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### **Examiner Emeritus**

1993

1992 2000

Barbara Kemp*
Trixie Montgomery
Sandra Sillcox*
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# 2009 Milli Pratt

### National Chair's Award

1999	Phil* & Val Crowe	2000	Crawford Dales & Barb Grimm*
2001	Alanna Palmer	2002	Carollyn Crewe
2003	Margo Gaglione	2004	John Moehring & Ken Craig
2005	Gwen Barnes	2006	Del Zelmer
2007	Mike Macbeth	2008	Liz Inglis*
75 <sup>th</sup> Annivers	sary Karol Shipley	2009	Cheryl Leask
201	Kent Gudmundson		

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### **1 GENERAL**

### 1.1 Aims and Objectives of Pony Club

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

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

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

### **1.2 Mission Statement**

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

### 1.3 Pony Club Motto

Canadian Pony Club's motto is: Loyalty, Character, Sportsmanship



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### **1.4 National Board**

#### Board of Directors 2018

Position	Person
National Chair	Jane Goodliffe
National Vice Chair	Naomi Girling
National Finance Chair	Debi Jensen
National Secretary	Alissa Cue
Director – Alberta South	Marcia Reid
Director – Alberta Central	Debi Jensen
Director – Alberta North	Billi Solverson
Director – BC Islands	Laura Fanning
Director – BC Interior North	Karen Ritchey
Director – BC Lower Mainland	lan MacLean
Director – Central Ontario	Nancy Codlin
Director – Manitoba	Sarah Read
Director – New Brunswick/PEI	Valerie Paton
Director – Nova Scotia	Alissa Cue
Director – Saskatchewan	Naomi Girling
Director – St. Lawrence Ottawa Valley	Cat Hunter
Director – Western Ontario	Sherry Jackson
Active Member West	Alison Blanchard-Lapointe
Active Member East	Rebecca Holleman
National Past Chair	Kim Leffley
National Treasurer	Elaine Webster (non-voting)

### **1.5 Message from the Chair**

The last six months since the April AGM meetings in Winnipeg have just flown by. There have been high points and low points but certainly a great deal has been achieved during that time.

At the beginning of June, I attended a 50-year branch celebration for the Clearwater Pony Club in my region. This was a very uplifting experience, and it was fantastic to meet the original DC from that time and hear a few of her amazing experiences. There was a lot of very interesting memorabilia to look at and many of the original founding members were also able to attend and share their stories with the other guests. It truly was wonderful to hear positive and uplifting stories and experiences that the members past and present shared about their time with the Canadian Pony Club. I also wrote a welcome letter for a group in Saskatchewan who were also celebrating their 50 years with Pony Club. I was invited to attend but sadly I was unable due to conflicting prior engagements.



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In August, Kim Leffley and I headed to the UK for the board meetings of the PCIA. For those of you not familiar with the acronym, it stands for Pony Club International Alliance. Traditionally these face to face meetings with the National heads of other worldwide Pony Clubs have been hosted in either the United States or Canada. The UK asked to host with the intention of making our ad-hoc group a formal entity, with a proper charter and written international rules that will apply to all participating pony clubs across the globe. Canada, the USA the UK, Ireland and Australia were all represented in person at the meetings, so with great ceremony, I signed The Charter on behalf of Canada. The original was then to be couriered around the globe for the other nations to sign.

The minutes from the meetings will be circulated to you (the UK secretary was not a patch on Val as a minute taker!) so that you can see the topics discussed. Canada has now returned to the International Tetrathlon exchange with our hosting of the competition to take place in 2026. International Quiz was a big hit when we hosted in 2017. Such a big hit, that the members that came from Australia and the UK and participated in our 2017 Quiz, campaigned to have an International Quiz every other year. It was agreed that all exchanges would be played following host country rules. The UK will be celebrating 90 years as a pony club in 2019, and to celebrate this big event there will be a celebration that will echo across the world. On August 3 at noon (local time wherever you are) we are invited to participate in these celebrations. The UK has commissioned special music created for this event (which they will share with everyone) and we can Facebook Live or use some other social media to share our experiences in a similar way that New Year is celebrated coast to coast. More details to follow. Each of the nations at the meeting was given tasks to complete before the next meeting (a GoTo meeting) in February. Our task is to work with the US to create a handbook for International Coaches and Chaperones. The Australians have been given the task of creating a Universal Disciplinary Policy with input from all other nations. A great deal was achieved in our 4 days of meetings and our final day was spent at a hugely popular Centre not too far away. In total the UK has 465 Centres accounting for 13,000 members!

At the end of our stay in the UK, Kim and I were able to attend the International Mounted Games Exchange taking place in the grounds of Cholmondley Castle. What an experience to see the UK Pony Club National Championships and admire their marketing skills and sponsorship that they had in place! Kim and I cheered our Canadian Team with much gusto. The next face to face PCIA meeting will be hosted by Australia in 2020, and we will be the hosts in 2022.

The serious work of creating a viable Strategic Plan for the future of Pony Club in Canada has taken up much of my time since then, as our team meetings went from monthly to weekly. The SP committee has worked long and hard to bring you a viable plan that will hopefully ensure that we continue to exist to educate future generations of pony clubbers in Canada. We need to engage, stabilize and grow our membership. The future of the Canadian Pony Club lies in our hands and we can only achieve this as a team effort. We all need to move forward working together in harmony.



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That statement brings me to the low points of the year. Conflicts are unfortunately still occupying a great deal of my time; it's inevitable that we cannot always get along with each other, and that we sometimes let our emotions get the better of us. Kim brought something that she had read, to the attention of the SP committee which I would like to share with you.

You are allowed to have whatever *emotions* you want. No one can control your emotions. Emotions are healthy responses to things.

You are *not* allowed to have *behaviors* that are harmful just because you have certain emotions. Your behaviors are what you can control, and they are far easier to control than your emotions.

There will always be conflict and differences of opinion; it's how we go about resolving those conflicts that makes the difference.

Should I be re-elected as your National Chair, I will continue to put my heart and soul into the job. I am a "Pony Club for life" person who truly believes that what we have is worth fighting for. I hope that you all agree with me and that we can work together to achieve our goals.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Goodliffe, Canadian Pony Club National Chair.



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### **2** DISCIPLINE REPORTS

### 2.1 Dressage

#### National Competition (2018):

Held by Central Ontario Region, July 26 – 29<sup>th</sup> @ Essa Agriplex in Thornton, ON. Laurie Blake and her committee did a wonderful job. Reminder to the regions that the conduct of their competitors, grooms is important and needs to follow Pony Club standards. There were a couple of incidents which were handled but members attending needs to be aware of their conduct and how it affects others.

#### **Results:**

There were 18 competitors in total – 9 training level, 7 first level and 2 second level.

Division	Placing	Competitor	Region
Training	1	Natalia Heinke	WOR
	2	Kassandra Hawes	BCLM
	3	Jaidyn Taylor	NS
	4	Morgan Killingbeck	NB/PEI
	5	Zoe Montgomery	ABC
	6	Mary Spark	ANR
	7	Casey Hyllestad	SK
	8	Ryan Simmons	COR
	9	Jessica Hansen	ABS
First	1	Shalom Leger	WOR
	2	Kelly Stasiuk	ABC
	3	Esme Hudson	NS
	4	Teagan Williams	ABS
	5	Emily Lindsay	COR
	6	Nicholas Shank	ANR
Second	1	Kris Melnychuk	ANR
	2	Rachel Glatt	ABS



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### 2.2 Rally

National Rally 2018 was held in Alberta North Region. A huge thank you to Billi Solverson & Kim Elliott for stepping in 10 days prior and organizing this whole thing. A huge job and well done.

The first thing Kim did was set up a Facebook page where all information could be shared, and questions answered so everyone could be kept informed. The event was held from August 12 to August 16 with teams arriving on Sunday, August and leaving Thursday. Unfortunately, with the late notice ANR could not accommodate transportation and accommodation which had been promised. This did result in a huge financial burden for some regions. Nevertheless, overall it was a positive experience for those who attended. I have not seen the financials but am hopeful it worked out okay.

### 2.3 Prince Philip Games

#### **National Competition**

Masters- No competition this year.

<u>A's -</u> COR and WOR collectively hosted A's in COR September 15-16. There were 5 teams represented from coast to coast and Vancouver Island participated for the first time. It was a hot and humid weekend, but everyone seemed to enjoy the event. Members spent time at an escape room, mini golf and had a BBQ and games at Karen Bergs farm. It was mentioned again how difficult it can be to get ponies for that many teams and the amount of work it takes to organize an event of this magnitude.

#### Results for the A competition were as follows:

In first place came Alberta North Region followed by Nova Scotia Region in second place, in third place Western Ontario Region, in fourth place Central Ontario Region and in fifth place BC Island Region.

#### **International Mounted Games Exchange**

Canada sent a full team of riders to IMGE in the UK August 4-19.

The team consisted of Jocelyn Ruhl (WOR), Bronwyn Twolan (WOR), Gabrielle Shank (ANR), Emily Shaver (BCLM) and Morgan Swaan (BCLM). Colleen Weber went as Team Manager and Alissa Cue went as Coach.

IMGE training camp was hosted by Colleen in Guelph prior to the team departing from Toronto. Marc Anthony Miller attended the training camp, however, was unable to accompany the team to the UK due to illness. In the eleventh-hour Gabrielle Shank, our alternate, was able to fly out and join the team Saturday for one practice prior to departing for the UK.

The Exchange itself was a wonderful trip and all our members enjoyed their time away. The Canadian Team represented us well and was wonderful to travel with. All our members were polite and helpful and were always punctual and adaptable. We were often lost while on tour and we appreciated everyone's good humour. Our members participated in everything despite the fact that many of the activities involved heights and were extreme in nature. The hosts were all wonderful and our members enjoyed getting to know other pony club families as well as participating in their cultural activities.



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Canada competed well at the Championships and finished off third overall. In the future we will be updating the packing list to better identify things members will need while on tour. This will be available on the website so that members looking to qualify in future years will have an idea of the things they will need. We will also be providing a document for future Team Manager and Coach to better equip them with the tools and items they will need to have a successful exchange.

Overall, it was a wonderful exchange and CPC should be proud of how our members conducted themselves while on tour we had lots of compliments on their teamwork and sportsmanship.

#### Results for the IMGE competition were as follows:

The U.K. came in first place, followed by Australia in second place. Canada placed third and the US placed fourth.

### **IMGE Selection Camp:**

IMGE Selection camp was hosted by BCLM September 8-9. We had 8 riders try out for the team. The following team was selected for the 2019 year:

- Nicolas Shank (ANR)
- Taylyn Bell (ANR)
- Ameila Austin (COR)
- Claire McClelland (WOR)
- Cindy Hoogenboom (WOR)
- Alternate: William Jack (BCLM)

### 2.4 Tetrathlon

### Report submitted by Pam Piddocke, National Tetrathlon Chair

This year National Tetrathlon was hosted by Saskatchewan Region. This region was able to host 10 competitors and provided excellent experiences for the pony club members. The organizing committee must be given kudos for the activities, fantastic meals, trips and adventures. The event was subsidized significantly by the region and the park valley branch. They provided trips to the Western Canadian Veterinary College, Saskatoon Forestry Farm, Saskatoon Wildlife Federation and Prince Albert National Park at Elk Ridge Resort for zip lining. A huge thank you to Laurel and Greg Vaadeland for leading this committee.

The 2019 National Tetrathlon will be hosted by British Columbia Lower mainland Region on June 27 to July 1st.

### **National Competition**

The competitors came from 4 provinces and 6 regions including British Columbia Lower Mainland (Teresa Krasny, Lizzie Lawson, William Jack) Saskatchewan (Kylie Couture, Jaclyn Aarrestad, Nora Ridley), Alberta North (Erik Zimmerman) and all three regions of Ontario (SLOV - Acacia Gifford; COR -



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Patricia Rothenbug; and WOR - Alyssa Yu). A huge thank you for the support from the Saskatchewan Region, Park Valley Branch and Canadian Pony Club to support this event.

#### **Results:**

	Region	Results	
Junior Women			
Lizzie Lawson	BCLM	1st with 4365 points	
Teresa Krasny	BCLM	2nd with 3956 points	
Junior Men			
William Jack	BCLM	1st with 3718 points	
Senior Women			
Alyssa Yu	WOR	1 <sup>st</sup> with 4144 points	
Acacia Gifford	SLOV	2nd with 3776 points	
Patricia Rothenbug	COR	3rd with 3654 points	
Nora Ridley	Sask	4th with 3517 points	
Kylie Couture	Sask	5th with 3359 points	
Jaclyn Aarrestad	Sask	6th with 3224 points	
Senior Men			
Erik Zimmerman	Alberta North	1st with 4132 points	

#### **International Competition**

This year, with the support of Canadian Pony Club, we were able to send Erik Zimmerman as a senior male to compete on a mixed male team with the USA. Below is Erik Zimmerman's report.

"The International Exchange for Tetrathlon, hosted in the United States from July 13-July 30, was one of the best experiences I have ever had. I had a great time meeting and becoming friends with all the other competitors from Australia, the US, United Kingdom, and Ireland. The Tourism aspect of the exchange was very well put together with a good balance of scheduled activities and free time to explore the towns we were staying in. The week and a half leading up to the competition was full of activities such as going to the US National Whitewater Center as well as helping out a local therapeutic riding center with some chores for a day. Along with all the fun times we had as a group in the United States, there was also plenty of time to keep our training up with scheduled pool times about three times a week as well as plenty of time to run in the mornings and evenings. Because of the state regulations we had to go to shooting ranges for us to practice with the air pistols, which worked out fine and gave us easily enough practice before competing. Although the US Pony Club does not do



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Cross Country as part of their Tetrathlon we still got to do a Cross Country round at one of the local barns before competing.

The International Competition was held at the same time as USPC's Championships East at Tryon Equestrian Center, which is a beautiful facility in North Carolina. All of the phases went off without too much headache and all of the athletes performed amazingly over the three days of Riding, Running, Shooting, and Swimming. All of the horses were amazing, and the courses were very well made with good challenges and interesting jumps.

I personally got second place for the Riding phase, and the World team of two American boys, one Irish boy, and myself placed third! Canada is now officially back on the rotation for International Tetrathlon, so hopefully in two years' time we will be able to qualify and send a full team of four boys and four girls to the United Kingdom!" by Erik Zimmerman.

### 2.5 Quiz

### Report submitted by Maria Berry, National Quiz Chair

A very successful National Quiz was held from October 5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> 2018 during the Thanksgiving weekend. The championship was hosted by the SLOV (St. Lawrence Ottawa Valley) region in Ottawa at the Hilton Gardens Hotel. Cat Hunter and her team of volunteers organized a very enjoyable event that had 89 members taking part this year including 7 Horsemasters (an increase of 3 from last year), 50 C's and 32 A/Bs. Overall attendance was slightly less than last year but it has to be remembered that 2017 was Canada's turn to host International Quiz and that meant that the event hosted 16 more pony clubbers from Canada, the US, Australia and Great Britain.

The Friday night ice breaker was an assortment of games specifically created for this occasion. Team photos were also taken on Friday evening. On Saturday evening, the participants took part in a scavenger hunt in downtown Ottawa. It was very well organized, and the kids had a great deal of fun. On Sunday, they went to visit an apple orchard and had a wagon ride. They seemed to enjoy that as well.

### Results are as follows:

<u>Horsemasters Individual</u> - Ingrid Bill Saint Lawrence/Ottawa Valley SLOV – 1<sup>st</sup>; Karen Coates Saskatchewan SASK – 2<sup>nd</sup>; Gayle Smith Saskatchewan SASK – 3<sup>rd</sup>; Alyssa Noonan Saskatchewan SASK – 4<sup>th</sup>; Eleanor Lorden Saint Lawrence/Ottawa Valley SLOV – 5<sup>th</sup>; Susan Lorden Saint Lawrence/Ottawa Valley SLOV – 6<sup>th</sup>; Kayleigh Redish Alberta South ABS – 7<sup>th</sup>.

Horsemasters Team - SLOV-HM1 – 1<sup>st</sup>; SASK/ABS-HM2 – 2<sup>nd</sup>.

<u>AB Individual</u> - Melissa Bayer Saint Lawrence/Ottawa Valley SLOV – 1<sup>st</sup>; Kaitlyn Henderson Central Ontario COR – 2<sup>nd</sup>; Jessica van Nostrand Nova Scotia – 3<sup>rd</sup>; Sabrina Kendall Manitoba – 4<sup>th</sup>; Jennifer Lines Alberta South ABS – 5<sup>th</sup>; Michael Congdon Nova Scotia – 6<sup>th</sup>; Amanda Epp Alberta South ABS – 7<sup>th</sup>;



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Cass Henderson Central Ontario COR – 8<sup>th</sup>; Jordan Carver British Columbia Lower Mainland BCLM – 9<sup>th</sup>; Karla Iverson Manitoba – 10<sup>th</sup>.

<u>AB Team</u> - SLOV/NS/BCIR-A/B1 – 1<sup>st</sup>; WOR/COR-A/B2 – 2<sup>nd</sup>; MB-A/B4 – 3<sup>rd</sup>; ABS-A/B7 – 4<sup>th</sup>; BCLM-A/B6 – 5<sup>th</sup>; NS-A/B5 – 6<sup>th</sup>; SASK-A/B3 – 7<sup>th</sup>; ANR-A/B8 – 8<sup>th</sup>

<u>C Individual</u> - Grace Veldkamp Saint Lawrence/Ottawa Valley SLOV –  $1^{st}$ ; Fiona Hunter Saint Lawrence/Ottawa Valley SLOV –  $2^{nd}$ ; Caslin Morris Manitoba MB –  $3^{rd}$ ; Anna Iliach Central Ontario COR –  $4^{th}$ ; Anna Buck British Columbia Islands BCIR –  $5^{th}$ ; Abbey McLeod Manitoba MB –  $6^{th}$ ; Julie Goodwin New Brunswick/Prince Edward Island NB/PEI –  $7^{th}$ ; Kathryn Palmer Alberta South ABS –  $8^{th}$ ; Claire Spearns Nova Scotia –  $9^{th}$ ; Bailey-Jayne Chapman British Columbia Lower Mainland BCLM –  $10^{th}$ .

<u>C Team</u> – SLOV –  $1^{st}$ ; MB/ABC –  $2^{nd}$ ; ABS –  $3^{rd}$ ; NB/PEI –  $4^{th}$ ; Nova Scotia –  $5^{th}$ ; SASK/NS –  $6^{th}$ ; BCIR –  $7^{th}$ ; BCLM –  $8^{th}$ ; COR –  $9^{th}$ ; WOR –  $10^{th}$ .

Full results can be found on the CPC website at <u>www.canadianponyclub.org</u> under What We Do, Disciplines Quiz and under National Championships.

The 2019 National Quiz will be hosted by the Saskatchewan region in Saskatoon at the Hilton Gardens Hotel from October 12<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup>.

### 2.6 Education

### Report submitted by Lezah Williamson, National Education Chair

2018 was another good year for Canadian Pony Club education. I was able to personally witness some of the amazing educational opportunities that were organized by our wonderful volunteers for our fortunate members across Canada.

The CPC Education Facebook page continues to get a lot of traffic. There has been some conversation about making this page open to the public. That is definitely a consideration.

This year we have re-worked the scholarships and developed a new scholarship to be offered to members who haven't pursued upper level testing but are still active and contributing members of CPC. I am anticipating an increase in applications.

In the spring I wrote and submitted a draft letter to be used to approach school districts to consider including Canadian Pony Club materials in their programs. A small committee I was on had a number of meetings with Langley School District (in the BCLM region) who run an Equestrian Academy. A number of years ago they had approached BCLM Pony Club in the genesis of their program as they were interested in using the CPC program; again this year they were interested in using the program, but my understanding is that at this point they are just referring program participants to individual branches in the area.



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Earlier this year I served on a small committee that was looking at implementing some changes to Testing Procedures especially in the areas of Conditioning and Teeth. As a result of these upcoming changes, as well as other tweaks that have occurred over the intervening years, the Workbooks and Study Guides will have to be updated.

All in all, it has been another fruitful year, and again I extend my heartiest thanks to our Regional Education Chairs and their committee for continued excellence in their deliveries of our program.

### 2.7 Testing

### Report submitted by Gwen Barnes, National Test Chair

### NATIONAL TEST RESULTS 2018 - "A" LEVEL

Congratulations to the following:

- HA Laurel Gavin BCLM
- HA Zoe McDougall SK
- Full A Laurel Gavin BCLM
- Full A -Zoe MacDougall SK

A special note – Zoe McDougall is our first Horsemaster to successfully complete the A test!

### **3 REGIONAL REPORTS**

### 3.1 Alberta Central Region



2018 marked another fun-filled year for Alberta Central Region! Our 6 branches had a total of 85 members and 11 Horse Masters.

Regional Quiz was well attended with over 40 entries at levels ranging from Starter to Senior. Annika

Angelstad van Elmpt moved forward to represent our Region in the Intermediate level at National Quiz. She joined the Manitoba team and had a fantastic time!

Our Region hosts a Regional "D" Theory camp each spring, members are able to brush up on Horsemanship skills and meet new friends in a fun weekend hosted by Haunted Lakes Pony Club in Alix. We also hosted a "C" Theory Clinic in the spring; due to restrictions we shortened it to 1 day. Jennifer Parks of Equiletics came and taught our members about the influence their riding positions have on their horses in mounted and unmounted sessions. Stable management sessions rounded out the day.







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Thanks to the hard work of Kelly Gosson and the generosity of many, we were able to hold our Regional Rally camp at Prentice Creek. A great time was had by all that attended! A Regional Rally was held qualifying Sierra Macdonald and Dominique Borduas to represent ABC at National Rally. We were

proud to send a partial team to compete for the first time in many years!

We sent Zoe Montgomery and Kelly Stasiuk to National Dressage this year and Deshann Valentine represented us at National Show Jumping. All of our members did us proud in their respective disciplines and brought home many great stories of friendship and sport.

The Regional Jump It show was a lot of fun; hosted annually it is a great, casual way to get competition experience! Our year end Regional Championships was condensed into 1 day due to low registrations, but everyone who attended had a fabulous time despite the variety of weather conditions that occurred during the day!!



Several of our branches hosted tests during the summer. Unfortunately, the weather in Central Alberta was terrible in September and the Regional "C+" test was not held.

### 3.2 Alberta North Region

This year has been another great year for ANR-celebrations, growth, amazing events and even some miracles!

We added Drayton Valley Pony Club to our growing list of branches, and we couldn't be happier. They are a welcome addition to our region, encompassing an area to the west of our region.

Clearwater Valley celebrated an amazing milestone-their 50th Anniversary! They had a dinner and history that was very interesting to hear, especially when that history was given by their founding member.

Several events were run this year starting with Winter Theory Camp in March for the D-C1 members and some of the C2 and up members. It is always good to see that the kids continue to expand their knowledge base. The C2 and up group also had theory nights throughout the winter to go more in depth into the information that they are required to know.

Quiz was another successful event. We sent a team to nationals and they did quite well. We sure are proud of our members for putting the time they do into learning everything they can, and quiz is a fun way to exercise the brain and socialize with other members from other branches within the region and other members from other regions within our nation.

PPG camp and regionals were also very successful...as always :) The kids definitely like to play the games and our region sent a team to Nationals and did very well there too!



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Rally this year was another great event. This year Vickie decided to open up the Regional Competition part of the weeklong camp, so that members that couldn't attend the camp, could still compete regionally and qualify for nationals. I think it was a great idea and I hope it continues. We also hosted National Rally, and unfortunately due to family illness, Vickie was unable to continue as Rally Chair, but Kim Elliott and Billi Solverson, along with the help of many wonderful volunteers pulled off the miracle of the year and made Nationals a huge success!

Tetrathlon was a large highlight of this year due to the great organization by Jackie de Leeuw who hosted clinics and a regional competition. This helped pave the way for Erik Zimmerman to be able to attend International Tetrathlon. He did compete with the US team as Canada has not competed internationally for quite a number of years. That has all changed, due to the hard work of many amazing people who have a passion for tetrathlon, and Canada has been accepted back into the rotation for hosting International Tetrathlon! What a great accomplishment!

Our Regional Show Jumping and Dressage Competition were held at Whitemud Equine Centre in Edmonton for the last time. They have sold their stabling, thus forcing us to start the hunt for another venue and it is looking like next year may be at Amberlea Meadows. If that is the case, it will be a great experience for members that have never had the opportunity to ride at an amazing facility. Our competition this year was nearly postponed due to the crazy amount of smoke coming from the forest fires burning in BC making air quality poor. Luckily for us, it lifted for the weekend and finals went on as scheduled. I was able to make a brief appearance on the show jumping day and was very impressed by the beautiful horses and ponies and the beautifully turned out riders. You all do a very good job of coming out and being your best!

Congratulations to all competitors that advanced National competitions and did quite well...you made our region look very good and we are proud of all your accomplishments!

Testing was largely successful. The Branches hosted their testing for levels D-C1 and our regional test chair-Kim Elliott put on 2 Denae Martin clinics. The first one was to do assessments and give tips for how to improve skills and the second was a follow up to further help riders for their riding tests. They did very good on testing day and should be proud of their hard work and dedication.

We decided to have an open information session for not only DC's and ADC's, but also members that wanted to know more about the disciplines, as we did not get to doing the FaceTime messages. The purpose of doing this day is mostly to help out DC's that have come into the position and are unsure of the paperwork aspect of the job and so that they can have some support in the transition period. The discipline aspect is to help parents that are new to pony club come and ask questions or just absorb the information that is at times very overwhelming at first. This was unsuccessful, so we will not be hosting this again. I will, however, be doing a monthly FaceTime message on various topics that I think are important.



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This year I have started working toward a system that allows for easier transitions between outgoing and incoming chairs. This is still a work in progress, and I hope to have it all in place in the new year.

As always, this region would not run effectively without its many volunteers. These special people give of their time, knowledge and labour to help out with all aspects of our organization. I think that sometimes we forget that they give to our organization without thanks many times and on occasion they get criticized for a variety of reasons. These people are human after all and they can make mistakes, it is up to all of us to provide constructive encouragement and even offering our assistance. These moments are for coming together as a team and making things better, not to make our volunteers give up and quit. So today, I thank all of you for being here today and all throughout the year, for the time that you devote to this amazing organization, your efforts do not go unnoticed and are appreciated very much!

I am looking forward the coming year as your regional chair and all the amazing things that ANR has in store for us.



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### **3.3** Alberta South Region

Report submitted by Jackie Rawn, ABS Regional Chair



Alberta South Region was home to 223 active members plus 20 Horsemasters in the 2018 membership year. We started the year off with a Regional meeting in January 2018 where our regional Youth Reps awarded prizes for their Social Media Christmas Photo Contest.

March saw a return to the books with the Annual Regional Education weekend hosted in Delacour on the 24TH and 25TH of March. There were 60 regional members and 1 horsemaster who took advantage of this great learning opportunity. Saturday started with a presentation from our regional Youth Reps, Jenny Lines and Kathryn Palmer. The weekend continued with several informative presentations including a vet assisted, hands on leg dissection which has proven a popular addition to our weekend. Education was furthered with a lunging clinic held at a local arena and taught by our National Education Chair Lezah Williamson. These clinics and seminars are reflective of

improvement in several areas of testing.

In addition to the education portion of the weekend, DC's, ADC's and treasurers had a presentation of their own to discuss Conflict Management. The group strategized on how to reduce conflict through improved communication.

The Region has continued with the Junior Instructors Program in an effort to promote good instruction within Pony Club. Several members in the Region banked hours towards instruction and we look forward to continued work on this program.



Regional Quiz which was held April 21, 2018 at the Bearspaw Lifestyle Centre west of Calgary. All levels from Snurf through Senior were represented including a couple of Horsemasters there to test their knowledge.

Members qualifying from the Intermediate and Senior levels travelled to Ottawa, Ontario over the Thanksgiving weekend in October to attend National Quiz. ABS sent a team in each of the Senior and Intermediate divisions. Lots of great memories and outstanding placings were celebrated on their return.



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We started off spring with a bang by hosting a Show Jumping Clinic with Pony Club Alumni Sandra Donnelly. The clinic hosted sessions for members of all levels and it was a great way to start of the regional events for year. This would be the first of three regional clinics. High Level Dressage with Janine Little in Strathmore and a Cross Country Clinic in Cochrane with Leahona Rowland rounding out our offerings for the year.

The region hosted our annual Examiner and Test Rep Clinic in Delacour in May to ensure that all of our Examiners and Test Reps were well positioned for the coming rounds of testing.

Continuing into July, ABS sent three qualifying members to the National Dressage Competition. Jessica Hanson competed at training level, Teagan Williams attended for First Level and Rachel Glatt competed in Second Level. The whole crew represented Alberta South Region at Essa, Ontario and had a great time.

For the first time in many years the Alberta South Region hosted a qualifier to send a team to National Rally. We ended up qualifying riders for two teams, one at Entry Level and one at Pre-Training and sent full teams, including grooms and captains for both. Both teams did very well



and our Pre-Training Team consisting of Carlie Wells, Teagan Williams, Emily Marston (captain) and Rebecca Anderson (groom) ended up in 1ST place overall, while our Entry Level Team walked away with a respectable 3RD place finish.



Towards the end of August, Carlie Wells headed to Burlington, Ontario where she represented the Region in National Show Jumping.

Congrats to ALL our members attending National events, not only for their outstanding achievements but for maintaining a high level of Character, Sportsmanship and Loyalty while representing our Region at these National events.

As in the past, the year progressed with many great showings and fun events for the members to attend. ABC Camp, Regional Schooling Shows, Finals and Medals. Moving both Finals and Medals closer to Calgary saw a marked increase in attendance for both events.

Our third candidate in 2 years attempted her "A" level exam in

January. Testing continued throughout the year as the Region ran tests for both D through C1 levels as well as C2 and up. We hosted our biggest regional test to date with just over 50 members testing in



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the D through C1 categories and 12 testing at the C2 and up category. Congratulations for an outstanding job done by all testing candidates and assistants in all levels.

On the administration side of Pony Club, the Region held various meetings throughout the year as well as hosted our Annual General Meeting on November 25, 2018. The AGM was well attended, and the slate was filled for 2019. As we move forward into 2019, we look forward to new challenges and growth within our Region.

### 3.4 BC Interior North Region

### Report submitted by Sam Eakin, BCIN Regional Chair

BCIN had a quiet year in 2018. We did not send any members to any National Events. We had approximately 100 members attend regional quiz. Upper level testing was quiet in the region, only D-C2 members tested in 2018.

Lakes District Pony Club celebrated their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and Karen Ritchey has been with that club since their start 25 years ago. They had a small celebration at quiz with a cake and several photos from club events over the years.

Unfortunately, several camps, testing dates, and events had to be cancelled due to extremely poor air quality due to forest fires in BC. Terrace Pony Club sent two members to the BC Summer Games on Vancouver Island.

At the AGM there were several horsemaster members and DCs that stepped up into executive positions, hoping to get the region more involved, organized, and back on track.

For 2019 we hope the forest fire situation does not hinder any events for our clubs. The Terrace Pony Club is excited to be hosting National Dressage, and hopefully we can send some members to National Quiz in 2019!

### 3.5 BC Island Region

### Report submitted by Rupert Koyote, BCIR Regional Chair

#### The BCIS Region 2018: steadily building capacity.

As a Region, the Chapters' memberships and relationships continued to grow in the context of effective interdependence and support. Although the Regional Executive spent less time in scheduled meetings, Events were hosted along the patterns of previous years and by and large there was consistent participation and co-operation. Comox remained something more of an "island-unto-itself" as the leadership worked through some challenging personal/family issues, and previous ADC Jasmine Hopp has taken over the role of DC for 2019. Regionally, Both Colleen Jansma (Testing Chair) and Rupert Koyote (Regional Chair) stepped aside, leaving the Region in good hands with Sandi Mitchell



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taking over as Regional Chair. BCIS looks forward to the benefit of her broad knowledge-base, solid connections with the Island's clubs and membership through her role as Examiner, and her balanced approach. The Region remains in a strong position moving forward into 2019.

Membership remains steady around the 100-member mark, and we may expect to see that number grow a little bit through the year as the clubs are active in their communities.

- Parksville and Qualicum continue to develop under Catherine's leadership, and benefitted from Colleen Jansma's energy (when available) too.
- Campbell River will host a Regional Ed Camp at Camp Homewood on Quadra Island again this year: this will be the 3rd year for this now much-loved event. 2018 saw the Region's members and parents benefit greatly from this opportunity for building inter-club relationships.
- Cowichan continues to grow -its membership benefitting from the value seen by two local Riding instructors with children in the club, who continue to feed young, enthusiastic students into the Ponyclub's programs.
- Greater Victoria has benefitted from the Leadership of Laura Fanning, who continues to work with the club although she has had to step back moving into 2019 to enable other members to take up some of the organization. Laura's vision and commitment to her Chapter saw her take a BCIS team to National PPG this year.
- Comox continues to be a solid club with effective management and established fundraising and community relationships. Their June Regional Show-jumping Championships are always worth the effort both as Organizers and as Participants. The prospect of more access/inclusion for other members in their Summer Camps is something that other Island Chapters have consistently requested.
- Saltspring's club has now been inactive for 3 years and doesn't seem to be re-energizing. In spite of that, Becki Mason continues to be involved in BCIS activities, supporting the Greater Victoria club and continuing her involvement as an occasional coach and Examiner. The Region would do well to contact Louise and Samantha and request that any remaining Assets of the Saltspring Chapter be re-claimed by the Region.

#### **REGIONAL EVENT ATTENDANCE**

- 1. Education Camp: 38 members, 15 chaperones
- 2. Quiz: 62
- 3. PPG: 25
- 4. Show Jumping: 10
- 5. Tetrathlon: 24



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### NATIONAL EVENT ATTENDANCE

- 1. Quiz: 1 C Team, 1 B Participant
- 2. PPG: GVPC Team

After some challenging experiences at National Level events this year, the Region is exploring expanding participation with our Neighbouring Region - hoping to build its relationship with BCLM through participation in their Quiz Event (by gracious invitation) and possibly re-visiting attending BCLM Rally after a hiatus in 2018.

Avalon having closed in 2017, the most central and comprehensive training facility for Eventing on the Island has shifted to "Hi-Point" in the Cowichan Valley, however there is also a community facility that has been developed in Campbell River. Unfortunately, the fact remains that with the closure of Avalon to the Public and no Island-based "Horse Trials Event" there has been a dis-appointing loss of capacity for the Vancouver Island Eventing Rider Community.

Although Hi-Point has the terrain and similar overall size, they have elected to keep the Eventing Training area limited in scope to allow them to continue to develop other mixed-farming opportunities on their property. Their Indoor, however, remains very well-appointed, and Regional Testing was held there for the first time in the Fall of 2018, with 4 candidates succeeding in completing their tested levels: 1 C2 SM and Flat Ride; 2 completed their C2 (over fences); 1 completed B (Flat Ride.)

### 3.6 Central Ontario Region



Central Ontario Region continued on its steady way in 2018 with and "every member counts" approach. Membership numbers rose modestly in 2018 over the previous two years, and we know that retention is not a concern – shown by fewer new members and several members receiving their 10-year pins. Attracting new members – even if it takes a road trip six hours north to Algoma as we did this year! - will continue to be an important goal.

The COR committee took on a membership survey in 2018 to help with planning, which received 70 responses. Key take-aways include:

- 40% being involved for more than 6 years
- "competition" and "fun" were the top two responses for "favourite thing about Pony Club"
- the majority of respondents like to receive education at the branch level
- top education topics include First Aid, Equine Health & Wellness, and Feed & Nutrition
- "enjoy the challenges" was a top response for continuing in testing
- 85% of respondents participate in mounted Pony Club competition, and most ranked "fun, inexpensive and local" as an important factor for taking part

Visit our full survey results here:



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### http://centralontario.ponyclub.ca/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/survey-results-2018.pdf.

Let's reflect on some themes from the past year:

- → Some traction was gained in regional education opportunities, with hands-on, barn-hosted sessions paired twice with regional meetings. Attendance was quite good for both sessions. The popular weekend-long Working Rally (shipping into a dorm-style camp) continues as a hallmark initiative, with the annual spring session being built on with a new fall session this past year.
- ➔ Overall testing numbers were "up" in 2018, especially at the D level. Testing was added to the new fall Working Rally event and was well-received.
- → Competitions remained steady in 2018, although hosts are finding it challenging to accommodate our keen riders in lower numbers. A combined show day for Show Jumping and Dressage has proved successful for qualifiers and remained the model for finals again in 2018.
- → COR had Nationals candidates in Quiz, PPGs, Jumping, Tetrathlon, and at Dressage which we hosted; it was a highlight in our regional calendar, having included a visit from Olympian eventer Jessica Phoenix!

The December Annual General Meeting brought several new faces to the regional executive and the committee table. COR welcomed a centre in late 2018 and we look forward to a solid partnership there. And, the region's conference committee is at it again with plans for the February 2019 Youth Education Conference.

Together, COR volunteers will continue to promote Pony Club for all it's worth, while members and their families look forward to continued opportunities for our young equestrians.



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### 3.7 Manitoba Region

2018 was good year in Manitoba, with still steady numbers membership.

We have had the addition of a **reinstated Pony Club**, **Prairie Valley Pony Club**. Their PC is strong, are they have the promise of HM joining and the new DC of the Club is an ex-pony clubber, new HM member.

#### NATIONAL EVENTS RESULTS



#### **Show Jumping:**

1st Place – Karla Iverson

### Quiz:

3rd Place A/B Team – Kassidy Moore, Sabrina Kendall, Karla Iverson and Carolyne Wishart

2nd Place C Team - Abbey McLeod, Caslin Morris, Laura Glover and Annika Angelstad (Red Deer PC)

4th Place A/B Individual – Sabrina Kendall

10th Place A/B Individual – Karla Iverson

12th Place A/B Individual – Kassidy Moore

13th Place A/B Individual – Carolyne Wishart

3rd Place C Individual – Caslin Morris

6th Place C Individual – Abbey McLeod





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**REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS** 

We had a phenomenal turn out for our Regional Qualifiers this year.

Our 2018 Nationals qualifiers are:

#### Show Jumping:

Colton Martin

#### Dressage:

Training: Abigail Baxter

First Level: Karla Iverson

REGIONAL CAMP - This year we had few camp numbers again, but some clubs were un-deterred and camp proceeded. All in all, a great camp despite the fewer numbers.

REGIONAL LEVEL TESTING - We had a good panel of testers who examined our kids. 6 members were to test, but unfortunately 2 dropped out on the day of testing.

Congratulations to:

Sydney Fraser and Abbey McLeod – full B

Karla Iverson - passed her B2 over fences.

#### C2 BRANCH TESTING

Colton Martin - full C2

Helen Martin - C2 SM, Lungeing and Over fences

Emma Shepherd - C2 SM and Flat

We look forward to 2019 with enthusiasm.



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### 3.8 Nova Scotia Region

### Report submitted by Valerie McDermott, NS Regional Chair



We ended the year with 164 members (16 horsemasters); supporting a full program this year that was enjoyed by our members. Our 6th annual regional camp was a success with several branches participating. Our volunteers worked diligently to support the youth in their activities. We had an increase in members participating at a national level and there appears to be more awareness among our members regarding national events with a desire to set this as their goal.

We had a very busy season and hosting regional and national events and look forward to 2019. Our discipline chairs and committee chairs have provided annual reports that are included below.

#### DRESSAGE

NS sent 2 riders and a groom to National Dressage. Those that attended were Jaidyn Taylor, Esme Hudson and Katie Goddard.

2018 Regional Dressage was hosted by West Valley.

Starter Level:	Champion - Lauren Tattersall
Pre-Training Level:	Champion - Lucie Goddard Reserve - Enna Anderson Mills
Training Level:	Champion - Mirah Stultz Reserve - Olivia Lucas
First Level:	Champion - Claire Spearns Reserve - Jessica van Nostrand





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#### **MEMBERSHIP**

- Total membership was 148 members
- Total Horsemasters 16

Branch Membership breakdown:

- West Valley 12 members and 7 Horsemasters
- Evangeline 33 members and 9 Horsemasters



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- Annapolis 13 members
- Avon 30 members
- Opportunity 17 members
- Tantramar 6 members
- Friendly Breezes 17 members
- Lancers 20 members



### PRINCE PHILLIP GAMES

This fall season we kicked off with a regional PPG Clinic. We had 25 members from Evangeline, Avon and West Valley participate. The clinic was held over three days at Rohan Wood Stables with participants being able to have a free pizza and movie night with the clinician on the Saturday night. Lily Solomon came from Newmarket Ontario and is one of the strongest mounted games riders in Canada currently. Members enjoyed learning some new skills drills as well as the opportunity to improve their vaulting skills. Members were also impressed by the riding demos Lily provided showing how games looked at speed. This clinic was open from leadline to Masters level and received lots of positive feedback. Lily would be willing to come back out to do another clinic in the spring so I will look into some dates in the New Year. If there was interest from other clubs, we could have her travel around to different arenas which would allow more members to participate.

Selection camp will be hosted by NB/PEI this year and will be held in mid-September. Members must have competed in games at the Regional level and being able to do a running vault on both sides of a large pony.



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The Regional Props continue to be stored at Evangeline Pony Club but are available to be borrowed if your club is hosting a clinic or wants them for camps etc. It has been wonderful to see the growth of games in the Region and I strongly encourage all branches to consider games as a part of their programming as it is a fun way to learn fundamental riding skills.

### QUIZ





Nova Scotia Quiz is wrapping up another very successful year.

We had 12 members selected to represent Nova Scotia at National Quiz hosted by SLOV in Ottawa,ON, over the Thanksgiving weekend

Our A/B team, placing 6<sup>th</sup> overall, included: Michael Congdon, from Opportunity, placing 6<sup>th</sup> Halie Sproul, from Evangeline, placing 17<sup>th</sup> Kaelee Keddy, from West Valley, placing 26<sup>th</sup> Joecy Peters, from Opportunity, placing 31<sup>st</sup>

Our C team, placing 5<sup>th</sup> overall, included: Victoria Mastin, from Evangeline, placing 13<sup>th</sup>



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Gracie Walker, from Lancers, placing 11<sup>th</sup> Brenna Noble, from Lancers, placing 22<sup>nd</sup> Azlyn Bezanson, from Evangeline, placing 34<sup>th</sup>

We had one member attend as part of the SLOV/NS/BCIR A/B scramble team, placing 1<sup>st</sup> overall: Jessica vanNostrand, from Evangeline, placing 3<sup>rd</sup>

We had two members attend as part of a NS/SASK C scramble team, placing 6<sup>th</sup> overall: Michal Chega, from Evangeline, placing 14<sup>th</sup> and Claire Spearns, from Annapolis, placing 9<sup>th</sup>

We had one member attend as Youth Active Member East, and part of NS/SLOV C scramble team, placing 11<sup>th</sup> overall: Rebecca Holleman, from Evangeline, placing 46<sup>th</sup>

Congratulations to all! The teams were chaperoned by Tina Sproul and Correna Keddy.

National Quiz 2019 is being hosted by SASK in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

Looking forward to 2019...



#### SUMMER CAMP

Our 6<sup>th</sup> annual regional camp was a good success with 26 members participating. The coaches were Jill Barker, Dawn Helm and Alex Beaton. Campers had 2 lessons each day and some very educational lectures.



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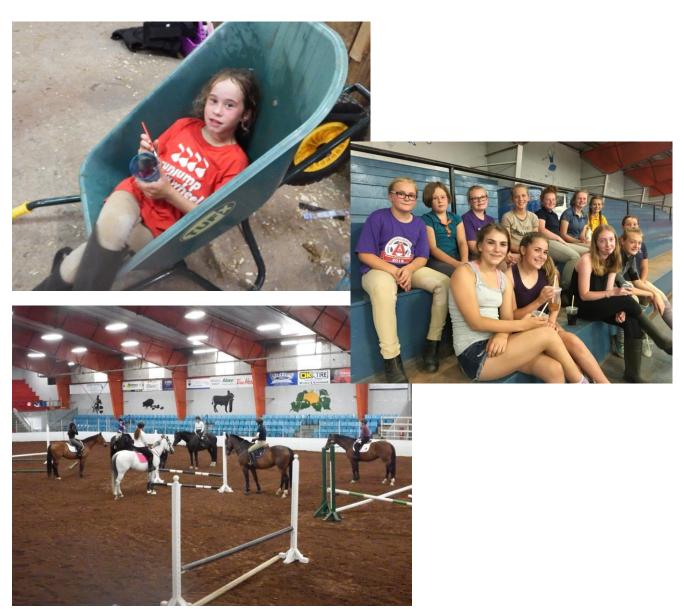
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#### RALLY

Unfortunately, there was not enough interest to hold a regional rally this year. For those who expressed interest their fees were subsidized by the region. For those who participated they were presented for each PC member based on their placing in the division they entered.

The modified rally was held July 15, 2018 in Truro and was run in conjunction with Central Nova Horse Trials. Four members participated who all rode at different levels, so each placed 1st within their division.



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#### **National Rally**

Nova Scotia send a full team to National Rally, August 12-16 in Edmonton, Alberta. The team included: Sara Macdonald (Captain), Haley McRae (Groom), Zielle Jones (Rider), Maggie Dewar (Rider) and Pam Bower (Chaperone). Nova Scotia placed 4th in Stable Management, Haley was recognized as top groom and Zielle placed 5th overall. All the members had a good experience and met lots of new friends.

#### TESTING AND EDUCATION

It was a busy testing year for NSPC with many branches holding more than one test. This year also brought the National A test to NS which was exciting but a big undertaking.

#### Testing

Regional Pre-test was held at Rohan Wood Stables on June 8th/9th. There were 7 members who attended including 2 candidates coming from NB/PEI region. It was once again challenging to find a clinician due to a small list of National Examiners (especially for the A level) and then finding a suitable date that worked for everyone. Thankfully Debbie Weir from Ontario was able to come and evaluate our candidates ranging from C2-A level. As I was also testing this year, Val McDermott attended the pre-test and testing on my behalf.

National A and Regional C2-B2 test were held Aug 8-10th at Rohan Wood Stables with the crosscountry portions taking place at Hobby Horse. The RA and B2 flat took place on Aug 8th, the HA and HB2 ran on Aug 9th and the C2's had a very full day on the 10th. All 7 candidates who attended pretest attempted the following levels:

- Joecy Peters Full A
- Jessica van Nostrand HA (Lunge an unknown horse) & B2 flat
- Kaelee Keddy HB2
- Mirah Stultz full C2
- Brianna Partridge full C2
- Julie Goodwin full C2
- Abbey Alexander full C2

Some candidates where successful in achieving their full level, others only partial levels. Upper-level tests are challenging, and I know candidates worked very hard to reach their goals.

Congratulations to candidates who achieved their levels and I hope that those who did not quite achieve all they hoped will return in the following years to complete their level.

All branches held one or more tests in 2018 ranging from D-C1 level candidates with most candidates being successful in achieving their level(s).



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The first 'Hub Test' was organized at CNHP July 16th, right after the CNHP Horse Trials (and when Rally would have happened). This regional test was open to any members wanting to test D-C1. A total of 5 members tested from 3 different branches (Friendly Breezes, Opportunity and Tantramar). I was unfortunately unable to attend the test, however, Gay Hansen offered to help and acted as the main point of contact ensuring the day ran smoothly. I plan to continue organizing this test as it allows members a chance to test who might not otherwise get a chance. It was also convenient holding it directly after another event as some riders just stayed over to test the following day.

### Education

The CPC scholarship (Award of Excellence) is now offering 3 scholarships for members starting at the C level (previously had to have your full C2). Applications are due in December to Val Crowe. I will send more information out as I receive it.

In February there was a lunging clinic with Sue Fraser at Rohan Wood Stables. Participants were charged \$20 to cover the expenses. It was very well attended with 15 members ranging in levels from D-A as well as a Horsemaster. It was great to see members from Opportunity and Friendly Breezes make the trip down. I would like to plan another clinic or two this year as it seemed well received.

#### SHOW JUMPING

#### **Regional Show Jumping**

Regional Show Jumping was scheduled to be hosted by Avon and held in Windsor on Saturday, August 18. The hosting branch due to some executive difficulties could not host the event as per arrangement. West Valley did attempt to get another date and host the event...but it was a not a realization for 2018.

We hope to have this event scheduled into the 2019 season.

#### **National Show Jumping**

The CPC National Show Jumping competition was hosted in the Western Ontario Region (WOR) on August 23-26th, 2018 at the Iron Horse Equestrian Complex Burlington, Ont.

The NS candidate attending the event was Victoria Mastin and her chaperone was her mother Lorna

There were 9 members in attendance and Victoria placed 8<sup>th</sup> overall.

Congratulations Victoria!!



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### 3.9 Saint Lawrence and Ottawa Valley Region

Scheduling regional events has proven to be somewhat of a challenge, mainly due to participation by members in multiple show circuits that conflict with possible event dates. This seemed to be improved upon this year, however, by scheduling activities as early as possible in the year. This made it possible to run all regional events this year where several did not run last year, chiefly as a result of booking the activities too late which contributed to low member sign-ups. It is important to book these activities as early in the year as possible going forward, so that members are aware of the dates and advance planning can occur.

Through considerable effort (primarily on the part of Cat Hunter) we have been able to add to our previously dwindling membership through the addition of several new branches; however, there have been some challenges engaging these new members in regional activities, and interest for some branches has wavered. We need to revisit ways to get new branches and their members to buy in to regional events.

In particular, there were some challenges with changes to one of our (new) primary locations for activities (Pinecrest Farm – home of Merrickville Masters, change in management and shift in location for this club, as well as change in leadership for the branch, led to issues setting up membership and scheduling activities).

Would have liked to have had more fundraising activities – several planned events weren't able to be orchestrated due to the aforementioned facility issues/changes.

We are fortunate to have stalwart promoters of Pony Club (in Diana Bayer and Susan Lorden) who continue to promote the club at local fairs and events. Their locations, at opposite ends of the region, provide the opportunity for exposure in different areas. It would be nice to see more of the members themselves out promoting PC as a means of showcasing the organization and contributing to a positive image of the club.

Rally was limited to a one-day event due to low numbers, but those in attendance seemed to appreciate the schedule and activities provided. This will likely not be a format that is relied upon going forward, but it is good to know that it is possible to provide an enjoyable rally experience for members using this model if need-be.

Winter Camp and Quiz continue to be fairly popular events, but it is still a challenge to run some of the mounted activities with members not owning their own ponies. Regional Tetrathlon continues to be fairly well attended as well, highlighting the importance of providing variety for members in the activities they are offered.

Regional SJ and Dressage were run together this year and this format seemed to be well received – we will likely continue this going forward.



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We are fortunate to have had the ongoing efforts of excellent Testing Chairs (Katiana Fleck and Anne-Marie Duarte) who managed to orchestrate successful regional testing. Regional Testing seems to continually present inherent challenges which our test chairs managed to navigate, with the board's input (e.g., dealing with damage to testing facility, expectations for members who withdraw from testing). A number of issues have been raised with respect to existing regulations/guidelines for testing, and the test chairs have presented some innovative ideas for handling these issues that can be utilized and expanded on in future years.

# 3.10 Western Ontario Region

#### Report submitted by Sherry Jackson, WOR National Director

Membership was at 212 in 14 branches. We introduced 1 new riding centre in 2018 and lost one as well. We also had 8 horse masters in our region. So total membership of 220.

#### <u>HIGHLIGHTS</u>

WOR has three members in National roles:

- Jacqui Dennis National Rally Chair
- Sherry Jackson National Dressage Chair
- Kathryn Robertson Active Member Director East

Sherry Jackson is our National Director.

#### **EVENTS**

The following are a summary of the Regional Events we held in 2018. In addition to this we also held mini meets, clinics for some of the disciplines.

Discipline	Overview	# Attendees
C Rally	While we did not have a Regional C Rally, however we did offer C classes in conjunction with the Regional D Rally event. We tried to organize a full C Rally at the same venue but did not have the participation numbers to make a go of it. We are surveying the branches to see if we have enough C members interested in running a full C Rally.	9
D Rally	<ul> <li>We had the following # of competitors at D Rally. We included the riding portion of our Regional Tetrathlon into this event. We had one member from COR attend.</li> <li>C+ - Can enter the division of choice <ul> <li>Pre-Training – 6</li> <li>Pre-Entry – 3</li> <li>Entry – 2</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	26





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followed by Blue Mountain. • E Junior Level = 8 E Open Level = 14 • D Level = 31



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	<ul> <li>C+ Division – 1 Competitors</li> </ul>	
WOR Camp	Our regional camp is a week-long camp with members and horses partaking in many educational, riding / clinics and social activities. This year a group of parents from Oxford Pony Club ran the event and did a fantastic job.	

#### NATIONAL EVENTS

WOR Sent competitors to National Events like Dressage, Show Jumping, Quiz, Tetrathlon, A PPG, Rally and also International Mounted Games. WOR hosted National Show Jumping in 2018.

#### **REGIONAL SUMMARY**

Regional meetings were held monthly throughout the year. Meetings for January through to April were held in conjunction with Discipline Workshops. Senior Education sessions ran in conjunction with the meetings as well. We were very active in testing our members as well.

Our Annual General Meeting was held November 17th at the Steve Kerr Memorial Centre, Listowel, Ontario. In conjunction with the meeting (Branch and Discipline Review topics), we held education sessions for the youth. We then met for a combined lunch and in the afternoon had the National and



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International competitor presentations while the youth were present. Guelph Pony Club again won the High Point Trophy for the 10<sup>th</sup> year in a row but new club Windsor-Essex came in 2<sup>nd</sup> place which is a huge accomplishment.

Many thanks to all of our dedicated and hardworking volunteers who stepped up to fill roles to ensure our members continued to have access to all discipline events.

Thank you to our sponsors Brubacher Harness Shop who generously donate a portion of Pony Club sales to WOR.

# **4 MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS**

# 4.1 Administrator

#### Report submitted by Val Crowe, National Administrator

This year has been a little quieter than last year with only two International Exchanges instead of three.

Specific to 2018

- Organized, attended and took minutes for the GoTo PCIA meetings
- With the help of the Web Master, we set up a web page and a forum page for PCIA
- Worked with the UK to help organize and send documentation for the PCIA face to face meeting in England
- Assisted International Tet competitor to prepare for trip to the US
- ✤ Assisted the IMGE team prepare for their travel to the UK
- Assisted SLOV with National Quiz
- Assisted Cat Hunter, Chair for Disciplines, in setting up the mini–Discipline Conference in Toronto
- Prepared a document for Organizing National Quiz
- Started work on International Quiz Rules
- Set up GoTo Meetings for several Regions and other groups wanting to use the service.
- Organized 27 GoTo Meetings
- Helped Lezah Williamson, Education Chair, revise and distribute the Scholarship application, sent applications to the committee, notified all applicants of the results.

# 4.2 Communication

#### Report submitted by Kathryn Robertson, Communications committee chair

Social Media Presence



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#### <u>Facebook</u>

As of November 9th, 2018, we currently have 2328 followers on our Facebook page. This year, I wasn't able to post as much as I originally planned but with the posts we did have, we reached an average of 1568 people per post; the highest being 7059 for National Pony Club.

#### <u>Instagram</u>

As of November 9th, 2018, we currently have 1013 followers on Instagram! For our Instagram page, I was trying to repost pictures that members have tagged us in. On average, we had 90 likes per post.

#### <u>Twitter</u>

Our Twitter account is not as active. We don't seem to have a large following on Twitter, so my main focus has been Facebook and Instagram.

#### Email List

After the AGM, it was decided that we would automatically add all the emails we received from the memberships. Our current email list, which includes all members as of April 12th, 2018 plus people who have signed up from our website is at 1518 subscribers. Below shows basic metrics from this year:

June 2018 Newsletter Regular • Canadian Pony Club Sent on Thu, Jul 05, 2018 4:03 pm	1,501 Subscribers	44.8% Opens	12.2% Clicks
Shopify Password Regular • Canadian Pony Club	1,503 Subscribers	41.6% Opens	15.0% Clicks
Sent on Fri, Jun 08, 2018 11:37 am	Subscribers	opens	Olicko
April 2018 Newsletter	1,610	45.0%	9.7%
Regular • Canadian Pony Club	Subscribers	Opens	Clicks
Sent on Tue, May 01, 2018 12:08 pm			
Award Winners AGM 2018	135	53.7%	0.0%
Regular • Canadian Pony Club	Subscribers	Opens	Clicks
Sent on Mon, Apr 09, 2018 11:40 am			
Feb Newsletter 2018	127	54.0%	17.5%
Regular • Canadian Pony Club	Subscribers	Opens	Clicks
Sent on Fri, Mar 09, 2018 7:12 pm			



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When adding the emails from the membership database, it was discovered that many emails were incorrect. I was able to correct some due to simple spelling mistakes but there are still 20 emails that are bouncing.

#### Newsletter

Three newsletters were sent out this year so far.

### 4.3 Equestrian Canada

#### Report submitted by Kim Leffley, EC Liaison

In our ongoing efforts to create better connection with EC, we have continued to reach out to its seemingly ever-changing personnel to try to build bridges and find connecting points that can serve both organizations.

After a few years of organizational chaos and bad press, EC has had a year of relative stability and we (CPC) have been able to forge connections with some of their members. In April, on your behalf I attended their Annual Convention in Ottawa and through the efforts of Charles Cue (our Ombudsman and EC Board member in charge of Governance) was able to meet face to face with new President Meg Kreuger and CEO Richard Mongeau. We discussed the disenfranchisement of Pony Club and our desire to work together rather than in opposition to one another. I was asked (first there, and other times subsequently) what we hoped to gain through affiliation with EC, and correspondingly, what we felt we bring to the table. We discussed the strength of our education program and group learning model, and how PC might fit into the LTED model. We also discussed their governance structure and how it offered no functional niche for orgs such as ours, 4H, Cantra or any other Canadian equestrian org not offering EC programming or not Breed or PSO related. They expressed that they are reviewing this information and invited me to sit on the Category C (National Equine Organizations) committee. As we are currently categorized as a "Special Interest Affiliate" we have no vote, but at least our voice is now represented as I also now represent CPC on the monthly Cat C calls. I am hoping our membership figures might also give us a seat on the EIDC (Equine Industry Development Committee).

All this having been said, at this meeting they revealed the Rookie Rider program and presented a new LTED pathway manual which gave brief mention to Pony Club but did not represent us in any way in the actual structure and pathway. I noted our disappointment in this and in a recent Cat C call where one member of another organization challenged our "right" to be part of this category, CEO Richard Mongeau reiterated the need to re-examine the categories to better reflect the nature of all equine organizations in Canada, and noted one area he saw potential for CPC to be actively involved in was review and comment on the LTED program. I am still waiting to hear how this will play out.

Communication continues to be a challenge as in June we responded to a request for feedback on some ideas EC presented, and also invited them to attend/participate in our National Quiz (held



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conveniently in Ottawa) to increase their understanding of our level of education. After two further followups to which no reply was received, I again forwarded an inquiry to Liz Saunders (the only EC person who has consistently lobbied for us) and asked if EC was committed to inclusion of CPC in the face of the evidence otherwise. She expressed disappointment at how we had been sidelined and indicated she would be taking the letter to the Board for awareness and discussion. Subsequent to that I received a communication from Meg Kreuger apologizing for the delay in response and reaffirming their desire to continue to work with CPC in forming a stronger partnership.

In summary - although EC continues to face challenges relating to the repair of the damage done over the past 2-3 years, it is my belief that they are interested in finding ways to be more inclusive of equestrian orgs who don't fit into their current structure, and to form strategic partnerships with those orgs. Their new commitment to attendance of previously disregarded general industry gatherings (ie - Equine Guelph Equine Symposium) seems to bear out their interest in sensing the true pulse of the Canadian equestrian community. In my opinion, the challenge will be this: *Because EC offers their own programming in addition to their purported role as an overseer and advocate for ALL equestrian activity in Canada, they automatically find themselves in a position of conflict of interest as both a stakeholder (responsible to make decisions which further their success and profitability) and regulator (making decisions to further the visibility and success of all equestrian organizations they represent). This is a mutually exclusive tension and will pose a not insignificant hurdle in how our organization is integrated into and represented by EC.* 

Dialogue continues on these and other matters of interest to both EC and CPC (including the question and practicalities of "equivalency"). I continue to believe that with the ongoing improvement in their own structures, attendance to convention and participation in these Category calls and discussions serve to keep us in front of the parties involved and give us the best chance at building a workable, mutually beneficial partnership with EC rather than winding up an underfunded, underrepresented competitor to them.

# 4.4 Information Technology

### Report submitted by Ian MacLean, IT committee chair

As requested at the April 2018 Board meeting, the IT Committee has drafted Canadian Pony Club Information Technology Policies.

The national IT policy, which applies to national data and systems, includes specifications for the creation, storage and backup of data as well as general requirements for systems development. The previous website policy has been merged into the new IT policy.

Regions and branches may have little or no IT expertise. Consequently, a separate, simpler IT policy has been drafted for them.

Still to be added (if needed) is a policy covering CPC social media.



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### 4.5 Marketing

Report submitted by Nancy Codlin, Marketing committee chair

The sponsorship program is slow however we have a few sponsors that are totally supporting CPC.

Sponsors do not have to be just equestrian related, banks, real estate etc. are most welcome. Any company that would benefit from advertising within our membership.

Jessica Phoenix presented us with a check for \$440 at the National Dressage Show. This payment is number 1 (July) and proceeds will be paid twice a year (December), if members use the code when purchasing a copy of RISE. It was a thrill for riders to meet her, the author and the publicist. This program is still on the web for additional sales.

Tipperary Equestrian donated two helmets again at the National Dressage event. One each for a groom and a rider. The groom has never cashed or contacted me to get the prize.

Two of our sponsors supplied prizes for a National event. These were shipped out with the Region paying for shipping.

We have had a \$100.00 donation in honour of an Alumni that is a HM and had a successful dressage show, within WOR. Nice to see folks think of us when making a donation.

CPC has an in-kind contract with Hoofbeats a company out of the University of Guelph. Six free broadcasting sessions for a sponsorship on our web. These are listed on the web and can be heard there. Two podcasts have been aired with 4 more to come.

# 4.6 Membership

For 2018, we ended the year with 1874 Active Members and 166 Horsemaster Members for a total of 2040. That is down 25 members from 2017. While this might not seem to be a very significant loss, we had 613 new members join Pony Club in the same time frame.



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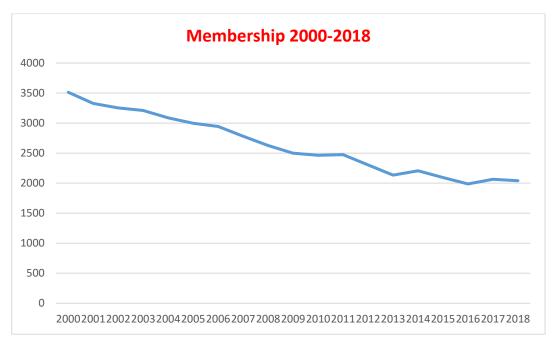
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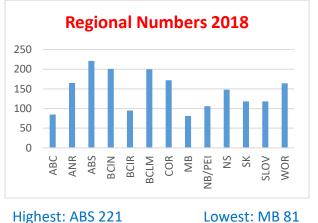
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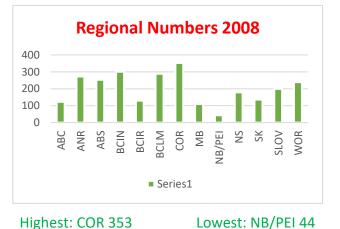
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Membership continues to fall but is being helped by a growing number of Horsemasters Members.





Only one Region, NB/PEI, went up between 2008 and 2018. We lost 754 Active Members over the 10-

year period. The Horsemaster Program began in 2015 as a pilot project. In its first year, there were 65 members.

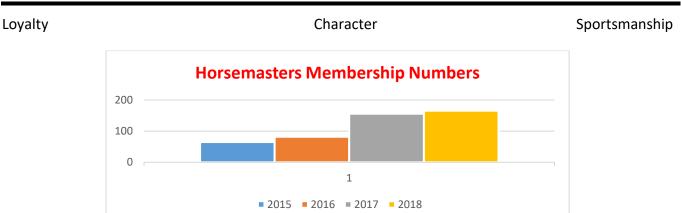
The total has grown each year and we now stand at 166 HM members for 2018.



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# 4.7 Royal Agricultural Winter Fair

#### Report submitted by Hellaina Rothenburg, RAWF representative

The Royal Agricultural Winter Fair and Royal Horse Show continues to be a supportive partner for Canadian Pony Club. The three Ontario Pony Club regions (WOR, COR, SLOV) each received a gracious number of Fair and Royal Horse Show tickets to distribute among its members and volunteers for November 6<sup>th</sup>. Members will be educated and inspired during the Fair and the evening show, this year featuring Hunter and Dressage disciplines.

Networking with other industry representatives at the RAWF Annual General Meeting, held this year on April 12<sup>th</sup>, remains an important opportunity for Pony Club to be recognized among other organizations involved with the RAWF. The day included some small talk with Equestrian Canada President Meg Krueger, among others.

I'm sure I speak for all in the Pony Club community in expressing our gratitude to the Royal for its continued support of our members – essentially, Canada's future equestrians. The Royal continues to be a favourite destination for our members and their families and being able to attend as a group encourages camaraderie while allowing us to be recognized as an organization.

# 4.8 Website

#### Report submitted by Sherry Jackson, National webmaster

#### **Requests since AGM 2018**

The following are high level list of the changes made last year since the SAM:

- Standard forms updating to new format before deploying updates to the web site. Working in
- conjunction with Val to approve any changes before posting.
- Making forms fillable where appropriate.
- Migrate International pages out of CMS into straight HTML pages.
- Assisting regions with e-mails, web site, logins, etc.
- Updated Testing Procedures to new format.



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### Plans for 2019

#### New Website Development

This task is around the development of our new web site based on the designs approved in 2017. The selected vendor is InMost Software Consulting. The majority of the work has already been completed with some outstanding content still outstanding by CPC to provide. New database tables have been setup and data migrated so minimal changes should be done at this time to stuff like Documents, Awards, etc. until we go live with the new site.

Go Live Target Timeframe: January 2019 (To Be Confirmed)

### 4.9 Western Pilot

#### Report submitted by Naomi Girling

The western pilot seems to be well received so far. Feedback has been minimal from outside of the working committee, and limited to semantics, but those comments are appreciated and are being incorporated into the program updates.

There has been a pilot test/examiners session in WOR, and early reports say it went well, but the full report is still in progress. There are also videos and images being prepared, which will help guide examiners as to the standards for each level. This information will end up being a manual of sorts for examiners and coaches, as well as the basis for a handbook/manual for members.

Last year I had some early discussions with Susan E. Harris about developing a western supplement, however communication from her has ceased since the AGM. I will continue to pursue that casually, but there are internal resources who are ready and willing to put something usable together, and I'm not about to squash their enthusiasm.

For this fall, we have decided to limit the changes to wording only. The *trot*s will go back to *jogs*, and only two hands on reins will be permitted at D and D1 level.

Once all the brilliant ideas are fleshed out, if the working group deems them important enough to roll out for next year, they will be submitted through both the Testing and Management committees. Otherwise, the program will remain as it is for the 2019 testing season, and any changes major changes will wait until the SAM next year to allow the winter for members to become familiar with the updates before they're tested on them.

One item that was brought up was the option to MLT western members who are currently in the regular stream but wish to either switch to western (hypothetically) or as is currently being requested, catch up to their English level and test both streams. Regardless, any incoming members who are riding at above a D level should have the option for a MLFT in the western stream – so a MLT sheet will be created for use in 2019.



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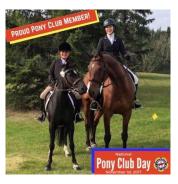
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My preference is to wait on expanding into the C levels until we have made it through a full year testing at the D levels to work out any kinks as they may arise. That will mean C and C1 testing will have to wait until at least 2020.

# 4.10 Youth Reps

### National Pony Club Day 2018

This was the 3rd year we had National Pony Club Day! Members, alumni and volunteers supported the event. This year we had social media posts and had Facebook profile picture frames, which are popular!



#### Youth Meetings

We held two youth meetings at National Quiz again this year; one for youth reps and one for all members in attendance. For the youth rep meeting, we had Regional Youth Reps from SK, MB, ABS, SLOV, ANR, BCIN & NS attended. For the annual youth meeting, we assembled a PowerPoint which informed members on upcoming news like the western pilot project, active member applications, scholarships and national pony club day. We did try something new this year is we presented the members with a list of questions to get their answers and feedback on. Members were able to answers these questions right away or place their responses along with any other feedback and/or concerns in our suggestion box. Having a suggestion box at national quiz was a great way for members to express their concerns, comments, suggestions and ideas anonymously. By having this at a national event we were able to reach a wider population of Canadian Pony Club members. This was also a way for members to feel like to ideas are being heard. Here is a summary of the information we collected:

How should we recruit members for CPC?

- Recruit members at shows and by social media
- PSO should promote. I.e: look at OE website
- Promotional materials at fairs and equestrian locations

How can CPC engage with non-CPC members/public?

- Be involved outside local horse communities. I.e. grocery bag fundraising, Christmas carols, etc.
- Open educational activities to non-members. Have open/non-competitive schooling classes available to non-members at pony club shows.

What is the current image/opinion of CPC in your region?

• Current Image of CPC: "Oh, they still do Pony Club? I remember Pony Club!"



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Who attended a national event? Please provide feedback for the national board.

- National Show Jumping
  - $\circ$   $\quad$  Photos from the event taken but not sent out.
  - $\circ$   $\quad$  Better background checks on the horses
  - $\circ$   $\quad$  Liked the social events
- Rally
  - Make stable management judging more even between teams that flew/couldn't bring stuff vs. teams that drive/brought everything times 3
    - eg. two water buckets if you're travelling via plane you can't bring that stuff
  - $\circ$  ~ liked the SM/cool out aspects of the competition
  - $\circ \quad$  the stabling could have been better organized.

Overall National event feedback

- don't rely on social media for national riding event updates during event please (can't reach Facebook in the fields). Not everyone has 3G
- National event needs to be confirmed at the beginning of the year
- Down time at national events
  - E.g Movie night

What would you like to see on social media?

- Results from events on social media
- Communication is improving(yay!)
- Great job with social media. Keep up good work. giveaways/contests!
  - prizes: books, discounts, products, etc.

Who would you like to see as an ambassador to CPC?

- still like Jessica as an ambassador
- Selena O'hanlon

### **Promotional Materials**

Much of the feedback we have received from members mention improving our promotional and advertising material. When looking at the different Pony Club organizations, we came across the UK Pony Club Marketing and Branding website. We strongly believe promotional material, similar to the UKPC, needs to be developed to present a unified brand image of CPC.



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# 5 NOTEABLE ACHIEVEMENTS 2018

### 5.1 New Branches

#### The following branches have been accepted in 2018:

Merrickville Masters	SLOV
Lake of Two Mountains	SLOV
Dufferin County	WOR
Thames Valley	WOR
Drayton Valley	ANR
Prairie Valley	MB (reactivation)

#### Change of name:

	Ponies Creek to Petwawa Creek	SLOV
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#### The following Centers have been accepted in 2018:

Cantercall PC Riding Centre	WOR
Elevation Equetrian PC Riding Centre	SK

#### Unfortunately, the following branches have become inactive in 2018:

Grand River	Disbanded	WOR
High County	Inactive	WOR
Tantramar	Inactive	NS

#### Branches with a significant birthday in 2018

25-year Branches:

Lake District	BCIN
35-year Branches:	

North Hill	MB

# 50-year Branches

- Red Deer ABC
- Clearwater Valley ANR



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### 5.2 Scholarship Recipients

#### **CPC** Awards of Excellence Scholarships

Rachel Spencer	BCLM	\$ 1,000.
Melissa Bayer	SLOV	\$ 1,000,
Kassidy Moore	MB	\$ 500.

Congratulations to all!

### 5.3 "A "members

Congratulations to the following members on achieving their full A level Laurel Gavin BCLM

	DCL
Zoe MacDougall	SK

### 5.4 15- and 25-year Volunteers

#### **15 Year Volunteers**

Jacqui Dennis	WOR
Debbie Anderson	BCLM
lan MacLean	BCLM
Marcia Reid	ABS
ar Volunteers	

#### 25 Yea

Maureen Walters	BCLM
Janice Spenst	BCLM
Marta McIntosh	BCLM
Margot Vilvang	BCLM
Karen Ritchey	BCIN
Cat Armitage	BCIN
Margaret Rigby	BCIR

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to the Canadian Pony Club!