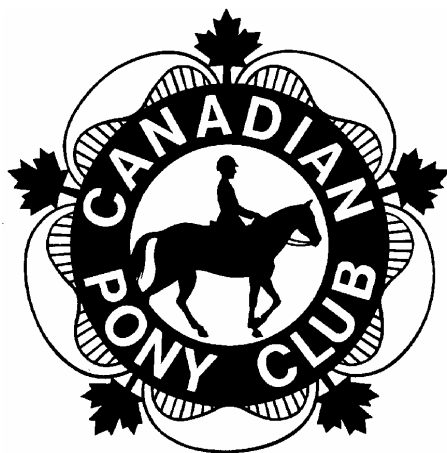


CANADIAN PONY CLUB



Annual Report

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I. AIMS & OBJECTIVES OF THE PONY CLUB

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

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

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

II. MISSION STATEMENT

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

III. MOTTO

Loyalty

Character

Sportsmanship

CANADIAN PONY CLUB BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2002

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National Chair's Report 2002

This year has been one of new initiatives and new challenges for the CPC branches, regions and Board, while maintaining existing programmes.

New Initiatives

Governance has been working diligently on the development of badly needed new bylaws

- sticking to their schedule
- keeping the process open
- honing their ideas to truly reflect the needs of the different levels of Canadian Pony Club

For the first time:

- new member packages were sent out
- recognition pins were distributed for volunteer work and alumni
- new beautiful brochures
- News from National [both Office and Board]
- Fox Hunting Exchange in US
- CPC sent an official team to US Quiz
- Youth Conference component at National Quiz

ONGOING

- continued work with Vel Evans re: Strategic Plan, Marketing
- Successful Testing and Education conference (with a lot of new initiatives)
- Successful National Competitions in Quiz, PPG and Tetrathlon as well as Zones
- Informative trip to UK for Karol and me, meeting with other National Pony Clubs
- Record number of A's and A candidates

Though we have been working hard to have good policies and rules in place, we still have some areas which I think we have to "keep on the front burner". Unfortunately, we are in an age of litigation, and it is becoming increasingly frequent.

- Testing is an ongoing challenge. This year we had two National tests which resulted in appeals. Not that appeals are remarkable, but both of the parents saw fit to threaten legal action. This is untenable for examiners and testing committees, and we must find a way to protect them.
- Safety is an issue with which the Risk Management Committee has made a good start. However, it is an area which we must continue to actively pursue and which must become an integral part of all PC activities. [For instance, Safety Officers should be at all Pony Club events, especially those involving horses.]
- Finally, membership is a really important issue on which we must improve. Our numbers have been gradually declining over the past several years, while the sport of horseback riding is enjoying record numbers. Do we need to look again at what we are offering? How can we better get the word out to prospective members?

Its hard to believe that my 3 years in office are coming to an end. It has been a great experience for me, full of challenges and wonderful people. I am continually amazed at the dedication and commitment of our volunteers and the remarkable quality of our Active Members. We are truly producing outstanding citizens for tomorrow; young people who are responsible, committed, hard working, and know the importance of playing by the rules.

My job has certainly been made easier by the capable, cheerful and willing help of our Administrator Val and by the dedication and support of the Management Committee: Karol, John, Mitch and Cheryl. In addition, Crawford, Phil, Jacky, Margo, Carollyn, Barb, Del, and Ralph are but a few of the people on whom I have depended for good council and support.

Karol, you have an excellent board to go forward with—a board with energy, enthusiasm, experience and with a unified vision to assure Canadian Pony Club success in the future.

Virginia Buchanan-Smith,
National Chair

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**NATIONAL CHAIR FOR DISCIPLINES
Report for 2002**

SUBMITTED BY DEL ZELMER

2002 was a year of familiarizing myself with the role of National Chair for Disciplines. Barbara Grimm as the previous Chair provided me with a superb set of files. I would like to thank Barbara for her guidance and mentorship throughout the year.

Time was spent communicating with each of the Disciplines on their individual discipline concerns. Some Disciplines had more issues to deal with than others. Considerable time was spent co-ordinating with PPG over the year. Various scheduling and communication issues arose. The need for more forward planning was evident and the root cause of most problems. Show Jumping experienced similar problems to a lesser degree.

International competitions in 2002 included International Games hosted by the U.K., International Tetrathlon, hosted by the US and Canada, a Fox Hunting Exchange hosted by the US and International Quiz, also hosted by the US. Three national championships were also held in 2002. National Tetrathlon was hosted by the Central Ontario Region. Central Ontario Region also played host to National Masters PPG while National 'A' PPG was hosted by BCLM.

Elections at the SAM in November resulted in four Disciplines receiving new Chairs. Welcome to the following new Discipline Chairs:

KASIA MIEDZINSKA	DRESSAGE
Peter Munro	PPG
Billi Solverson	Show Jumping
Gay Hansen	Tetrathlon

Returning as Chair of Rally was Heather Crampton.

The last few months of 2002 were used to familiarize the new Discipline Chairs with issues relating to their Discipline and to set the agenda for the 2003 National Disciplines Conference. Everyone eagerly accepted their new responsibilities and by year-end, plans were well in place to counter the problems that were evident earlier in the year.

National Dressage Activities Report 2002

BCIN A total of 40 members participated in the Regional Championships from Beginner 2 to Basic 4

BCLM The Regional Championships were held consisting of 41 riders at Basic 1 and 19 at Basic 2

BCIs Held their Regional Championships with 14 at Beginner 3, 21 at Basic 1, 19 at Basic 2, 10 at Basic 3, 4 at Basic 4 and 2 at Medium 2. Branches held small local dressage shows.

ABC held one instructors clinic, one riders clinic and the Regional Championships with 40 riders (16 at Beg 3, 24 at Basic 1, 20 at Basic 2, 4 at Basic 4) Four riders continued on to the Zone Championships at Basic 1 and 2.

Sask had a total of 10 riders at the Regional Championships and all 10 continued on to the Zone Championships

MB held their Regional Championships with a total of 23 riders (21 at Basic 1 and 2, 2 at Basic 3 and 4) of which 2 went on to the Zone Championships at Basic 1 and 2.

WOR held their Regional Championships with 38 riders (8 at Beginner 2, 15 at Beginner 3, 19 at Basic 1, 22 at Basic 2, 5 at Basic 3 and 1 at Basic 4. WOR also hosted the Central Zone Championships and sent on 5 to Basic 1, 3 to Basic 2 and 3 to Basic 3.

COR held a riding clinic with a Level 3 coach in which 8 riders participated, as well as an equine dentistry clinic (bit sets for dressage horses) with 16 participants. PC riders were hooked up with FEI Pony, JR and YR clinics held by EC and Cadara Ontario. Three qualifiers were held with 91, 65 and 61 riders respectively. The Regional Championships hosted 60 riders from Beginner 2 to Medium 3. Teams were sent to the Central Zone Championships (5 at Basic 1, 8 at Basic 2, 1 at Basic 3, 2 at Basic 4, 1 at Medium 1 and 1 at Medium 3). One of COR members was also a member of Ontario's FEI Junior team.

SLOV hosted a series of clinics on riding freestyles, attended by 16 riders. There were altogether 5 qualifiers with a total of 5 at Beginner 1, 14 at Beginner 2, 26 at Beginner 3, 35 at Basic 1, 11 at Basic 2 and 2 at Basic 3. The Regional Championships had 3 at Beginner 2, 3 at Beginner 3, 4 at Basic 1, 5 at Basic 2 and 1 at Basic 3. Although twelve qualified to go to the Zone Championships, only 5 were able to attend, 2 at Basic 1, 2 at Basic 2, and 1 at Basic 3.

NS/NFLD held two shows with a total of 34 riders at the first and ten at the second, from Beginner 1 to Basic 2.

In addition the following Regions received Dressage Program Grants:

ABC, ABS, COR, MB, NS/NF, SK, SLOV

Zone Championships were held and hosted by:

Prairie Zone – Saskatchewan
Central Zone – WOR

SHOW JUMPING REPORT 2002

My first task as newly appointed show Jumping Chair was to sort out the grant applications and forward to the National Treasurer the names of the regions that would be receiving grant money. This proved to be more arduous than I expected, as I did not have the original applications that were submitted in April. However, it was very interesting to see the variety of clinics offered though out the regions.

My favorite was the one held in Nova Scotia. There was discussion on the history of course design and show jumping. Types of jumps, lines, combinations etc. how to adapt to facilities, use of graphing to scale and how to adjust once on the grounds (footing, weather, etc.) Participants worked on setting up lines, walking options and seeing how the different angles affected the ridability. The clinic was recommended for C and above, pony club instructors, testers and testers in training, but was open to all who wanted to attend. Course conductor was senior CEF course designer Sandra Conrad.

Central Alberta Region also held an interesting clinic. The clinic was held at Willow Creek Stables in Red Deer. Riders ranged from D1-C1 in level. The morning included discussions on rules, turnout, preparation and conditioning. The course was walked after lunch and 3 groups of 4 schooled the course ending in a jump-off.

Having read all the reports that were submitted, I feel that the Program Grant is being well used throughout the regions, and with these two very different but very imaginative clinics as examples, you can see that the money was put to good use.

Central Zones Show Jumping championships were held in mid August at Black's Equine Center, Hamilton ON. 5 Divisions were offered, entry to Intermediate.

The Saskatchewan Region hosted the 2002 Prairie Zones competition at Ebon Stables in Saskatoon. Teams made up of riders from all 5 regions participated in the Show Jumping portion of the competition. Stable Management was included in the competition.

ANR offered medals at 2 of their branch shows and at the Regional Finals for the second year. Sask. also had medals at their Regional competition and has indicated that that will be offering medal classes again in 2003. I believe that many more regions will be adding medal classes to their year-end shows in 2003.

The Risk Management Guide states that qualified course designers, stewards and judges should be used at Pony club competitions. I would like to see Pony Club develop a program to assist in qualifying its own officials, course designers and judges. Not only would this give us people who are familiar with the workings of our organization, hopefully much cheaper than using EC recognized officials, it will also give some extra incentive to our older members.

Goals for the next two years:

- Establish strong channels of communication and idea sharing between the regions.
- Contact the members who are active in Show Jumping and ask them what they feel needs to be done to improve the discipline; ask what it would take to make them stay in PC as Show Jumpers
- Improve the level of equitation of members participating in jumper competitions.
- Encourage regions to hold more clinics, schooling shows and play days.
- Encourage regions to support and encourage older members who are serious and becoming successful in the sport.
- Encourage those members who train outside of PC with specialized Jumper coaches to come back and teach what they have learned to their club/region. 'Discipline specific Mentorship'.
- See every Region offer medal classes at all levels of competition.
- Have a bulletin board for Show Jumping.
- Post a list of Jumper coaches who are affordable and willing to travel on the bulletin board.
- Work towards seeing PC members qualify for the CET Medals and the North American YR.
- Explore fundraising options to make the Zones competition and International travel opportunities available to all members regardless of their financial situation.
- Increase participation in Zones competitions.

Respectfully submitted, Billi Solverson CPC National Show Jumping Chair

REPORT OF NATIONAL RALLY CHAIR FOR 2002

The National Rally Committee has worked quietly and well this year using the wonders of e-mail to handle the business and issues of the committee's work. This work has included a review and modification of the new National Rally Rules, review of and updating of the Application forms for Working Rally grants, the development of Guidelines for Conditioning and Cool-Out of horses at Rally and Code of Conduct for Riders to InterPacific Rallies. These last two will be discussed again at the Disciplines Conference in February. The application forms for coaches, chaperones and riders for IPE 2003 were amended and posted on the CPC Website and applications were received, postmarked no later than September 20 with selection made and announced by October 15. These dates were moved up in the year to facilitate earlier organization for fund-raising and seeking of sponsorship. Finally although there were applications from all 13 regions for working rally grants in May, I received post-rally reports from eleven of the regions stating that they had held successful working rallies in a variety of formats and have advised the Treasurer to send out cheques to those regions. Zone Rallies were held in NS/Nfld and Central Zone.

The members of Team Canada to the IPE in Australia are: Shannon Daly, coach, Jan Jamieson, chaperone/manager, riders Jackie Allen, Melissa Gunn, Melissa MacKinnon, Kirsten Scott and Jennifer Zelmer and alternates in order are Lisa Birchard, Amber Hancock and Melissa Johnson.

I wish to thank all the members of the committee and particularly Shannon Daly and Elaine Kopetski for their help with the Cool-out Procedures and Jacky Cooper and Maria Berry for their participation with me in the work of the IPE Selection Committee.

Respectfully submitted

Heather E. Crampton
National Rally Chair

YEAR END REPORT FOR PRINCE PHILIP GAMES

I took over as National PPG Chair in November 2002. This report outlines some of the happenings in PPG across the country.

REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS:

Regional Championships were held in most zones across the country. Some regions within the zones did not participate in PPG this year. The Atlantic zone did not participate in PPG although they are trying to revive interest.

ZONE CHAMPIONSHIPS:

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

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS:

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

"A" – 1st – Vancouver PC – BCLM, 2nd – East Maple Ridge PC - BCLM
3rd – West Manitoba PC – Manitoba, 4th – Mill Ridge PC – WOR,
5th – Temiskaming PC – COR
West Manitoba won the Sportsmanship Trophy.

MASTERS: 1st – Uxbridge-Scugog - COR 2nd – Alberta North Royals - ANR

INTERNATIONAL MOUNTED GAMES

The International Games exchange was held in May in Great Britain. The tour visited many regions in Great Britain and culminated with the International Competition held at Ascot.

The team members were:

COACH: Michele Ralston Davis from Manitoba Region

CHAPERONE: Bernie Cordell from Alberta North Region

RIDERS:

Brian Morton	BCLM
Eliza Gravel	Central Ontario
Katie Murray	Central Ontario
Katie Fraser	Alberta North
Stephanie Grundke	Alberta North
Nicole Cowper	Western Ontario (Alternate)

The results were as follows: 1st Great Britain 2nd Canada 3rd United States 4th Australia
Congratulations to our team and a special thanks to Michele and Bernie for providing the leadership and the expertise for the team.

NATIONAL TRY-OUTS for the 2003 TEAM

This year, participating regions were eligible to send up to 2 riders to the selection camp that was to be held in August 2002. By the deadline for applications, only four riders had submitted applications to the National Chair. Following discussion between participating regions and National office, a 5th rider and an alternate were added. Our Canadian team members for 2003 are: Alison Rainford – Coach, Carolyn Cordell – Chaperone, and the riders; Jamie Munro BCLM; Amanda Harris BCLM; Anna Stafford BCLM; Katie Olechowski WOR; Emily McIntyre WOR. Shira Daltrop BCLM is the Alternate.

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

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

Peter Munro
National PPG Chair 2003

National PPG A Championships

National 'A' finals were held on Sunday, September 29 at Southlands Riding Club in Vancouver B.C. 5 teams participated in the competition. The teams in order of placing were:

VANCOUVER PONY CLUB	BCLM	PACIFIC ZONE
Coach: Margot Vilvang		
Clare Brackley		
Shira Daltrop		
Jordan Maynard		
Whitney Strachan		
Paul Woodham		

EAST MAPLE RIDGE PONY CLUB	BCLM	PACIFIC ZONE
Coach: Terry Mayer		
Meg Foster		
Alicia Kayes		
Mandy Mayer		
Emerald McKean		
Pam Simmie		

WEST MANITOBA PONY CLUB	MANITOBA	PRAIRIE ZONE
Coach: Michele Davis-Ralston		
Kelly Campbell	Sportsmanship Trophy Winners	
Bonnie Campbell		
Janine Wasilka		
Candis Baydak		
Rebecca Clark		

MILL RIDGE PONY CLUB	WOR	CENTRAL ZONE
Coach: Ann Hull		
Laura Elgie		
Jenna Morrison		
Nicki Cote		
Kate Ascher		
Jessica Ralston		

TEMISKAMING PONY CLUB	COR	CENTRAL ZONE
Coach: Julie Brown		
Bethany Brown		
Shauna Chester		
Mallory Darling		
Candace McMahon		
Jessica McVittie		

The weekend began with a Meet and Greet at Southlands on Saturday, September 29th. At the Meet & Greet, rules regarding the games were clarified and coaches and riders were given information about each of the ponies they would be using. They were also able to view and ask questions about the equipment that would be used.

The games began under clear skies on Sunday, September 29th at 9:00. Five sets of four races were run with a different set of pool ponies for each team for each set of races. Teams were allowed a 10 minute warm up with the ponies prior to beginning the set of races.

Many people lent their time, effort and help to organize and run the championships, including the pony owners who supplied 28 ponies for the event. Each pony owner was given a saddle pad as a thanks for donating their time and pony for the day.

Peter Munro BCLM Regional PPG Chair

TETRATHLON Annual Report 2002

A watershed year for tetrathlon in Canada...

January to June:

- 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.
- Selection of the National Tetrathlon Team. Initially 5 men and 4 women were chosen, followed by a reopened search for another female team member and two alternate members. Ultimately we had 5 men, 5 women, and one alternate member of the women's team
- Selection of the National Tetrathlon Team's Coach and Chaperone.

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

July and August: National Tetrathlon Team (10 tetrathletes, coach, chaperone) took part in international tour in the United States (Denver, Washington DC), culminating in International Championships at Virginia Horse Park. Very positive reports back from the organizers of the competition about the good sportsmanship, helpfulness and spirit of our team.

August: National Championships at Trent University in Peterborough (shooting, swimming, and running) and Lane's End in Bobcageon Ontario (riding), hosted by Central Ontario Region. There were 44 competitors from seven regions across the country at this great competition organized by Carmen Cotter. Our banquet was followed by a wonderful boat cruise in the Kawartha Lakes.

September-December:

- A National Tetrathlon Training Centre website is being developed by National Team coach Terry Clarke and former National Tetrathlon Chair Bob Bailey for launch in Fall 2002. It will allow continued participation and development of tetrathletes interested in preparing for the International Championships in Ireland and the UK in 2004
- Major short term issue is location of the National Championship in 2003 which is still under discussion.
- In 2004, National Championship will be in Nova Scotia, followed by International Tour to Ireland and the UK by our National Tetrathlon Team.
- In 2006 Canada will co-host International Championships in North America. The host region for the National Championships will be Western Ontario, so they must make provision for an International presence (with land fees) at their championships.
- Bob Bailey has resigned as National Tetrathlon Chair. His temporary replacement is Gay Hansen, and she has accepted a nomination as the National Tetrathlon Chair for 2003.

Respectfully submitted...

Bob Bailey (former National Tetrathlon Chair)
Gay Hansen (National Tetrathlon Chair designate)

National Tetrathlon Report August 11-15, 2002

This year it was Central Ontario Region's turn to host National Tetrathlon for the Canadian Pony Club. As Regional Tetrathlon Chair, I took on the task of organizing this event for the Region, along with the help from various volunteers. Our main venue was at Trent University in Peterborough, where the athletes, chaperones and coaches stayed for the 5 days. The riding phase was held at Lanes End in Bobcaygeon.

The event began on Sunday with the Opening Ceremonies welcoming the Athletes from across Canada. We had eight regions representing Canada from Nova Scotia all the way to BC Islands.

On Monday, we began the shooting competition in the Great Hall, organized by Richard Horne and his volunteers. I heard nothing but positive feedback on how well the shoot went.

We then went to Lanes End where the horse matching to non owners was made. Thanks to our barn manager from WOR, Sandy Zelmer and Jen Zelmer, the horses assigned were well matched. Under the watchful eyes of Sandy and Jen and Catherine Burke, they were able to match everyone successfully. We then headed back to Trent where we ended the evening with an enjoyable walk through the Peterborough Zoo, while snacking on pizza, organized by Jan and Dave Jamieson.

On Tuesday, we headed back to Lanes End for the first phase of riding. The owners and some of the non owners rode first. The course at Lanes End rode beautifully for the Juniors and provided some challenges for the Seniors. John Jamieson, Erin Jones and Peggy Hambly, our TD, organized the riding phase extremely well. Bob Bailey, our National TET chair, took control of the reins so to speak, to ensure the cross country phase ran on a timely basis with the help of Del Zelmer, Christy Barnes, and Bill Murray. That evening the swim was held at the Athletic Complex at Trent. Once again, Jan Jamieson and her team of volunteers made this phase run equally smooth.

On Wednesday, the rest of the non owners rode. This was our final day at Lanes End. Many thanks to Sue Laverty and Ed Robertson for their generous use of their facility. We couldn't have run TET without them. We left Lanes End for a swim at Sandy Lake. A chance for everyone to cool off and relax.

Thursday morning we held the final phase of National TET at Trent. The competitors ran the challenging course organized by Steve Jordan. Once this was complete, we headed to Viamide Inn for the Awards Banquet followed by a Boat Cruise on Stoney Lake. We also did an impromptu stop at Curve Lake, before heading back to Trent for a night of dancing and partying until dawn.

Friday morning, we said our goodbyes to new and old friends we met through the week.

This basically sums up the week. However there were months of planning and work done behind the scenes by some key people who I can't thank enough.

Mary Debra Blakely did the entry package and the web design, the program, and fundraising. She also did a million things. Too many to mention here.

Jan Jamieson and her family hosted meetings at her home, ran the swim, got pizza, organized the bonfire and too many other things to list. Most importantly, she kept me sane.

The McCues, Kathy, Allen and James helped with the riding phase, flagging and unflagging the course, the swim and picking up whatever needed doing. James also assisted Steve Jordan with the running course.

Once again thanks to the expertise of Bob Inglis for announcing at the opening ceremonies, the riding phase and at the swim.

Thanks to Barb Grimm for handling the entries as they came in and to Susan Graham who handled the finances as the funds went out.

The grooms and the stable management team were well looked after by Nadine Jones and her volunteers from Victoria Pony Club. A huge task to take on. The grooms were outstanding volunteers and I heard nothing but praise on a job well done from this hard working group.

Christy Barnes helped both with the shoot and the riding phase.

Bill Murray, Debbie Robertson, Frank and Rhonda Hutcheson, Debbie Baker, all helped out in various ways during the week.

Gwen Lehari of TNY PC helped raise funds to help offset the cost.

From the East, Gay Hansen had the TET logo designed and the T shirts ordered.

From Western Region I must thank Sandy Zelmer and Jen Zelmer who were available 24 hours for the task at hand and making it look easy.

Del Zelmer was our Safety Officer for the week and MC for the banquet. He also gave me a lot of help in the early planning stages of National TET.

Bob Bailey looked after scoring. A huge task for an event like this. He also helped with organizing the nightly chaperones/coaches meetings, which thanks to his help, ran smoothly.

I'm sure I have forgotten some people who volunteered their time, and for this, I do apologize.

In closing, National Tetrathlon went very well. I think Central Ontario Region can be proud to have hosted this event.

Sincerely,

Carmen Cotter
COR Tetrathlon Chair

National Education Chair – Report November 2002-2003

Since my election to this position last November I have been mainly concerned with proceeding with the badge project. After receiving reports and material from the two pilot projects in SLOV Region, I set up a forum on the web page for contributions from the badge committee and all regional education chairs. From these results and consultations with contributors I developed a draft document that went out to the committee and regional education chairs for comment.

I hope to have presented at the AGM a draft proposal for a badge system that can then be fine tuned and distributed to all regions in fall 2003 for field trials across the country. The purpose of this badge program is to provide a fun and educational program to encourage members of all ages to remain involved in Pony Club even if they are not directly involved in testing. It is also hoped that some of the badge topics will broaden the scope of members knowledge and spark interest in areas they have not experienced before.

My second topic is the Governor General Awards. This year we had eleven applicants for the two senior awards and four for the junior C2/B award. The standard of senior applicants was very high and the committee had great difficulty in choosing the two most deserving members. In fact this year, we had two extremely good candidates tied for second position and rather than asking the committee to judge between them or making the impossible tie-breaking decision myself, I suggested that the award be divided between them. The committee readily agreed to this.

The number of excellent A level members we now have attending post-secondary education institutions seems to have been growing in recent years and I would like to suggest that CPC increases the number of GG Senior scholarships if numbers warrant. I would suggest a sliding scale so that we always offer at least two awards, but if there are, for example, more than five applicants, we award a third scholarship, and if over ten applicants we offer a fourth. It is very hard on such good applicants as we had this year to miss this opportunity of financial help, not because they do not deserve it, but because there are just too many good candidates.

Finally, I have been working with Teresa Wright on her overall proposal for education, which included the badge program, a program for recognition pins that the membership committee is working on, and an instructor's handbook. The latter is a long-term work-in-progress but I would ask any region or branch that has educational material they use in their teaching program that could be used in such a handbook to contact me. I am trying to collect as much material as possible to develop into a workbook.

Heather Sherratt
National Education Chair

National Quiz 2002

A very successful National Quiz was hosted in Winnipeg by Manitoba Pony Club over the Thanksgiving long weekend.

Nine A/B teams and 35 individuals plus 14 C teams and 56 individuals shared a weekend of fun and competition.

The event was held at the Radisson Suite Hotel, which provided each team with a suite, including a fridge, microwave and coffee maker. Transportation from the airport was provided free of charge.

As the teams registered, each group was given a large goodie bag full of chocolate bars, chips, popcorn, beverages and other treats to sustain them during the long intervals between meals.

The food provided by the hotel was fabulous and everyone was kept very well fed. The competition was well organized and a few new stations were added. (Taboo, Computer Concentration and Pyramid)

MPC would like to thank its many sponsors including Apple Saddlery, Manitoba Horse Council, Classic Equine Insurance, Radisson Suite Hotel and Canadian Pony Club.

Winner of the Billie Mann Award for top individual A/B was Kirsten Scott from SLOV. Winner of the Adele Rockwell for top individual C was Amie Hiebert from Saskatchewan.

Top A/B team winning the Henry Equestrian Plan Trophy was the team from SLOV composed of Kirsten Scott, Christina Hayward, Natasha Yates and Chantal Hortop.

Top C team winning the Horse and Country Magazine Trophy was the team from Manitoba comprised of Amanda Penner, Samantha Jonasson, Casey MacLeod and Kaitlyn Cockerill.

Many thanks to all of the volunteers who worked so hard to make this event such a success.

Manitoba also hosted a mini youth conference, which was very well received. A full report on this conference can be found under the Youth Directors' Report.

NATIONAL TESTING REPORT - 2002

For the record, Canadian Pony Club has 10 new "A" members, 1 new "RA" and 6 new "HA's".
 Congratulations are extended to:

"A's"		"RA"		"HA's"	
Melissa Gunn	BCLM	Melissa MacKinnon	SLOV	Katie Gerber-Turriff	BCLM
Jaimie Kidston	BCIN			Lauren Glanfield	BCLM
Tik Maynard	BCLM			Chelsea Himsworth	BCLM
Jennifer Peters	BCIN			Alison Johnson	NS/NF
Paula Rainford	WOR			Melissa Johnson	BCLM
Karl Slezak	WOR			Kirsten Scott	SLOV
Samantha Taylor	BCLM				
Shannon Thompson	BCIN				
Alexa Waissi	SLOV				
Jennifer Zelmer	WOR.				

Testing results indicate the number of members tested in 2002 is down from the previous year. The results are displayed below. This is a 72% success rate at the C2 to B2 levels, compared to 75% last year. At the RA and HA level, it is difficult to make a comparison since some of the tests are only partial repeats. Some regions have very high pass rates, while others are well below this average. I suggest those regions below the average review their screening/evaluation practices and find ways of achieving improvement. Candidates have put in a lot of time and effort, not to mention expense, to reach these levels. We must make every effort to help them be prepared.

Test Level	Attempts	Successful
C2	59	49
B	45	26
B2	7	5
HA	18	15
RA	12	9

From an organisational point of view, the past season ran smoothly. We were, however, faced with two appeals, both of which have been resolved. I thank the members of the appeal committees and I thank those examiners involved with developing a clear appeal process which is outlined in the testing procedures. This gives testing committees at branch, regional and national level a process to follow. The Board has also provided us with a clear Code of Conduct and Harassment Policy. All branch executive members should make themselves familiar with these documents.

A successful Testing and Education Conference and National Examiners' Workshop was held in February. The A/B Testing Procedures were updated, a Badge Program was set up and examiners worked on standardizing testing across the country.

I look forward to an exciting 2003 season.

Respectfully submitted
 Gwen Barnes

PRAIRIE ZONES 2002

FINAL PRINCE PHILIP GAMES REPORT

Alberta North Region was on the National rotation list to host Prairie Zones PPG 2002; but, after much negotiation with Saskatchewan Region, it was agreed they would host PPG Zones 2002 and Alberta North would host in 2003.

On the Prairies, we have decided that all disciplines participating in Zones will be hosted in the same Region in a given year. This gives individuals options to participate in more than one discipline and allows for only one Zones date. Still, it is hard to find dates that meet with all Regions' approval. These need to be set two years in advance.

I agreed to help SK with the PPG part of Zones because they did not have the experience within their Region and Alberta North loaned equipment for the competition. Thank you.

Competing in the A Division at Zones were teams from Manitoba, Alberta South and Alberta North. The same regions also participated in the Masters Division.

All participating Regions contributed manpower to the number of volunteer positions that were required to run the competition. Our chief steward was Barbara Grimm of Central Ontario. Natasha Briscoe of Alberta North was junior steward for the A Division.

The weather was hot and dry and mid-day competition was difficult. Evening heats can be run far more easily and keep volunteers, riders and ponies feeling a lot more comfortable. More interaction between teams would be fun.

Awards presented included perpetual trophies for A Division (won by MB), Masters Division (won by ANR) and Sportsmanship (won by ANR A Team).

Stable Management was judged at Zones, but PPG did not receive any awards. These awards should either be separate in each discipline or overall for Regions. Each discipline needs its own set of criteria for judging stable management. It is my recommendation, after discussing this with participants, that PPG should keep this light as the Games are supposed to be **fun** first and foremost. Too much emphasis was put on stable management and not enough on interacting with other PPG teams and other pony club members. If possible and if there is time, field trips should be arranged to see special interest places, etc.

All participants in A Division and Masters think that first place teams in each division should receive coolers. It was also suggested that awards or ribbons should be given for each set.

Closing ceremonies were long as is usual and it was suggested that each discipline could do its day awards separately, leaving only the major awards for the closing ceremonies.

Special thanks go to Saskatchewan Region, Diana Pella and Ebon Stables for including Games in Zones 2002.

Respectfully submitted,

L. K. Shiels
PPG Chair – ANR

2002 CENTRAL ZONE PPG

Zones were held at the Durward's Farm in Little Britain, Ontario on the 24th of July 2002.

At the A level, COR was represented by Temiskaming, WOR by Mill Ridge/High Cty and SLOV by Ashton First Field Pony Club.

At the Masters level, COR was represented by Uxbridge/Scugog, WOR by Grand River and SLOV by Ashton First Field Pony Club.

Both levels played 2 sets of 8 games. The first set included: Bending, Canadian, Spillers, 5 Mug, Egg and Spoon, Litter, Stepping Stone and Sword. The second set included: 5 Flag, Ball and Bucket, Hi-Lo, Milk, Daily Mail, Postman's Chase, Sock and Ring Race.

The following chart represents the points and placing for both levels of competition:

A TEAMS	REGION	<i>Set 1</i>	<i>Set 2</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Place</i>
	COR	25	26	51	1
	WOR	28	22	50	2
	SLOV	18	23	41	3
MASTERS					
	COR	30	30	60	1
	SLOV	22	21	43	2
	WOR	18	19	37	3

2002 NATIONAL MASTERS PPG

The National Masters Championship was held at the Durward's Farm in Little Britain (Central Ontario Region) on the 8th of September 2002. A mixed team from Northern Alberta & the Uxbridge-Scugog Pony Club played off for the National Masters Title. The same set of games were played for this division as were used in the Central Zone PPG Meet. The results were:

ZONE	<i>Set 1</i>	<i>Set 2</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Place</i>
CENTRAL ZONE	20	23	43	1
PRAIRIE ZONE	20	17	37	2

Both teams were evenly matched and played well. Even in the extreme heat (33C) the day went well. After awards and clean up were completed both teams enjoyed a well deserved swim and barbeque to end the day.

CENTRAL CANADA ZONE RALLY

HOSTED BY CENTRAL ONTARIO

AUGUST 10TH, 2002 AT LANE'S END FARM

Central Ontario hosted the Central Canada Zone Rally at Lane's End Farm. There were 31 individual riders plus 22 grooms from Western Ontario and Central Ontario Regions. They competed at the pre-training, training and preliminary divisions. Here are the overall results of the 2002 Central Canada Zone Rally, held concurrently with Central Ontario Regional Rally at Lane's End Farm near Bobcaygeon on Saturday, August 10, presented from the most to least difficult levels.

At the Preliminary level, Jenn Zelmer of the Albion Pony Club in the Western Ontario Region won the Zone Championship as the only entry in this Division, riding Piece of the Puzzle.

Training Level - Zone

Place	1	2	3
Rider	Kendal Lehari	Kitty Baker	Erin Blakeley
Horse	She's All That	Irish Willie	Thunder Wings
Branch	Toronto & North York	Toronto & North York	Kawartha
Region	COR	COR	COR
Overall Score	64.4	110.0	173.2

Pre-Training Level - Zone

Place	1	2	3	4	5
Rider	Jordan Thompson	Amelia Jones	Katlyn Hewson	Alison Birdsall	Krystin Anderson
Horse	Braveheart	Just Breezin	Northern Escapade	Solo Spirit	Cause for Applause
Branch	Durham	Uxbridge-Scugog	Victoria	Uxbridge-Scugog	Albion
Region	COR	COR	COR	COR	WOR
Overall Score	49.4	52.8	55.2	61.4	61.8

Team Competition

Team competition was offered at the Training and Pre-Training levels only, on a Zone basis.

Training

There was only one team, Central Ontario #1, composed of Kendal Lehari and She's All That from Toronto & North York, Kitty Baker and Irish Willie from the same Branch, and Erin Blakeley riding Thunder Wings, from the Kawartha Pony Club.

Pre-Training

1st - Central Ontario Team #2: Amelia Jones and Breezin; Katlyn Hewson and Northern Escapade; Jessie Barrieau and Keep on Dreamin'; and Kylie Pinder and Let's Rhumba, all from the Victoria Pony Club, and Alison Birdsall riding Solo Spirit, from the Uxbridge-Scugog Pony Club.

2nd - Central Ontario Team #1: Jordan Thompson and Braveheart of the Durham Pony Club; Amy Jordan and Flying Rosie of the Kawartha Pony Club; Aubrie Holmberg and Kompressor of the Toronto & North York Pony Club; and Ann Revill and Kevin of the Napanee Pony Club.

3rd - Western Ontario Team #1 - Krystin Anderson and Cause for Applause, of the Albion Pony Club; Allison Poel and Rifdobia April of the London Pony Club; Nicole Cowper and Twizzler, of the Guelph Pony Club; and Meagan Maloney on Just a Replacement, from the Albion Pony Club.

Stable Management

At this point we have limited information on the stable management aspect of these rallies.

The stable management awards themselves are awarded on a team basis, by level, with both grooms and riders counted as part of the team. Unfortunately we do not have grooms' names so we have not named any of the team members.

At the Training level, the winner was the Central Ontario #1 team. Information on other placings is not available.

At the Pre-Training level, first place went to Central Ontario #2 (all from the Victoria Pony Club) with Central Ontario #1 second and Western Ontario #1 third.

The award for most fit horse went to Jenn Zelmer of the Albion Pony Club in the Western Ontario Region.

Jessie Barrieau of the Victoria Pony Club in Central Ontario Region was recognized for best cool-out.

Another Victoria rider, Amelia Jones, won for best trot-up.

INTERNATIONAL TETRATHLON EXCHANGE

July 17 - August 5, 2002

Every two years, Tetrathlon teams from Ireland, Britain, the United States and Canada compete in the International Tetrathlon Exchange. The 2002 International Tetrathlon Exchange took place in the United States from July 17 to August 5.

Each national team is composed of ten members, five women and five men between the ages of sixteen and twenty one. The Canadian Pony Club was represented by Women's team members: Hannah Smith (BCIs), Ashley Hicks (BCIs), Kari-Ann McNabb (ABS), Erin Fieger (Sask) and Jennifer Wilson (NS). The Men's team members were: Steve McLay (BCLM), Matt Grant (BCLM), Noel Clark (ABS), Jeremy Neilson (ABS) and Joseph Holownia (NS). The team chaperone was Dawne Clark and Terry Clark (ABS) was coach. Rachel Bedingfield (NS) was a non-travelling coach who worked via email to prepare the team for competition.

The US tour included two competitions, the first in Denver Colorado and the second in Lexington, Virginia with plenty of sight seeing in between. A total of forty tetrathletes participated from Ireland, England, USA and Canada.

The athletes congregated in Denver Colorado and traveled to Vail where they toured the famous ski area. They visited and trained in the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs and explored the Denver Science Museum. The Western Tetrathlon competition was held at the amazing equestrian park in Parker, Colorado.

The athletes then continued on to Washington DC where they visited the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum as well as the Kings Dominion Amusement Park. The Eastern Tetrathlon competition was held at the Virginia Horse Center in Lexington. Many Pony Club events including Prince Phillip Games, Eventing, Stadium Jumping, Dressage and International Quiz were taking place at the same time. The facility was huge and easily accommodated the hundreds of horses and competitors that had assembled for this unique Pony Club event.

The Canadian Team finished in fourth place overall in both tetrathlon competitions. We had some great achievements despite our last place finish. Canadian team members placed first in shooting, first and second in swimming and placed very well in riding. The general feeling among team members was that something needs to be done about running before the next International Exchange!

The Canadian Tetrathlon Team members had an experience of a lifetime! They are all very grateful for the opportunity to represent the Canadian Pony Club in their favorite discipline. They appreciate the organization and financial support from the National Canadian Pony Club. Many Pony Club Regions supported their representatives financially. The packages of souvenirs and saddle pads were wonderful gifts for the hosts and horse loaners. Thanks to Dawne and Terry Clark who worked long and hard to keep everyone on track and on time, and to Rachel Bedingfield, e-coach extraordinaire.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Wilson,
Tetrathlon Team Member, Nova Scotia Region
and
Gay Hansen
National Tetrathlon Chair
Canadian Pony Club

International Quiz - 2002

The second International Quiz was hosted by the USPC in Florida and Virginia, from July 26 to August 4.

The Canadian team consisted of, Anne Marie DeLeenheer (BCI), Gillian Hammond (BCI), Alexandra Pinfold (BCI), Kirsten Scott (SLOV, captain) and chaperone Jane Hammond. We spent the first 5 days in Florida, and enjoyed the sights of Disney World, Mote Marina, Sarasota & Siesta Key Beach, Kennedy Space Center and Daytona Beach. We had lots of time to lie in the sun next to the ocean, and even had a BBQ supper on the beach one evening. The hospitality of the Sunshine Region was amazing; they provided charming host families and many meals!

On July 31st we left for Dulles Airport, and arrived safely in Virginia. The next day we attended the opening ceremonies of the USPC Championships East at the Virginia Horse Center in Lexington VA. It was an awesome experience, 900 Pony Clubbers from across the US, as well as the International Tetrathlon teams and us!

Our competitions followed over the ensuing 2 days. We were placed on scramble teams (consisting of one Canadian and one American as there were only 2 teams competing) for the first competition. The last day was nation against nation, with the US coming out on top! (We maintain it was because all the questions were about their rules, and none about ours!!) Finally, on our last day, we drove back from Lexington to Washington and enjoyed a brief tour of the historic buildings and monuments in the American capital city.

The International Quiz was a wonderful experience where we met many other like-minded Pony Clubbers! Thanks to the Canadian and US Pony Clubs for organizing this!

INTERNATIONAL FOXHUNTING EXCHANGE 2002

An idea was conceived to invite foxhunting pony clubbers from different nations to come together for an exchange. Teams of four experienced riders were selected from Eire, UK, Canada and the hosts were the U.S. The mandate was to hunt with different hunts, see different cultures, sights, make new friends and above all, have fun. I think I can safely say that we managed all of the above!

The first week was Virginia. Everyone was divided into groups of different nationalities and billeted with host families. Excellent hunt horses were provided, all groomed and tacked up, one hunt even produced 8 spotless greys for 7.45 am – what a treat. We all hunted with three different hunts and the hunting was excellent. Fast, with lots of jumps, (as with any hunt there were non jumping options if you wished), good coverts and obliging foxes that popped out, gave everyone a good run then went back safely to ground! One rider, who was not tall, had trouble with her stirrups and after trying unsuccessfully to shorten them comfortably just took them off and hunted fast for the next two hours with no stirrups. She said she rides bareback all the time so it was no problem! The Masters of each hunt were so friendly and welcoming and invited the pony clubbers to ride up at the front of the field, a great honour. Some were invited to go with the whips which was really exciting. We hunted with the Orange County Hounds, Cassanova Hunt, Warrenton Hunt, Old Dominion Hunt, Piedmont Hunt and Blue Ridge Hunt.

Sightseeing trips were organized to Washington, the Museum of Foxhunting at Morven Park and Morven Veterinary Facility. Ms. J. Mars, the sponsor of Karen & David O'Connors, (Gold Medal and World Champion 3 day event), kindly invited us to tour her lovely 750 acre farm, Stonehall. Karen and David introduced us to all their horses. One horse had allergies and wore contact lenses! David gave a demonstration of round penning. He is a great believer in this method of starting young horses. Then Karen and David gave riding demonstrations both on the flat and over a 4ft jump course. David rode his Olympic horse "Custom Made". They stressed the importance of communication and control and changing the speed of canter effortlessly. They had two jumps set up then they alternated while changing the striding from three to seven! To prove that a rider can have complete control just using balance, seat and legs David removed his bridle and with a simple rope around the base of his horse's neck he proceeded to do dressage and jump a complex course. After this we all went with our hosts to a BBQ and film show put on by Ms Mars at her partyhouse. For the last night in Virginia the Cassanova Hunt put on a marvelous banquet. Everyone got dressed up and looked great.

Next stop the Carolinas.

The hunt country is very different to Virginia. We were hunting in the foothills of the Appalachians. Quite dramatic with steep hills and red clay – it was raining so quite slippery but again we were lent horses that knew their job. We hunted with the Tryon Hunt who were having a joint meet with the Whiskey Road Hunt with excellent hunt

breakfast to follow and we hunted with Green Creek Hunt with an amazing 35 couple of hounds out. What's more the huntsman/MFH, Tot Goodwin, came back with them all!

Hounds worked well but the weather wasn't co-operating but when the mist cleared the views were great. There was welcome tailgate breakfast on our return and A reporter for the Chronicle of the Horse interviewed many of the Pony clubbers' about the Foxhunting Exchange, maybe we'll be mentioned in the next edition!

One day we were taken beagling, which was a new and interesting experience for many. Beagles are such happy, joyful hunters that even the wet weather couldn't dampen their enthusiasm, even if it did ours!

The Green Creek Hunt held a hunter pace which was very well attended and good fun and again we were kindly lent horses. There was an optimum time of about 1:40 but I think some thought it was fastest time and completed the course in under an hour!

The last night The Green Creek Hunt hosted a party for us at wonderful old mill house. Great food, a few speeches, photo ops and good byes.

Team Members

John Jamieson	Kawartha P.C.	Central Ontario
Katie Shipley	Pickering P.C.	Central Ontario
Kitty Baker	Toronto & North York P.C.	Central Ontario
Jaimie Stephenson	Davisburg P.C.	Alberta South

Chaperone

Tina Walker

The team would like to express their sincere thanks to the **MFHA Festival of Hunting** who donated \$750.00 to help pay for the uniforms for the Canadian Pony Club Fox Hunting Team.

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British Columbia Interior North Region
Annual Report 2002

This year, 2002, was a busy year for BCIN, filled with excitement, fun and learning for our members. There were many new faces at the BCIN Regional meetings and along with the new faces came refreshing new ideas. We are seeing the return to northern B.C. of our former upper level members. These young people are rejuvenating the Region with their enthusiasm, knowledge, and energy.

Because of the huge distance from the north of our region to the south, we continue to have two Regional Meetings: one at 100 Mile House in October and the other further north at Quesnel in February. Travel time for a number of individuals to these meetings is eight to ten hours depending on road conditions. In addition to these two meetings, the north and the south each have one or two meetings prior to each Regional Meeting.

Although BCIN has maintained 20 branches this year, our membership has declined. There are numerous reasons for this decline, none of which are a reflection of Canadian Pony Club, BCIN Region or the Branches.

BCIN's 2002 ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- a new branch - Pemberton Pony Club
- continuing good representation from branches at our Regional Meetings
- hosting two Regional Quizzes: one in the North and one in the South
- sending one B team and one C team to National Quiz
- providing quality instruction, educational opportunities, mock testing, and camps
- providing two C2, B, B2 testing opportunities: one north and one south
- having three A candidates in our Region
- having three A candidates attend testing in BCLM
- having two successful HA/RA recipients: Jennifer Peters and Shannon Thompson
- having a successful RA candidate: Jaime Kidston
- having a recipient of the Governor General's Award of Excellence - Allyson Byron
- providing Dressage and Show Jumping Championships: one north and one south
- presenting a Regional Scholarship
- sending four representatives to the testing and education workshop
- hosting a Regional Rally in the north
- providing examiner's clinics both in the north and the south
- diligently working to provide an educational package for instructors of our upper level members - B, B2, A

Respectfully submitted,

Heather McDonald
Regional Chair

B.C. Islands Region Annual Report 2002

The year 2002, has been another extremely productive and successful one for B.C. Islands Region!!

Our 8 branches had a total of 171 members, which was a few up from the 2001 total of 169. Most Branches had many new members and participated actively in our Regional Events. However, not all branches were able to participate in every event, and this made attendance lower overall in Regional Events. I hope that it will be our goal in 2003, for every branch to field a team to all Regional Events! BCIS again showed outstanding participation in National and International Pony Club events, thanks to many dedicated members and the support of parents and Branches.

We began the year by sending four Regional representatives to the Education/Testing Conference held in Winnipeg in February 2002. Many thanks to Connie Birchard, Sheena Charnell, Jacky Cooper and Lisa Pink for attending and bringing their valuable input to these discussions. Dorothy Kirby also attended from our Region as a National Examiner. We are extremely lucky to have so many experienced senior examiners in our Region.

Many thanks, again, to Heather Crampton, our able National Director, for also attending the National AGM in April, and attending the SAM meetings in Nov. of 2002. Heather has been a consistent and valuable participant in all National meetings, and has done a wonderful job of keeping our Region up to date and connected with what's going on in National Pony Club.

We were able to offer all four Regional Events to our members again this year. Regional Quiz was another great experience for everyone, and hats go off to Powell River for putting on their 2nd Regional Quiz and doing another super job! Many thanks to Metchosin for hosting PPG! The weather was great, the games were organized and smooth and a good time was had by all!

Regional Rally was hosted by the Region this year and a new format of two days, and using trailers for Tack and Feed rooms was successfully tested out. The weather was hot and dusty, but the horses and members coped well and everyone had a great time! Many thanks to the Warman family for all their endless work, Metchosin and Cowichan Parents and members for pitching in, and special thanks to Lisa Pink who designed both the Stadium and Cross Country courses, physically set up the Cross country course with truck and chain, and gave an educational clinic on designing and setting up a Stadium Course to the C and up members. It was a pleasure being the Organizer of this event with such cheerful and willing slaves!

Championships were hosted by Quennell Lake this year at Beban Park, and it was also fun and successful! This small Branch did a great job of pitching in and showing us what teamwork can accomplish! Congratulations to all the participants of all the Regional Events, and many thanks to the Parents, Volunteers, Members and Coaches who all help to make these events happen so successfully.

This year was again an extremely exciting year for our members who had opportunities to attend other Regional, Zonal, National and International Competitions!

We sent 4 members to compete in the BCLM Regional Tetrathlon, and two of those members went on to compete in National Tetrathlon held in Petersborough, Ontario. Our senior team of women, Ashley Hicks and Anne Marie Deleenheer, placed **FIRST** overall, with Ashley placing fourth overall as an Individual. Ashley also qualified as the youngest member on the Canadian International Tetrathlon Team, and traveled to Colorado and Virginia to compete.

Three of our members, Anne Marie Deleenheer, Gillian Hammond and Alex Pinfeld, also qualified to participate on the Canadian International Quiz Team and traveled to Florida and Virginia to compete. Anne Marie did her self and the Region proud by placing first overall as an Individual!

We also sent to National Quiz, in Manitoba, an A/B team consisting of; Alex Pinfold, Rebecca Manson, Colleen Atherton and Lisa Birchard, who placed fifth overall, a C Team consisting of; Gillian Hammond, Anne Maire DeLeenheer, Clare Perry and Nita Palmer, who placed Third overall, and an Individual, Ginny McLane, who competed on the Manitoba Team, which placed Sixth overall. Many thanks to their parents, Branches and the Region for sponsoring these wonderful and dedicated Pony Clubbers!

Congratulations also to Saltspring Island Pony Club for attending Zonal PPG in BCLM at Panorama Ridge with their Senior team and placing Third overall!

And congratulations to Lisa Birchard, of Comox Valley Pony Club, for being named as the alternate rider for the 2003 Interpacific Exchange.

As I end my three year term as Regional Chair, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the Discipline Chairs, Executive, DC's and Assistant DC's, Youth Reps, Members, Coaches and Parents for their continued support in Pony Club and for their commitment to Sportsmanship, Loyalty, and Character in our Region. It has been a pleasure working with so many dedicated volunteers over the past three years. I hope that our goals for 2003 will be to continue our outstanding participation in all Zonal/National and International Events, wherever possible, and to continue developing our education and testing programs.

Respectfully yours,

Robin Taylor, B.C. Islands Regional Chair

BC Lower Mainland Regional Report 2002

First of all, I must apologize to Val for taking so long to send this report.

At our last Regional meeting I emphasized to everyone that this is my last year as Regional Chair and that someone has to take on the vice-chair position and learn my job. Up to now, no takers, so we will struggle onward.

We had a good year in 2002.

Our membership remains fairly consistent around the 355 mark, we have discussed at our Regional meeting how to recruit more riders and are trying to develop some promotional strategies to increase membership in our Region.

Quiz is our first discipline to have a competition – generally the last weekend in February. This year we had 199 competitors. Our quiz rep, Cheryl Sterling, has the day down to a science. Her team does a tremendous job. Everyone had a great time and we were finished by 3:00 PM.

With PPG, we are, again, fortunate to be able to begin early. We start in April and hold our finals in Mid June. There were three play days throughout the year averaging 90 competitors per event. Our hats are off to Peter Munro and his team for doing a fantastic job.

We do have an active Tetrathlon group competing, but unfortunately, I have no information to pass on.

Show Jumping was held in Maple Ridge this year and the weather was great. We had around 70 competitors from novice to the championship level. Golden Ears PC hosted the event and did a great job organizing the show.

Rally was held the last week of July with 8 teams from our Region and one team from BCIN joining in the fun. We are running a combined ABCD rally as we found it difficult to get enough volunteers out on back to back weekends. The weekend was a hit with the kids and volunteers. Eighty-eight competitors were on site for four days. This makes for a huge job organizing and feeding everyone.

We tried hard to get BCIN and BC Islands to join us and hold a zone championship but dates did not work out, so we will try again next year.

Our Education committee did an incredible job preparing our kids for testing this year – especially at the C2 and above levels. They have a program that the kids are excited about and enjoy the classroom and clinics put on by the Regional Education Committee.

The results are evident in the number of kids testing to the A level in our Region. In 2001, we had three complete HA/RA graduates: Tik Maynard, Samantha Taylor and Melisa Gunn. There were four HA graduates: Melissa Johnson, Chelsey Himsworth, Lauren Glanfield and Katie Turrif.

We now have 12 new B candidates working towards the B2 and 12 C2's trying for their B level.

With this many candidates testing, Carol had her hands full organizing the Regional test. We had a few tense moments, but in the end everyone survived and we are back on track for 2003.

Thanks to everyone on the Board for your dedication, hard work and devotion to Pony Club.

Respectfully submitted,

Mitch Gunn, BCLM Regional Chair

ALBERTA NORTH REGION ANNUAL REPORT 2002

The year 2002 was a very good year for our Pony Club members and parents here in Alberta North Region. As we grow into individual regions in Alberta, we continue to strive for stronger groups with friendships growing. Our new pins and logos are being spread wide and far. After a Strategic Planning focus group discussion, it was decided to put forth Alberta North Region's slogan along side Canadian Pony Club. "Loyalty, Character, Sportsmanship through Horsemanship" is being seen at events, tack sales, meetings, clinics, zones and competitions.

Our membership has dropped slightly this year to 242 members for 2002. Branch memberships vary from 40 members to 1 for a total of 19 branches with a new club this year of Beauville. This would be a reported decrease of 30 members from the previous year where we had an increase.

Quiz ran with a separate committee and hosting the Regional Quiz in Warburg, Alberta. 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. A full C team and a full A/B team represented Alberta North again this year. Alberta North is proud of the effort the group is expending to set a new format or style.

Our **A/B and C/D testing** and education chairs have worked very hard this year with early retirements of both their positions. Unfortunately, one was transferred out of the country and the other was unable to complete the term due to personal conflicts. Both ladies, Jan Vella-Gregory and Lynn Greenslades, gave many hours organizing, preparing, and attending meetings/clinics for both levels of education. We did have a few members attend the Instructor's clinic in central taught by David Godson, held immediately after the Prep Clinic. With the A/B being completed this year, we had two new B2 members and 2 new B members. Alberta North also gained three new C2 members after a very cold testing day on October 6 – a little too late for testing in Alberta. Congratulations to all – a job well done. North Region did try a centralized C/D testing this year only to find that with the drop out rate it was a very expensive way to test members. Would probably require a good look at costs before utilizing this method again.

Show Jumping

The year started out with a clinic a Woodwind Ranch, Suzanne Schuller instruction. Although many attempts were made to arrange other clinics, this year seemed to be a very busy one for everyone. Many coaches seem enthusiastic but this will have to be for next year with times being booked very early. Zones being held in Saskatchewan allowed Alberta North members to attend without a very large cost. There were four riders participating in Show Jumping and Dressage along with one groom. Stable Management was a big learning curve and will be a further challenge in the future. Only two clubs held shows this year, Devonshire and Strathcona., good shows which offered the medals classes to encourage members to pay attention to their equitation over fences, pacing, strides and leads. Championships were held in September on a beautiful weekend sharing a venue at Amberlea with back to back competition with dressage. There were approximately 60 riders in each competition.

Dressage presented three clinics in the Warburg area to improve the flat ride and the rider. Using excellent local instructors gave the opportunity to keep costs down and affordable. Getting the attendance up is the difficult part. Championships were well attended and the venue at Amberlea was excellent and of first class standard, giving everyone that professional feeling. There were 61 entries with the majority of riders in the pre-green and green level. There were no upper level riders attending.

Although **Rally** has been archived for this year, I'm sure next year will bring bigger and better things to Alberta North Regional Rally. The only clinic offered for rally could not get enough registrations to make it a viable event – hopefully next year.

Tetrathlon this year held two clinics with lots of interest from the younger groups of riders. These weeklong clinics covered all aspects in small but comfortable groups.

Prince Philip Games has had another good year with the 11th annual Regional PPG camp being held at Darwell on the May long weekend. July had Regional PPG at Darwell again with the Master's division playing in pairs to attempt to make things more exciting. PPG Prairie Zones were transferred to Saskatchewan and held in August. An A division team of Hooligans and the Mohicans in Masters placed third and first respectively. The Masters then moved to Nationals. Alberta North Regional had two members compete on the International level 2002 team in Great Britain in May. Thanks to Stephanie Grundke and Kate Fraser for your hard work representing Alberta – North Region and Canada.

Alberta North was also able to utilize an offer from Australian Biomechanics instructor, Colleen Kelly, to hold clinics as fundraising efforts. Colleen made a wonderful proposal to come out to Alberta Pony Clubs offering free clinics with paid lessons following the clinics. Since when does Pony Club get such great offers – we used Colleen for a weekend clinic with demo riders on the day following lectures. The weather cooperated fairly well and Garrison's arena worked out excellent for the riding demos.

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 the great opportunities to become the best they can be.

Respectfully yours,

Linda Choney

ALBERTA CENTRAL REGION PONY CLUBS

REGIONAL REPORT, 2002

Central Area is comprised of 5 clubs with the membership ranging from a small club of under 10 members to a larger club of 25 members. Our region had a total of 99 Members this year. I think we had a very productive year and our members improved due to the clinics we were able to put on this year.

Regional Quiz was held March 16 in Bentley , and hosted by Thompson Country Pony Club. There were a total of 58 participants: 14 snurfs, 25 juniors and 19 intermediates, there was not a senior division as our members are younger. It was an active, entertaining day. With the usual awards there was also a team spirit award, so we had many members dressed up as horses or galloping from station to station on their steadfast stick ponies!

Winter Theory Camp was our next big project. It was held at Camp Evergreen near Sundre, Alberta. We had 23 participants ranging in levels from D1-C1. It was a weekend of serious lectures which included, tack fitting, conformation and soundness, feeding and nutrition and, hoof and leg dissection. However there was plenty of time for fun, we wall climbed, trail rode, wagon rode, played volleyball and hot-tubbed late at night, with many of our members taking advantage of the snowy landscape to cool off!

We held an examiners clinic and an instructors clinic this year. The examiners clinic had 8 participants and the instructors clinic had 35 for the dressage component and 22 for the jumping part. We seem to be always looking for instructors and new examiners.

We had one B level rider who tested this year. Jocelyn Gibson tested her B in August and was successful. She also was the rider from the west who won the Todd Sandler Scholarship and her report follows . In other testing we did a regional test with 1,C2, 3C1s and 4 C candidates; 3 C1s and 3 C candidates passed.

Tetrathlon is strong in this area, we had many swimming, shooting and running lessons in the spring, beginning March 4. On May 12 and 13 Red Deer Pony Club hosted the training camp which had 29 riders compete. We sent seven riders to the regional championships and they all did very well, it was a great competition-complete with our Alberta weather which made the cross-country out of bounds!

We were blessed with someone who organized rally for us this year. We had 2 rally clinic days where the riders were introduced to the disciplines of rally and then we had a rally camp which prepared the riders for a rally day .The rally camp was such a tremendous learning experience for our group. Members were kept busy with 2 riding lessons a day, stablemangement lessons and some time for fun - ie skits and swimming. We had the opportunity to host the New Zealand Masters Games team at our camp . They participated at our rally on borrowed horses and gave us some outside competition!

We had a Show jumping Clinic and a Dressage Clinic with about 25 riders from the region enjoying a informative and fun weekend.

Championships were hosted by Haunted Lakes Pony Club in Alix. We had 37 competitors in Dressage, 2 Kurs and 34 members competing in show jumping. Everyone was in high spirits and many people camped overnight, even though the Alberta nights in mid September are chilly!

We also hosted a fundraiser for our region with Ms. Colleen Kelly, a dressage judge and biomechanics lecturer from Australia. Participants included Pony Club Instructors, members from other regions and equine enthusiasts as far away as Cochrane. We made a small profit from this and the money will be put towards subsidizing an education clinic for our regional members.

We also sent a team to the National Quiz this year. They placed 9th as a team and from their reports enjoyed the weekend and learned at lot!

Respectfully submitted, Ingrid Plaudis-Bowie, Central Alberta Chair

Todd Sandler Scholarship Report

The following report is by Jocelyn Gibson, winner of the Todd Sandler Scholarship from the west.

I was asked to write a brief report on my trip to The Horse People INC. As I start reminiscing though, I realize how much I experienced and how long I could make this report. I will try not to. I found out that I was going "down east" at the B Winter Theory Camp and was shocked to say the least. It seemed like an eternity away but the days rolled by and I soon found myself at the Calgary Airport. (Have you ever tried to explain to non horse people that boot hooks are not lethal weapons used to take over air planes?) I got to Ottawa (boot hooks and all) and was greeted by beautiful 29* C weather. It was much appreciated since I left home wearing winter gloves and a heavy jacket. There was no need to pack the long underwear for Ontario though (what can I say I'm an Albertan, we are prepared for anything!). It stayed warm and quite humid for the whole two weeks I was there.

There was a rich ethnic mix in the camp. Many people had come from all over Canada, Columbia, Mexico and the USA. Many people were bilingual or even trilingual. There was a rich blend of different breeds of mounts as well, everything from 17hh Hanoverians to 12hh ponies. Such a wide variety tested your riding skills. There were a lot of younger horses there too, which meant dealing with green horses. It made me realize how far I had come with my own horse in the short time I have owned him. It also made me appreciate him much more too!

We received lessons in stadium and cross-country jumping, dressage, vaulting, lessons on the lunge line, hacks and much more. The variety was refreshing as well as being able to try new and different things. I was able to take in a polo match while I was down in Ontario. We learned a little about the game and how it is played. I don't think that I will be trying it any time soon. I'm afraid of smacking my horse with the mallet....learning to play polo cross interests me though,

Speaking of games, games on horseback was another one of the camps activities. Although they are not as thrilling as PPG, they were still quite fun. I never knew you could play tag on horseback and it was even more fun when you got to play it on this stellar pinto pony named Gypsy.

Don't get me wrong, it wasn't all fun and games. I got a chance to help prep younger campers for their level one riding exam and also had a chance to groom at a schooling show. All that Rally and Pony Club camp experience paid off when it came time to get riders warmed up for their dressage test and there ON TIME! Having to deal with different riders and horses helped me as an instructor and kept me on my toes.

This experience was one of learning and of new challenges,(like the extreme heat and humidity) It was quite an emotional "so long" when the time came to leave. I wish to thank The Horse People INC and the Canadian Pony Club once more for this scholarship. I had a wonderful time and I know that this experience helped to further me as a rider. If you wish to know more about this trip, phone me up and I'll give you the whole story.

Jocelyn Gibson

ALBERTA SOUTH REGION CHAIR'S REPORT

2002 has been a good year, as shown in the progress made by so many of our members. Over 100 members tested successfully from D to B2. The number that tested in B and C2 suggest that we have a strong contingent of older riders coming up through our Region.

Congratulations go to Jessica Hickson for attaining her B2 level and to Jessica Bearnese, Kathryn Duke, Devon Gamble, Rachael Leask, & Debbie Valois, for passing their B test.

Regional Clinics were held for testers and instructors, PPG, tetrathlon, dressage show jumping and cross-country and an evaluation clinic for B and up testing. The participation in Regional Events was up, and Regional representation at Zonal and National events was good. In addition the number of branches was up, with three new clubs formed in our region.

Regional Quiz was held in Okotoks in April and 96 members participated. A lot of fun and learning went on that day. Individual winners were Senior: Alison Barr, of Springbank, Intermediate: Amy Jackson of Bearspaw, Junior: Kirsten Riphagen of High Country and Snurf;: Erika Stark of Springbank. Team winners were Senior: Bearspaw/Springbank Intermediate mixed, Junior: Bearspaw, and Snurf: High Country. Two teams represented Alberta South Region at the National Quiz held in Winnipeg. In the A/B division Alison Barr and Devon Gamble made up a mixed team and in the C team Amy Jackson, Ashley Ortynsky, Jamie Stephenson and Teresa Valois comprised the Alberta South team.

In July a very successful PPG Clinic and Regional Championship was held, where 7 teams competed. Winners were C team: Davisburg, B team High Country, A team High Country/ Davisburg and Masters Springbank/Davisburg. Congratulations to Renee Hicks, Kayla Hicks, Brenna Ortynsky, Kirsten Riphagen and Jaqueline Stephenson of the 'A' team and Alison Barr, Courtney Ibister, Ashley Ortynsky and Jamie Stephenson of the Masters Team for representing the Region at the Prairie Zone Competition.

In June a small dressage qualifier selected Brenna Malchow of Prairie Rose, Jessica Kronland, Jessica Leask & Cheryl Kaczmer from Horizon PC to represent us at the Prairie Zone Championships. On September 1st High Country Pony Club hosted the Dressage Invitational. Over 90 riders competed in pouring rain, thunder and lightning. I want to congratulate all participants who continued in such inclement weather. Winners were Snurf: Courtney Zeigler from Pegasus, Pregreen I: McKenzie Amies from Springbank, Pregreen II: Katla Hicks from High Country, Green Jessica Kronland from Horizon, Novice : Denyse Skipper of Cochrane and Championship Cheryl Kaczmer from Horizon.

The following riders represented the region in Show Jumping at the Prairie Zones in August; Brenna Ortynsky of Davisburg, Jessica Kronland, Jessica Leask and Cheryl Kaczmer from Horizon PC.

On September 2nd Sarcee and Springbank Pony Clubs hosted the Show Jumping Invitational. The following riders won their divisions: Snurf Megann Breakey (Pegasus), PreGreen I Whitney Kay (Brooks), PreGreen II Celeste Huska (Bears paw), Green Jacqueline Stephenson (Davisburg), Novice Catherine Stewart (Westbrook) and Invitational, Jamie Stephenson (Davisburg),

Twelve Canadian Pony Club members from Alberta qualified in Tetrathlon to represent our province. The results were Senior Men: Josh Riker-Fox 2nd, Noel Clark 4th, Chad Berger 5th, Jeremy Neilson 7th, Junior Men: Joel Riker-Fox 1st, Janek Wozniewoski 2nd, Senior Women: Kari-Ann McNabb 3rd, Thalia Edwards 9th, Lindsay Willis 11th, Junior Women: Tomi Neilson 1st, Kristy Edwards 6th, Alicia Berger 10th. Throughout the competition the athletes were much appreciative of the support of their coach Terry Clark.

Alberta South also sent three representatives on the Canadian National Tetrathlon Team: Noel Clark and Jeremy Neilson from Westbrook and Kari Ann McNabb from Cochrane. In addition Terry Clark was the team coach and Dawne Clark had the privilege of chaperoning. The team toured the US, participating in the Western Regional Challenge and the International Challenge as part of the US Pony Club National Competitions in all disciplines. There were over 850 athletes and horse at Lexington Virginia.

I also want to thank the Cochrane Pony Club for hosting a fun D rally and Pegasus Pony Club for putting on an educational E/D Rally in July. It has been a busy year with a difficult start and an abrupt year-end because of inclement weather.

Serena Martindale
Regional Chair, Alberta South Region.

**SASKATCHEWAN PONY CLUB
REGIONAL REPORT
2001-2002 SEASON**

Our 2001-2002 season proved very successful in that our membership of 137 riders grew from 114 the year prior. We had three members obtain their B level, one member obtain her B2, and three are presently working towards their A. We presently have 7 clubs in our province and are growing. Our Region held written tests the end of April, trying to avoid conflicts with school exams. The D through to C1 levels had their riding tests in June and the C2 and B levels had their riding tests at Ebon Stables in August after the Prairie Zonals.

There was a Working Rally held the end of May at Ian Shirley's, hosting 26 riders. The Rally included Pacing, Dressage and Cross-Country. The National Quiz members worked the concession to help earn money for their trip in October.

Willow Ridge was the club that hosted Regional Quiz in April this year, and with 99 of our membership participating, feel that it was a huge success.

Pony Club Camp was held in early July with 35 participants, and was also a success, with Regional Show Jumping and Dressage Championships held at the end of the Camp hosting 37 participants.

Prairie Zonals used the Championship as a qualifier for entrance to its event held in August at Ebon Stables. Prairie Zonals was so much of a success that full participants received a refund to bring the entry fee in line with what Manitoba charged the year prior. Our facility owner also deserves a round of applause for the success of this first time endeavor, as well as the many volunteers and participants.

Five of our members participated in National Quiz and had an absolute grand time. Thanks Quiz coordinators and participants, you did a superb job, and everyone noticed your full colour outfits. Our teams placed 2nd and 4th, and individually placed 1st, 4th, 6th, 11th and 13th.

We would like to thank coaches, parents and volunteers for helping at all the above mentioned Regional events, without whom these endeavours would fail, and a special thanks to Alberta and Manitoba for participating at Prairie Zonals.

CINDI GAUCHER - REGIONAL CHAIR

2002 Regional Chair's Report Manitoba Pony Club

Submitted by
Maria Berry, Regional Chair

Manitoba Pony Club had a busy year in 2002 that included the hosting of a very successful National Quiz on Thanksgiving Weekend in Winnipeg.

Members from our Region also took part in the Prairie Zone Championships held in Saskatoon in August. We sent an 'A' PPG team and a Masters team as well as a Show Jumping and Dressage team to take part. Our 'A' PPG team won the championship and went on to compete in Vancouver at the end of September and placed third nationally in that competition. The Masters team, which was plagued with problems from the beginning, did very well indeed to place second in Saskatoon. Not only do the members deserve much praise but their very hard-working coach Michele Ralston Davis also deserves a lot of credit for standing by them to the end. Manitoba came away with the overall victory in points in the Prairie Zone for the second consecutive year. Those members that do attend, enjoy Zones immensely and it is hoped that teams will again be going to ABN and ABC for this year's Zone Championships and Rally.

We also held a very successful pony club camp in July with 53 members taking part. This year our camp location moved back to Treherne after four years at Carman. The facility is cheaper and central in the province. The facilities are fair, and their Agricultural Society is making changes and improvements each year. We are there for a three-year period under contract. The instructors were Shawna Partington from Saskatoon, Matt Gaglione from Edmonton, and Lisa Grambois from BC lower mainland.

Our club membership in the province remains static, with another new club "Jewel Pony Club" located in the Roblin area coming on board in the fall of 2002. As well, Portage Pony Club that was on a year's leave, was reinstated at the fall meeting. This brings the number of branches operating in Manitoba, with the inclusion of Northlands in Thunder Bay, ON to thirteen.

Manitoba Pony Club hopes to have a successful season again in 2003 and looks forward to one of its largest 'A' tests in many years.

Central Ontario Region 2002 Report

565 members in 34 clubs participated in a multitude of activities, including:

- **Educational clinics and testing** - All areas of horsemanship continue to be taught through the local branches. In 2002 we tested: 67 D level, 43 D1 level, 21 D2 level, 12 C level, 7 C1 level, 6 C2 level, and 3 B level candidates in the region.
- Three **Examiner's Clinics** were hosted by Katherine Clarke at Tynedale P.C. in King City, the Murray's at Fiddlesticks Farm in Blackstock and the Boyle's at High Pointe Equestrian Centre near Cobourg. These clinics help us maintain the current standards as required by national testing guidelines.
- **Quiz** was held at Sutton District High School with 168 participants from 22 clubs participating in D, D1, D2, C and A/B teams. In October, 8 members attended National Quiz in Winnipeg representing us well as teams and individuals in the C and A/B competitions.
- **Working Rally** was again hosted at Saddlewood in Bethany with lessons and clinics scheduled for 104 riders and their mounts over two weekends of learning and fun. This continues to be the most popular activity in the region with a waiting list every year.
- **Showjumping** qualifiers were hosted by the Ajax, Sudbury and Uxbridge-Scugog P.C.'s with 222 participants from 18 clubs. The year-end final was hosted by Ajax PC at Audley Road Stables with 54 competitors. A team of 5 went to the Zone Championship hosted by WOR at Black's Equestrian Centre near Hamilton and had a successful outing.
- **Dressage** qualifiers were hosted by Oshawa & Victoria P.C.'s with the year end finals hosted by Durham Pony Club at Chance Stables near Bowmanville with 48 competitors. Eighteen riders attended the Zone Championships hosted by WOR at Black's EC and did extremely well at all levels again this year.
- **PPG** regional meets (103 players) and finals were held at Durward's Farm near Port Perry with a visiting New Zealand Mounted Games team also competing at the finals. The Uxbridge-Scugog Masters team and Temiskaming A team continued on to the Zone Championships again hosted at Durward's. The A team went on to compete at the National PPG A Championships in BC while the Masters team won the National Masters title at their COR hosted Championships. Eliza Gravel and Katie Murray were 2 members of the Canadian **International Games** team that toured Scotland and England prior to competing at Ascot. The team placed 3rd, one point behind the U.S. team.
- **A/B/C Rally** was held at Lane's End Farm in Bobcaygeon with 30 riders. **D Rally** was held at Glen Oro Farm with 57 riders from 14 pony clubs. Again this year, two **Pony Club Events** were held. The Victoria Event was held at Killusty Farm in Bobcaygeon. The Kawartha Event was hosted at Saddlewood in Bethany.
- **Tetrathlon** swimming, running and shooting was held at various venues around Aurora and Newmarket, with the riding phase at the Toronto North York Hunt Club with 30 participants. A team of seven juniors and seniors went on to compete at the **National Tetrathlon** hosted by COR at Trent University and Lane's End along with teams from 7 other regions.

- The first **International Foxhunter Exchange** in Virginia and North Carolina in October included team members Kitty Baker, John Jamieson and Katie Shipley from Central Ontario.
- The 4th Annual Central Ontario **Awards Banquet and Dance** was held at a banquet hall in Pickering in November. Year end, high point awards were presented for Show Jumping, Dressage, PPG and Eventing. Our national and international competitors were recognized for their outstanding successes.

Special Recognition

- During 2002, our **Communications** team of Bob & Liz Inglis sent out 41 press releases about our activities to 64 local newspapers, 8 magazines, 5 television stations and two cable companies - a total of 962 individual pieces. In addition our COR Bits newsletter, COR Comm's and regional web site helped keep our members, their parents and our volunteers informed.
- Many thanks to those dedicated coaches, chaperones and parents who made all these activities and events possible for our members. The following individuals also fulfilled **National positions for 2002**: Liz Inglis as *National Communications Chair*; Daina Strickland as the *National Dressage Chair*; Christy Barnes as the *National Education Youth rep*, Linda Denis as *National PPG Chair* and Gwen Barnes as *National Testing Chair*.
Liz and Gwen will be continuing in their positions for 2003. In addition, after a long and successful time as COR regional chair and national director, Karol Shipley has been elected to the position of National Chair.
- As mentioned earlier, COR hosted National Tetrathlon in 2002 and a special thanks goes out to our Tetrathlon chair, Carmen Cotter, who did such a wonderful job. In addition, we ended up hosting the National Masters Games, which were cancelled at one point, but were resurrected and successfully executed through the special efforts of Maisie Durward.
- 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, zone and national championships.
- Welcome to our newest branch in 2002: Waussnodae PC (near Peterborough).

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2003, **COR WILL BE HOSTING THE DRESSAGE/SHOW JUMPING ZONES, NATIONAL PPG A CHAMPIONSHIPS AND INTERNATIONAL GAMES EXCHANGE COMPETITION AT THE ONTARIO PONY CLUBS TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS (OPCTOC) AT YORK EQUESTRIAN CENTRE ON AUGUST 15-17.**



Western Ontario Regional Report 2002

The year 2002 was an exciting and busy time in Western Ontario Region for our pony clubbers and parents. As in other years, we had excellent attendance at all of our Regional Events.

We held our Regional Quiz in May, and sent pony clubbers to a super National Quiz in Winnipeg later in the year.

In July, we held our show jumping and dressage competitions. Attendance was good, and an excellent time was had by all who participated, even though it was one of the hottest days of the summer. We organized a zonal competition for show jumping and dressage.

Our Regional P.P.G. competition was held in July. The Mill Ridge A team was victorious again, and went on to the National Competition in Vancouver later in the season.

Again we organized two excellent Rallies for our members. Our A/B/C Rally was held in August at Checkmate. Later in the month, we held our D Rally at the Caledon Hunt Club. This event is always well attended by our younger members. Jennifer Zelmer, from the Albion Pony Club was selected to the Inter-Pacific Rally team.

The Communications Committee produced two excellent newsletters throughout the year. 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, and this year we are pleased to announce that three of our pony clubbers, Paula Rainford, Karl Slezak and Jen Zelmer achieved the highly sought after "A" level. 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. We held our A.G.M. in November, and elected another slate of enthusiastic people. The Guelph Pony Club was the overall high point winner for 2002.

We continue to be very proud of the accomplishments of our pony clubbers and parents. We try very hard to treat everyone with politeness and respect. We look forward to another exciting year in 2003.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ralph Rainford, National Director

ST. LAWRENCE-OTTAWA VALLEY REGION – 2002

Our Region was extremely active last year in PPGs, Polo, Quiz, Show Jumping, Dressage and Rally. Several teams went on to compete at the Central Zone competitions.

Heroncrest Stables together with Temperance Lake and Perth and District Pony Clubs put on several games days - themed to match the season. Our Regional PPGs took up a weekend in July, with a Scramble competition on the Saturday, followed by participants marching in the Capital Classic parade. Sunday was the Regional finals with the winning A and Masters teams going on to compete in the Central Zone competitions.

Almost every branch in our region held at least one qualifier for Regional Dressage and Show Jumping. Most were combined qualifiers, with a show jumping and dressage component in each show. The finals for Show Jumping and Dressage were held on August 7, 2002 at Teddy Laframboise's farm in Kars, Ontario.

Regional Show Jumping Results

Twenty-one Pony Club members from seven clubs competed in four divisions; Starter, Entry, Beginner and Novice. Champion and Reserve for each division:

Entry 2'3" - 2'6"

Champion Caitlin Kidney, West Carleton PC Reserve Vanessa Hutchinson, Village Creek PC

Starter 2'6" - 2'9"

Champion Caitlin Kidney, West Carleton PC Reserve Jordan Dunklin, Temperance Lake PC

Beginner 2'9" - 3'0"

Champion Jordan Dunklin, Temperance Lake PC Reserve Vicki Thivierge, United Counties PC

Novice 3'0" - 3'3"

Champion Kaitlen Everson, United Counties PC Reserve Matthew Kidney, West Carleton PC

Reserve Angela McKenzie, Temperance Lake PC

Many thanks to the volunteers who gave up their day to help, including Cynthia Maynard, Yves Patenaude, Anne-Marie Fowler, and all the others who stepped in when needed as jump crew and timers!

Four members went on to compete in the Central Zone Championships at Black's Equestrian Centre in Hamilton on August 18, 2002, and did very well. In the Starter division, the Champion was Caitlin Kidney, and Jocelyn Mappleback of Perth & District placed third overall. In the Beginner division, Vicki Thivierge placed fourth overall. In the Novice division, the Champion was Matthew Kidney.

Regional Quiz was hosted by Kingston and Region last year. Over 300 participants came to test their knowledge of horses and horsemanship. The top quiz participants went on to take part in National and Central level competitions, placing well.

Polo ebbs and flows in our region. We have several strong riders who turn out to every practice and many novices who have fun learning to play. Practices were held once or twice a month throughout the fall and winter, culminating in a mini tourney at the end of April.

There were several rallies in our region last year: Maxville, Hawkrigde, Kingston, and a Regional Rally in conjunction with the Rocking Horse Trials on the long weekend in September. All were well attended and thoroughly enjoyed.

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PASSED THEIR C2 AND UP TESTS IN 2002

- A: Alexa Waissi(Vaudreuil Pony Club)
- RA: Melissa MacKinnon(Ashton First Field Pony Club)
- HA: Kirsten Scott(Kingston and Region Pony Club)
- B: Breanna Clarke(West Carleton Pony Club)
- C2: Katelin Everson (United Counties Pony Club), Sarah Gobey (Oxford Downs Pony Club),
Jenny Tennent (Kingston and Region Pony Club)

Susan Lorden
Regional Chair, St. Lawrence-Ottawa Valley Region

NB/PEI Regional Report 2002

The past year was a challenging one for the NB/PEI region. The closing of the Fredericton Pony Club was a huge blow! Previous years had seen upwards of 85 members at FPC, and this usually constituted about 2/3 of our entire regional membership. With two other clubs closed over the last two years, and a third club inactive, the region was left with only three functioning branches. These clubs were very dedicated, however, and there are several people pitching in to carry the region through this downtime.

The Charlottetown Pony Club had 13 members, and with some very active membership campaigning, are entering 2003 with 21 members. The Pinehill Pony Club had 12 members, and the Marshwinds branch had 6. Both clubs anticipate at least maintaining their numbers in the new year.

Even with these small numbers, we managed to hold some regional clinics in show jumping and test preparation, and a very successful C/D examiners clinic was held in the spring.

Some members worked very hard to attend the zone rally hosted by the NS/NF region, but in the end we were unable to send a team due to not having enough eligible participants at the required level. We are now setting our sights on joining our neighboring region for a rally in 2003. We did present a one-day D rally, and it was a great experience for many of our new and younger members.

Two of our older members attended the national tetrathlon in Ontario. Both Carolyn Dohoo and Sara MacPhail were senior competitors and attending for the second year.

We tested 5 C2 candidates at the regional level in July. Four were from our own region and one was a member of the Manitoba region working and training in our area for the summer. All candidates tested well and passed with good marks. Of the four from NB/PEI who completed their C2, three are continuing on and currently working on their B level. We also have one B who is pursuing her B2.

We have a new regional chair and member of the national board of directors, Adelle Coffin, and our new youth rep is Erin Maloney-Chumney, a member of Pinehill PC.

Respectfully submitted,

Adelle Coffin, Regional Chair

Nova Scotia Regional Report 2002

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ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT 2002

Once again this has been a busy year at the National Office.

- I have sent out nearly 1100 new member packages.
- Assisted Gwen where possible with the Testing and Education Conference.
- Worked with Apple Saddlery to get the Regional, Zone and National Awards out to the Regions. Apple Saddlery has been exceedingly generous with their support at all levels. Some of the Regions were very slow at getting their requests into the office. I have already started sending out reminders for 2003 in the hopes of getting them all in on time.
- Assisted the International Tetrathlon team with their trip.
- Assisted the International Quiz team with travel and forms.
- Assisted the Fox Hunting Exchange team organize their trip.
- Assisted Teresa with both the Todd Sandler and Governor General applications. Please be reminded that there is a new entry deadline for both awards. They must be received at the National Office by December 15.
- Set up the AGM, took the minutes and distributed them following the meeting.
- Set up conference calls for Management Committee meetings, take and distribute the minutes.
- Produced the Annual Report.
- Assisted the Rally Chair in getting the applications ready for the Inter Pacific Exchange.
- Prepared packages for all International Exchange tours.
- Acted as liaison between Canadian Pony Club and the US, Great Britain, Australia and New Zealand.
- Organized a mini youth workshop in conjunction with National Quiz.
- Assisting the International PPG Committee as they get ready to host International PPG in 2003.
- I hired a student who assisted me for just over 33 hours throughout June, July and August.

- I write a short column for the web site called News from National. I try to update it at least once a month but I am not always successful. I will try to make more regular updates next year.
- The biggest part of my job is probably communications. I receive anywhere from 20 to 50 e-mails a day. Phone calls are light but the 800 number is quite well used. Communication by regular mail is nearly non-existent, except for supply orders.
- I deal with inquiries regarding starting a new branch, where to find a branch, names and numbers of local DC's etc, as well as questions about grants, championships, donations. Part of my job is to direct callers to the best source for the information they need.
- I am available to assist any Discipline Chair, Director or Regional Chair as required.
- We arranged to be part of the Queen's Jubilee by providing a short note of congratulations on a DVD produced in Britain. Unfortunately the DVD's are not in the correct format for Canada and will have to be exchanged.
- Assisted Del Zelmer in organizing the Disciplines Conference for 2003.
- We now have a new flag. It is very attractive and sells for \$60.00 through supplies.

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

I would like to thank Virginia for making my job easy and rewarding. Her guidance and assistance has been invaluable. I now look forward to working with Karol and the new Management Committee. Pony Club is a great institution and I feel extremely lucky to be a part of it.



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Report on the 2002 Youth Conference

The first Canadian Pony Club National Youth Conference in many years was held on Monday, October 14th, 2002, in Winnipeg, Manitoba at the Radisson Suite Hotel.

It started at 9:00 a.m. with our first of two guest speakers being Alison Elliot from Manitoba who is a part of Training Unlimited. Her topic of discussion was different coaching methods, how to keep your students interested, as well as retaining the information no matter what age they are. She provided information to boost confidence and different techniques that would keep the coach interested as well. She had us interact with each other with many different exercises as well as discussions on what a good coach should do.

Our second speaker was Ben Sajack who, along with being a teacher and a coach, is part of a program developed by Red Cross to talk to people about abuse and neglect. The program is designed to teach participants to recognize the difference between abuse and neglect and what to do. We first discussed why coaches meet, what characteristics a coach and/or athlete share and what the roles between parents, athletes, coaches and officials should be. We then touched on athlete development and different ways that an athlete can develop. Again we had interactive discussions with people being split up into groups to discuss issues before being presented to the whole group.

We then moved on to how to deal with Parents and Mr. Sajack presented the idea of a Parental Code of Conduct that was well accepted throughout the whole group. (Copy of Hockey Parental Code of Conduct attached). After giving the youths an idea of what exactly is acceptable and not acceptable for a coach, official, parent or athlete to say or do, we moved on to signs of neglect and abuse. He felt that it was important to talk about this now while the youths attending were just coming into a position to be able to do something if they came across such a situation.

Overall, I found the whole Youth Conference to be an extremely positive and informative meeting. I felt that the other youths involved were actually enjoying themselves. During lunch, I heard many discussions about what we had just learned at the different tables. Attendance was pretty good considering many people were tired from the weekend and had to catch their flights home on that day. Every one of the youths that I came across was eager to get back into the conference and participation was very high. I definitely recommend continuing this idea well into the future and I would like to thank Val Crowe for organizing the conference and the National Board for providing the funds!



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Report on the 2002 Youth Meetings held at National Quiz

We had two successful meetings, with members from the twelve Regions represented at the 2002 National Quiz, held in Winnipeg, Manitoba, October 11th -13th. Our main focus was membership issues, with discussions on how to keep existing/higher level members involved and how to attract new members. We also had a brief discussion on the future of Pony Club and where we would like to see it going. Some of the ideas and suggestions are as follows:

Retaining Membership:

1. There was much discussion about the suggestion of raising the Pony Club age limit to 25. Everyone was very much in favor of this, as it would allow more time to achieve higher testing levels, especially for members who join late. Is this legally possible? Is it possible to have a system like Australia, where members aged 17-25 are classified as "senior" members?
1. Most reps felt that if some kind of National or Zone level clinic or symposium were organized (something like the educational part of USPC's Festival) they would attend. The feeling was that if special events were organized for Pony Clubbers, it might encourage them to remain members.
1. One excellent idea to encourage membership and increase connections between Pony Club and other equine organizations was to work with provincial sporting organizations to reduce membership fees. For example, if an individual were a Pony Clubber, they would pay a lower membership rate in their provincial Eventing, dressage, hunter/jumper organization. Obviously, this would require a lot of co-ordination and cooperation between Pony Club and PSO's, but it would be a great membership incentive.

Interests/Participation:

1. The reps felt that Zone Championships are a good idea, a chance for members to get together and meet each other (perhaps some kind of clinic could be run in conjunction with the championships). However they felt these events needed more promotion so more people would attend.
2. The youth Reps felt that the idea of having a Canadian Pony Club team attending the North American Young Rider's Championships was a very good idea. It would encourage higher-level members to stay in Pony Club, instead of being lured away by YR or other competitive circuits.

Recognition of Accomplishments:

1. Reps felt that grad pins are great idea. Would it be possible to extend this down to a 5 and/or 10-year participation pin? Even certificates would be nice, just to recognize that a member has been in Pony Club for 5 or 10 years. Would this be an organizational nightmare or too expensive?
1. Reps would like to see testing results, from B and up, published on the website (already have this for As) and in magazines.
2. Also, everyone felt international team lists should be published in press releases. It was felt that these events are on a par with Young Riders and should be treated as such, by receiving some publicity. Pony Club National competitions should get media coverage too, as this might help attract new members and recognize accomplishments of existing ones.

Higher Level Testing:

Our general approach was to find ideas that would help improve the testing system and thereby encourage more members to test and remain active.

1. The idea of testing camp for A level was very well received; it would level the playing field for all members.
- The idea of using the USPC system of "meets standard/does not meet standard/exceeds standard" was also well accepted. Reps suggested using a fourth division: almost meets standard, and liked the idea of testers providing lots of comments and feedback.

- To ensure that members are as well prepared as possible for tests, a mentor system for B level and up was suggested (already in place for A level). Working with a coach, tester, or PC grad (essentially someone who understands the quality required for a high level test) would help ensure success and continued membership. Older members could also mentor younger members for their in-branch tests. Clubs could keep track of this and give out some kind of award and this time could also count towards school volunteer hours in some provinces.
- It was suggested that a videotape be put together for the higher level tests. If candidates would agree, a real test could be taped, showing candidates who do and don't meet standards.
- Reps felt that the written test should remain in place. It's a good way for kids to learn how to read, write and take tests.
- Some interest was shown in changing B level and above, into dressage or jumping tests, but the overall feeling was that Pony Club aims to produce all-round horse people, so tests should include both.

Attracting New Members:

- "PONY CLUB NEEDS TO BE COOL!"
- Promote our alumni, using people who are successful in any sphere, not just in the horse world.
- Make our testing levels more meaningful to the horse world in general.
- A professional promotional video for CPC. To make this we could tap into alumni, people in marketing or film industry. The video could be shown at promotional booths, at shows, in barns to attract new members, or for sponsorship purposes. The emphasis should be that Pony Club is for everyone, and encompasses many disciplines and activities. 4H has had good TV coverage, why can't we get the same?
- Buy a star for Canadian Pony Club!

Other:

- Is corporate sponsorship possible? (Like USPC's Festival?) If so, it would make sending a team to NAYRC, testing camp, participation on international teams, etc more possible.
- PC pins keep breaking, is it possible to either get higher quality pins? People would pay more for ones that last. Could we follow the USPC system of adding bars for testing to pins?



CANADIAN PONY CLUB NATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS REPORT

The time since the 2002 CPC Annual General Meeting has been quite busy.

The primary task has been getting the new brochure ready to print. At the AGM, the draft version was missing photos to illustrate Dressage and Tet, and also needed editing to reflect the changes requested by Board members. One photo was delivered at the AGM, the other came in several weeks later. Text had to be reworked to provide space. At the same time, I had to find a way to meet the technical requirements of our printer. Fortunately, my daughter, Stephanie, (a PC alumna) mentioned my dilemma at the advertising agency where she works. One of their Art Directors, Ian Daly, said that if I would get the draft and photos to him, he would do the necessary work. Ian took the material home with him and did the scanning, formatting and conversion on his holidays. After a final proofreading and approvals from Virginia and Karol, I sent it to the printer by courier. I hope that people will be pleased with the finished result – a much more sophisticated document than I could ever have produced with the software I have. My thanks go to Stephanie, Ian and the gang at HWB Inc. for their support.

One issue of National Notebook was issued in late August (Summer 2002 edition). Another is in preparation. I had hoped to issue it in November, but it was delayed due to the need to iron out the wording of the announcement of the Membership survey project.

Our press release campaign, making magazines sold across Canada, aware of our National competitions has continued this year. We (Bob or I) send an announcement release before the event and a results release afterward. So far, we have seen accounts appear in "Horses All" (mainly Alberta), "Horse Sport" (national) and "The Rider" (Ontario). We believe that an article on National Tet also appeared in "Atlantic Horse and Pony". In addition, the Peterborough Examiner newspaper, sent a reporter and photographer to follow a local Pony Club member through all three days of National Tet competition with lengthy articles published each day. That's the good news.

Unfortunately, we have had problems getting information, especially results information, early enough to satisfy the media. The National Pony Club Competitions Organizational Chart was intended to help forestall this problem, but seems to have been overlooked or forgotten. All media want results the next day, preferably with photos. We have had to send e-mails asking for information, etc., and while some folks have been able to send us something fairly quickly, we have had to wait as much as a week to get all the information we need to write a press release. For years, we couldn't get any ink, but now the magazines are interested and CPC has to follow through or the organization will look very bad indeed. I would encourage National Directors to help by explaining to their Regions how a PR campaign such as this fits in with CPC's strategic planning. There is a particularly strong demand for photos, and unfortunately the magazines don't want to use those posted on the web site as they are not "exclusives" and they do want them within a day.

In the coming year, I plan to provide material on communications to incoming Regional Communications Chairs, plus more frequent reminders of ways and means we can work

together to get the message out. I will also remind them that I am available to provide advice, information and support as they need it. I note that, at SAM, both the Membership and Youth Committees asked for more PR – articles in magazines, newspaper reports on Pony Club competitions, etc. I agree with them – we do need to reach out and make ourselves known to our communities. At some time, I would appreciate the opportunity to bring Regional Communications people together for another Communications Conference.

This year, two magazines (Horse Sport and Canadian Horse Journal) contributed copies of their publications as prizes at National competitions. I am now on the complimentary list for the latter publication – one more for the “Around the Magazines” section of National Notebook.

We have received an e-mail from Susan Stewart, editor of “HorseLife” the Equine Canada magazine, congratulating us on our steady flow of information and asking for more.

In August, CPC received a request from the Ontario Equestrian Federation to contribute material for a display to mark the visit of HRH Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip to Toronto. National passed this to Ontario, and, wearing my COR Communications Co-Chair hat, I wrote the 500 word synopsis covering all three Ontario Regions by adapting material on the Regional web sites and from the brochure and provided a photo of a CPC/OEF member competing at National Tet on a Canadian-bred horse owned by an OEF member. Karol brought me a copy of the CPC National poster to complete our contribution. OEF was very pleased as we were one of three out of 35 member organizations to respond on time. My thanks to Karol Shipley, Carmen and Courtney Cotter of COR, and Caren Denault and Liz Tennent of SLOV. Much of the material provided will go into the international press kits being distributed on the occasion. As a result of this project, we have permission to display the new CPC brochure in the OEF office, and in the OEF booth at the Royal Winter Fair. Thanks to Western Ontario for providing the copies of the brochure for the Royal.

Alison Rainford of WOR is due thanks as well for sending me a wealth of terrific PPG photos. Had we had time, the plan was to produce a PPG poster – fitting in light of the presence of the Duke of Edinburgh. I plan to scan these for future use in our PR efforts. Thanks also to Judy Edwards who sent in a batch of photos from National Masters. These are now posted on the web site.

I have spent quite a bit of time this fall and winter working out the design for the CPC Membership Survey. Shelly Bowen, Crawford Dales, Bob Inglis and I are working together to make this as reliable and useful as we can. We hope that members and volunteers will co-operate enthusiastically in this effort to gather information to help the Board plan future directions for CPC from coast-to-coast.

Respectfully submitted

Elizabeth Inglis
National Communications Chair

Membership Committee
Recruit & Maintain Suggestions

1. **Capitalize on High Profile Alumni-** Ian Millar used to be our spokesperson and be a visible part of our organization. Posters, calendars, useful at promotional events- Ian's autograph...? Clinics, camps, seminars... as fundraisers and educational programs. Use them in our booths.
2. **Surveys-** Both an exit survey, a membership survey and a parents survey. By telephone, a short list of questions with easy to document answers. Emphasis on confidentiality. At a Regional meeting or function- to allow more confidentiality.
3. **On-Site Promotions-** Despite the cost booths at horse shows and trade shows (Agri-trade) are a great way to highlight PC.
4. **Bring A Friend to PC Day-** A great way to increase awareness and possibly decrease the teasing that some older members receive b/c of "Pony" Club.
5. **Use Members To Recruit Other Members-** For every membership a member brings in they receive a discount on membership... or some other viable reward.
6. **Approaching PSO's and working with them-** Including a PC division or class or award at recognized shows helps to promote PC in the real world. Medal classes at h/j and dressage shows. FEI Pony & Young Riders Teams- Specialization is something we are all faced with so why not capitalize on it and support our kids wholeheartedly?
7. **Badge Program/Achievement Pins-** Badge program being developed. Pin program (bronze, silver, gold) to recognize achievement in sport (ie. hunter, jumper, dressage, eventing, equitation, others??) and set criteria for each. (ie. 3 clear rounds at 3'6" in recognized jumper shows for your bronze jumper pin). Make these achievements high profile.
8. **Specialization is a fact of life-** so why not capitalize on it? Allow kids to test each level in Theory (written tests) & Practical (Stable Management). Especially if members aren't interested in one area (which would stop them from testing further). Let them be a "B" Practical or Horsemanship "B". Give them something to achieve. Tests can be run concurrent with regular exams or separate with certificates being awarded to successful candidates. To become a standard they would still be required to fulfill the entire test in one exam situation.
9. **Get a Better feel For what branches do-** I think another survey here is in order. This would be directed to the branch DC's. Some branches ride, some don't, some have really neat ideas.
10. **Do Something for the Parents-** In one of our branches we have a high number of parents who ride (a few teach PC) and one instructor who loves teaches adult amateurs. On PC night these parents (even the ones that teach) bring their horses and have a group lesson after the instructors' regular group. Doing things for the parents to make them feel less overused. These parents were constantly complaining that they never have time to ride regularly, or that they wish they could "do PC!" It's not PC- the instructor does it under her own insurance, just on the same venue on the same night as PC. The parents pay a nominal fee and everyone is happy.
11. **Alumni Organization-** newsletter?? These people will have children, keep them in the loop about improvements & developments in PC.
12. **High school credits-** every province should be working on this program in some capacity.
13. **Community TV and newspaper coverage-** It's available, someone just needs to get it.
14. **Communications Chairpeople-** Motivate to really get active and creative.

Report on 2002 Membership

The Numbers:

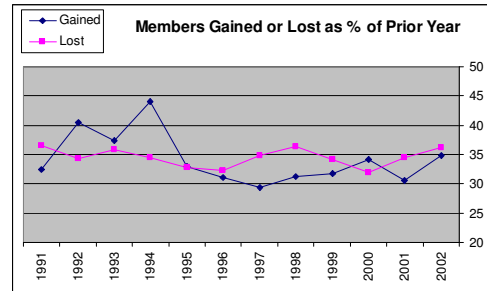
Our 2002 registration was 3253 members which was down by 74 members or 2.2% from the 2001 total. This is the 7th out of the past 8 years in which our membership has dropped.

This year, two regions account for the loss, BCIN with 44 members lost and NB/PEI with 34 members lost. BCIN has now lost 136 members in the past 2 years. This is equivalent to the total membership of 4 other regions and represents about 1/3 of their 2000 membership. In the same 2 years, NB/PEI has lost 68 members or over 40% of their 2000 members.

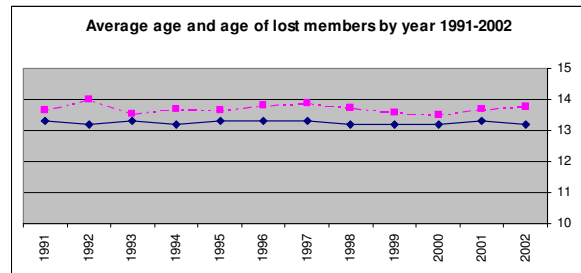
The following chart shows the total CPC membership trend for the last 30 years. Individual regional trends are attached to this report.



The trend of low membership recruitment being responsible for the losses in membership did not quite hold true this year. BCIN actually increased their recruitment but lost a much higher number of members than usual so it still resulted in an overall loss. NB/PEI, however, held with the trend as they only recruited 18% new members.



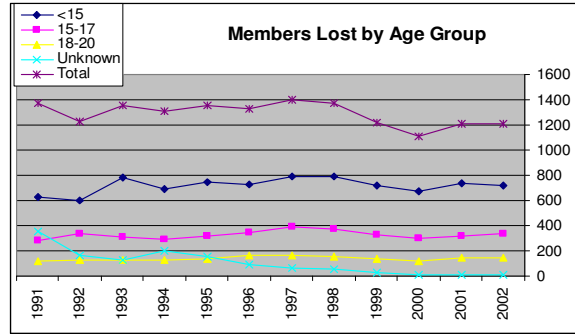
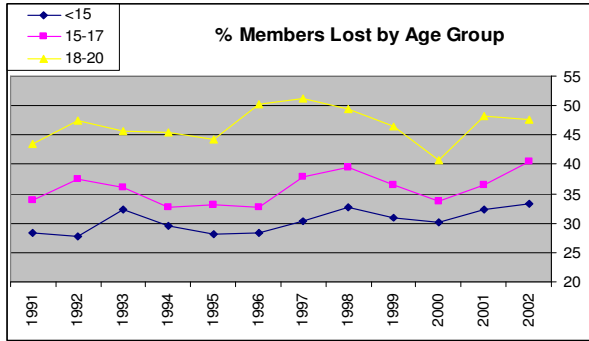
The chart at the right shows that our losses of members has been quite constant for the past 12 years and that changes in membership levels usually result from getting new members, not losing old ones.



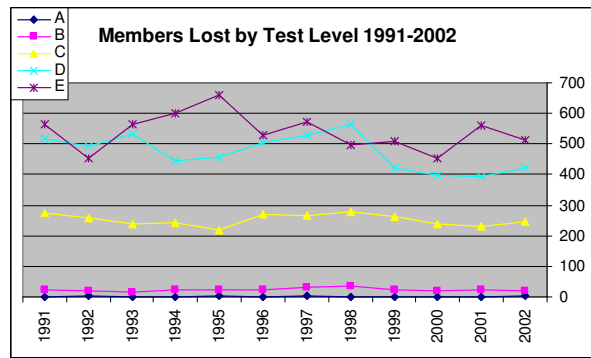
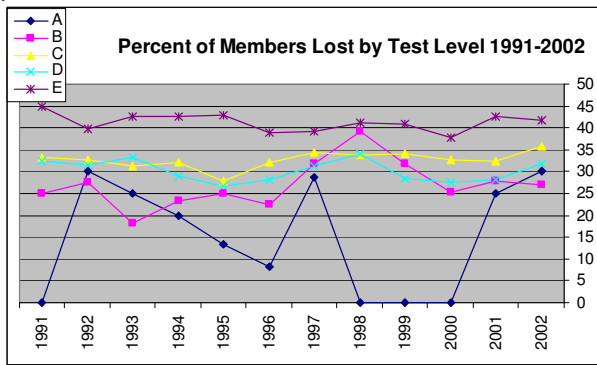
Since there has been considerable discussion about losing older members, I am including several charts dealing with age levels.

As can be seen by the chart to the left, both the average age of all Pony Club members and the age of the members we lose has been very stable for the past 12 years. This indicates that we are not losing either more or fewer of our older members than in the early 90's.

The two charts below show that while we lose a higher percentage of older members than of younger ones, the percentages don't seem to be changing much. If anything, we may be losing more of the *young* members than in the past.



The two following charts show the breakdown of the members we are losing by test levels. Both as a percentage and in total numbers, we lose far more E members than others. That's not unexpected because of members "trying out" the Pony Club for a year and deciding it is not for them. There is a similar effect in other similar organizations. As a percentage, the losses of B, C and D members are about the same, however because of total numbers, we lose more D's than others. The percentages we are losing seem fairly stable except that we may now be losing a greater proportion of B members than in the past.



Membership Verification:

As agreed at the AGM, I sent out membership lists to all branches in June with a request to make any necessary changes or additions and return the list to me.

The results were useful in that 63% of the branches responded. We identified a total of 58 "missing" members and nearly 200 errors in spelling, addresses, birthdays, or test levels (not counting those due to additional testing).

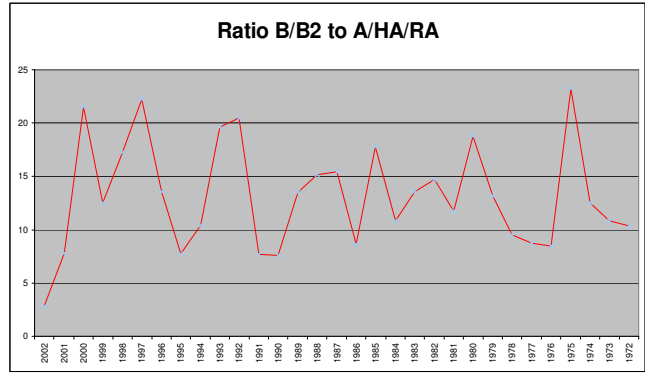
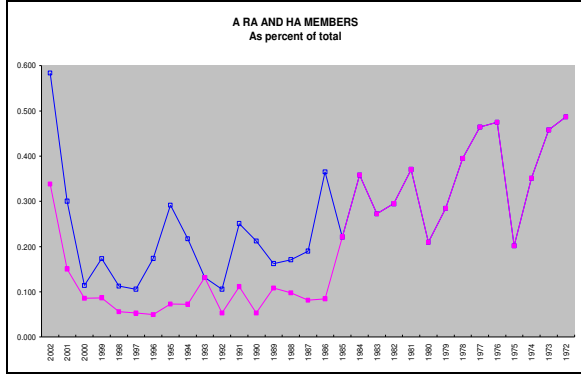
I plan on doing this again in 2003 and I will aim for at least a 75% response rate. One item of interest is that the response level for lists sent by email was 68% but for those sent by regular mail it was only 14%! I guess branches don't want to spend 50 cents for a stamp in order to have their membership recorded properly.

Registration and Records Procedures:

Only 3 Regions, BC Islands, Alberta Central, and Saskatchewan did not use electronic registration in 2002. I would like to ask the directors for those regions to encourage their region to begin using this method.

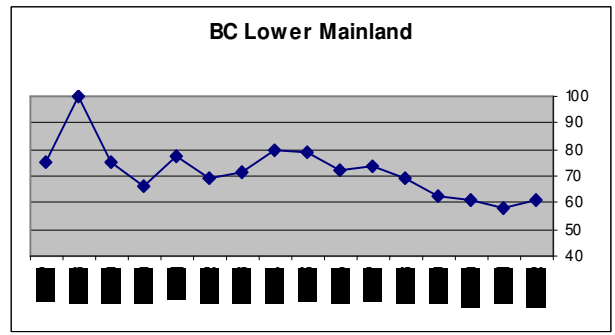
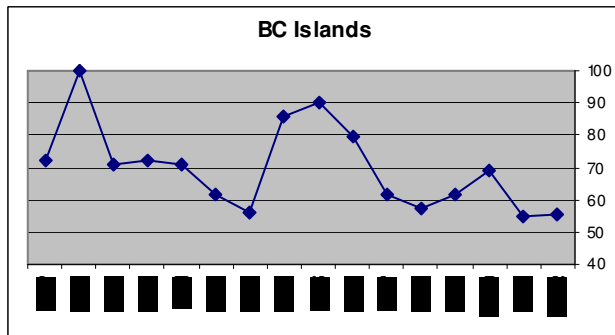
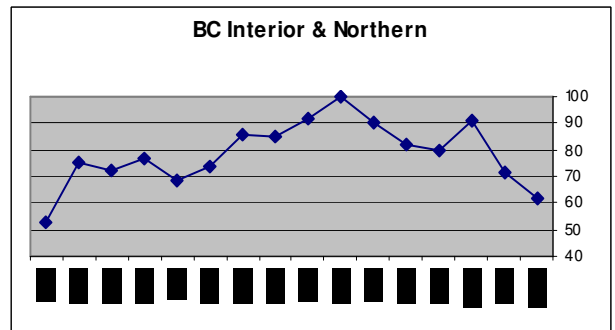
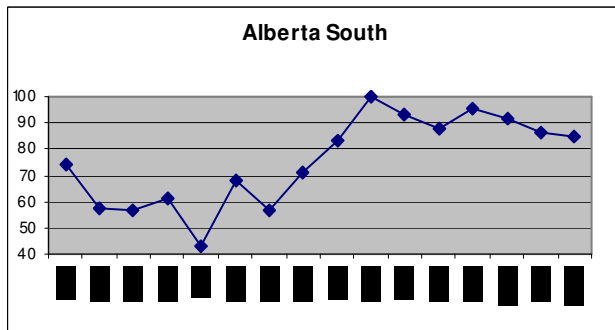
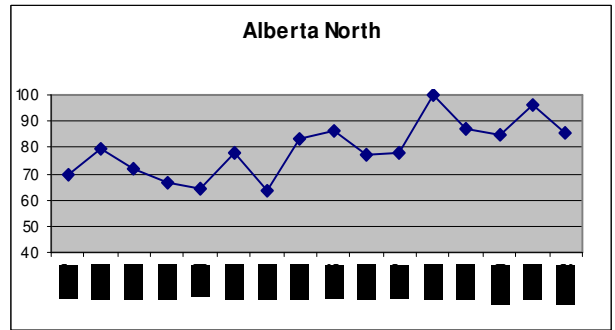
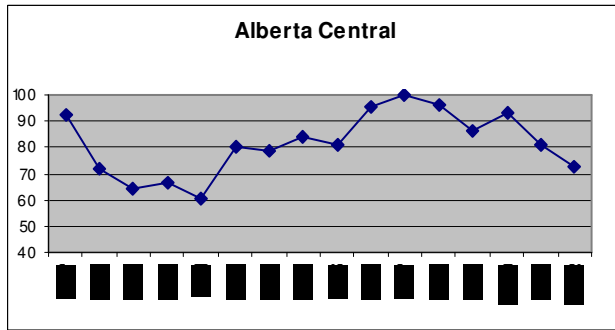
I still do not think that we have an adequate method of keeping the membership records properly updated with test results, particularly for a member's final test in their last year of membership. I have discussed the problem several times with various testing people without much success. I am developing a web based system for entering test results and we plan to use it on an experimental basis in Western Ontario in the spring of 2003. If it is acceptable to the examiners and others, we might look at expanding its use to other regions in the fall of 2003.

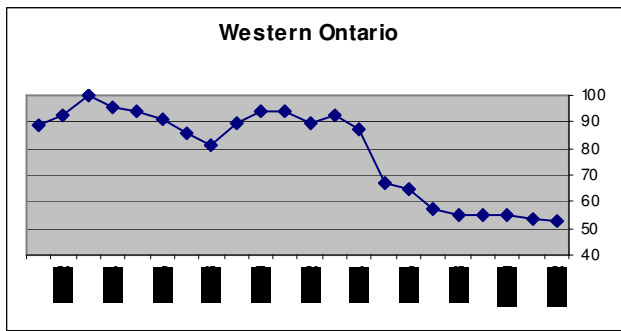
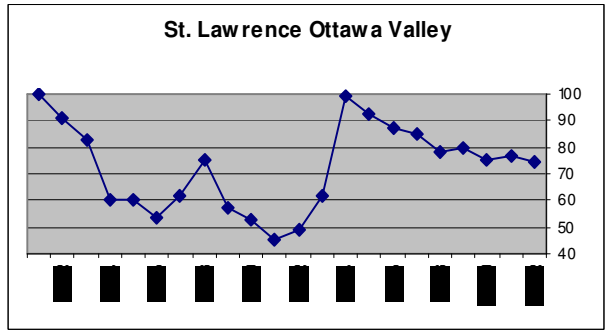
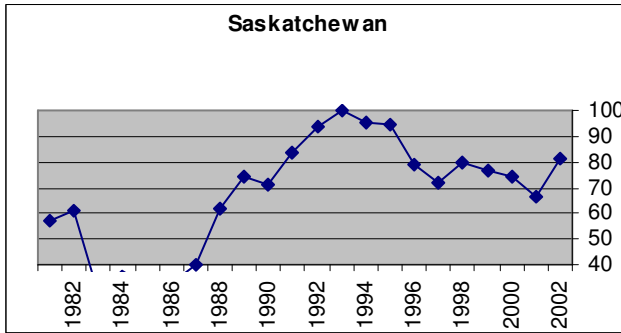
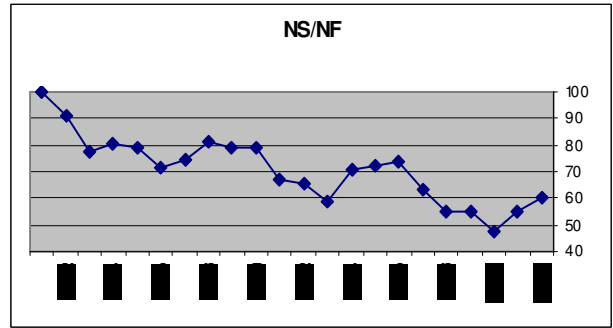
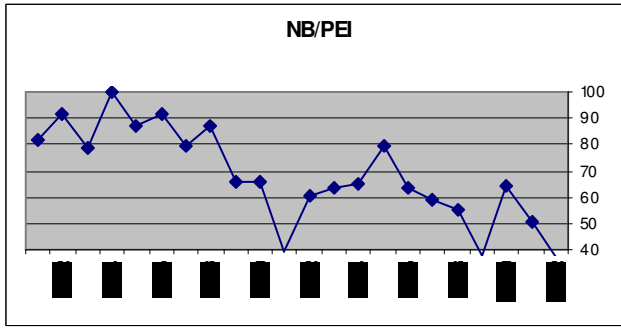
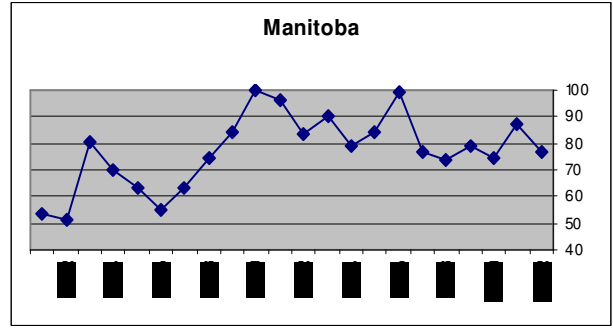
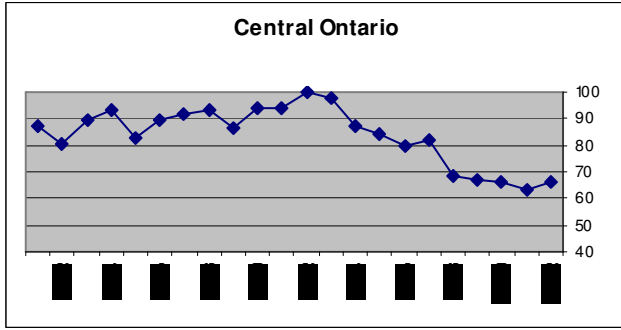
“A” Level Members:



As shown in the charts above, over the last 2 years, the proportion of full A members and the total of A, RA, and HA members has returned to a level similar to the 1972-84 period. However, we seem to have done this at the sacrifice of the number of B and B2 members. We will need to encourage more C members to progress or the number of A's will soon decrease again due to the lack of available B's.

Crawford Dales – January, 2003





National Supply Report 2002

This year was a very busy one for supplies. I filled 355 orders, which is up about 50 from last year. I sold just over \$55,000 worth of books and supplies.

This year we introduced VISA and MasterCard as methods of payment. This has proven very popular and almost ½ of this year's purchases were paid for with credit cards.

I also instituted a promotion where every 100th purchase was free. Winners for 2002 were # 100 Robin Eaglesham, #200 Theresa Moehring and # 300 Pat DeLeenheer. I plan to continue this promotion in 2003.

Unfortunately, postage continues to rise and I found that quite often my minimum postage was not covering my costs, so for 2003 I will be charging 10%, with a credit note given when the charge is excessive.

I am now carrying Horse Talks, recommended by Dorothy Kirby and My Horse Colouring Book, recommended by Gwen Barnes. I also carried the CEF Rule Books.

The Allen Photo Guides have proven to be very popular and I have expanded my list of titles.

The clothing line proved not to be as popular, so starting in Jan. 2003, I will no longer be offering sweatshirts etc for sale.

CANADIAN PONY CLUB SUPPLY INVENTORY	1999	2000	2001	2002
	Total Sales	Total Sales	Total Sales	Total Sales
DESCRIPTION				
CPC Brochure 1994	2,000	2,000	2000	4000
Member Application Form/Risk Form	17	24	7	33
2000 Branch Report Form	1	10	6	5
2000 Membership List Form	2	10	0	5
Medical Armbands	*	1,076	679	687
CPC Individual Member Passport	1,326	1,295	1004	204
Canadian Pony Club Bylaws	15	11	10	11
Critical Issues Handbook	20	12	*	*
Operations Manual 2001	*	*	8	13
CPC Branch Member Record Card	102	74	134	178
Starting a Pony Club Branch	12	13	0	4
CPC Membership Pin	1,238	1,335	1519	1244
CPC Crest	496	223	415	391
CPC Blazer Crest - BLUE	1	9	4	*
CPC Blazer Crest - RED	5	0	6	0
CPC District Commissioner Pin	6	18	42	41
CPC Visiting Commissioner Pin	0	2	3	3
Handbook for District Commissioners	22	18	3	14
CPC Blue Stickers	400	1,314	1513	761
CPC Logo Sticker - 4"	30	561	454	233
CPC Caution Horses Sticker - 13"	111	0	119	*
CPC Caution Horses Sticker - 11"	20	267	222	158
Canadian Pony Club Pens	*	910	552	802
CPC Flag	1	3	6	13
CPC Notepads	17	35	19	43
Coloured Notecards	150	198	306	452
A/B Testing Procedures	63	68	41	108
C/D Testing Procedures	194	293	157	74
Examiner's & Instructor's Record Book	*	*	46	48
Certificate B	127	62	89	73
Disc B - Red	172	78	98	105
Certificate C	479	279	401	252
Disc C - Green	450	368	446	322
Certificate D	791	723	710	670
Disc D - Yellow	881	817	829	742
Are You Ready?	29	15	31	34
Are You Ready II?	29	15	20	31
Points of a Horse Game	38	64	78	94
Riding and Road Sense	110	44	58	98
Fire Rules	52	32	24	63
CPC Rally Rules	22	36	15	29
Certificate - Rally	319	30	132	62
Dressage Rules	30	36	17	19

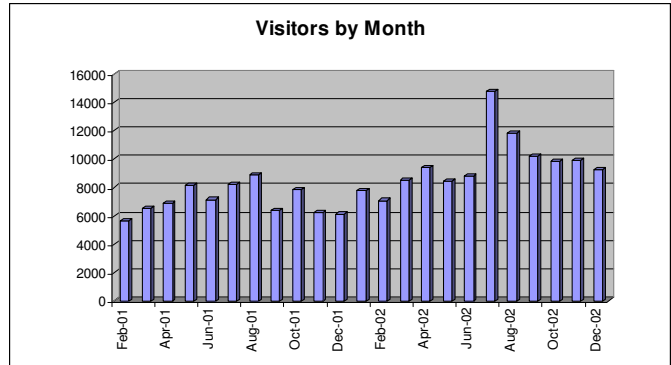
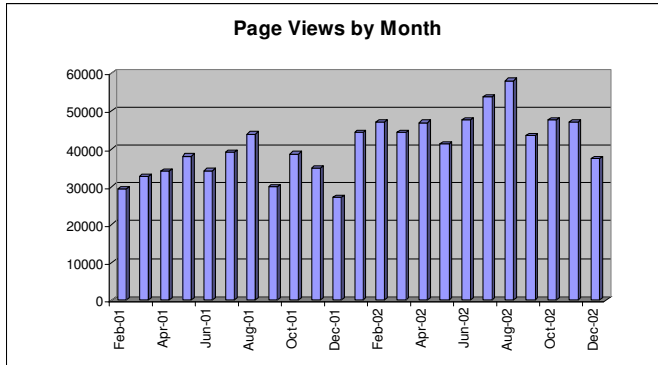
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Tetrathlon Rules	21	23	9	9
Show Jumping Rules	37	36	22	24
PPG Rules	30	28	8	13
Coaching PPG	N/A	13	8	12
Starting PPG	24	19	5	4
Quiz Bank on Diskette 1992	12	12	10	12
USPC D Manual	254	285	304	314
USPC C Manual	163	137	172	167
USPC AB Manual	60	61	68	92
Bandaging USPC	61	63	37	42
Conformation and Lameness USPC	62	62	30	38
Longeing USPC	61	63	36	37
Grooming to Win	20	20	12	8
Horse Gaits,Balance & Movement	19	18	14	24
Maximum Hoof Power	27	28	22	27
British Manual	294	213	224	230
Saddlery	32	33	26	27
Know Your Horse	46	47	41	36
Allen Photo Guides	*	*	143	274
My Horse Colouring Book	*	*	*	53
Conditioning Sport Horses	25	29	17	25
Horsemaster's Notebook	79	92	57	40
Horse Anatomy	*	12	21	29
Instructor's Handbook	*	*	29	18
Horse Talks	*	*	*	8
Every Time Every Ride Video	*	90	8	9
D Checklist	25	9	11	29
D Workbook	40	36	40	52
D1 Checklist	15	9	14	30
D1 Workbook	24	33	44	58
D2 Checklist	10	11	12	31
D2 Study Guide	18	22	32	61
C Study Guide	27	15	25	52
C1 Study Guide	21	8	20	45
C2 Study Guide	17	11	23	41
B/B2 Study Guide	18	12	9	38
Education Resource Handbook	31	30	10	2
Education Handbook	*	*	*	14
Flow Charts	4	4	7	16
Quiz Handbook	14	15	8	17
Scarves	15	9	*	*

* indicates that the item was not available that year.

CPC Website Report for 2002

Use of the Site:

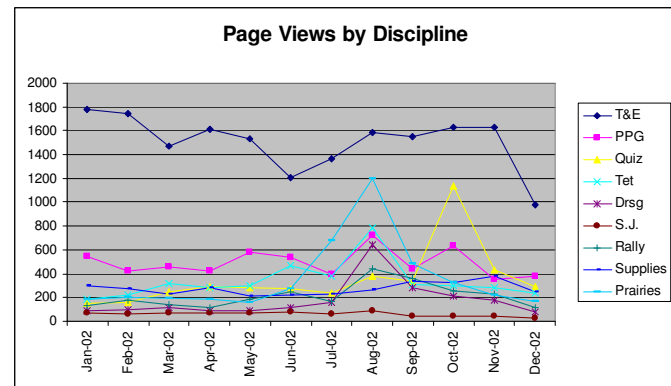
In 2002, we have had 116,000 visitors to the website and they have looked at 560,000 pages. The busiest month was July with nearly 15,000 visitors. A detailed chart showing the major areas of interest on the site is on the back of this page.



Page Updating:

As I have mentioned in the past several reports, most discipline pages, about half of the regional pages, and nearly all of the T&E pages are seriously out of date. The effects of outdated regional pages are not all that serious, however stale information on the discipline pages or particularly on the T&E pages can misinform members in very important areas.

The T&E pages in particular get a lot of attention and can mislead many members if not kept up to date. As shown by the chart here, the T&E pages are viewed an average of about 1500 times every month (18,100 in the past year) and over 90% of the pages have not been updated since 1996!



At the Semi Annual meeting in November, the Board of Directors asked the T&E Chairs and the Discipline Chairs to review and update their sections of the website promptly. As of Jan 29th, no updates have been submitted.

Most regions could also do a much better job of keeping us informed about changes of regional executives and DC's. Although the National Directory is only printed once or twice a year, the online directory is available all the time and can be the best source of current contacts if we are told about changes.

Forums:

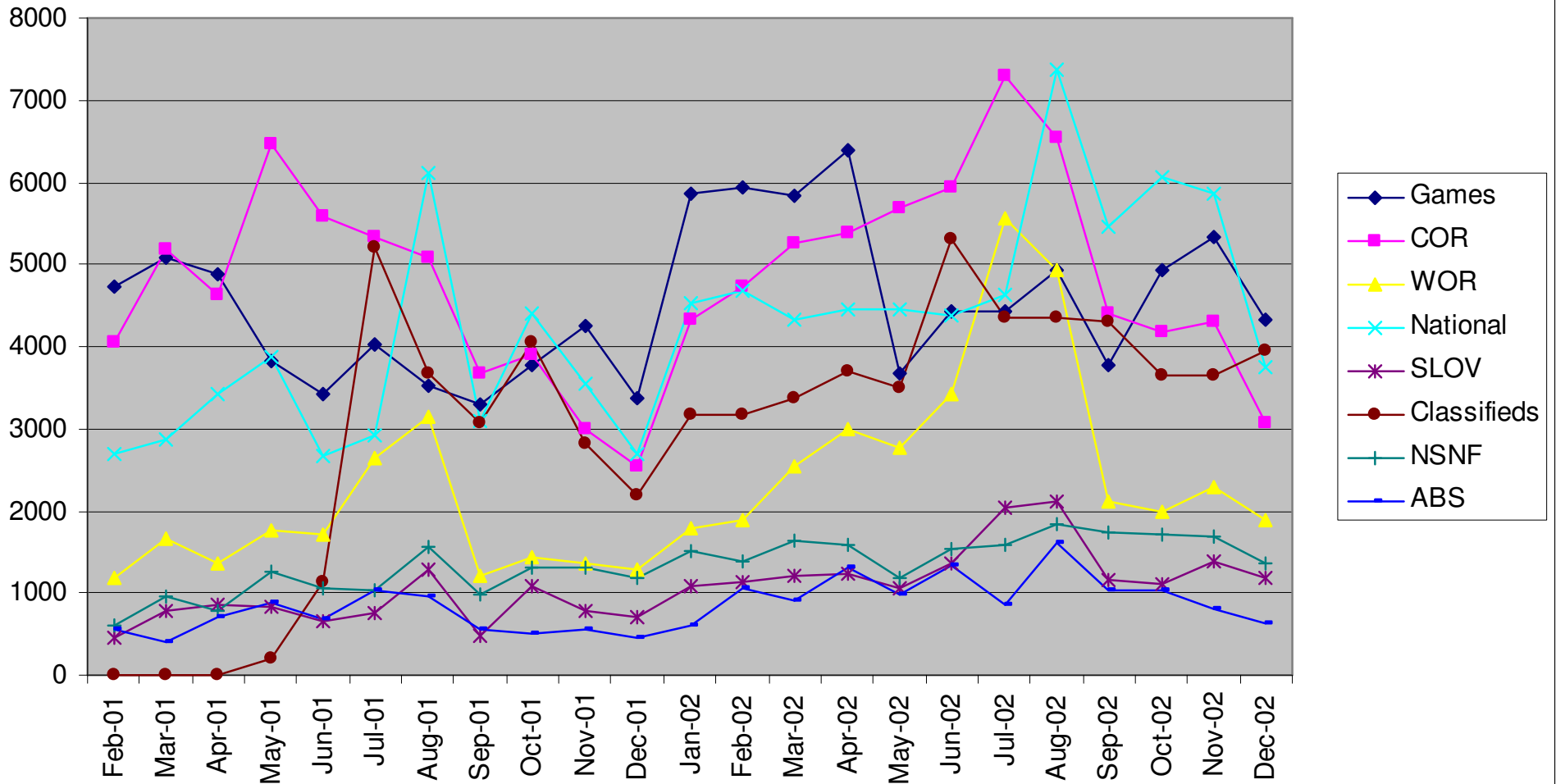
Forums have been used for several discussions including Bylaws and are being used by both Western Ontario and SLOV for discussions of other subjects. The system has had some improvements in the past year but no further changes are planned. Although the forums have been useful in some discussions, they are not suitable in every case.

Plans:

The only plans currently identified are to get the page updates as noted above and to implement the improved "competitive" games section. Those long awaited changes are complete and have been undergoing testing for the past month. They will be made public as soon as we can get some improved questions in the Quiz area.

Crawford Dales – January, 2003

High Use Areas by Page Views



NEW BRANCHES 2002

APRIL 2002

Davisburg Pony Club	Alberta South
James Bay Pony Club	Central Ontario

NOVEMBER 2002

Pemberton Pony Club	BCIN
Beau Ville Pony Club	Alberta North
Carstairs Pony Club	Alberta South
Jewel Pony Club	Manitoba

Scholarship Recipients 2002

Governor General's Award of Excellence

Senior A/B2

Kirsten Scott, SLOV Region
Tied equally second:
Jennifer Zelmer, WOR
Melissa MacKinnon, SLOV Region

Junior B/C2

Bronwen Jones, WOR

Todd Sandler Memorial Award

WESTERN CANADA
Alison Riben, ABS

EASTERN CANADA
Sara MacPhail, NB/PEI

Billie Mann Memorial Award

Kirsten Scott, SLOV

Adele Rockwell Memorial Award

Amie Heibert, Saskatchewan

Successful A, RA and HA Members 2002

A

Melisa Gunn	BCLM
Jaimie Kidston	BCIN
Tik Maynard	BCLM
Jennifer Peters	BCIN
Paula Rainford	WOR
Karl Slezak	WOR
Samantha Taylor	BCLM
Shannon Thompson	BCIN
Alexa Waissi	SLOV
Jennifer Zelmer	WOR

RA

Melissa MacKinnon	SLOV
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HA

Katie Gerber-Turriff	BCLM
Lauren Glanfield	BCLM
Chelsea Himsworth	BCLM
Alison Johnson	NS/NF
Melissa Johnson	BCLM
Kirsten Scott	SLOV

Graduate Pony Club Members 2002

MELISSA STEPHEN	STURGEON VALLEY	ANR	B2
REBECCA O'NEIL	COCHRANE	ANR	C2
DEBBIE VALOIS	COCHRANE	ANR	B
JAIMIE KIDSTON	MISTY PINES	BCIN	A
LESLIE SHARP	THOMPSON VALLEY	BCIN	B
SHANNON THOMPSON	KELOWNA	BCIN	A
LAURA RICHARDS	PANORAMA RIDGE	BCLM	C1
CLAIRE ADAMS	PINE RIDGE	COR	D1
JILLIAN BAKER	PRINCE EDWARD COUNTY	COR	C
CHRISTY BARNES	PINE RIDGE	COR	HA
BONNIE BURLTON	PAUSE AWHILE	COR	C
JEFFREY COUCH	UXBRIDGE-SCUGOG	COR	C
KATE EVANS	MAPLE	COR	D2
JESSICA HARCOURT	TYNEDALE	COR	C1
AUBRIE HOLMBERG	TORONTO & NORTH YORK	COR	C
JENNIFER IRWIN	MAPLE	COR	D1
JOHN JAMIESON	KAWARTHA	COR	B2
KATIE SHIPLEY	PICKERING	COR	B2
AMANDA WHITEHEAD	TORONTO & NORTH YORK	COR	D2
ALISON JOHNSON	COLCHESTER	NS/NF	HA
ERIN FIEGER	QUEEN CITY	SK	B
DIANE HAINSTOCK	HEARTLAND	SK	B
SARAH BRAATEN	WEST CARLETON	SLOV	B
CHRISTINA HAYWARD	OTTAWA VALLEY HUNT	SLOV	C2
ELEANOR LORDEN	OXFORD DOWNS	SLOV	C1
PAIGE BRENNER	GUELPH	WOR	B2
CARLA BRIGHT	BLUEWATER	WOR	D1
RACHEL CORBETT	ALBION	WOR	C1
RYAN LISTER	ESQUESING	WOR	B2
ERICA LOCKWOOD	HURON BRUCE	WOR	C1
CORINNE MCDOWELL	HURON BRUCE	WOR	E
KELLY POISSON	WINDSOR-ESSEX	WOR	C1
KARL SLEZAK	ALBION	WOR	A

25 Year Volunteers

Lenora Shiels	Alberta - North	Jeane Owens	BCIN
Judith Flundra	Alberta - South	Bob Smith	Central Ontario
Dennis Flundra	Alberta - South	Georgia Gale-Kidd	Central Ontario
June McGillvary	Alberta - South	Helen Smith	Central Ontario
Milli Pratt	Alberta - South	Sandra Sillcox	Central Ontario
Robin Whenham	Alberta - South	Burle Summers	Central Ontario
Susan Wensink	Alberta - South	Toni Thompson	Central Ontario
Wendy Agate	Alberta - South	Betty Donaldson	NS/NF
Anne Peace	Western Ontario	Mary Henry	NS/NF
Colin Peace	Western Ontario	Crawford Dales	Western Ontario

15 Year Volunteers

Brenda Christian	Alberta - North
Carole Day	Alberta - North
Darlene Heald	Alberta - North
Ginni Garrett	Alberta - North
Kathy Playdon	Alberta - North
Deanna Johnson	Alberta - North
Carolyn Otto	Alberta - South
Carrol Moore	Alberta - South
Chris Davies	Alberta - South
Christa Drinnin	Alberta - South
Sandi Peterson	Alberta - South
Shannon Daly	Alberta - South
Sue MacIntosh	Alberta - South
Susan Bercha	Alberta - South
Tom Brown	Alberta - South
Carol McDonald	BC Lower Mainland
Jill Borrow	BC Lower Mainland
Lynn Sanderson	BC Lower Mainland
Margaret Evans	BC Lower Mainland
Vic Thomas	BC Lower Mainland
Ione Weslowski	BCIN
Heather McDonald	BCIN
Barbara Grimm	Central Ontario
Bob Inglis	Central Ontario
Carol Couch	Central Ontario
Charlie Durward	Central Ontario
Liz Inglis	Central Ontario
Maisie Durward	Central Ontario
Nancy Emo	Central Ontario
Nancy Codlin	Central Ontario
Bruce Brown	Central Ontario
Jan Stephens	Manitoba
Marilyn Funk	Manitoba
Monica Smith	Manitoba
Phil Crowe	Manitoba
Val Crowe	Manitoba
Margaret Teske	Manitoba
Jill Barker	Nova Scotia/Newfoundland
Julie Christie	Nova Scotia/Newfoundland
Lindsay Head	Nova Scotia/Newfoundland
Moira Remmen	Saskatchewan
Alison Rainford	Western Ontario
Virginia Buchanan-Smith	Western Ontario
Sandra Saunders	Western Ontario
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