHAIR – Naomi Girling

VICE CHAIR - Naomi Girling

FINANCE CHAIR - Marcia Reid

SECRETARY - Alissa Cue

Chair of DISCIPLINES – Sherry Jackson

DRESSAGE Chair– Sherry Jackson

SHOW JUMPING Chair – Dana Balfour

PPG Chair– Alissa Cue

TETRATHLON Chair – Pam Piddocke

QUIZ Chair – Shannon Buck

RALLY Chair – Jacqui Dennis

EDUCATION Chair - Vacant

TESTING Chair– Gwen Barnes

Working committee members

MANAGEMENT - Brad Holub, Naomi Girling, Marcia Reid, Sherry Jackson and Alissa Cue

FINANCE - Brad Holub, Marcia Reid, Ian Maclean

GOVERNANCE - Ian Maclean, Brad Holub, Pam Piddocke, Naomi Girling

RISK MANAGEMENT - Danielle Williams, Pam Piddocke, Sarah Read, Alissa Cue, Karen Ritchey

IT - Ian Maclean, Sherry Jackson

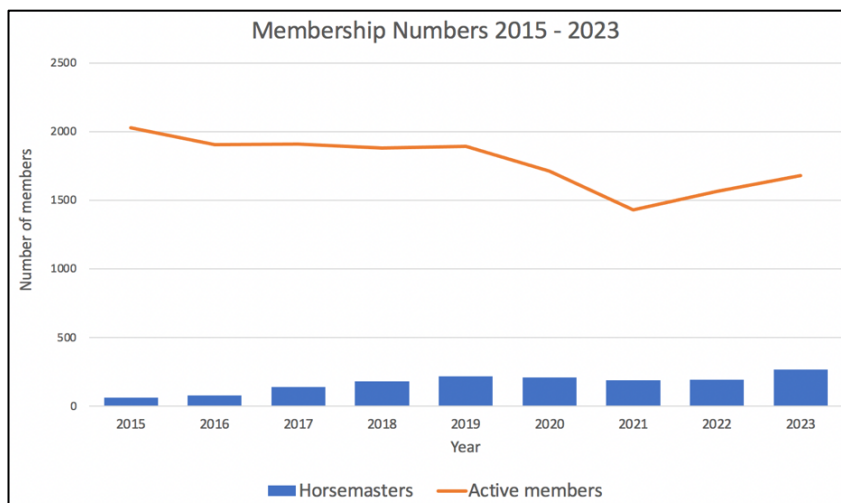
CENTRES - Sarah Read, Nancy Codlin, Theresa Rondeau Vuk, Dana Balfour, Kathy Marston, Annette Buis.

COACHES AND OFFICIALS - Valerie Paton, Sarah Read Theresa Rondeau Vuk, Rebecca Brown, Kathy Marston

ADVISORY - Brett Filson, Pam Piddocke, Brad Holub

3 CANADIAN PONY CLUB MEMBERSHIP

After two years of declining membership numbers at an increased rate due to the pandemic, 2022 saw a slight increase in membership numbers. This increase continued in 2023.



By the end of 2023 the Canadian Pony Club had 1948 members, divided over 1680 active (youth) members and 268 horse master members.

The number of Horsemasters is increasing steadily. At the end of 2023 they made up 15% of our membership numbers.



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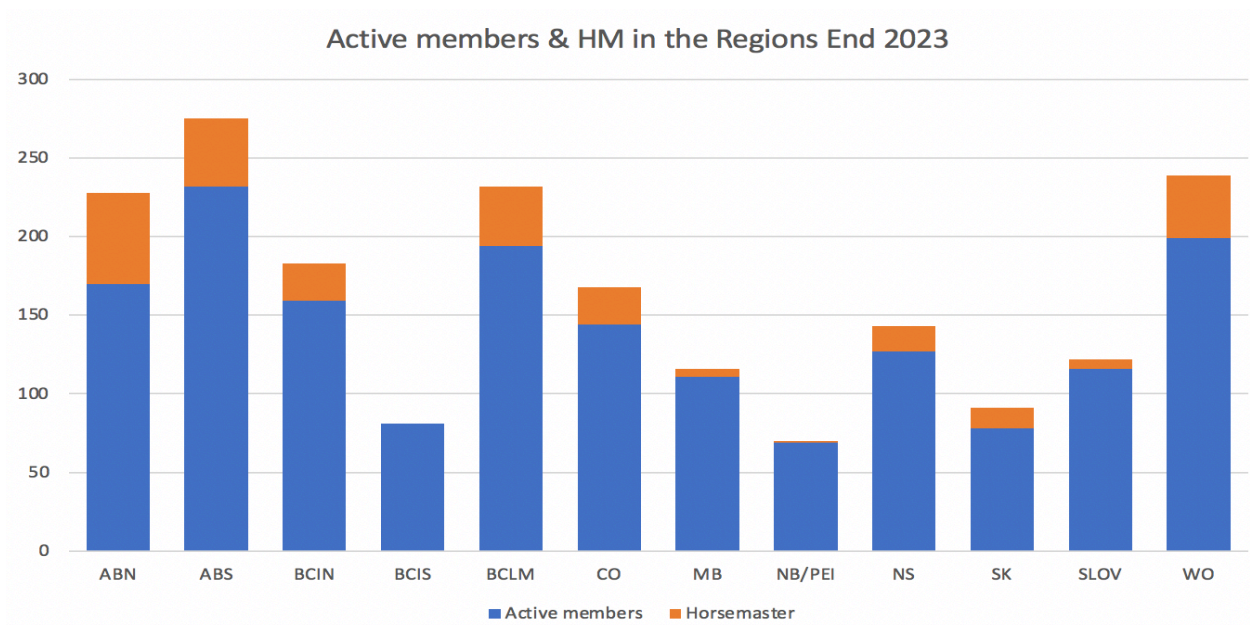
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We were able to award 18 members with a 10-year membership certificate and pin and 6 members with a 15-year membership certificate and pin. It is always great to see this dedication to our organization.

In 2023 four (4) members 'graduated' and aged out of the active membership category. We encourage these members to return in the coming years to join as horsemasters and give back to our organization as volunteers. With the introduction of the Horsemaster category, the CPC will no longer recognize 'graduates' of the organization, as members are able to continue under this adult membership program.

3.1 Regions



ABS, WOR, ABN and BCLM are our 4 largest Regions. BCIS, NBPEI and SK form our smallest Regions. ABN has the largest number of Horsemasters, followed by ABS and WOR. In 2023 practically every Region saw an increase in membership numbers.

3.2 Branches

Our Branches form the grassroots within our organization. Branches are operated by individual volunteer boards and they organize a variety educational events, competition and testing for the Pony Club members that have joined these individual Branches.



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In 2023 the Canadian Pony Club boasted 101 branches in 12 Regions.

Some of these Branches have been around for a significant number of years and in 2023 we celebrated the following Branches:



STRATHCONA (ABN) – 50 YEARS

DEVONSHIRE (ABN) – 25 YEARS

ARMSTRONG (BCIN) – 25 YEARS

HAZELMERE (BCLM) – 50 YEARS

We welcomed 5 new branches in 2023:

- Bulkley Valley in BC Lower Mainland
- French River in Central Ontario and
- Near& Far in St Lawrence and Ottawa Valley
- Burnstown in St Lawrence and Ottawa Valley
- Hamilton Hunt in Western Ontario.

Welcome to our organization and we wish you much success in the years to come!

3.3 Centres



There are 9 Centres active with the Canadian Pony Club. In total they account for 136 active members and 10 horsemasters. This makes up 8.5% of our total membership in Canadian Pony Club.

In some Regions the Centre memberships take up a larger proportion.

In MB 41% of the members are connected through a riding Centre, in WOR this percentage is 19.

Not all Regions have Centre members, only half of the Regions have Centres and they seem to be more prevalent in the eastern part of Canada. Our centres are located in ABS, COR, MB, NBPEI, SK and WOR.

We appreciate the support from these facility owners and are happy they value the Canadian Pony Club as a program that will support the development of their clients in the equine field.



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4 TESTING

Canadian Pony Club hosted a National A test again in 2023.

We congratulate Jordan Carver from the BCLM Region on achieving her Full A in 2023!

Victoria Durance achieved her SA and **Ariel Carver** was rewarded an RA designation.

5 NATIONAL EVENTS

In 2023 the following National competitions were hosted:

- National Show Jumping in BCLM
- National Quiz in BCLM

For more information on events and results, visit our website: <https://www.canadianponyclub.org/activities-events/sports/overview>

5.1 Show Jumping 2023

The Canadian Pony Club National Show Jumping competition was hosted by the BCLM Region, August 25 to 27, 2023 at Footnote Farms in Langley, BC.

During CPC Show Jumping competition riders participate in a 'medals' style competition. Riders are judged on their skills on the flat, over a gymnastics grid and in a medals round. A second medals round on a 'switch ride' and a score for turnout complete their overall scores.



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Results:

RIDER RESULTS		
1 st	Katie Thielman	BCIN
2 nd	Acacia Gifford	SLOV
3 rd	Molly Franks	WOR
4 th	Gethin Mayo	BCIN
5 th	Rachel Spencer	BCLM
6 th	Danica Elliott	ABN

GROOM RESULTS		
1 st	Dolly Lehne	ABN
2 nd	Lina Grubbenmann	ABN
3 rd	Claire Chickeness	ABN
4 th	Danae Reid	ABN
5 th	Alexander Torrie	WOR



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5.2 National Quiz 2023

National Quiz is the annual competition that generally attracts the most participants in any of the CPC national competitions.

Quiz is an unmounted competition and tests the competitors' knowledge on all things 'horsey'.

It has both a team and individual component and is offered in two divisions: A/B and C level.

Horsemasters have also been invited to participate in this Quiz competition.



In 2023 the Canadian Pony Club National Quiz competition was hosted by BCLM, October 6-8, 2023 in Vancouver, BC.



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In total 36 C level members, 15 A/B level members and 9 horsemaster members participated in the competition, with participants from the Regions BCIR, BCLM, BCIN, ABS, ANR, SK, MB, COR, WOR, NB/PEI and NS

TEAM OVERALL RESULTS		
A/B LEVEL – Active Members		
1 st	BCLM team	Olive Reeve Emilia Thrift Victoria Durance Lauryn Cartier
2 nd	Mixed team	Melaina Hopp (BCIR) Kassidy Moore (MB) Emma Mooney (COR) Mackenzie MacMorran (BCLM)
3 rd	Mixed team	Kathryn Palmer (ABS) Rebecca Anderson (ABS) Joan Connolly (WOR) Reese St Louis (WOR)
4 th	BCIN team	Joni Lloyd Calliope Lochrie Katie Thielman
C LEVEL – Active Members		
1 st	Mixed team	Brielle Tremere (NB/PEI) Annika Trythall (BCLM) Avery Roche (BCLM) Annabelle Lang (BCLM)
2 nd	ABS team	Rayne Jackson Tea Adams Annika Angelstad van Elmt Aimee Devoux
3 rd	COR team	Addison Maybee Hannah North Pearce Olbrycht Eliza Goslin
4 th	WOR team	Everett Ibbotson Jelena Jerkovich June Ibbotson Molly Franks



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5 th	BCIN team	Ellie Rayner Taylor MacDonald Gethin Mayo Serafin Budzyk
6 th	BCLM team	Kailey Parker Yael Wagner-Strasser Addisyn Parahonial Nathan McWhir

INDIVIDUAL PLACINGS					
A/B LEVEL – Active Members			C LEVEL – Active Members		
1 st	Emilia Thrift	BCLM	1 st	Annabelle Lang	BCLM
2 nd	Olive Reeve	BCLM	2 nd	Avery Roche	BCLM
3 rd	Mackenzie MacMorran	BCLM	3 rd	Tea Adams	ABS
4 th	Kassidy Moore	MB	4 th	Hannah North	COR
5 th	Victoria Durance	BCLM	5 th	Jelena Jerkovic	COR
6 th	Reese St. Louis	WOR	6 th	Pearce Olbrycht	BCLM
7 th	Kathryn Palmer	ABS	7 th	Annika Trythall	BCLM
8 th	Calliope Lochrie	BCIN	8 th	Rayne Jackson	ABS
9 th	Lauryn Cartier	BCLM	9 th	Kailey Parker	BCLM
10 th	Rebecca Anderson	ABS	10 th	Addison Maybee	COR
A/B Level Horsemasters			C Level Horsemasters		
1 st	Carol McDonald	BCLM	1 st	Bev Moore	MB
2 nd	Kimberley Elliott	ANR	2 nd	Racheal Mayo	BCLM
			3 rd	Nicole Wood	SK



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6 INTERNATIONAL ALLIANCE (PCIA)



Canadian Pony Club is one of the national Pony Clubs worldwide that is part of the Pony Club International Alliance. Other members include the UK, the US, Australia, New Zealand, Hongkong, South Africa and Ireland.

During the worldwide pandemic the international exchanges in Quiz, Dressage and Show Jumping have moved to a virtual format. This has been continued in 2023, offering a larger group of competitors in the PCIA countries an opportunity to compete on an international stage, albeit virtually.

In 2023 we did get back to in person international competitions. The IMGE (International Mounted Games exchange) was hosted in Australia in person and Canada was lucky enough to send a team.

IMGE 2023

The International Mounted Games Exchange for 2023 was held in Australia, November 8th to November 20th, 2023.

The teams had a wonderful time sightseeing the country and meeting pony clubbers from different parts of the world. This has been a great trip and the participants made memories to last a lifetime.

Thank you to our coach Lezah Williamson and team manager Alissa Cue, for supporting the team.



Canada's team members:

Jacob Sovio - Sumas Ridge, BCLM
Katelyn Kendall - Campbell Valley, BCLM
Ella Andrews - Guelph, WOR
Kelly Hof - Dufferin County, WOR
London Moses - Avon, NS

Results:

1 Great Britain
2 Australia
3 America / New Zealand
4 Canada



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PCIA virtual dressage

Canadian Pony Club had a large group participate in the PCIA Virtual Dressage competition. We are so pleased to see such an interest from all over the country!

Some highlights for Team Canada:

Layla Hughes (Cross Border – ANR)	– 6th Place in Training Class 1a
Caitlyn Sutherland (Priddis Creek – ABS)	– 3rd Place in Second Level Class 3
Lachlan Alexander &	
Olivia Adams (Cantercall – WOR)	– 3rd Place in the Pas de Deux
Maddie Watkins (DeWinton – ABS)	– tied for 1st Place in the Prix Caprilli



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Canadian Results:

<div>PCIA Virtual Dressage Canadian Results 2023</div>					
Training Level	Layla Hughes	Cross Border (ABN)	68.5%	6 th	Team THIRD
	Abigail Dinwoodie	Caledon (WOR)	68.3%	7 th	
	Tori Ackermann	High Country (ABS)	66.7%	11 th	
	Hope Spreichert	North Hill (MB)	62.5%	19 th	
First Level	Ellie Rayner	Vernon & District (BCIN)	63.9%	13 th	Team SIXTH
	Karlyn Bouman	Thames Valley (WOR)	61.1%	20 th	
	Tessa Ackermann	High Country (ABS)	59.6%	27 th	
	Allison Cote	Windsor Essex (WOR)	56.3%	29 th	
Second Level	Caitlyn Sutherland	Priddis Creek (ASB)	67.6%	3 rd	Team FOURTH
	Kathryn Palmer	Cochrane (ABS)	60.6%	19 th	
	Katie Thielman	Vernon & District (BCIN)	58.6%	22 nd	
	Trinity Sachau-Sherman	Caledon (WOR)	58.0%	24 th	
Prix Caprilli	Maddie Watkins	DeWinton (ABS)	73.1%	First	Team SECOND
	Kylie Cornelissen	Eastwind (SLOV)	69.2%	8 th	
	Chloe Surette	Guelph (WOR)	65.8%	21 st	
	Isla Knowles	Cantercall Centre (WOR)	65.0%	22 nd	
Pas de Deux					
Lachlan Alexander & Olivia Adams		Cantercall Centre (WOR)	79.6%	3 rd	
Riley Beck & Amy Paterson		Cantercall Centre (WOR)	67.3%	8 th	
Moly Franks & Emma White		Dufferin County (WOR)	59.9%	10 th	
Cara Butcher & Gracie Franks		Dufferin County (WOR)	57.5%	12 th	
 CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!					



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Overall competition Results:

	Country	Branch	Name of Rider	Score	Percentage	Collectives	Result
 PCIA Virtual Dressage Results 2023	INDIVIDUAL RESULTS Class 1A – TRAINING LEVEL						
	Australia	Barwon Valley Pony Club	Milly Mulcock	191	73.5%		1
	Australia	Bamawm Extension Pony Club	Ava Irwin	187	71.9%		2
	Australia	Mt Sugarloaf Pony Club	Liam Mackenzie-Smith	185	71.2%		3
	Hong Kong, China	LoWu Saddle Club	Carrie Wang	184.5	71.0%		4
	Australia	Woodridge Horse and Pony Club	Chenin Hislop	182	70.0%		5
	Canada	Cross Border (Alberta North)	Layla Hughes	178	68.5%		6
	INDIVIDUAL RESULTS Class 1B – TRAINING LEVEL						
	United Kingdom	Lord Leconfield Hunt	Jess Lee	211.5	81.4%	56.0	1
	New Zealand	Okato	Kalea Fairweather	207.5	79.8%	55.0	2
 Well Done!	United Kingdom	South Oxfordshire Hunt Central	Isobel Kilroy	205	78.9%	54.0	3
	USA	Ochlocknee River Pony Club	Leonor Gonzalez	203	78.1%	54.5	4
	South Africa	Noordhoek	Shiloh Mayes	199.5	76.7%	52.5	5
	United Kingdom	Vale of Aylesbury Hunt	Lilly Davies	194	74.6%	52.0	6
	INDIVIDUAL RESULTS Class 2 – FIRST LEVEL						
	New Zealand	Cromwell	Heidi Kendrick	243	71.1%	48.5	1
	United Kingdom	Atherstone Hunt	Elliemae Tilley	237	69.4%	48.5	2
	United Kingdom	South Oxfordshire Hunt Central	Isobel Kilroy	236.5	68.7%	46.5	3
	New Zealand	Waimauku	Billie Hughes	231.5	67.4%	46	4
	United Kingdom	Albrighton Woodland Hunt	Grace Brighton	230.5	67.2%	47	5
 Well Done!	Cayman Is.	Cayman Riding School	Marley Trench	230.5	66.3%	44	6
	INDIVIDUAL RESULTS Class 3 – SECOND LEVEL						
	Hong Kong, China	Beas River Equestrian Centre	Alexis Shie	243	69.4%	50	1
	Hong Kong, China	Beas River Equestrian Centre	Kate Lumsden	237	67.7%	48	2
	Canada	Priddis Creek (Alberta South)	Caitlyn Sutherland	236.5	67.6%	49	3
	Hong Kong, China	LoWu Saddle Club	Sarah Broderick	231.5	66.1%	46	4
	New Zealand	Kaitia	Olivia Chuck	230.5	65.9%	48	5
	Australia	Tumut Pony Club	Catelin Crawford	230.5	65.9%	47	6
	INDIVIDUAL RESULTS Class 4 – THIRD LEVEL						
	New Zealand	Sprinston	Gemma Lewis	266.5	72.0%	50.0	1
 Well Done!	Australia	Cudal Pony Club	Darcey Eyb	248.5	67.2%	47.0	2
	Australia	Busselton Horse & Pony Club	Lauren Rowe	246.5	66.6%	48.5	3
	UK	Cotley Hunt	Charlotte Chadwick	242.4	65.5%	47.0	4
	New Zealand	Waerenga	Ella Cooper-Levin	240.5	65.0%	47.5	5
	Australia	Cabarita Pony Club	Keighley Leeson	240.5	65.0%	46.5	6
	INDIVIDUAL RESULTS Class 5 – PAS DE DEUX						
	Australia	Lilydale District PC / Midlands PC	Ella Nast / Lucy Johnston	88	169	84.50%	1
	Hong Kong	Beas River Equestrian Centre	Furla Ng / Oliver Stapleton	86	163.5	81.75%	2
	Canada	Cantercall Centre (Western Ontario)	Lachlan Alexander / Olivia Adams	84.1	159.1	79.55%	3
	Hong Kong	Beas River Equestrian Centre	Alana Chan / Maia Forbes	82.6	157.6	78.80%	4
 Well Done!	UK	Bennachie	Holly Burgess / Evie Craigie	65	139.7	69.85%	5
	New Zealand	Pulelawa/ Warenga	Katie Graham / Ella Cooper-Levin	72.4	138.9	69.45%	6
	INDIVIDUAL RESULTS Class 6 – PRIX CAPRILLI						
	Canada	Dewinton (Alberta South)	Maddie Watkins	95	73.08%	22	1
	New Zealand	Sprinston	Georgia Lewis	95	73.08%	22	1
	UK	Atherstone Hunt	Harriet Boyd	92.5	71.15%	21.5	3
	Hong Kong, China	Clearwater Bay Equestrian Centre	Lilly Hirth	91	70.00%	21	4
	UK	Atherstone Hunt	Gracie Tomkins	91	70.00%	21	4
	New Zealand	Springston	Katherine Hadler	90.5	69.62%	21	6



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PCIA virtual Quiz

The PCIA International Virtual Quiz was hosted by the United Kingdom this year. In December 2023 a team of 4 Canadian competitors took on teams from the UK, USA, Australia, New Zealand and Hongkong. Most of our team members came from the BCLM region, accompanied by one member from the WOR region.



The Canadian National Team finished in second place, behind the UK and just in front of the USA. Hongkong finished in fourth place, followed by Australia and New Zealand in fifth and sixth position.



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7 2023 ACHIEVEMENTS

7.1 Scholarships and awards

At the 2024 AGM the following Awards of Excellence Scholarships for 2023 are awarded:

Scholarship #1 - B SM level or up

- Hadley Jack (B2 flat), Alouette Pony Club, BCLM

Scholarship #2 - C2 SM level or up

- Danae Reid (Full C2), Cross Border Pony Club, ANR

Scholarship # 3 - C SM level or up

- Peter Ursem (Full C1), Cochrane Pony Club, ABS
- Branwen Ackroyd (C SM), Comox Valley Pony Club, BCIR

Congratulations to all the recipients who exemplify the Canadian Pony Club motto of Loyalty, Character and Sportsmanship. We wish them much success in their academic pursuits.

7.2 Volunteer recognition

At our 2023 AGM we recognized some of our hardworking volunteers.

A 15-year volunteer appreciation award was awarded to:

- Kelly Gosson, ABN/ABS
- Kelly Wright, COR
- Carol Elliott, WOR
- Lori Robinson, WOR

Thank you to all our volunteers! Without you we cannot provide programming to our members.

Any comments or suggestions? Please send us an email at: info@canadianponyclub.org