



THE MANE ISSUE

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Members participating in Pony Club activities across the country!

(Left: Toronto North York Pony Club. Top Right: Alborak Pony Club. Bottom Right: Evangeline Pony Club)

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2018 International Tetrathlon Exchange

The International Exchange for Tetrathlon, hosted in the United States from July 13-July 30, 2018, 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 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!



This year, Canadian Pony Club will be participating in the 2019 Inter-pacific Exchange in Hong Kong and the International Mount Games Exchange in the United States!

Chair's Message

by Jane Goodliffe - National Chair

Happy New Year to all our Pony Club members and their families!

I would like to wish you all a very happy and prosperous new year on behalf of our National Board. As you will probably have noticed, nothing too new has been posted to our website recently. This is because we are diligently working away to bring you a brand new look and function to our website pages. I have heard from many of you that the website could definitely be better and more user friendly! We will of course have to close down our old website during this process, but we will give everyone warning of the timeframe, and we will do our very best to get everything completed as fast as possible.

A satisfaction survey has been created so that we can serve you better. If you could spend a few minutes answering questions, we would love to hear your feedback on how we might improve on what we offer to you, the members. The survey will (hopefully!) give us an idea of what programs are popular and how we can improve those that we already have in place. Constructive criticism welcomed!

This year will see two International Exchanges; one to Hong Kong for the IPE (International Pacific Exchange) and one to Denver Colorado for the IMGE (International Mounted Games Exchange). The team for IMGE has been selected, and the IPE team is in the final selection process. These exciting exchanges not only travel to some pretty exotic places, but they offer a chance to showcase your skills and make lots of new worldwide friends. I am sure that both exchanges will have social media pages dedicated to them so that you can follow their adventures. Thank you for being a part of this marvelous worldwide organization that we call The Canadian Pony Club.



Member Submissions

Want to submit something for the next issue? Email it to communications@canadianponyclub.org



Isabel Walters was recently presented with her 10 year badge at just 12 years of age! Isabel joined the Gogerddan Hunt Branch of Pony Club aged 3 when living in Wales. She transferred to the Kelowna & District Branch in 2013 when she and her pony Trigger moved to BC. Isabel has represented her Branch 3 regional quiz competitions, regional championships in dressage and showjumping, and was a riding team member in rally. 2018 also saw Isabel pass her C test on her new pony Eclipse. She still enjoys riding Trigger and shares him with one of our younger members at our working rallies.



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Val's Corner

Here we are at the beginning of another new year. I would like to welcome two new members to the Board of Directors, Shelly Graham from ABC and Laurel Gavin, the Active Member West from BCLM.

Starting last year, our Active Member Directors (AMD) serve a three-year term and there are now three of them. In their first term, the new Active Member Director attends all meetings but does not carry a vote. CPC pays the travel, hotel and most meals for the AMDs. In the fall of this year, the Board will be electing a new AMD from the East (the three Ontario Regions plus Nova Scotia and NB/PEI). If you or someone in your Region are interested in this position, let your National Director know. You must be 18 as of January 1, 2020 and still young enough to have three more years left in Pony Club. E-mail me at info@canadianponyclub.org if you want more information.

The Board and their committees are working on several projects to improve Pony Club for our members and volunteers. We are working on a strategic plan, a new web site, marketing and fund raising, clarification and improvements to our Code of Conduct materials, and improvements in our Centre materials.

Our Horsemaster Membership is continuing to grow in many Regions, with the members becoming more enthusiastic to design and run their own programs within the Pony Club system. Horsemaster members can now form their own Branch, provided they are willing to accept Active Members should any be interested in joining.

Here are the dates and locations for the National Championships that we have so far:

Tetrathlon: June 27-30, 2019. Hosted by BCLM.

Dressage: July 5-7, 2019. Hosted by BCIN.

IMGE Tryout: Sept. 28-29, 2019. Hosted by NB/PEI.

Quiz: Oct. 11-14, 2019. Hosted by Saskatchewan.

Master's PPG: Hosted by BCIR.

A PPG: Aug. 31 – Sept. 2, 2019. Hosted by ANR.

Show Jumping: TBD

Rally: Hosted by SLOV.

Cheers to our Volunteers

Submitted by Karen MacLean, Quarry Ridge DC

In Manitoba, the phrase 'Dedicated Volunteer' equates to Catherine McCullagh. We all know volunteers, such as Catherine, are the precious fuel that energizes Canadian Pony Club. When talking of Catherine McCullagh, or Quarry Ridge Farms, or the McCullagh family itself, these words come to mind: Dedication, Knowledge, Commitment, Creative, Accomplished Equestrian. And most importantly, Friend to Many.

In 1999 Windy Plains PC needed a new home facility and our club moved to Quarry Ridge Farms, owned by Kurt and Catherine McCullagh. Catherine not only offered her beautiful facility, indoor arena/attached viewing room/barn, outside jumping ring but she had a few school horses and ponies.

With change came growth. In 2000, WPPC moved north to Teulon and Catherine asked a few families to consider staying, and Quarry Ridge Pony Club was formed. We very quickly became one of the largest clubs in Manitoba. Many of our members were youth from not only our local area, but Winnipeg. The years that followed were busy ones. Somewhere through those early years I became DC and a partnership, and life long friendship developed between Catherine and myself.

Catherine told me back then she believed all people, especially children, should be allowed to discover the pleasure equines give us. Catherine offered affordable lesson fees and didn't ask QRPC for a facility fee when we taught our stable management. I taught the stable management for years while Catherine would remain in the arena, all day, or in years ahead, three evenings a week, coaching our large membership. Her smile, as she watched her students discover the fun of riding, master their skills, was indicative she loved doing what she was doing. Catherine filled her paddocks with many quality school horses and ponies, often joking she had more lesson horses and boarders than her own personal horses. Her school horses allowed many 'non horse' owners to learn to ride because of her pool of school horses and ponies.



Catherine, always quick to support MPC, hosted regional tests, mock rallies, dressage series, show jumping series, clinics, a summer day camp, as well as coaching her students, coordinating trailer rides to local hunter jumper shows and MPC's summer, week long, July Camp. During the following years, along with being QRPC's riding coach, Catherine accepted the position of Regional Show Jumping Chair. Catherine's quality coaching and willingness to help, directly impacted many of her pony club members. Over the next several years, many QRPC's members qualified and represented Manitoba at National Show Jumping, National Dressage and National Quiz. Some were able to reach higher, achieving their C2, B and HB2 Levels.

A few years ago, Catherine made a very difficult decision and told me she had to close the pony club program. Permanently. At times life throws us 'wrong leads'. We do our best to correct that lead and continue to trot on. Catherine has been doing just that. As has QRPC. Despite not being actively involved with QRPC anymore, Catherine continues 'giving back' by helping run the QRPC/NHPC's Spring Classic Horse Show. She also finds time to support the Manitoba Hunter Jumper Association by sitting on their executive and assist with running their shows. Catherine remains as busy as she can, coaching a small group of boarders aka special people who fill her barn with friendship.

Catherine and Kurt's two sons, Brennan and Kieran are alumni members of CPC. Both boys, now young adults, are accomplished equestrians like their mom, and also accomplished competitors in another sport, competitive dirt bike racing.

Our Manitoba region would like to thank Catherine for her time, knowledge, energy and commitment and hope life allows this special lady to continue to ride and teach amongst us.

Catherine passed away on December 12th, 2018 surrounded by friends and family. Catherine has left behind her family who loved her intensely, and close friends which includes Quarry Ridge PC, but also a huge equine community that is also mourning her passing.

Super Pony

Submitted by Eve Dedrick

My Connemara Devon Ridge Harris Hawk (Harris for short) is my super pony. We bought him at the end of his three year old year, and since then I have done all the training on him. Harris has won the Canadian Connemara Society's national high point four years in a row, won the Indoor Eventing Championship at the PNE three times, and has won numerous championships in big shows in hunters, jumpers and dressage. We also loaned him out to the 2017 IMGE when we hosted it here in BCLM. But even if he hadn't excelled in the show ring, we would still love him for his huge personality and kind nature. Harris can really dial it in for whomever rides him – he is slow and steady with little children, but can also compete in PPG at the top level. A couple of years ago we introduced him to Mountain Trail and he excelled in that; this year my mom made her return to the jumper ring on him, after a 15 year hiatus. Harris is an important member of our family.



Donation Received from Jessica Phoenix and ROAR Productions

Jessica Phoenix along with her family members, publisher (ROAR Production) attended the CPC National Dressage Championship Thursday July 26, 2018 in Barrie, ON. Jessie presented Canadian Pony club with a cheque for \$440.00 from the first print of her fabulous book RISE. The book has gone to second print and the same offer from Jessie is a portion of all sales go to CPC. Our Pony Club Ambassador is such a supporter and we are pleased to continue our partnership.





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