

# NEWS FROM NATIONAL

April 2015

Welcome back to News from National. I haven't produced this newsletter for awhile but I feel there is a need to keep the Regions updated on what is going on at National.

## THE BOARD

**Meet our new National Chair, Kim Leffley.** Kim lives near Moncton, NB. Here is what she says about herself and Pony Club.



My daughter was "horse-crazy ", so I went looking for riding lessons - and found this amazing organization called Pony Club. Drawn to Pony Club initially as a source of safe, proper and comprehensive equestrian training for my young daughter, I soon realized that in fact we were getting so much more. At an age when many kids were experiencing insecurity and pulling away from their parents, I was seeing my child develop confidence, personal discipline and other valuable life skills, and we were drawing closer through our shared involvement within the club. In a society where many families find themselves struggling to stay connected and relevant in each other's lives, I wanted to promote this organization and to give back for all it had given us.

Recognizing that its existence and success relies on volunteerism, I became involved first as a casual parent volunteer, then club ADC, then DC and then on to become the National Director for our region, representing our clubs on the National Board. I served 4 years as National Vice Chair and now am National Chair. Although I no longer have a child in the program, I continue to believe passionately in the integrity of the equestrian training model that Pony Club offers and in its civic mission of developing the attributes of Loyalty, Character and Sportsmanship in the emerging generations.

We also welcomed 6 new Directors to the Board:

<b>Ian MacLean</b>	<b>BCLM</b>	<b>Jennifer Hanson</b>	<b>NB/PEI</b>
<b>Sherry Jackson</b>	<b>WOR</b>	<b>Alissa Cue</b>	<b>NS</b>
<b>Cat Hunter</b>	<b>SLOV</b>	<b>Maeghan Forster</b>	<b>Active Member West</b>

## Interesting Updates from the

# AGM Board Meeting

- ❖ **Reminder – once a membership has been entered into the Membership Database, membership fees will not be refunded.**
- ❖ **We have a great travel agent – McPhail’s Travel in Carberry – 1-800-442-0611. People travelling on PC business where National pays all or part of the fare, are requested to book through McPhail’s.**
- ❖ **Changes to the National Dressage Rules were approved.**
- ❖ **Rally has been approved to use the clinic/competition format for the next 5 years.**
- ❖ **There is a new optional C2 flat ride available.**
- ❖ **D2’s now jump 2’3 on cross country.**
- ❖ **The time between a retest at the B or B2 levels has dropped to 30 days.**
- ❖ **Members 18 or over may now write tests of more than one level at one time.**
- ❖ **We are looking into translating more of our Study Guides into French.**
- ❖ **We are looking into adding the Western Discipline to Pony Club.**
- ❖ **Regional and Branch Youth Reps are asked to contact the National Youth Reps using their new e-mail address – [cpcyouthreps@gmail.com](mailto:cpcyouthreps@gmail.com)**
- ❖ **In 2017, National once again plans to give each Region grants for holding a new Youth Education Program. More details later.**
- ❖ **National is getting ready to open an online store for Pony Club clothing. For more information contact Sherry Jackson.**
- ❖ **Horsemasters members will be receiving a pin and welcome letter as soon as their registrations get to the National Office.**
- ❖ **Tetrathlon has a proposal for running National Tet in 2016. The Board has accepted this proposal. For more information, contact Pam Piddocke.**

❖ To find e-mail addresses for any of the people listed above or for any other Branch, Regional or National officers, please click on Contact Us at the top right hand side of the main web site page.

❖ Ask your National Director about other things that happened at the meetings.

# AWARDS & PRESENTATIONS

## CPC Award of Excellence Scholarship

Alexandra Lukey	BCIN	\$1000
Mona Beckmann	BCLM	\$1000
Lindsay Booy	ABS	\$500

## 25 Year Branch

Appleton Pony Club	SLOV
Cowichan Valley Pony Club	BCIR
Quesnel & District Pony Club	BCIN

## 50 Year Branch

Langley Pony Club	BCLM
Boundary Bay Pony Club	BCLM
Annapolis Pony Club	NS

## 15 Year Volunteers

Anne-Marie Fowler	SLOV	Karl McCague	SLOV
Sarah Read	MB	Carole Chamillard	MB
Anita Ostapiec	ANR		

### **25 Year Volunteers**

<b>NJ Ainslie</b>	<b>SLOV</b>
<b>Mark Isenberg</b>	<b>SLOV</b>
<b>Liz Tucker</b>	<b>SLOV</b>
<b>Diana Bayer</b>	<b>SLOV</b>
<b>Cat Hunter</b>	<b>SLOV</b>
<b>Tess Greer</b>	<b>SLOV</b>
<b>Del Zelmer</b>	<b>WOR</b>
<b>Susan Roth</b>	<b>WOR</b>
<b>Wendy Johnson</b>	<b>WOR</b>

### **New Branches**

<b>Harvey Pony Club</b>	<b>NB/PEI</b>
<b>White Hills Pony Club</b>	<b>NB/PEI</b>

### **Honourary Life Director**

<b>Del Zelmer</b>	<b>WOR</b>
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