# CANADIAN PONY CLUB



# **Annual Report**

2001

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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. <u>MOTTO</u>

Loyalty Character Sportsmanship

### **CANADIAN PONY CLUB BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2001**

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### **National Chair's Annual Report 2001**

The year 2001 was an eventful one for CPC as well as for myself as National Chair. Our activities continued to keep members and volunteers as busy as ever. As reports for other committees are covered elsewhere in this report, I shall focus on the work of myself and the Board. However, I would like to take the opportunity to sincerely thank all of the hard working, dedicated people who are so generous with their time and talents in chairing the National Committees.

I began the year with a January visit to Edmonton, where I was graciously hosted by Alberta North. It was really great to meet most of the Regional Committee members, and finally get to put faces to the names I had known for many years.

As well in January, Jacky Cooper and I attended the CEF meetings in Ottawa. After years of hard work by many of our Testing Committee members, CPC has succeeded in achieving recognition for our A testing by allowing our successful A candidates to apply directly for their CEF Level 1 Coaching, with no additional testing. I went straight from Ottawa to Winnipeg, to catch the latter half of the Disciples Conference, where committees were working hard on revising their respective rules.

In early February, Karol Shipley and Val Crowe accompanied me to the United States Pony Club Annual Meeting, which was held in St Paul, Minnesota. We attended meetings and workshops, and came away with many ideas which we felt might be useful for CPC. Being there also gave us an opportunity to meet and liaise with our US counterparts.

March 31 marked the Board's spring meeting and the Annual General Meeting in Calgary. Alberta South showed us great hospitality, and it certainly gave us easterners a greater understanding of what a beautiful part of the country Alberta is. While the Board was meeting, Regional Communications Chairs were also meeting with National Communications Chair Liz Inglis. It was the first year that CPC produced an Annual Report, thanks to the hard work of our Administrator Val Crowe. We were able to approve those rule changes which had been presented by Discipline Chairs. The Board dealt with its usual business of regional concerns, new branches and finances. At the AGM, I was particularly pleased to present awards to two very deserving people: the National Chair's Award went to Alanna Palmer, retiring NB/PEI National Director, for her Governance Committee work; Jacky Cooper was made an Honourary Life Member to recognize her long time and profound work in National affairs.

Management Committee members Karol Shipley, Mitch Gunn, Carollyn Crewe and Shelly Bowen kept up with the Board's business between Board meetings. Administrator Val Crowe capably managed the office, supplies and was our International Liaison. Treasurer Phil Crowe again looked after our accounts, and with the guidance of the Finance Committee, assured our fiscal responsibility.

In August, Jacky Cooper and I had the great privilege of going to Lexington, Kentucky, where we partook in a "mini summit". This was a follow-up meeting after the Millennium Conference between National Chairs of Pony Clubs in the US, Canada and Great Britain. Fortunately for us, it coincided with the USPC's Festival—a triennial gathering of over 1000 USPC members and volunteers for 10 days of competitions and workshops at the Kentucky Horse Park.

Another highlight of my summer was the Prairie Zone Championships and National Rally, which was hosted by Manitoba Region at the Pan Am Games site Bird's Hill. It was a great success, and certainly something which should be repeated as, I'm sure, word of mouth will have spread by then to make it as well attended as it deserves.

In November, the Board met for its Semi-Annual Meeting in Toronto. Our meeting was full of activity; apart from our usual business, we had an enlightening talk by and discussion with, our Henry Equestrian Plan broker Sarah Runnels. As well, Vicki Cocco gave a presentation on a new movement which is gaining in popularity—Adult Pony Club. Vel Evans, from Strategic Equine Marketing, started the Board on a much needed strategic planning process.

There are several new initiatives which the Board has undertaken in the year 2001. We feel CPC needs to do a better job in recognizing the achievements of its member as well as its volunteers. We have initiated recognition pins to be presented to its graduate members and to its long time volunteers. On the other end of the scale, we are sending each new member a welcome package, including a passport, general information and a new parents' guide. Governance is working hard on bylaw revisions, and will probably have a first draft sometime in 2002. Risk Management is a new committee which is increasingly important in helping volunteers at every level run safe events for our members. The Active Members of the Board held a Mini Youth Conference at Quiz, and came away with some excellent suggestions for the Board.

The National Board of CPC continues to work hard to govern the organization in a responsible and responsive manner. National Directors are representatives of each Region, and bring with them the concerns and ideas of that Region. Communications from the Branch level upward is vital to our performing our job.

Thank you again, Board members, volunteers and staff for all of the work which you do to make CPC so successful.

Respectfully submitted, Virginia Buchanan-Smith National Chair

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# The Canadian Pony Club National Chair for Disciplines Report 2001

Submitted by Barbara Grimm

A successful National Disciplines Conference was held 9 - 11 February 2001 in Winnipeg, Manitoba with 66 delegates from 13 regions in all five disciplines meeting to review and revamp their rules. The Competition rotation list for Zones, National and International was updated. A full report is available from the National Office.

The committees for Dressage, Rallies and Tetrathlon updated their rules in 2001. The committees for Prince Philip Games and Show Jumping are currently working on their rules updates.

The **National Rally** Championships were held in Manitoba and the **Inter Pacific Exchange** was held in New Zealand.

The **National Prince Philip Games** Championships were held in Central Ontario Region, the **National Masters** Championships were held in British Columbia Lower Mainland Region and the **International Games Exchange** was held in the United States.

The **National Tetrathlon** Championships were held in British Columbia Lower Mainland Region.

Thank you very much to all the National Discipline Chairs who did a remarkable job keeping everything running so well all year!

DRESSAGE
PRINCE PHILIP GAMES
RALLIES
SHOW JUMPING
TETRATHLON

Daina Strickland Linda Denis Heather Crampton Darcy Newman Bob Bailey

### NATIONAL DRESSAGE ANNUAL REPORT 2001

2001 has been another ever-changing year for pony club dressage. The C.E.F. made changes in their rules and pony club decided to follow suit. We amended our rules to reflect these changes but have allowed for a transition stage whereby allowing regions to use the old format for qualifiers and finals. The zone championships were held under the new format.

These changes allowed for each horse/rider combination to only ride at one level. In the past they would ride two consecutive levels and become a division champion based on the scores from both levels. The transition seemed to be very smooth and the riders were quite receptive. The idea is to now have all regions using the new format for the 2002 season.

The Prairie Zone Championships held at Bird's Hill Provincial Park were held August 16-19, 2001. Even though the number of entries were down in the dressage there was very positive feedback. The Central Zone Championships were held at Hawkridge Farm on August 18, 2001. I was able to attend this show and it was very well done. The facilities were beautiful and the riders were made to feel very welcome. I was pleased to see so many riders come out and compete and again. I believe that we can promote these championships and increase the number of riders for 2002. I would like to look into more sponsorship to allow for more recognition to the winners of the classes.

I have hopes that all four zones will be hosting in 2002. In the Atlantic Zone, the host will be New Brunswick/PEI. Western Ontario will host Central Zones, while Saskatchewan will host the Prairie Zones. The host for Pacific Zones is yet to be confirmed.

There were 9 regions that applied for the education grant for dressage. I hope that we can get all of the regions involved next year as education is such an important part of being a pony clubber and is a great way to keep riders involved.

I have had a few requests regarding the Junior Young Riders and FEI pony classes, so I will be looking into the involvement of Pony Club through Equine Canada. I would love to see more of our members take part in these classes.

This year has been another great one. Thank you to all of the regional dressage chairs for your invaluable input and support. I am looking forward to another great year. Good luck to all competitors and happy trails.

Respectfully Submitted,

Daina Strickland

### **National Show Jumping Report 2001**

The calendar year 2001 started out with all Regional Show Jumping Chairs gathering together at the Disciplines Conference in Winnipeg, MB in February. At this conference issues such as coaching, updating the rule book, program grant applications, and rotation of Zone Championships were discussed. A medal competition was discussed with great enthusiasm and 3 Regions were selected to run a pilot project Medal Division.

The following months found me madly typing to update the Show Jumping Rules, which we are finalizing, with the help of Val Crowe. We hope to have it ready to go to the Management Committee for approval so we can use them in 2002.

During the month of June a team was selected to represent Canadian Pony Club at the USPC National Show Jumping Championships at the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington, Kentucky. The team consisted of Chelsey Newman, NB/PEI Region, riding First Priority, Luke Stephenson, WOR Region, riding Winston's Wish, Michelle Rainford of WOR, riding Kendenza and Amanda Smith of NB/PEI, as the stable manager, myself as coach and Joanne Bell, NB/PEI as Chaperone. In the competition, the team placed 7<sup>th</sup> overall. Chelsey Newman, riding as the team captain, was the highest placed Canadian rider. Chelsey competed in the horse III division over 4' jumps. She placed 4<sup>th</sup> overall and was awarded a pair of silver spurs.

The festival/competition was attended by 5000 members of Pony Club from across the United States with 2000 horses competing in 7 different disciplines.

Zone Show Jumping Championships were held in the following areas: Prairie, Atlantic and Central. Most Regions held show jumping clinics with some of the top clinicians in the areas. Medal Classes were held in two Regions. One of these classes resulted in very positive feedback from both competitors and officials. Stable Management competitions were part of two championships this year with the scores counting towards the overall team championship score.

#### Plans for 2002.

- 1. Encourage regions to have stable management as part of their Regional championship and Zone Show Jumping competitions.
- 2. Review the reports of the pilot regions and introduce Medal classes as an optional section of the Regional and Zone competitions.
- 3. Encourage the best of the Regional Show Jumpers to compete at their Zone competitions to foster the growth of competitors at the advanced and open divisions. This type of growth will lead our pony club members into the young riders program.
- 4. Have the updated rules and regulations ready for the 2002 show season.
- 5. Receive recommendations from the National Medal equitation committee to facilitate the Regions in adding this type of competition to their championships.
- 6. Continue to encourage clinics at the Regional level to help develop our young jumpers and to assist with adding the medal division.

Respectfully Submitted
Darcy Newman
National Show Jumping Chair.

### NATIONAL RALLY COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2001

Submitted by Heather Crampton, National Rally Chair

MEMBERS: ABC-Jacky Hirney, ABN-Billi Solverson, ABS-Shannon Daly,-BCIN-Elaine Kopetski, BCI-Connie Birchard, BCLM-Mitch Gunn, CO-Jan Jamieson, MB-Maria Berry, NS/Nfld-Jennifer Healy, SK-Carol Weiler, SLOV-Doug Yates, NB/PEI- Alanna Palmer, WOR-Del Zelmer

DISCIPLINES CONFERENCE – the work of the Rally Committee got off to an energetic start at the Disciplines Conference in Winnipeg in February. All but one Region was ably represented. We set as our priority the examination and rewriting of the National Rally Rules or Rules for National (and Zone) Rallies. We made a good start but there was much left to do. Thank goodness for the age of technology for led by Crawford Dales, the Rally Committee continued its work using a Forum Format devised for us by Crawford. By late spring we were satisfied with our efforts and sent it to Management Committee for its consideration. After a few minor changes the 2001 Rally Rules were approved.

On behalf of the National Rally Committee I would like to thank Crawford Dales for sharing his wisdom, experience, knowledge and last but not least, his time and energy with us in the rewriting of the Rally Rules, 2001.

WORKING RALLIES – Eight regions submitted applications (devised and approved at the Disciplines Conference) for grants for Working Rallies by the deadline of May 15. Ultimately seven Regions notified the Chair that they had held successful working rallies. The Chair had advised the Treasurer that a region had held a rally upon receiving notification. However it is the recommendation of the Rally Committee that no cheques be issued in 2002 until all working rallies have been held.

REGIONAL RALLIES – Some regions are able to hold truly competitive rallies and others are making their regional rallies, working ones. BCI, BCLM, BCIN, ABN, SK, MB, WOR, COR and NB/PEI held rallies of one sort or the other in 2001.

NATIONAL RALLY – Manitoba Region set the bar high when it held a most successful National Rally in conjunction with Zone Rally and Championships. The Rally was held at Bird's Hill Equestrian Centre, just north of Winnipeg, August 17-19, 2001. Competitors traveled with horses from as far west as BC Lower Mainland and competitors who would compete on borrowed horses traveled from as far west as BC Islands. Altogether 3 teams competed in the Training Division on their own horses and 8 competed in the Pre-Training Division on their own or borrowed horses.

Training Division Individual Winner was Lindy Norris of the North Hill Pony Club of the Manitoba Region. Second place winner was Lindy's sister, Robby of the same Pony

Club. Third place went to Cheryl Kazmer of Westbrook Pony Club in the Alberta South Region.

The winning Training Team was Manitoba 2 which included the two Norrises and Kyra Lavallee of the Red River Pony Club. Second place in Training team competition went to a combined Alberta/Manitoba team made up of Cheryl Kazmer, Tiffany Dancho and Matt Gaglione and Ashley Laurent of the Strathcona Pony Club in Alberta North.

In the Pre-Training Division, the winner was Melisa Gunn of the Grove Pony Club in the BCLM Region. Second and third places went to two members of the Cochrane Pony Club in Alberta South, Denyse Skipper and Allison Riben. The winning team was BCLM with Melisa Gunn and her sister, Jinelle, and Erin Borrow. The second place team was Alberta South 2, whose members were Denyse Skipper and Allison Riben, plus Rachel Leask of the Westbrook Pony Club

Stable Management is an important component of Rallies. The BCLM team won this competition, and the BCI team of Ginny McLane and Rebecca Manson of Parksville/Qualicum and Lisa Birchard of Comox Valley placed second.

John Moehring, Maria Berry and their team of "veterans" of the Pan Am Games are to be commended on a wonderful job.

INTERPACIFIC RALLY – On or around Easter weekend, five riders and the coach and chaperone of the Canadian Pony Club Team departed from various airports bound for Christ Church, New Zealand and the start of the biennial Inter Pacific Exchange. Over the period of time from April 17 to May 8 they and their counterparts from the five other nations participating in this experience (Australia, Hong Kong, Japan, New Zealand and United States) had the opportunity to get to know each other very well as we traveled in luxurious coaches through much of the scenic north and south islands. We also had the chance to meet many New Zealanders as we were billeted frequently in homes and were entertained at many buffet lunches, barbecues and banquets.

Two competitions were part of the three-week package: a Scrambled Teams Horse Trials and a Nations Cup Show Jumping competition. The riders had about an hour the day before each competition to try out horses, make a choice and get to know the chosen horse. Our Canadian riders rode very well on their borrowed horses.

In the Scrambled Team Event Katie Shipley place first individual, John Jamieson was second and Matt Gaglione was sixth. Individual placings were not recognized, only team placings.

In the Nations Cup, our Canadian team placed fifth. Japan won and there was a three-way tie for second! Again all five of our riders did well.

Team Canada: Riders: Matt Gaglione (AB), John Jamieson (CO), Faye Merrett (BCI), Paula Rainford (WOR) and Katie Shipley (COR). Coach was Jane Stone of BC and chaperone, Heather Crampton, also of BC.

The parents of the riders and one very special person, Mary-Debra Blakely, were very busy fund-raising and seeking sponsorship. They learned much about the process for both endeavours and were quite successful in having a number of items donated for the use of the team, the owners of the horses and as gifts for hosts/hostesses.

Henry Equestrian Insurance Brokers and Apple Saddlery are to be thanked for their continuing support of Canadian Pony Club activities.

GUIDELINES FOR COACHES AND CHAPERONES – Virginia Buchanan-Smith asked the IPE Coach and Chaperone to work with her on developing Guidelines for Coaches and Chaperones and we have been glad to do that.

JOB DESCRIPTION – I have submitted a job description which is a work-in-progess as I feel I need to work through 2002 before I can describe it completely or provide a timeline.

IN CONCLUSION, I would like to thank all the members of the National Rally Committee for their hard work in the interests of our Pony Clubbers.



# Canadian Pony Club **TETRATHLON Annual Report 2001**

This was another active year for Tetrathlon in Canada!

**January to May**: Several clinics and mini-meets, including a couple supported by National Tetrathlon program budget, were carried out in the 10 regions across Canada where Tetrathlon is active.

**February**: The Disciplines Conference led to several changes to the Tetrathlon Rules that were later circulated for comment, modified, and then ratified at the CPC AGM in March 2001. Updated rules were posted on the CPC web site once ratified. The National Tetrathlon Chair continues to file suggestions for future modifications to the rules.

**June and July**: Regional and provincial championships from Nova Scotia/New Brunswick to British Columbia, and many points in between.

**August**: National Championships in Langley, British Columbia...with results and pictures on the CPC website courtesy of the skills of Crawford Dales! There were 45 competitors from seven regions across the country at this wonderful competition organized by Barbara Morris. The modified rules, many of which were designed to strike a better balance among the scoring weight for the non-riding elements, were used. There was general consensus that they worked well at both National and Regional levels of competition.

**September-December**: Preparations are underway for National Championships in Central Ontario in 2002. Canada was invited to participate in the International Championships in the United States in 2002. New application procedures for competitors, coaches, and chaperones of the Canadian National Tetrathlon Team were developed. The potential competitors' applications were circulated in November 2001 and due by 31 December 2001, and a three person selection committee (National Tetrathlon Chair, National Disciplines Chair, appointed Regional Tetrathlon Chair) has been struck to choose the team, consisting of 5 (+ 1 alternate) girls, and 5 (+ 1 alternate) boys. The team will be set by 15 February 2002. Application material for potential coaches has been circulated and coach applications are due by 28 February 2002. The three person selection committee will choose the coaches, one male and one female coach, by 15 March 2002. Application material for potential chaperones will be circulated on 15 February 2002 and will be due by 15 March 2002. One chaperone will be selected by the end of March 2002.

### **National Education Report 2001**

Submitted by Teresa Wright, National Education Chair

National Quiz was held in Victoria, BC. It was very well organized and very successful with lots of positive feedback. Recommendations for future organizers were brought forward. Several issues were identified that should be discussed at the T&E in 2002 – need for 1 chaperone per team, members driving during the quiz, minimum age for chaperones.

#### Results

#### **AB** Individual

Kirsten Scott SLOV Kingston & Region

Pam Elgie Western Ontario London
Chantal Hortop SLOV Westwind
Jen Prine Western Ontario Bluewater
Ann Revill Central Ontario Napanee

### **AB Team** SLOV

BCIN WOR

#### C Individual

Annie De Leenheer BC Islands 1 Ports North Colleen Atherton BC Islands 1 Metchosin Amie Hiebert Saskatchewan BC Islands 1 Metchosin Gillian Hammond BC Islands 1 Metchosin

Christina Hayward SLOV Ottawa Valley Hunt

#### **C** Teams

BC Islands 1 Saskatchewan Manitoba

Education newsletters were sent out to all Education Chairs Spring, Summer and Fall, 2001. Regions are asked to send in samples of educational tools.

Youth Reps - resumes are being accepted for the January 2002-December 2004 term.

Revised Grant forms, Todd Sandler and Governor General Awards forms are on the web. 8 of 13 Regions have applied for grants.

I am working on a comparison chart between the British, US and Canadian standards.

### **NATIONAL TESTING REPORT 2001**

For the record, Canadian Pony Club has five new "A" members. Congratulations are extended to Allison Byron of BCIN, Matthew Gaglione of ABN, Emily Sculthorpe of COR, Dusty Thiessen of BCLM, and Sky Walker of SK. Congratulation also go to Christy Barnes of COR for her HA, Jaimie Kidston of BCIN for her HA, Tik Maynard of BCLM for his RA, and Paula Rainford of WOR for her RA.

I want to extend a thank you to all the National Examiners I met during my first national testing season. They worked very hard providing our members with an encouraging, positive experience in every test. I am be proud of their efforts.

The testing year had a few bumps in it, but with some brain storming and sharing of ideas the regions were able to work out most problems locally. We completed the year without any official protests. I consider this a good omen. I believe that good communication can help us avoid many of our problems and those that still do arise can be more easily solved. There were 70 C2 tests and 58 were successful. We had 33 B candidates tested and 23 were successful while 19 B2 candidates tested and 11 were successful.

This year there were again some difficulties with the written tests. I will attempt to address the issues of length and reading level for the 2002 tests. It is essential that candidates with learning disabilities to be given the option of having a reader and/or writer available. The parents must be encouraged to indicate on the "Application to Test" the nature of the disability so that appropriate arrangements can be made. These disabilities could also significantly affect the outcome at the practical test.

There has been some misunderstanding across the regions about what materials are eligible for test questions. Currently, questions may be asked from all books listed on the required reading lists, published in the C/D Testing Procedures 2000 and in the A/B Testing Procedures 1997 - Addendum 2000. This does not prevent the inclusion of questions requiring some critical thinking and practical knowledge. The study guides are a wonderful tool, but only give sample questions. The study guides do not represent the complete set of requirements, as outlined in the Testing Procedures.

I have again asked regions to prepare the written tests, but rather than ask one region to prepare all the tests for one year, I have split the job into 3, D level, C level and A/B level tests. I hope that by making the job a little smaller more regions will come forward in the future with offers of help. I plan to provide keys for the 2002 written tests, with the understanding that there may be acceptable answers in required reading books that are missed. Markers must give consideration to candidates who bring back their test with correct answers from other references on the required reading lists.

I look forward to another successful season. There are 15 RA candidates, 12 HA candidates, two teaching and one lungeing section to complete in 2002 as well as many more B and B2 tests. I wish all the candidates the best of luck.

Respectfully submitted

Gwen Barnes

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### **BCIN Regional Report 2001**

2001 was a busy roller coaster ride for BCIN Region. Many of our "old faithful" volunteers are easing into retirement or are just tired. Finding volunteers is always difficult, and when new faces aren't available or willing, the old guard takes up the slack, does too much and tires out. In groups where adult volunteers are dedicated to the organization's mandate and philosophy, those volunteers wearily carry on the struggle. It has been that kind of year for BCIN.

I would like to extend my thanks and congratulations to each and every volunteer in our Region. Their perseverance, energy and positive outlook make Pony Club what it is in Northern BC.

BCIN had 20 active Branches in 2001. In spite of a decline in membership, and the distance difficulties our Region faces, we have a terrific, dedicated group of individuals who work hard to make Pony Club an exciting, safe and educational experience for kids.

### **BCIN's Accomplishments for 2001:**

- continuing good representation from Branches at our Regional Meetings
- hosting two guizzes, one north and one south
- providing quality instruction, educational opportunities and camps
- providing two C2, B, B2 testing opportunities, one north and one south
- having four A candidates in our Region
- having three candidates attend A testing in BCLM
- having a successful HA/RA recipient Allison Byron
- having a successful HA candidate Jamie Kidston
- providing Dressage and Show Jumping Championships, one north and one south
- presenting a Regional scholarship
- sending a representative to the Disciplines workshop in Winnipeg
- hosting our first successful Regional Rally in many years

Respectfully submitted,

Heather McDonald, BCIN Regional Chair

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B.C. Islands Region

### B.C. Islands Region Annual Report 2001

The year 2001, has been an extremely productive and successful one for B.C. Islands Region!! We continued this year with 8 branches, with a total membership of 169. This unfortunately, was a decrease of 44 members from the 2000 total of 213, and dropped us below the level of 172 members for 1999. This decrease, however, does not reflect a lack of enthusiasm for Pony Club in this Region, but may only reflect poor economic times. Despite lower membership levels this year, BCIR has shown outstanding participation from Regional to Zonal to National to International Pony Club events!!!

We began the year by sending five board representatives to the Discipline Conference held in Winnipeg in February! Many thanks to Heather Crampton for her excellent job chairing the Rally discussions, and beginning the long process of updating Rally Rules. Also many thanks to our board members who gave up a weekend to endure - 40 degree temperatures, despite some heated discussions; Connie Birchard, for Rally, Dawn Bourne for Show Jumping, Marga Hannon, for Dressage, and myself for Tetrathlon. Your participation, feedback, and knowledge are greatly appreciated by our members!

Many thanks, again, to Heather Crampton for also attending the National AGM in April as our National Director, and attending the SAM meetings in Nov. of 2001. Heather not only brings great knowledge, experience and wisdom to Pony Club, but she loves to travel!

With some difficulty, arm-twisting, and general sweating, we were able to offer all four Regional Events this year. Regional Quiz was a wonderful experience for all, and hats go off to Powell River for their organization, and warm west coast hospitality! We can now appreciate the long distances they must travel to attend all the other events! Attendance to PPG was lower this year, but many thanks go to P=s & Q=s for hosting this, and being flexible with their arrangements to keep costs down. A good time was had by all! The attendance at Regional Rally also caused some concern and nail-biting, however, in the end it was a great success. Many thanks to Comox Valley for persevering and for inviting Phil and Val Crowe to attend and share their vast knowledge. We look forward to using Phil=s fool-proof scoring system in the future! Special thanks and congratulations go to Quennell Lake, Powell River, Metchosin, and Cowichan Valley for helping run our first Regionally sponsored Championships! Turnout was excellent on such short notice, and everyone pitched in and helped, and no one complained! A really awesome example of how team work can make things happen. 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 successful.

This year was also an extremely exciting year for our members who had opportunities to attend other Regional, Zonal, National and International competitions! We sent 6 members to compete in the BCLM Regional Tetrathlon, and five of those members went on to compete in National Tetrathlon held at Loon Lake, in BC. We also sent a team of two riders and one captain to compete at National Rally in Manitoba, and we sent 3 teams to compete in Zonal PPG in Vancouver, and one team then qualified to go on and compete in National PPG, in Vancouver. We were also extremely proud to send, a Chaperone, Heather Crampton, a Coach, Jane Stone, and a Participant, Faye Merrett, to the InterPacific Rally Exchange held in New Zealand in April 2001. The members who participated in all of these events were all excellent ambassadors for our Region and should be commended for their hard work, good sportsmanship, and winning attitudes. Well Done!

As a Region, we were extremely proud to host the 2001 Pacific Odyssey, National Quiz!! Thanks to three very special ladies, Jane Hammond, Kathy Atherton, and Cathy Afford, as well as, the organizing committee, and many volunteers, it was an overwhelming success and memorable experience for all! We were proud to have two teams participate, and very proud to have one C team achieve First Place! Their success is a testimony to the great support and enthusiasm found in our Region, where Pony club is alive and well!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Discipline chairs, Executive, DC=s and Assistant DC=s for their attendance, support and good cheer at all of our Regional Meetings. It has been a pleasure working with so many dedicated parents and members this year! I hope that our goals for 2002 can be to further develop our education and testing programs, and to continue to provide support for our members to achieve their goals, and take advantage of all opportunities to participate in Zonal and National Pony Club events.

Respectfully yours,

Robin Taylor, B.C. Islands Chair

### BCLM Regional Report 2001

2001 was an exciting year for BCLM. Our membership has remained fairly consistent. We are now 14 clubs with Burnaby Lake starting this September. We remain financially stable and overall seem to be a contented group.

Our Testing and Education team have been extremely busy this fall with all our Regional Barn Lessons being completed by the beginning of March. We held Regional Camps for A's, B's and C2's. Dusty Theissen completed her A level test. We are all very proud of her.

Quiz 2001 – We had 166 kids compete Regionally, with even more planning to attend next year. We sent two teams to National Quiz in BC Islands. The A/B Team was made up of Erin Borrow, Chelsy Hemsworth, Stephanie Sterling and Kayln Chulupa. The C Team was composed of Julia Stanley, Natasha Pusch, Vanessa Mackenzie and Jenna Brownjohn. They all had a great time.

PPG 2001 – We had 3 play days with 25 competitors at each competition. Our Regional championships resulted in a close competition between the top five A teams. Vancouver Pony Club was victorious and East Maple Ridge finished second, with both teams representing BCLM in the National A Championships in Barrie, ON in September. Vancouver P.C. came first with East Maple Ridge placing 3<sup>rd</sup>. In addition, Vancouver won the Sportsmanship Awards. Congratulations to the Vancouver P.C. team of Brian Morton, Katie Tynon, Shira Daltrop, Paul Woodham, Whittney Strachan and coach Margo Vilvang. Congratulations also to East Maple Ridge team of Pamela Simmie, Mrgan Sewell, Alicia Kayes, Amanda Meyers, Emerald McKean and coach Terri Mayer.

Rally 2001 – We had 10 teams competing under a new format that saw ABC and D Rally competing on the same weekend. We had 8 kids per team with 4 riders, 2 grooms, 1 captain and 1 assistant captain. The weekend was a success with only minor glitches, which we will try to eliminate for next year.

We also had the privilege of attending National Rally at Bird's Hill Park just outside of Winnipeg. The Manitoba Pony clubs were exceptional hosts. Special thanks to the organizing committee for making it happen. BCLM sent one pre-training team composed of Erin Borrow, Captain, Melisa Gunn and Jinnell Gunn as riders. They had a great experience and enjoyed everything, except maybe the drive. They also did quite well, finishing first overall in the team competition and winning the top Captain award, among others. Thanks again, Manitoba, for hosting National Rally. When do we get to come back?

We will be organizing a Zone Championship for 2002 and hope to have participation from the 2 other Pacific Zone Regions. Hopefully, with the help of BCIN and BC Islands, we can look forward to a National Rally in BC in the next couple of years.

Regional Show Jumping was held in May with 33 riders competing.

Regional Dressage was cancelled due to a lack of entries. The eventing schedule conflicted with both Dressage and Show Jumping this year.

All in all we had a good year on the west coast and are looking forward to 2002.

Respectfully submitted,

Mitch Gunn

### **ALBERTA SOUTH REGION 2001**

2001 in Alberta South Region has been a year of learning and growth for both its riders and volunteers. Membership was down slightly this year, at 327 but opportunities were varied and created an active riding year for most members. There were more opportunities for riding in more disciplines this year that has been traditionally available.

Tetrathlon is run in partnership with Alberta Modern Pentathlon. Approximately 40 members participated in weekly training sessions. Training camp was held in Red Deer the 2nd week in May and the Alberta Championship in Cochrane on June 10/11th. Seven of the eight chosen to represent Alberta at Nationals came from the Alberta South Region.

Separate ABC and D rallies were held this year, both at Cochrane and were popular. In addition the Region sent several teams to National rally.

A PPG Regional Clinic was held at Okotoks Agricultural Grounds on May 21st. New games were introduced and favorite ones practiced by the teams. The Regional PPG Competition was held at Okotoks on July 28th. At the Prairie Zonal Competition the team was very successful. Alberta South Region also hosted the National tryouts for Candidates to go to England next year

The Regional qualifier for Prairie Zone Dressage was held in May, hosted by Sarcee and Springbank PCs. The Show Jumping qualifier for Prairie Zones was held in July in conjunction with ABC Rally. The Region was represented in both disciplines at the Prairie Zones in August, and the participants had great success. The Regional Dressage and Show Jumping Championships were held in late August, hosted by High Country PC and DeWinton PC.

Over 90 members participated in Regional Quiz in April in Okotoks, hosted by Mini Creek PC. Members had fun and made friends at the event. The region sent two full teams to National Quiz on Vancouver Island in October.

B lectures were run by the Region, and were well attended this year. The Region held a First Aid Course for all those wishing to take the course through Pony Club. 2 of our senior riders took advantage of the B level evaluation clinic run by Alberta North. Ten attended the ABC Camp at Delacour in July.

Serena Martindale Alberta South Region Chairperson.

### ALBERTA CENTRAL AREA REGION REPORT 2001

Alberta Central had a busy year in 2001. We are still going through a few growing pains but are working together to make our new region exciting and productive.

We had approximately 132 members in 2001, the majority of them being young and mostly in the D - D1 range, therefore our activities reflect this. However we are working hard to keep our older members interested.

We began with a winter theory camp held at a rustic camp near Rocky Mountain House. Wood heated cabins and kerosene lamps lent a touch of ambience to studying. There were 2 C1 level students, 4 C level and 7 D2 level attending the camp.

Quiz was held in March and hosted by Haunted Lakes PC in Alix. It was well attended and enjoyed by all.

Many of our members participate in Tetrathlon. Training began in March at a nearby recreation centre. In May we hosted a training camp which was open to Pony clubbers from south area and north area. Two of our members went on to the south area provincials at competed there doing very well.

Medicine River Pony Club hosted a 2 day PPG training camp which was a huge success. The members played Games all day long and worked on technique to make them faster and more efficient. Saturday night was a pot luck supper and sleep over at the clubhouse. The next day there were a few sleepy faces but no less enthusiasm.

Our members did not get too much rally experience last year, but that will be different this year. Several of our members tried a few Horse Trials and did a very good job for their first event.

Four of our older members attended the Prairie Zone Championships, did well and enjoyed the experience.

Late September, Red Deer and Blindman Valley Pony Clubs hosted Show Jumping and Dressage Championships. Both venues were successful and everyone enjoyed themselves.

We must thank all the volunteers and sponsors who made all these activities possible. Without the dedication of these people our young riders would not have all these great opportunities to become the best they can be.

Respectfully yours

Ingrid Plaudis-Bowie

### ALBERTA NORTH REGION

**ANNUAL REPORT 2001** 

In our second year as Alberta North Region the Rules and Regulations we have been working on are almost completed to the approval of National. There have been many times where we break ground for the future and try to set guidelines, which we can live by.

Our **Memberships** have fluctuated slightly being 272 members for 2001. Branch memberships varied from 39 to 2 members in 19 total Branches. This was a reported increase of 40 members from the previous year.

A separate committee ran **Quiz** this year hosting the Regional quiz in Warburg, Alberta. I believe Alberta is one of the few provinces to run Quiz a separate entity (committee) and along with holding practice quizzes and group practices in the format of clinics, the group was able to fund-raise the majority of their national quiz costs. Alberta North Region was able to complete a full C team and a full A/B team this year. This year's group was excellent ambassadors with positive attitudes and cheery smiles.

Our A/B and C/D testing education chairs have worked very hard this year hosting an Instructors Clinic in February and an Examiners Clinic in March. Both were well attended and very informative. The participants were riders along with interested volunteers from outside of pony club. The clinics stressed testing to the level and teaching to level requirements but not limiting to them. Trying to set committees of representatives to ensure that the same standards are held at every testing situation takes much patience and time. A variety of winter theory lessons were held during the first few months of the year to prepare for the written examines. The David Godson A/B Clinic ran a full week at Alhambra Stables in Red Deer with a total of 13 participants. The ever-popular camp was a prelude to testing of 2B and 2-B2 candidates in August. We had one successful RA who traveled to BC for testing and one member completed her B2 with a goal of A for 2002. The C2 testing for Alberta North Regional was held near Leduc at Shirehampton, which proves to be a central location with all facilities. It was here that a need to work and prepare more showed with only one pass out of 5 candidates.

Show Jumping and Dressage. Clinics were held with some new clinicians thorough the summer to better strengthen our riders. Our annual back to back championships were held at Amberlea Stables in September with resounding results. The weather cooperated splendidly and a happy blend of competition and friendship was noted. All level of riders were present. Noted a thank you goes for the donated a new award – most sportsmanlike member which was presented on at the final awards. And thanks to the Show jumping chair's innovative thoughts we ran Medal classes along with the regular show. These work out very well and we look forward to the continuation and implementation of medals in all locally held shows. We would encourage all areas to

include medal classes as this encourages the riders to brush up on equitation, encourage coaches and instructors to pay attention to pace, stride and leads.

Although **Rally** has been inactive for many years we continue to try to revive the discipline. This year a three-day D/C rally camp and mini-rally were held showing that there is still interest. Having senior and graduate members help along with eventing riders gave all participants a special look at rallies.

All enjoyed the comradeship, fun and instruction. We look forward to continuing this again in 2002.

**Tetrathlon** This year in Alberta North was a slow year. There were some practices in shooting, swimming and running but on the whole it was a slow year for participation. There was only one participant from Alberta North for National Tetrathlon in August in British Columbia.

Prince Philip Games has had a good year with Regional Competition is July at Darwell, Alberta. A total of 60 members turned out. The Alberta North A team from Devonshire won Zones and moved to the Canadians where they placed a firm second. The International PPG team competed in the USA this summer and placed third with one team member being from Alberta North. Two finalists from Alberta North Region were trying out for the Team Canada 2002 and were successful. Touring Great Britain in 2002 will be a thrill. Next year it will be on to the hosting of the PPG Prairie Zones. The PPG committee is already working hard on their plans.

A good year...some random thoughts... a couple of clubs disband, more new members looking to join and joining, a club who has a continual transit members, some very small clubs working together as if they were clubs of 15, international members, medal classes, PPG demonstrations locally, new Alberta Region pins and stickers designed by pony club members, website activity started, local businesses sponsoring riders, more communications needed, no major injuries all year, friends for years, horse bills, regional advertising, camps, rules and regulations, local shows, orienteering ride for year end, fundraising (including the chicken move) club award nites, lessons and weather, regional youth reps working with clubs, e-mail communications, volunteers, tack sales, ponies, paperwork, stalls, horses, and much more make up 2001.

Respectfully submitted Linda Choney Alberta North Region Pony Clubs

### Saskatchewan Regional Report 2001

Saskatchewan Region is experiencing a growth in our number of Pony Clubs for the 2001-2002 season. Last year we had only five active Pony Clubs with 114 members, all based around the Saskatoon area. This year we have a new Pony Club starting up in Regina as well as a dormant club starting up again around Saskatoon, bringing our total up to seven clubs with 127 members.

In August 2001, Saskatchewan Region successfully tested eight members, 2 B2's, 3 B's and 3 C2's. Sky Walker also successfully completed her RA at the National A Test held in Manitoba, and has put her knowledge to use with a job in Europe. Cristin McCarty had completed her HA in July of 1999, but has sold her horse to pursue a rowing scholarship in the USA. Hopefully, these two girls have inspired some of our other members to continue on and achieve these levels of achievement.

We had three members travel to Manitoba for the Prairie Zone Championships. Our Show Jumping Team placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the riding competition and 1<sup>st</sup> in the Stable Management competition. These Pony Club members had a great time and are looking forward to the 2002 Championships.

Our Region also sent a C team to National Quiz in October in Victoria. These girls, two of whom were first time National Quiz participants, placed 2<sup>nd</sup> as a team, and Amie Hiebert placed 3<sup>rd</sup> overall individually. We also had one B member who joined a scramble team.

Saskatchewan is hosting the Prairie Zone Championships in Dressage and Show Jumping, August 21-25, 2002. We are looking forward to the event and are looking for support and entries from Manitoba and Alberta.

Our Region is excited about the upcoming year and is actively pursuing new membership.

Cecile McCarty Saskatchewan Regional Chair

### Manitoba Regional Chair's Report 2001

The year 2001 was a busy one for Manitoba Pony Club as a whole. Volunteers and committee members worked diligently at putting together and hosting the first ever Prairie Zone Championships in Dressage, Show Jumping and PPG's, while also undertaking to host a National Rally. It seemed like a huge task but not an impossible one for the Manitoba Region to undertake and see to a successful conclusion.

The one big disappointment felt by the Region, in the final analysis, was the lack of entries from other parts of the country. It seemed that we had competitors from the far east and far west, but not nearly the numbers from those provinces closest to Manitoba. Nonetheless we carried on and held, from all reports thus far, a wonderful and exciting competition that everyone who attended enjoyed. I could see myself that the friendships and rekindling of friendships at this event will last for years to come. The competitors seemed to fairly glow with the excitement of each new day. In retrospect, I must congratulate John Moehring, our competition chair, who did a remarkable job in keeping everyone in line so that this event was as successful as it was. I know I speak for the region as a whole when I say that without John's integrity, strong will and tenacity, this competition would not have been as successful as it was in this province. He along with his hard-working committee should be commended for a job well done. For a first time effort, the Prairie Zone Championships were a success. Manitoba knows now that next time, they will do things a little differently, but in all honesty I can't say I was disappointed; I think it was a great competition despite the low entry and the lost revenue. We just have to do a little more fundraising to offset our loss. And no one in pony club is a stranger to that!

Manitoba also sent a 'C' team and an 'A/B' team to National Quiz held in Victoria, BC in October. We were very pleased when the 'C' team consisting of Amanda Penner and Samantha Jonasson of Baldur Pony Club, along with Tiffany Dancho of Mars Hill PC and Casey MacLeod of Windy Plains PC placed third in the 'C' team championships. That was a huge accomplishment for a small region like Manitoba and perhaps just a taste of what's to come in 2002 when Manitoba hosts National Quiz in Winnipeg.

At the Regional level Manitoba Pony Club also held Regional Championships in Rally, Show Jumping, Dressage and PPG's. A regional test was also held at Bird's Hill Park for C2 levels and up in late August of 2001. An 'A' Test was also held at this time with 2 candidates taking part – Jennifer Andrews of Manitoba and Skye Walker of Saskatchewan.

We were also very pleased when Theresa Moehring was named the Western Youth Rep for Canadian Pony Club. Theresa along with her counterpart Kirsten Scott from the East organized a successful Youth Conference in conjunction with National Quiz in Victoria.

Yes 2001 was a busy year and it looks like 2002 is shaping up to be just as busy for all pony club members and volunteers.

Respectfully submitted by

Maria E. Berry, Regional Chair



### **Western Ontario Regional Report 2001**

The year 2001 was a very good year for our Pony Clubbers and parents here in Western Ontario Region. As in past years, we had excellent attendance at all of our Regional Events. Registration continues to remain stable at about 300 members from fourteen active Branches.

We held our Regional Quiz in May. This event is always well attended, and this year was no exception.

In July, we held our show jumping and dressage competitions at Black=s Equestrian Centre. This combined weekend show is always well received with good participation.

Our Regional P.P.G. competition was held in July. The Mill Ridge AA@ team and Master=s were victorious again. The A Team went on to the National Competition in Barrie. Unfortunately, the Master=s team declined to participate in the next round.

Again we organized two excellent Rallies for our members. Our A/B/C Rally was held in August at Checkmate. We invited pony clubbers from C.O.R. to join us. Later in the month, we held our D Rally at the Caledon Hunt Club. Paula Rainford, from the Esquesing Pony Club attended the Inter-Pacific Rally in New Zealand.

The pony club web site continues to be very popular across Canada. We thank Crawford Dales from W.O.R. for all his efforts. It is exciting for everyone to see competition results on the web almost before the rider comes off the course.

Testing is an important part of our Education Program. Our regional test reps, along with the Branch test reps were busy helping the boys and girls with their testing program. We are achieving at all levels, even at the highly sought after ARA@. Along with this we held several educational clinics.

A very dedicated group of parents met monthly throughout the year at the University of Guelph to organize and run the events of this Region. Without their help, we would not enjoy the success that we have. These people work very hard for our pony clubbers.

The final wrap-up for our Region this year was our Annual General Meeting held in November. We take this opportunity to reflect on the past year and to listen to our pony clubbers report on the year=s activities. An exciting day was enjoyed by all attending

We continue to be very proud of the accomplishments of our pony clubbers and parents here in Western Ontario Region, and we try very hard to treat everyone with respect. We look forward to 2002.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ralph Rainford

### C.O.R. 2001 Regional Report

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### 536 members in 33 clubs participated in a multitude of activities last year, including;

- Educational clinics and testing All areas of horsemanship continue to be taught through the local branches. In 2001 we tested: 67 D level, 62 D1 level, 38 D2 level, 19 C level, 7 C1 level, 4 C2 level, 3 B2 level, 2 RA level and 2 HA level candidates in the region. Congratulations to Emily Sculthorpe for achievement of her full "A" status and Christy Barnes for her successful "HA" standing. A first in C.O.R. for many years!
- **Examiner's Clinics** were hosted by Tynedale P.C. in King City, the Murray Farm in Blackstock and the Temiskaming P.C. in New Liskeard. These clinics help us maintain the current standards as required by national testing guidelines.
- Quiz was held at Sutton District High School with 163 participants from 21 clubs a
  great success with the addition of separate D & D1 levels teams new for 2001. In
  October, 7 members also attended National Quiz in British Columbia representing us
  well as teams and individuals in the C and A/B competitions.
- Working Rally was again hosted at Saddlewood in Bethany with lesson and clinics scheduled for over 100 children and horses over three days of learning and fun. This has become the most popular activity in the region with a waiting list every year.
- Showjumping qualifiers were hosted by the Durham, Muskoka Lakes, Ajax and Sudbury pony clubs with approximately 15 clubs participating. A great year-end final was held at Dreamcrest in Port Perry. A team of 9 competitors went to the Zone Championship hosted by SLOV at Hawkridge Farm and were very successful.
- **Dressage** qualifiers co-hosted by Pause A While & Maple P.C.'s and Toronto North York P.C. with the year end finals at Victoria Pony Club. Thirteen riders attended the Zone Championships in SLOV (Hawkridge) and did extremely well at all levels.
- PPG regional meets (115 players) and finals were held at Durward's Farm with members going on to Zone and Master's Championships (in Alberta). Five teams from across Canada attended the National PPG A Championship hosted by C.O.R.at the Barrie Fairgrounds. Michael Durward and Michelle Gilbert were part of the wonderful International PPG competition that toured to Lexington, Kentucky hosted by the U.S. Pony Clubs at their 2001 Festival and placed 3<sup>rd</sup> overall. Congratulations!
- A/B/C Rally up to the preliminary level was held at Lane's End Farm in Bobcaygeon. A
  Pretraining team was sent to the Western Ontario Rally at Checkmate in August. Katie
  Shipley and John Jamieson were selected to be part of a 5 rider Canadian Team that
  traveled to New Zealand for the Inter-Pacific Rally placing 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the individual
  event, while Team Canada placed 5<sup>th</sup> overall in the Nation's Cup finals. Great!
- **D Rally** and the **Victoria Pony Club Event** were both held at Killusty Farm in Bobcaygeon. The **Kawartha P. C. Event** was again hosted at Saddlewood in Bethany.

- Tetrathlon swimming, running and shooting were at St. Andrew's College, with the
  riding phase at the Toronto North York Hunt Club with 35 participants. A team of seven
  juniors and seniors went on to compete at the Nationals in British Columbia with
  excellent individual placings.
- The 3rd Annual Central Ontario Awards Banquet and Dance was held in November. Year end, high point awards were presented for Show Jumping, Dressage, PPG and Eventing. Our national and international competitors as well as the successful A candidates were recognized for their outstanding successes.

### SPECIAL RECOGNITION

- 1. Many thanks to those dedicated coaches, chaperones and parents who made all these activities and events possible for our members. The following individuals also fulfill National positions for 2002: Gwen Barnes is National Testing Chair, Liz Inglis is National Communications Chair, Linda Denis is National PPG Chair and Daina Strickland is the National Dressage Chair.
- 2. During 2001 the Communications team sent 41 press releases about our activities to 68 local newspapers, 8 magazines, 5 television stations and two cable companies a total of 1,171 individual pieces. How's that for getting recognition for our athletes?
- 3. We appreciate the financial grant received from the Ontario Equestrian Federation in support of our program, 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 and national championships. A BIG THANK YOU!
- 4. Welcome to new branches: Brooklin, Green Lane and James Bay Pony Clubs.

Be prepared for 2002: Rally Zones and National Tetrathon will be hosted by C.O.R.!

### NB/PEI REGION CPC ANNUAL REPORT 2001

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

We currently have 5 active branches with 125 members. We have 2 branches that are struggling with some organization situations that are not resolved as of yet. There is interest of a new club in the northern part of the province but nothing is concrete as of yet.

#### **TESTING**

2001 was a very quiet year for testing but we had one successful B candidate.

We are planning a regional C/D examiners clinic for April 6, 2002. It will be offered to current examiners, giving them a chance to meet, compare experiences and learn more about testing, and to new examiners, including non-PC riding instructors and senior PC members, instructing them in how to test with professionalism and consistency. These sessions will be instructed by Gidget Oxner and Val Sullivan. A third session will run concurrently for DC's and branch test representatives giving them advice on how to run a successful branch test day, and parents have been strongly encouraged to attend this workshop to find out what is expected of them and their children. In the afternoon, Gidget and Val will give some practical instruction using PC "guinea pigs" as demonstrators. A current regional examiners list will be drawn up afterwards for future testing within the region.

We hope to have more candidates for next year and are planning two pre-test clinics to help them prepare.

### **EDUCATION**

All clubs were very active in both riding and stable management. Our 2001 regional quiz was successfully hosted by the Marshwinds Pony Club at the Port Elgin Raceway April 28. We are looking forward to introducing the badge program into our regional education program. The 2002 Regional quiz will be hosted by River Valley and will be in Fredericton, April 27.

### QUIZ

Under this title we have begun to organize for the 2003 National Quiz, which our region will be hosting. Planning is now underway. We have a great team of organizers that have taken this on and are looking forward to seeing you all in the Maritimes in the fall 2003! We are hoping to send a team to the National Quiz this fall which would, of course make us that much more prepared for 2003.

#### **RALLY**

Due to low numbers of participation we did not host a regional C Rally but we did host a Regional D Working Rally that was very well accepted and attended by the D's and also interesting for the parents as we did put on some education sessions for the parents involved to start training our source of volunteers.

### **TETRATHLON**

Several of our members attended a clinic that was hosted by NS in the fall of 2000, two of our members became very keen, and with lots of training and of course fundraising, participated in

the National Tetrathlon in BC. They went on and won the Island Horse Council/Sport PEI Award for Team of the Year.

We are interested in finding 2 interested juniors to make a complete regional team since those 2 girls that attended National are now seniors. We have just gotten a Mom that is interested and willing to be our Tetrathlon Chair.

#### **SHOW JUMPING**

The Regional Show Jumping Championships were held September, 2001 in conjunction with the NBEA Atlantic Equestrian Championships. We were one of the pilot Regions for the Medal class. It was well received by all including coaches, the judge, members and especially the parents. We also added a section of stable management, turn out and soundness checks. This again was positively received. A show jumping clinic was held for all regional members. This year we had the marvellous experience of traveling to Kentucky, USA to compete in their Show Jumping Championships as part of their "Festival". Two members from NB/PEI, Amanda Smith as a stable manager and Chelsey Newman as a rider with her horse First Priority were on the team. Chelsey and her mount did our region proud as she was the highest placed Canadian. She rode in one of the top divisions and came out in the top ten for individual equitation and overall placing.

This has shown us how important it is to be very well schooled over a variation of obstacles as Chelsey and her horse showed to all involved that she was well prepared in all aspects of the competition, including presentation, conditioning and knowledge even though when we got into the championships we realize that a mistake was made on the entry and instead of her jumping max 3'9" she was jumping a max of 4'-4'3!!!

The coach and the chaperone that accompanied the Canadian Show Jumping Team were also from our region.

### **DRESSAGE**

This area does need some interest generation. Over the past years it has seen smaller numbers of involvement; we do have one club that is having some organizational difficulties interested in mostly this discipline that I hope to get motivated.

### **D FUN DAYS**

This has always been a biannual event for us, but with the addition of the D working rally we did not get a chance to host this, but we are in the initial stages of getting one organized for May, which is a lot of fun for our younger members who do not get a chance to travel or do regional pony club activities.

### COMMUNICATION

Active on the CPC web site for 2001, looking forward to having 3 newsletters this year, the first one is being planned for publication the end of March.

Respectfully submitted, Darcy Newman Chairperson NB/PEI Region

## NS/NFLD Regional Pony Club Annual Report 2001

2001 was a busy year for our members and volunteers. Over the year we held six regional meetings and we sent representatives for Rally, Show Jumping, Dressage and Tetrathlon to the Disciplines Conference in February and our Communications Chair to the Communications Conference in Calgary. Fresh with new ideas and contacts from these conferences, we were able to introduce new activities and change some Aold@ ones.

Joy Brown, our Communications Chair, made a special effort to improve our communications. Two newsletters were mailed out to members, volunteers, examiners and advisors. These newsletters were also posted on the website. Joy has encouraged the use of the website as a source of information with the results of all our competitions, important dates, notices, write-ups and pictures being posted.

We began our year with two regional quizzes over the winter. The first quiz was hosted by Eastern Shore and the second quiz was hosted by the Opportunity Pony Club. Each quiz offered C, D and novice levels and the results were used to chose our team for the National Quiz in October. Our National Quiz team members were: Mary Roop - Avon Pony Club, Susi Brown and Nicole MacHattie - West Valley Pony Club and Robynne Murray of the Opportunity Pony Club. In the fall, the West Valley Pony Club hosted the first Fun Quiz where members from various clubs were scrambled on teams for a fun day of quiz activities.

Clinics - Regional clinics were held in Show Jumping with Shelly Bowen, PPG with Anthony Dennis and Confirmation and Unsoundness with Julia Foote. An examiner=s clinic was also held in the spring and this was followed by a newsletter for Examiners. A pretest clinic for B level was held in July.

A Tetrathlon Run, Swim and Shoot clinic was hosted by Opportunity Pony Club in the fall and the Regional Tetrathlon Championships, hosted by the Tantramar Pony Club, was held in May. Teams competed in running, shooting, riding and swimming. Three of our members attended the National Tetrathlon Championships in BC: Inga Hansen, Jennifer Wilson and Erin Sloan - Tantramar Pony Club.

There were changes to Regional Rally this year with the C and D Rally being held separately. C Rally was held in conjunction with the Central Nova Horse Trials. Clubs entered teams of four and riders could compete in the Starter, Pretraining or Training division. There was no stable management component of this Rally. D Rally was held as a one-day event at Hobby Horse Farm in August with tack rooms set up in horse trailers and with a stable management component as part of the rally. Holding the D and C rally separately enabled the C level members to be captains, helpers and workers at the D Rally. This seemed to be a beneficial learning experience for the C levels and provided capable helpers and captains for the D level riders. In August we sent a team to the National Rally in Manitoba. Our team was made up of James Hardy, Avon PC; Jackie Allen, Annapolis PC; and Lauren Johnson, Colchester Pony Club.

In August the Dressage is Fun Show was held at the Central Nova Horse and Pony Association Grounds with some wonderful entries in the Kurs, Costume Kurs, Pas De deux and Quadrilles. The next day the Colchester Pony Club hosted the Regional Dressage and Stadium Jumping Championships.

August also brought testing. Congratulations to Lauren Johnson of Colchester Pony Club on achieving B level and to Amber Hancock of Annapolis Pony Club on achieving B2 level.

In September, the Opportunity Pony Club held an invitational Zone Show Jumping competition as part of their Open Horse Show. The Annual D Challenge, hosted by Avon Pony Club was held in October.

Over the year individual branches held lectures, camps, tours, lessons, demonstration and clinics for their members. Representatives from each branch sit on the Regional Board, which met throughout the winter months. A regional fund raiser was held in the form of ticket sales for the opportunity to win one of three \$200 gift certificates from Apple Saddlery, Ted=s Tack Shop, and The Red Sleigh Tack Shop.

A thank you goes out to Apple Saddlery for supporting Pony Club. Apple Saddlery supplied prizes for all Regional Competitions in 2001.

Submitted by Carollyn Crewe

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### **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT 2001**

The last year has been busy and productive. I continue to enjoy meeting and communicating with a wide variety of people in all Regions. I spend a large portion of my time answering e-mail and returning phone calls, dealing with inquiries regarding all aspects of Pony Club.

The new member package has been very well received. My thanks to Crawford for keeping the lists up to date and to Baldur Pony Club for stuffing 900 envelopes.

Here are some of the things I have done this year:

- Sent out 1003 new member packages.
- Assisted Barb with the Discipline's Conference organization.
- Worked with Apple Saddlery on Regional and National awards.
- Produced the A written test.
- ➤ Worked on updating the National Examiners' List and then passed it onto Gwen as she wishes to be in charge of it in the future.
- Completed the AB Testing Procedures and passed it onto Gwen.
- Attended the USPC AGM. Developed useful contacts and had several productive meetings. It is probably not necessary to attend every year.
- > Assisted Teresa with the Governor General's Scholarships.
- Worked on AGM and Communication's Conference.
- Prepared and distributed AGM minutes.
- Organized MC meetings; prepared and distributed minutes.
- Assisted Teresa with Todd Sandler Award
- Produced the first Annual Report for CPC.
- Prepared packages for the Inter Pacific Team and the International PPG Teams.
- Liaised with British, Australian, New Zealand and US Pony Clubs.
- Assisted Darcy with Show Jumping Rules.

- Assisted Daina with Dressage Rules.
- Assisted BC Islands in preparing for Quiz.
- Attended National Quiz and assisted where necessary.
- Assisted Manitoba with Prairie Zones and National Rally.
- Started work on the CPC History update.
- Set up hotels for T&E Conference.
- Worked on Operations Manual formerly Critical Issues combined with the Financial Policy
- Reorganized filing system and general office duties.
- Assisted Manitoba in setting up their A Test.
- Organized the SAM, assisted in preparation of agenda. Prepared and distributed minutes.
- Attended Finance Committee meeting, took and distributed minutes.
- ➤ Began sale of clothing thanks to Crawford for setting up the web page.

### Suggestions for the future:

It might be more efficient to have the National Office liase with Apple Saddlery regarding prize donations for National and/or Regional Championships. Apple Saddlery has been most generous with their sponsorship and I feel they have been doing far too much work that we should be doing. The Regional and National Discipline Chairs could submit their requests to the National Office. I would them co-ordinate them and send one list to Apple Saddlery. I will prepare a special form for this purpose.

### **National Youth Directors Report - 2001**

2001 was our first year as National Youth Directors, and it was certainly busy! Our goal was to awaken Pony Clubbers across the country to the fact that they have a very important voice in Pony Club proceedings. To accomplish this we tried to establish a functional network of Youth Representatives, hold a conference and develop a means of communication.

The first National Youth Conference was held in October at the National Quiz in Victoria, BC. Many thanks to the organizing committee of the Quiz for hosting us! One participant from each region at National Quiz doubled as a Youth Rep to attend the conference. Issues discussed included the job of youth reps, developing communications, standardizing testing, updating the PC image, and affordability. We developed a survey that all National Quiz participants were invited to fill out, the results of which were presented at the SAM in November.

In November we distributed our first newsletter, via email, to all Regional Youth Reps and the Reps that attended the Youth Conference in BC. So far the response has been poor and we are open to suggestions on how to improve participation, as we are planning a spring newsletter and would like better circulation. We are also considering publishing a print version, or expanding our email list to include Regional Chairs, National Directors, DC's, etc.

Our goals for 2002 are to continue with the newsletter and web page as media for communication amongst Youth Reps. We would also like to request permission and funding to hold another youth conference at the National Quiz in Manitoba. Finally, our thanks to everyone in Pony Club who has helped us in the past year with our endeavors!

Respectfully submitted, Kirsten Scott, Active Member East

Theresa Moehring, Active Member West

# COMMUNICATIONS REPORT 2001

In late March, I completed the Regional Chairs and Regional Communications Chairs survey, prepared a report and sent it to the Board, Regional Chairs and Regional Communications Chairs. This information was used, in part, to set up the programme for the National Communications Conference, March 30 to April 1, 2001.

Those in attendance at the National Communications Conference felt that it was a worthwhile experience. Many were new to the role of Regional Communications Chair, and for them it was a major learning experience. Thanks go to Crawford Dales, Bill Murray, Bob Inglis and Phil Crowe for sharing their expertise. A report was prepared and submitted to the Board, with copies to Regional Communications Chairs, as well as others who requested copies. Several Regional Communications Chairs have used suggestions from the Conference with a measure of success, e.g. a press release from BCIS generated an article in a major local daily, and Alberta Central is now a regular contributor to Horses All along with the other two Alberta Regions. People are now sending Crawford more extensive information on Regional and National events. This is not universal but it is a big improvement. The next goal is to get people sending the same information to Barb Grimm (National Disciplines Chair) and to Liz Inglis (National Communications Chair). With that in mind, Barbara and I have developed a draft of an Organizational Flow Chart to assist competition organizers and those at the National level who need timely information. We sent the draft to Crawford Dales and John Moehring for comments and hope to have it ready for the Board by the AGM.

Progress has been made in the area of Media Relations since November 2000. In January, I discovered that several of the Pony Club Regional listing in The Horse Annual, a major publication sold across Canada. I sent an e-mail to Jennifer Anstey of Horse Publications group telling her of the errors (some listings were as much as three years out of date) and offering to try to get her more accurate information for the next edition. Unfortunately, only four people have responded. Jennifer has also sent around an e-mail asking for updates and I do not know what response she got. I can only hope that most people responding to one or another of us, otherwise this is quite embarrassing. The deadline for response was November 8-10.

I have also had a number of telephone conversations and e-mail exchanges with Karin Apfel of Horse Publications Group (Horse Power, Horse Sport, Canadian Horseman and Canadian Thoroughbred as well as The Horse Annual) regarding promotional opportunities. This led directly to Horse Publications Group sponsorship for both National Quiz and National PPG. We had difficulty getting photos of National PPG to Horse Power. At last, in desperation, I couriered a set of photos because their deadline was fast approaching.

A thank-you note to Horses All for their lovely article on Pony Club led to an exchange of emails with Editor, Larry Tucker. He is now using our press releases on National competitions and is open to more information. Alberta has always had a great relationship with this publication, and the National efforts can=t hurt.

We sent out both announcement and results press releases to National media and advised them to go to the web site for photos and further information, wherever possible. As stated earlier, there=s room for improvement in this area. Most of the folks in the Regions are fairly new to all this, and information doesn't always flow as it needs to do.

National Notebook has had only one issue since the AGM. The next issue was held up due to my illness from mid-April to mid-June delays in getting information from some quarters and approvals from several others. The whole thing was lost when my computer crashed in early October and has to be rewritten.

Contributions to the web site included an ad for volunteers to work on the Pony Club History project.

History Project also got some attention. I was able to track down Gubby Armour, the artist who did the line drawings in the original volume. I got her oral permission to use them again in a reprint, but do not yet have it in writing (needed to satisfy copyright law). I have asked Gubby and Sandra Sillcox to help us find Barbara May who edited the text and wrote some of it. This is also necessary due to copyright law. So far, they have not given me an address.

### **Future Projects:**

- 1. Val says we need a new brochure. I am willing to work on this but need more information. I see this as an update, rather than a total rewrite, with new photos as I am not sure all those featured in the previous editions gave written permission for their photos to be used.
- 2. I am gathering material for a Communications Handbook and hope to complete this in the coming year.
- 3. Crawford Dales and I agreed to produce, administer and analyse an exit questionnaire to try to get a clearer picture of why we are losing membership.

In closing, I would like to recognize the efforts of some of our Regional people in the area of communications:

Manitoba did a great job of communicating in connection with Prairie Zones and National Rally, from the first proposal to getting the results to us. They even had a press liaison officer on site! Rest assured, their example will find its way into the Communications Handbook!

BC Islands put out a super information package on National Quiz and responded quickly when told of the Horse Publications Group sponsorship offer. I understand we have Phil Crowe to thank for the excellent picture gallery that Crawford posted on the web site.

Sharon Orcutt of Alberta Central does a terrific job locally with a weekly newsletter (handwritten) and sent a Regional newsletter to both Horses All and to Crawford within weeks of the Communications Conference although she does not have a computer. She really took to heart the advice of the Conference - if there=s something you can=t do yourself, look for others within your Region who can do it and build a committee.

# Report on 2001 CPC Membership

The 2001 membership numbers contain little new information compared to what has been reported over the past several years. Therefore, many of the following items are presented very briefly since going into detail would just repeat what's been said before.

### The National Numbers:

The 2001 registration of 3327 is down by 186 or 5.3% from 2000. This is the 6<sup>th</sup> out of the past 7 years in which our membership has decreased and we are now down by 816 members or 19.7% from our high of 4143 members in 1994. The majority of this loss was in 1995-1998 during which time we lost 580 members.

We are now far below our long term average of about 3700 and the 2001 membership is the lowest recorded since 1972 when we had 3295 members!

### Membership "Dropout Rate":

Our dropout rate for 2000-2001 was 36% which is a bit above our long term average of 34%.

The dropout rate for C2 and up members excluding those who were overage was 33%. This is higher than the long term average of 29%, but remains less than the 36% rate for C1 and under. Between 2000 and 2001, we lost 84 C2 and up members who were eligible to rejoin and in the same period, we lost 1129 eligible C1 and under members. Although we do need to take action to retain our valuable senior members, by far the greatest opportunity to reduce our membership losses is by addressing the needs of the lower levels and younger age groups.

### **New Member Recruitment:**

Recruitment of new members was 29% which is well below the long term average of 33%.

Again as in past years, regions which did not recruit many new members such as BC Islands, BCIN, and NB/PEI were the ones which saw membership drop the most while some regions like SLOV and Central Ontario had high dropout rates but held recruitment high enough that their numbers didn't drop appreciably. The recruitment of new members remains a better indicator total membership than is the dropout rate.

### Regional Membership Trends:

Membership trend charts for each region are included below. As in the past several years, the charts are plotted as a percentage of each region's best membership year so that comparisons can be made between regions. The 3 Alberta regions were again lumped together and are plotted as an extension to the old Alberta region since there is still not enough history on the new regions to make meaningful plots.

Most regions except Alberta, Manitoba, and NB/PEI show continued downward trends over the past 7 or 8 years. For the past few years, a significant membership drop has taken place in BC, particularly the BCIN region and that seems to be continuing into 2002. It seems that BCIN will only have about 250 members in 2002, a drop of 40% since 2000.

#### Loss and Gain of Branches:

In 2001, we both lost and gained 7 branches which is about half our usual number of changes. There were 53 members lost from the branches which became inactive and 89 members gained in the new branches so we had an overall gain of 36 members from the loss and gain of branches in 2001.

### Electronic Registration

Currently 10 Regions use electronic membership registration which is no change from last year.

Providing the software for the process (usually Excel) is a problem for some regions. For individuals or regions to purchase a copy of Excel, the cost is about \$475 plus taxes and this is prohibitive for some regions. This problem will get worse in the future since the retail copies of Excel (and MS Office) XP are not transportable from one computer to another.

The CPC we can purchase software as a non profit organization at MUCH lower cost. Not only is the software cheaper but it is designed so that under proper controls it is moveable from one computer to another.

We could purchase transportable copies of the full MS Office XP Professional for only about \$100 each and loan them out to the regions. The only string attached is a minimum purchase of 5 copies but that still amounts to about the same as a region buying one copy of Excel only. Due to our geography, we may need to purchase several distribution disks at a cost of \$31 each but the cost is still very low. The Mac version sells for about \$120 but we can combine PC and Mac purchases in one order to meet the minimum.

Should we purchase 5 or more copies of Office?

### Membership Verification

Branch or Regional reports listing all members are available via email at any time by authorized persons (Regional Chair, DC, etc) to check and verify membership records. We encourage such requests.

In 2001, 25 branches from across the country were selected for membership data verification. I sent each DC a membership list and asked them to check it over to see if all the data was correct. The responses picked up about 20 members who had not been registered and over 50 corrections of addresses, birth dates, and name spellings. Over 95% of the differences occurred between the branch and regional records with most of them being the result of typos or difficulty reading handwriting on the registration forms.

In 2002, we will expand this process to improve the completeness and accuracy of the membership data and to see if we can speed up getting the data into the national records. In April, we will send a breakdown of the number of registered members in each branch to the Director of each region and ask them to verify those numbers with their DC's directly, then report where there are differences. Where differences show up, we can follow up further with the regional membership person and/or the DC involved.

In June, we will to send a complete membership list to each branch and ask them to verify the list for completeness and accuracy. This list will be emailed to the 125 or so branches which have email contacts and sent by regular mail to the others.

### Data Quality - Test Levels:

The problem with unreliability of the test level data in our membership records has been mentioned for the past several years and while there seems to be agreement that something should be done, nothing has happened to improve the situation. This subject may have been discussed during the recent Testing and Education Conference and a solution may have been found but if so, I'm not aware of it.

The symptoms of this problem have gotten more obvious since the Board decided last fall to honour our higher level members by posting congratulations on the website for those who pass B or higher tests and to honour members who "graduate" at 21 with a pin and a certificate showing their final test level.

When the information on "graduates" was given to Val, I had to include a warning that with 1 or 2 exceptions, no test results had been reported for those people in 2001 and that many of the recorded test levels would be lower than the members had really achieved.

In spite of a request during the Board meeting for all regions to send in the results of their B and up testing followed up by 2 email reminders to each region, only 5 of the 13 regions bothered to provide the information. The B and B2 level congratulations have not been posted as the Board wanted because posting the few results we have would not be fair to the many members who passed but their region didn't bother to report their accomplishment. The complete A/HA/RA results were finally reported by Gwen Barnes in mid January and were posted then, many months after most of the tests had been passed.

If these promotions are to continue, we must find a way of getting test results reported completely and quickly. If we can't accurately post congratulations within at least a month of someone passing a test and can't give "graduates" the proper achievement levels on their certificates, these promotions are of little value.

Based on my lack of success in trying to get this to happen over the past several years, I believe that the only way it will happen is if the Board directly instructs the testing community that promptly reporting test passes at all levels is of the highest priority and that a way must be found to do it.

#### **Distribution of Test Levels**

The CPC continues to have a very low ratio of A/RA/HA members and a very high ratio of E members. This subject was to have been discussed at the Testing and Education conference and hopefully some useful results came from that discussion.

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# **Supply Report 2001**

It has been another busy year at the Canadian Pony Club Supply House. I filled 312 orders and sold just under \$53,000 worth of merchandise.

Books, as always, continue to sell well and I have added the Allen Photo Guides.

I also added the Examiners and Instructors Personal Record Book and found a new supplier for the Canadian Pony Club pins.

I was able to have the store set up at the Disciplines Conference last February. It seems to be very popular with delegates, so I will continue to do so whenever conferences are held in Winnipeg.

This year, I am looking into carrying a couple of books recommended by Senior A Examiner, Dorothy Kirby as well as My Horse Colouring Book, recommended by Gwen Barnes.

Watch the web site for updates and additions.

Respectfully submitted,

### Val Crowe

Val Crowe Supply Secretary

CANADIAN PONY CLUB SUPPLY INVENTORY	1998 Total Sales	1999 Total Sales	2000 Total Sales	2001 Total Sales
DESCRIPTION				
CPC Brochure 1994	2,000	2,000	2,000	2000
Member Application Form	27	*	*	_
Member Application Form/Risk Form	*	17	24	7
2000 Branch Report Form	*	1	10	6
2000 Membership List Form	*	2	10	0
Medical Armbands			1,076	679
CPC Individual Member Passport	243	1,326	1,295	1004
By-Laws 1994 Critical Issues Handbook	24	15	11	10 *
Operations Manual 2001	28 *	20 *	12 *	8
CPC Branch Member Record Card	136	102	74	134
Starting a Pony Club Branch	16	102	13	0
CPC Membership Pin	1,501	1,238	1,335	1519
CPC Internat. Games Exchange Pin	34	53	0	14
CPC Crest	708	496	223	415
CPC Blazer Crest - BLUE	2	1	9	4
CPC Blazer Crest - RED	2	5	Ö	6
CPC District Commissioner Pin	<u>-</u> 24	6	18	42
CPC Visiting Commissioner Pin	6	Ö	2	3
Handbook for District Commissioners	22	22	_ 18	3
CPC Blue Stickers	881	400	1,314	1513
CPC Logo Sticker - 4"	159	30	<b>5</b> 61	454
CPC Caution Horses Sticker - 13"	69	111	0	119
CPC Caution Horses Sticker - 11"	*	20	267	222
Canadian Pony Club Pens	*	*	910	552
CPC Flag	1	1	3	6
CPC Notepads	32	17	35	19
Coloured Notecards	*	150	198	306
A/B Testing Procedures	85	63	68	41
C/D Testing Procedures	169	194	293	157
Examiner's & Instructor's Record Book	*	*	*	46
Certificate B	85	127	62	89
Disc B - Red	69	172	78	98
Certificate C	362	479	279	401
Disc C - Green	386	450	368	446
Certificate D	1,047	791	723	710
Disc D - Yellow	1,183	881	817	829
Are You Ready?	25	29	15	31
Are You Ready II?	32	29	15	20
Points of a Horse Game	46	38	64	78

	1998	1999	2000	2001
Riding and Road Sense	94	110	44	58
Fire Rules	63	52	32	24
CPC Rally Rules - 1992	19	22	36	15
Certificate - Rally	42	319	30	132
Dressage Guidelines 1994	22	30	36	17
Tetrathlon Rules 1997	13	21	23	9
Target - Tetrathlon	30	4,100	*	*
Show Jumping Rules 1988	24	37	36	22
PPG Rules 1997	14	30	28	8
Coaching PPG	5	N/A	13	8
Starting PPG	13	24	19	5
Quiz Bank on Diskette 1992	11	12	12	10
USPC D Manual	230	254	285	304
USPC C Manual	168	163	137	172
USPC AB Manual	78	60	61	68
Bandaging USPC	72	61	63	37
Conformation and Lameness USPC	62	62	62	30
Longeing USPC	77	61	63	36
Grooming to Win	19	20	20	12
Horse Gaits, Balance & Movement	15	19	18	14
Maximum Hoof Power	17	27	28	22
British Manual	239	294	213	224
Saddlery	35	32	33	26
Know Your Horse	44	46	47	41
Allen Photo Guides	*	*	*	143
Conditioning Sport Horses	23	25	29	17
Horsemaster's Notebook	57	79	92	57
Horse Anatomy	*	*	12	21
Instructor's Handbook	*	*	*	29
Every Time Every Ride Video	*	*	90	8
D Checklist	18	25	9	11
D Workbook	25	40	36	40
D1 Checklist	10	15	9	14
D1 Workbook	23	24	33	44
D2 Checklist	9	10	11	12
D2 Study Guide	14	18	22	32
C Study Guide	15	27	15	25
C1 Study Guide	18	21	8	20
C2 Study Guide	17	17	11	23
B/B2 Study Guide	12	18	12	9
Education Resource Handbook	57	31	30	10
Flow Charts	9	4	4	7
Quiz Handbook	18	14	15	8
Scarves	45	15	9	*

# **Equine Canada Report 2001**

### Submitted by Jacky Cooper

I attended the Equine Canada meetings in Regina and while there met with the Coaching, Eventing, and Dressage Committees, and talked with the Jump Canada people. All this to promote Pony Club and keep us in the main stream.

My hope is that these boards will be receptive in including us in the Young Rider Programs. We must meet the criteria and there must be room at the competitions to accommodate another team. i.e. a Pony Club National team. This is in the talking stage with Eventing and Jump Canada. However, the US has already set a precedence in the Jr/Young Rider Dressage discipline at Paxton last year. This will need the help of the respective discipline chairs.

I also was involved with the coaching committee. After much discussion Pony Club has been asked if we will allow coaching to use our B stable management material as the Stable Management Module for the coaching up to coach 2.

B pony Club members no longer need to do the rider 3 if they go on to do their coaching.

The coaching program is still under construction! We still meet the criteria.

# **CPC Website Report 2001**

### Use of the site:

In our first full year of having a comprehensive statistics system available, the site saw a total of 87,000 visitors who viewed a total of 420,000 pages of information and downloaded over 7,000 megabytes of information! Our busiest month was August with almost 8,900 visitors and 45,000 page views. December was the slowest month but even then we had over 6,100 visitors and 27,000 page views.

The most active area of the website is the Central Ontario Region section followed by the Classifieds section. Here are the average visits per month for the last 3 months of the year for a few of the busier areas (for regions, this is the home page only and doesn't count branch page visits). COR 740, Classifieds 530, Games 410, Guestbook 340, Downloads 310, SLOV 220, and Western Ontario 180. Competition results were also of great interest with the National Quiz page attracting nearly 500 visitors and the Prairie Zone Championships page getting over 1000 visitors.

Abuse of the guestbook and classifieds system by people leaving inappropriate messages continues to decrease and is now rare. Although we still get the occasional incident, I am satisfied that our protection is adequate. Both the guestbook and the Classifieds system have a "bad language filter" and also have the capability to block access by users who have a history of abusing the system.

## Page Updating:

Several of the discipline pages are again out of date. These pages need to be reviewed once or twice per year. Repeated requests from me for discipline chairs to do this have not seemed to be effective so perhaps the Board could consider making the coordination of these updates a responsibility of the Disciplines Chair.

All of the testing pages seriously need a review. The general testing page and the lower level pages (D to C) are frequently accessed and members are using them as a reference but some of them have not been updated since 1996. Gwen Barnes was going to discuss the need for page updates at the T&E conference but at this point, I have not heard if any commitment was made for an update.

As usual, some branch pages and a few regional pages are well out of date. Please remind your branches and whoever is coordinating your regional page(s) to either update the pages to keep them fresh or use wording which is not time dependent.

### Plans:

Due to other commitments, I have not had much time for website upgrades during the past few months and it is unlikely that I will have much time in 2002. I expect that 2002 will be primarily a "stand pat" year and any changes we do want to make will need to be justified and prioritized. This should not affect updating, expansion, or changing of regional or branch web pages which will be handled on higher priority as part of ongoing maintenance.

The forum system on the website has had mixed experience. It was very useful during the Rally Rules discussions in the spring of 2001 and is again being very useful for the discussion of bylaw changes, however the attempt to use if for discussion among the testing and education people prior to the T&E conference did not seem at all well received. With more than 5 times as many people involved as either the Rally or Bylaws forums, the T&E forum generated an average of barely 1 message per day compared to about 7 per day for the Rally forum and nearly 9 per day for the bylaws forum.

I will attempt to have some discussions with the T&E and other people during the AGM in order to determine if the effort needed to upgrade the forum system would be worthwhile. Currently the forum system is quite "bare bones" and could be upgraded to provide several convenience functions such as providing a list of unread postings for each visitor.

A long planned upgrade to the Games pages to provide posting of the top 10 or 20 scores in each game and by doing so allow visitors to compete against each other is under development and is almost ready for testing, however this is one of the low priority items and won't likely get much attention in 2002.

Crawford Dales March, 2002.

# **NEW BRANCHES 2001**

## **APRIL 2001**

NS/Nfld Fairwind Pony Club

Central Ontario Brooklin Pony Club

# **NOVEMBER 2001**

Western Ontario Glen Highlands Pony Club

BCLM Burnaby Lake Pony Club

Central Ontario Green Lane Pony Club

Saskatchewan Queen City Trail Blazers

# **Award Recipients 2001**

## **Governor General's Award of Excellence**

Christina Barnes COR Paula Rainford WOR Allison Byron BCIN

### **Todd Sandler Memorial Award**

Western Canada Jocelyn Gibson Alberta Central

Eastern Canada Jessica Gerrits NS/Nfld.

### **Billie Mann Memorial Award**

Kirsten Scott St. Lawrence Ottawa Valley

### **Adele Rockwell Memorial Award**

Annie De Leenheer BC Islands

### **Examiner Emeritus**

No nominations for 2001.

### Successful A Candidates 2001

Sky Walker	SK	Α
Matt Gaglione	ABN	Α
Emily Sculthorpe	COR	Α
Dusty Thiessen	BCLM	Α
Allison Byron	BCIN	Α
Christy Barnes	COR	HA
Jaime Kidston	BCIN	HA
Tik Maynard	BCLM	RA
Paula Rainford	WOR	RA

### **National Chair's Volunteer Award**

Presented by Virginia Buchanan-Smith to:

**Alanna Palmer** 

### **Honourary Life Members**

Jacky Cooper