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1992 Barbara Kemp*
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2000 Sandra Sillcox*
June MacGillvray
Doris Jacobi
Yvonne Pink
Minna Renz

1993 Jean Simpson
Dawn Ruthven
2009 Milli Pratt

National Chair's Award

1999 Phil* & Val Crowe
2001 Alanna Palmer
2003 Margo Gaglione
2005 Gwen Barnes
2007 Mike Macbeth
75th Anniversary Karol Shipley
2014 Kent Gudmundson

2000 Crawford Dales & Barb Grimm*
2002 Carolyn Crewe
2004 John Moehring & Ken Craig
2006 Del Zelmer
2008 Liz Inglis*
2009 Cheryl Leask



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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

1.4 National Board

BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2017

Position	Person
National Chair	Kim Leffley
National Vice Chair	Jane Goodliffe
National Finance Chair	Debi Jensen
National Secretary	Maria Berry
Director – Alberta South	Marcia Reid
Director – Alberta Central	Debi Jensen
Director – Alberta North	Jane Goodliffe
Director – BCIR	Laura Fanning
Director – BCIN	Karen Ritchey
Director – BCLM	Ian MacLean
Director – Central Ontario	Nancy Codlin
Director – Manitoba	Maria Berry
Director – New Brunswick/PEI	Valerie Paton
Director – Nova Scotia	Alissa Cue
Director – Saskatchewan	Naomi Girling



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Position	Person
Director – St. Lawrence Ottawa Valley	Cat Hunter
Director – Western Ontario	Sherry Jackson
Active Member West	Alison Bachand-Lapointe
Active Member East	Kathryn Robertson
National Past Chair	Cathy Miller
National Treasurer	Elaine Webster (non-voting)

2 DISCIPLINE REPORTS

2.1 Chair for Disciplines

Submitted by Jane Goodliffe, Chair for Disciplines

This was an extremely busy year for the Disciplines. Canada hosted TWO International competitions and sent an IPE team to the USA as well as a full slate of National Competitions across the country. This year was the first in a while that every single discipline had a hosting region and so all of them took place over the summer and into the fall.

Inter Pacific Exchange tour ran from June 28-July 12

Canada sent a team of riders, a Coach and a Team Manager to participate in the competition hosted by the USPC in the Carolinas.

International Mounted Games Exchange: June 30-July 12 hosted by Canada

The IMGE competition was hosted by Canada in conjunction with BCLM and BCIR. The teams from Great Britain, Australia, the USA and Canada enjoyed touring on both the mainland and the Island, with a mini fun competition taking place on the Island. A separate report on the event is available.

National Show Jumping, July 20-23 Hosted by ABC.

National Dressage July 27-30 Hosted by ANR.

National Rally, August 3-6 Hosted by COR.

National Tetrathlon, August 9-14 Hosted by WOR.

National Masters PPG, August 26-27 Hosted by ANR.

National A PPG, September 2-3 Hosted by NS.

National Selection Camp for IMGE 2018 September 16-17 Hosted by COR.

International Quiz September 30-October 9 Hosted by Canada in the BCLM and BCIN regions.



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Val Crowe, our International Liaison was the Coordinator for this Tour, and Maria Berry our National Quiz chair went as Team Manager. There is a separate report, but I did meet the visiting teams from the USA, Great Britain and Australia and they were so full of praise for everything that they had experienced. The Australians don't really do Quiz, but they were so excited about it by the time it was over that they plan to get it started back in Australia.

National Quiz October 6-8 Hosted by BCIN.

2.2 Dressage

NATIONAL COMPETITION:

Hosted by Alberta North Region in Edmonton at Whitemud Equine Learning Center from July 27 – 30th. Nichole Boutilier ran an amazing competition and was very organized. She ran regular committee planning meetings, sent out minutes and task lists to the committee members (of which I was invited to be a part of). I would like to congratulate her and her team on running a great show.

Attendees could be billeted, camp on the grounds or pay to stay in a local hotel. There were social events at the show grounds as well as attending an escape room. Social evening on Saturday night including dinner, photo booth, games. Presentations were held at close of the competition on Sunday.

RESULTS:

There were 11 training level competitors and 8 first level competitors representing 7 regions – Alberta South, Central Ontario, Western Ontario, Nova Scotia, BC Island, Alberta North, Alberta Central, New Brunswick / PEI, Saskatchewan.

Division	Rider	Region	Placing
Training	Shalom Leger	WOR	1
	Esme Hudson	NS	2
	Zohra Verduin	BSIR	3
First	Alexis Vahey	COR	1
	Kris Melynchuk	ANR	2
	Tiana Miller	ABS	3

Photos of the event and horses were made by Captured Secrets Photography. Wendy Clark was the Competitor Coach. Jeff Zelmer was the Stable Management judge.

SPECIAL COMMENT FROM THE COACH:

“Nichole, I would like to thank you for inviting me to coach for the weekend. What a wonderful group of riders from across Canada. To watch how each and every one of them improved each day was



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amazing. To go from not knowing the mount to being able to ride 3 different Dressage tests, one of which was a mystery test, over the three days was very impressive. Everyone should be very proud of their accomplishments this weekend.

From Friday trying to figure out the horse's buttons and the way they like going to Sunday coming to the warmup ring with a plan in mind and executing it was amazing to watch.

Hats off to all the riders.

The Canadian Pony Club is developing some very talented riders across Canada and I am very thankful for the opportunity to have worked with everyone this weekend."

Youth Director, Alison Bachand-Lapointe sent out a survey to competitors for feedback. There was a very active Facebook page on the competition keeping everyone in the loop.

SPONSORS INCLUDE:

- **Strathcona Ventures** for donating 2 pairs of EquiCrown Compression boots for Training and First Level Division Champions
- **Spirit Horse Stables** for sponsoring our tented eating area
- **Unbelts** for donating social media prizes, chaperone gifts, competitor, groom and volunteer swag
- **Wire to Wire** for donating prize baskets for Stable Management winners and competitor, groom and volunteer swag
- **Strathcona Pony Club** for sponsoring competitor meals
- **Clearwater Valley Pony Club** for sponsoring groom meals
- **Holalataco** for donating competitor dinners on Friday and Saturday
- **Escape City** for sponsoring the competitor social event
- **Braided Bands and Hemp** for donating horse lenders prizes
- **HorseandRider SherwoodPark** for donating volunteer prizes
- **Amberlea Meadows Equestrian Centre** for donating the hay for all our competition horses
- **Martin Deerline** for water and water bottles
- **Tudor Tack** for sponsoring a mounting block
- **Masterfeeds** for crunchies
- **Horse and Rider** for donating grooming supplies
- **Greentree Outdoor Living** for sponsoring fabulous pop up patio and Famoso Neapolitan Pizzeria Sunday lunch for competitors, grooms, chaperones and horse lenders



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NATIONAL COMPETITION (NEXT YEAR):

Hosted by Central Ontario Region at Essa Agriplex in Thorton. Date set at July 26 – 29th.

2.3 Show Jumping

2.4 Rally

2.5 PPG

2017 COR PPG REPORT

It's been another great season of Prince Philip Games! Jessie-lyn Boadway started us off with a great Introductory clinic for new riders in March. Eight riders between 8 and 10 years of age attended and 5 of them went on to participate in PPGs this year! Thanks to the TNY "A" and Masters riders who were close by to encourage and support the first-timers.

We had 81 entries this year, including a number of new riders and 4 riders from WOR 😊. We had 4 C teams, 4 B teams, 2 A teams, 5 Masters teams and 2 Open teams. A huge thank you to Michelle Cruikshanks, our chief steward (who also visited several branches with coaching and judging assistance and did a full day clinic for the Ontario IMGE team members in April). Also Jacquie Schapp-Treen, Sandy Vahey and Janice Barrett for scorekeeping ALL day at our meets; Bob Inglis for the snappy commentating, and Mike Bogardis for managing the props crew. And Jessie-lyn, who organizes all the Games scheduling, manages the social media and is always willing to jump in and help any time. THANKS EVERYBODY!

Our meets were May 14, June 11 and June 25. The winning C team was Keira Cooper DUR, Grace Martyn DUR, Aza Endes TNY, Arianne Breton TEM, Emmee Barette TEM. The winning B team was Kloe Barrett VIC, Julianna Austin VIC, Chanelle Menard TEM, Olivia Purdy VIC. The winning A team was Hailey Moulds TNY, Ann Marie Miller TNY, Marc Anthony Miller TNY, Brianna Ferguson TNY, Emma Mooney Rising Star. The winning Masters team from TNY was Skye Barnes, Lily Solomon, Katie McCoy-Bridges, Jessie-lyn Boadway. The winning Open team was Clayton Dejong Rising Star, Ella Brazier Uxbridge-Scugog, Shannon Steele VIC, Kayla Wilkins VIC, Amelia Austin VIC.

Because both Nationals' hosts could accommodate teams from COR and WOR it was decided not to run a Zones competition.

National Masters were held at Whitemud Equestrian Centre in Alberta, Aug. 25-27. Bryson Strickland UX, Allie Heroux CAD, Jennika Lindsay CAD, Dakota Dejong RS and Victoria Carswell RS flew out with coach Aimee Heroux and chaperone Daina Strickland. The team visited the West Edmonton mall, did an "escape room", enjoyed a BBQ and visited Jasper National Park. Our team rode well, finishing 3rd.



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National A's were hosted by Nova Scotia Sept. 1-3. The COR-Rising Star team flew out a few days early, along with all the mothers, and rented a big house in Kingsport on the Bay of Fundy. Their coach, Jessie-lyn Boadway, was riding at Nation's Cup in Kentucky that weekend and supermom, Sherri Moulds, stepped in to coach them (with lots of notes from Jessie-lyn!). Our team placed 5th by 1 point!

Ann Marie and Marc Anthony prepared the following report:

Our team had an amazing time! The weather, accommodations and social aspect of the trip to the Annapolis valley was spectacular. Each team member had a parent along to partake in the event, making it a chance for the team to jell, and new friendships to develop. As a team we experienced the Bay of Fundy tides, the beauty of Peggy's Cove, Ice cream on the Halifax Harbour boardwalk and the history of Acadians within Canada, not to mention a couple of amazing chefs amongst them. The host region organized for the members to participate in Treetop Trekking at Ski Martock and walking the Minas Basin at Blomidon Park. This was the first experience at a national event for all 5 COR riders, and they proudly represented their region. Each member of our team intermingled with the other teams within the competition during dinner and organized events. As difficult as that was to force oneself to abandon the comfort of 'their table (and Moms)', each member selected a new group of peers to enjoy the current event.

They also voiced, post the National A competition, an appreciation for the organizational professionalism of each of the 2017 COR PPG competitions and our hosting of past National PPG events within the COR Region. Specifically, the requirement of loaned ponies to be within the National rule allotted height, ponies/horses to be experienced in the discipline and the endless adherence to the safety rules dictated by Pony Club.

Overall, how great was our adventure/experience and how much we learned about our ability to ride? 'Absolutely Amazing and an opportunity of a lifetime!' These were some of the remarks/observations made by each 2017 National A COR participant on their journey back to Ontario. Well done COR National A Team 2017!

Lily Solomon was on the Canadian IMGE team. They travelled to Edmonton for a 2-day training camp, then on to Vancouver to join teams, coaches and chaperones from USA, Australia and England for an amazing 17 days together in the Vancouver and Victoria area. Joanie Thompson from BCLM did a fantastic job organizing this tour and everyone had a fantastic time. Thanks to coach Jaz Graham and chaperone Carrie Blair! Lily and I were able to catch up with some of the riders at IMGA World Pairs and World Individuals over the summer, and they said they loved visiting Canada and participating in IMGE. Our team placed 3rd.

COR hosted the 2018 IMGE Selection Camp Sept. 15-17 at the Berg-Solomon Farm. We welcomed 8 candidates from Nova Scotia, COR, WOR, BC and Alberta. Jessie-lyn planned all the riding and assessing and Lily helped set up props and run the "patterns". Kirsten Radcliffe and Katie Olechowski from WOR formed the selection committee along with Jessie-lyn. On the Sunday the candidates did the Hi and Lo ropes course at The ROC in Georgina. Congratulations to our own Marc Anthony Miller who made the team, along with Morgan Swaan



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BCLM, Emily Shaver BCLM, Bronwynne Twolan WOR and Jocelyn Ruhl WOR. Gabrielle Shank ABN is the alternate.

If you have riders who are 14 on Jan. 1 please encourage them to apply to go to the 2018 IMGE Selection Camp (location TBA). The team will compete in USA Summer 2019!

Thanks for a great year and look forward to working with you over the next year to promote Pony Club and GAMES!

Sincerely,

Karen Berg,

COR PPG Chair

NATIONAL MASTERS 2017

On August 25th teams came from across Canada to participate in the National PPG Masters competition hosted by the Alberta North region. On the Saturday morning the teams from Nova Scotia, Central Ontario, Western Ontario, British Columbia and Alberta all met at the West Edmonton Mall for a fun day at the giant waterpark courtesy of ANR.

We all convened for a social night and food in the little park right by the Whitemud Equestrian facility. After introductions and food, we handed out all the pony profiles for the following day and did a random team and pony team horse draw that decided who would get which team of ponies first and then subsequent pony and team duos. The equipment trailer was also brought to the function so that everyone would have the opportunity to view the props that they would use the next day in competition. This is quite an important part of the process as different region's equipment does vary a little from region to region.

The teams and their coaches and chaperones were such a pleasure to be with. I did get the opportunity to really get to know the team from Nova Scotia as I billeted them all at my house for the duration of their stay. They had requested a billet as they had a young man on their team and so hotel rooms would have been a little tricky for them as the rest of the team were all young ladies.

The next day, Sunday, we all met at the competition grounds to put their skills to the test. The day was absolutely beautiful with sun and a breeze, just perfect for game playing. All the ponies arrived on time and there were no last minute cancellations which made my work easier. The local radio station (Now Radio) arrived with free popsicles for everyone and had their photos taken with us. The day went very smoothly with no injuries and just a couple of pony substitutions from the spares pool of ponies.

For the first time ever, Alberta could not field a complete team. We had a few injuries prior to competition time and went from a team of four to two players. Western Ontario had also suffered the same fate and so we combined Alberta with Western Ontario to create the WORAB team.



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We stopped for a Pizza lunch and then continued on until all our game sets were finished. The players and coaches from all the teams were such a pleasure to work with so the day went very smoothly indeed. The ribbons, prizes and trophies were awarded at the conclusion.

The standings at the end of the day were as follows.

1. WORAB 81
2. BCLM 78
3. COR 60
4. NS 59

Everyone had very nice team shirts but they were ALL navy blue. Scoring was a little bit of a nightmare until we worked out that they had different sock colours and a couple had different helmet covers too. At least with four teams it was easier than the six teams we had at national A PPG that all had the same type and colour of shirts



Here is a picture of our brand new National Masters Champion Team for 2017.

The pony lenders are the most important element of any of our National competitions, and I cannot thank my region enough times for always coming through and finding enough ponies for us to work with.

Respectfully submitted by,

Jane Goodliffe, ANR PPG Chair.



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2.6 Tetrathlon

No report submitted

2.7 Quiz

2017 INTERNATIONAL QUIZ REPORT

Submitted by Maria Berry, National Quiz Chair

The 2017 International Quiz Exchange was hosted by Canada this year with teams from Great Britain, Australia, the US and Canada taking part followed by their attendance at the National Quiz hosted in Kelowna, BC by the BC Interior North region.

Val Crowe, CPC's International Liaison had organized a wonderful and exciting venue for the teams and was joined by Maria Berry, National Quiz Chair as Chaperone of the Canadian team as well as Katherine Richards from WOR who quickly became an invaluable member of the team.

All the fun and action began on September 30th with the arrival of all the teams at Vancouver International Airport and an overnight stay to try and get over some of that jet lag (especially for the Brits and the Aussies). Even though the girls were tired they still managed to enjoy some quiz practice before retiring for the night.

Day 2 brought an exciting and beautiful bus trip to Whistler. Everyone enjoyed the beautiful scenery, the gondola ride and lunch at the top of the mountain and after coming down some free time to wander the townsite and enjoy some shopping.

Day 3 the group enjoyed a fantastic morning with the Vancouver Mounted Police learning how they operate their barns. This was followed by lunch and a tour at the Vancouver Aquarium.

Day 4 the group visited Vancouver's Grandville Island market and the Fly Over Canada feature playing at Canada Place. They finished off the evening with a fantastic dinner cruise through the harbour and inlet.

Day 5 brought about a first for many of the group as they tried their hand at paintballing. In the evening everyone enjoyed being hosted by the Vancouver Pony Club where pizza, drinks and dessert were enjoyed prior to playing through five different games (charades, taboo, pyramid, who wants to be a millionaire and pictogram matching). It was a good way for the other teams to get a feel of the games as most have never experienced them before.

Day 6 was an early morning for everyone as the flight to Kelowna was an early one. After arrival at the National Quiz venue everyone enjoyed a relaxing and entertaining afternoon of bowling, studying and even a nap before supper at the Spaghetti Factory. The evening ended with a final quiz practice for everyone.



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Day 7 brought about one last adventure before the quiz competition officially began. The group spent an amazing day at Myra Canyon for a trail ride and more fun at their adventure park. Everyone was able to enjoy some quality pony and riding time despite the cooler weather. The adventure park was awesome with high rope courses and low ones too as well as team building activities. National Quiz officially started this evening with the youth meeting.

October 8th was the final day of activities for the quiz exchange. There were Games in the morning which was a lot of fun and then everyone was off to the Kelowna Riding Centre for a picnic and some horsey spectating. In the evening was the final buffet dinner and awards night where the team from Canada placed first, the US second, Great Britain third and Australia fourth. Everyone enjoyed the evening of dancing and were sad to have to say goodbye to their international comrades. Everyone had grown close during these ten days together and will definitely miss each other until they meet again.



Team Australia



Team USA



Team Great Britain



Team Canada ready for a trail ride through the hills above Kelowna.



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The Australian Chaperone checking out her team.



The British Chaperone – quite a fashion statement!

2.8 Education Report

Once again, education continued across the country. Thank you to the many volunteers nationwide who made these educational activities happen for members. With an increase in Horsemasters, it has been interesting seeing and hearing how regions blend educational opportunities with the youth and Horsemasters.

Many regions hosted Education Conferences, sponsored by national grants. Likewise, yearly the National Education grant was issued by a number of regions; the reports I receive illustrate that we are a busy and vibrant group who offer a broad range of educational opportunities for our members.

The Award of Excellence scholarships were won by three very deserving individuals once again. \$1000 winners were Rachel Spencer from BCLM and Melissa Bayer from SLOV; Cassidy Moore from Manitoba won the \$500 scholarship. We have also re-visited the scholarship application so that more members will be eligible to apply, starting in 2018.

Learning continues to happen across the country, with both young and the not-so-young participating. Having Horsemasters as a part of Pony Club had added another dimension to an already vital and dynamic educational program – many of our Horsemasters are returning to Pony Club after being members decades ago, and they bring with them a wealth of practical first-hand experience to share.

As well, across the country, we now have some new faces amongst our regional education chairs who we welcome to the table – we hope that the blend of experience with their new perspectives will help



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to further enhance the learning of our members. At the same time, I would like to thank those education chairs who have moved on to other pursuits for their all time and hard work spent making Pony Club education great for so many members for so many years.

Again this year, a number of regions took advantage of the educational opportunities offered by National: a number of regions applied for the Conference grant in the fall, others applied for the Education Grant in the fall, and likewise, a number of members applied for the scholarships in the winter.

One big change in education this past year is in the installation of a password to access the workbooks. I have had a number of enquiries about getting the password, so the good news is, people are utilizing those resources!

We are also looking at pursuing more connections with School Districts across the country to bring Pony Club to a broader audience. Stay tuned for more on that.

Here's to another year of great learning, Pony Club!

Respectfully submitted

Lezah Williamson

National Education Chair

2.9 Testing Report

Not provided

3 REGIONAL REPORTS

3.1 BCLM

Looking back over 2017, in my first year as Regional Chair, I feel a deep sense of gratitude for the fantastic group of parent and other volunteers who have worked tirelessly to plan, organize and deliver an incredibly broad range of activities and events for both the members of the Region, as well as international visitors to our area. Through these pony club activities, members have developed and grown in their knowledge of horses and riding while gaining valuable life skills in the process.

Like many other regions across Canada, the BC Lower Mainland Region struggles to maintain membership. Land values and housing prices continue to escalate to record levels making the cost of owning and boarding a horse increasingly unaffordable. We have seen many horse properties sold to non-horsey buyers including the odd investor who wishes to repurpose the property to grow marijuana. It's very sad when we see our local horse properties going to pot!



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INTERNATIONAL VISITORS

BCLM had the privilege of co-hosting the 2017 International Mounted Games Exchange along with BC Islands region as part of Canada's 150th celebrations. It was tremendously rewarding to see the dedicated parent volunteers in BCLM under the super co-leadership team of Joanie Thompson and Ian MacLean, come together to make the 17-day tour, and competition a great success from beginning to end. There is no doubt that the approximately 40 volunteers working to make IMGE a success, enjoyed themselves as much as the youth, coaches and chaperones on the exchange, with everyone returning home with memories that will last a lifetime. It was especially gratifying to receive financial support



from a broad range of stakeholders including Pony Club Regions and Clubs, Horse Council of BC, individuals and companies. Without this generous support, BCLM would not have been able to deliver a first-class itinerary including Canada Day fireworks dinner boat cruise, Thunderbird Show Park VIP tour and grand prix jumping, whale watching, zip-lining and river rafting.

We are now looking forward to IMGE 2018 with two BCLM members, Emily Shaver and Morgan Swaan, who attended the selection camp in Ontario in mid-

September, being selected to join Team Canada travelling to Great Britain.



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We also enjoyed connecting with the International Quiz Exchange group during their stop in Vancouver. Although time was short in their busy itinerary, we managed to organize a tour of the stables of the Vancouver Police Department Mounted unit in Stanley Park, and a fun night of Quiz games and pizza with local members, hosted by Vancouver Pony Club.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership numbers held steady in 2017 with 250 members including 21 Horsemasters spread across 12 branches and 1 Centre. The size of branches based on number of members ranges from 5-54 members. The Centre had 3 members.



Seeing membership trending downwards over the years, we jumped at an offer by a former pony club member, now a professional videographer, to create a promotional video we can use in presentations and on social media to tell the story of "What is Pony Club?" The video has been posted on Vimeo, and other regions and branches are welcome to use the video in promoting pony club to potential members in their area. We would love to hear your feedback on the video from those who use it in their marketing activities! Here is the link to the video: <https://vimeo.com/243730910>

A link to the video can also be found on the BCLM page of the CPC website.

At the AGM in November, we finally put in place a Regional Youth Rep for BCLM; Laurel Gavin, a 20-year old member is working to finish her A level of testing with the HA test in the near future! By the



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end of 2018, we are looking to develop our youth reps committee under Laurel's leadership, with representation from every branch.

RISK MANAGEMENT

We are fortunate to have a parent volunteer with considerable expertise in the area of Risk Management. During 2017, Brian Gavin created and delivered Safety Officer Manuals for all regional disciplines including Quiz, Tetrathlon, Show Jump, Dressage, Rally, PPG/IMGE, and Testing. These manuals helped to ensure the volunteer Safety Officer of the day was organized and well-prepared in case of an emergency, with copies of maps and directions to the nearest hospital and medical clinics ready to hand out if needed. If you're interested in preparing Safety Officer Manuals for your region, you can find several useful documents on the Risk Management section of the BCLM page of the CPC website including Safety Plan Guidance, Safety Manual Table of Contents, and Key Contacts Page form.

EDUCATION

Much of the education activity is delivered at the branch level, and we encourage older members to teach the younger members to build connections and develop the leadership skills of the older members. At the Regional level we organized 'pods' to deliver stable management instruction by a National Examiner. These activities were supplemented with Regional Education events including a half-day of presentations by expert speakers on equine nutrition, Eventing basics, and vet tips to keep your horse healthy and sound. Education also hosted a half-day demo followed a few months later by a riding clinic with PC alumnus and A graduate, and member of the Canadian Equestrian Team, **Brian Morton**. Kennedy Equestrian Centre generously donated the use of their spectacular derby field for the clinic.





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QUIZ

Every year we kick off our regional events with Quiz in early March. Participation was strong with 150 members including a few Horsemasters testing their equine knowledge. Unfortunately, we had very few members competing at the AB level, and the few that qualified chose not to attend National Quiz in Kelowna. But we were very proud of the BCLM C Team who all placed in the top 10 individually, and brought home the 1st place C Team trophy.



TETRATHLON

We have a small but enthusiastic group participating in Tetrathlon. They meet regularly from September through April for shooting, swimming, running and riding practices. Regional Tetrathlon was held in early April to qualify 3 members for Nationals, of which two attended National Tetrathlon in Guelph with William Jack winning the junior men's division. Regional Tetrathlon Chair, Joanne Weetman is working hard to promote and encourage more members to participate in Tetrathlon in 2018.

PPG

We struggled a little bit in some branches to find ponies for members to participate in PPG. A strong showing from other branches offset this, and the formation of several mixed teams for competition helped to fill the gaps.

BCLM sent a team to the National A division competition hosted by the Nova Scotia Region in early September, and to National Masters held in Edmonton at the end of August. Both teams very much enjoyed the organization and hospitality of the hosting regions.



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Regional Rally has held in mid-July under mostly sunny skies with the Canada 150th birthday theme. There were fewer D teams than in previous years and we are hoping to generate more interest from younger members to attend Rally. Participation may have been down due to difficulties qualifying for Rally as a result of a long wet winter, which kept the cross country fields closed much later into the Spring than usual.

It was a jam-packed event keeping competitors busy from morning until night with games, swim time, mug-up in addition to the competition events. This year, an extra effort was made to keep the garbage and recycling under strict controls to minimize the bears visiting camp during the evening.

BCLM sent a team to National Rally.



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SHOW JUMPING

Regional Show Jumping was held in May offering

two days of competition for all levels from beginner ground poles up to the Championship Division at 3'6". Course walks and coaching were offered as a fundraiser to help with travel expenses to National Show Jumping. We also offered a Medals clinic hoping to encourage members to compete in the Medals Qualifier division in future years. Thank you to Tracy Carver for successfully chairing this event.

Paige Mathison represented BCLM at National Show Jump hosted by Alberta North Region in July, bringing home a first place finish.





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DRESSAGE



Regional Dressage was again held at the Island 22 Equestrian Park in Chilliwack on the last weekend of September. The weather was perfect for the competition with 48 riders including 2 Horsemasters. Janice Spenst did a fabulous job of chairing this event and organizing great prizes for the participants. This year we had a quadrille demo with Jami, Marianne and Stephanie Struys along with Amy Willix of Mt. Cheam, and they did an awesome job that was enjoyed by all the spectators. Unfortunately, we did not have any members apply to attend National Dressage hosted by Alberta North Region.

In closing, I would like to thank the members of the BCLM Executive, Wendy Gilmour, Ainslie Winter, Joanie Thompson, Ian MacLean, Pam Piddocke and Brian Gavin for their support and making my job of Regional Chair a lot of fun!

With gratitude,

Melanie Rupp

3.2 BCIN

3.3 BCIR

3.4 ANR

Alberta North Region had a very active year. Our Membership remains strong with 25 Horsemasters members, down 8 from 2016; and 184 regular members, which is on par with 2016, from 14 active Branches. We had members participate in Show Jumping, Dressage, Tetrathlon, PPG, Quiz, Rally, and Educational Events.

Show Jumping consisted of our regional finals in August. There were a few less competitors that other years but with a few changes to the format of the day, it went smoothly. Ceejay Hamilton qualified for Nationals next year. She took first place in the 3'3 division. Next year we will be looking at how to make the Show Jumping Finals run without the loss that it has been. We are looking at adding some more jumps, poles and anything else that needs to be added or updated.



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Dressage Regionals hosted a total of 53 dressage riders, down by only 2 riders from 2016. Five of those riders were Horsemasters. We offered up to and including Second Level dressage in order to qualify Training, First Level and Second Level riders for National Dressage 2018 to be hosted by Central Ontario Region. CPC National Dressage was hosted by Alberta North Region and held July 27-30, 2017 in Edmonton, AB. The format for participants was:

- Arrive Thursday afternoon for social at the Escape Room for competitors, chaperones and ANR grooms and competitor meeting
- Lesson Day Friday
- Test #1 and #2 Saturday (using one ring)
- Mystery Test on Sunday am

Leading up to the event, we had a committee of eight people engaged in organizing. It was a great committee to work with and they were vital to ALL aspects of the event, from fundraising and soliciting sponsors, to planning, to securing horses and all the logistics of the event.

We did a random horse draw live via Facebook and had a Facebook group to help share information about the event for those attending. The random horse draw done in advance really helped so the stall charts and results programs could be prepared in advance. We had a total of 8 First Level and 11 Training Level competitors. One region brought their own groom. The remaining grooms were volunteer PC members from ANR. The following regions sent competitors:

- Alberta South
- Central ON
- Western ON (Training Level only)
- NS
- BC Island (Training Level only)
- AB North (2 Training and 2 First level as hosting region)
- AB Central (also brought a groom)
- NB/PEI
- Saskatchewan (Training Level only)

Overall, feedback in person and on Facebook following the event was very positive. As always, as an organizing committee we feel things can be improved for the future. Good luck to COR, hosts for 2018! If we can help, let us know!

PPG ran quite smoothly within our region this year. We started our activities with camp at Darwell over the May Long weekend. I think that there must have been a blue moon shining on us.....it was actually HOT. I have either attended that camp or have run that camp for over 20 years now, and I can truly say that I have experienced just about every type of weather and not very much of it was ever warm let alone hot. Let's hope for more fine weather in 2018. Our coaches were spectacular this year, and I think that everyone went home with at least a few new or improved skills.



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The Regional/Provincial competition took place in Thorsby as usual and we actually had 4 teams this year in the B Division. This should make for a very interesting year next year when some of those players move on up into the competitive A division. We had 2 A teams and 2 C teams and 2 teams of fabulous Horsemasters. Masters did not come out and play and we were forced to play pairs rather than teams. Sadly, even with combining regions (which we are now able to do) we could not field a full team of Masters Players and we were hosting the Masters National Championships! We formed a combined team with Western Ontario calling them the WORABs; they won!

I have attached a separate report on that competition for you all to read. Our PPG volunteers in our region are truly amazing. Time after time you come and support our program with your time and your ponies. I personally cannot thank you enough because without that support we wouldn't have a program and we most certainly would not be able to host a National competition.

As we have money to spend, I think that we should offer at least one PPG clinic with a high-powered clinician from Europe. If you have contacts, then let me know and we will start planning.

We sent one candidate forward to the National Selection Camp for IMGE. Gabrielle Shank has been selected Alternate player. Well done Gabrielle, I know it was stiff competition! BCLM hosted this year's International Games Exchange in the Lower Mainland. They were chronically underfunded so ANR PPG sent them a donation for \$500; (this was our year for being generous) and other PPG playing regions also sent in contributions from across the country. Next year we will have four potential candidates in the running, so we will be having our own mini competition to decide who goes forward from ANR. It will start with PPG camp and continue on through until regional Finals in Thorsby next year.

On August 25th teams came from across Canada to participate in the National PPG Masters competition hosted by the Alberta North region. On the Saturday morning the teams from Nova Scotia, Central Ontario, Western Ontario, British Columbia and Alberta all met at the West Edmonton Mall for a fun day at the giant waterpark courtesy of ANR. We all convened for a social night and food in the little park right by the Whitemud Equestrian facility. After introductions and food, we handed out all the pony profiles for the following day and did a random team and pony team horse draw that decided who would get which team of ponies first and then subsequent pony and team duos. The equipment trailer was also brought to the function so that everyone would have the opportunity to view the props that they would use the next day in competition. This is quite an important part of the process as different region's equipment does vary a little from region to region. The teams and their coaches and chaperones were such a pleasure to be with. I did get the opportunity to really get to know the team from Nova Scotia as I billeted them all at my house for the duration of their stay. They had requested a billet as they had a young man on their team and so hotel rooms would have been a little tricky for them as the rest of the team were all young ladies.

The next day, Sunday, we all met at the competition grounds to put their skills to the test. The day was absolutely beautiful with sun and a breeze, just perfect for game playing. All the ponies arrived on time and there were no last minute cancellations which made my work easier. The local radio station (Now



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Radio) arrived with free popsicles for everyone and had their photos taken with us. The day went very smoothly with no injuries and just a couple of pony substitutions from the spares pool of ponies. For the first time ever, Alberta could not field a complete team.

We had a few injuries prior to competition time and went from a team of four to two players. Western Ontario had also suffered the same fate and so we combined Alberta with Western Ontario to create the WORAB team.

We stopped for a Pizza lunch and then continued on until all our game sets were finished. The players and coaches from all the teams were such a pleasure to work with so the day went very smoothly indeed. The ribbons, prizes and trophies were awarded at the conclusion.

The standings at the end of the day were as follows.

1. WORAB 81
2. BCLM 78
3. COR 60
4. NS 59

Everyone had very nice team shirts, but they were ALL navy blue. Scoring was a little bit of a nightmare until we worked out that they had different sock colours and a couple had different helmet covers too.

At least with four teams it was easier than the six teams we had at national A PPG that all had the same type and colour of shirts.

The pony lenders are the most important element of any of our National competitions, and I cannot thank my region enough times for always coming through and finding enough ponies for us to work

Tetrathlon had a shooting clinic in early spring at Graminia Hall. It was well attended. We had a visit from the RCMP. All the rules were being followed so there were no issues. I had tried to hold a winter shooting clinic on March 4 at Woodbend Hall. It was not well attended; weather may have been a factor. The Regional Tetrathlon competition was held at Beaumont on June 25. Attendance increased from last year with competitors in all age groups from tadpole to senior. There were even competitors from Alberta Central. Kelly Gosson was the judge for the riding portion again and many parents stepped up to help with the timing for the running and swimming and the gun safety for the shooting portions. Thank you to those parents. One competitor, Erik Zimmerman, indicated a desire to qualify for Nationals so no allowances were made for him. Competitors not wishing to qualify for Nationals may shoot with both hands and use a flutter board for the swimming. Erik went to Nationals and placed first in the Senior Men's division. We hope to have a team for this year's National competition.

No youth events were organized in 2017. We would strongly encourage each branch to have a youth rep for 2018. We would like to organize an ANR youth reps meeting in the New Year to hear from each branch and get their opinions for 2018 youth events. National Pony Club day was a success. Many members posted on social media about National Pony Club day. Many members participated in the



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social media contest, along with some alumni. Sydney one of ANRs members won an Unbelt in the social media contest. Also, many members, volunteers, and alumni in the ANR region used National Pony Club day the Facebook frame!

ANR attended the youth rep meeting and the youth meeting at National Quiz.

It has been an exciting year for testing in the region. Not all testing reports have been submitted yet, but overall our members appear to be increasing their average marks across the levels, with many members testing for the first time this year and receiving high scores. We have added 3 new D - C1 Examiners to the region who have been receiving positive feedback from the membership surveys. We have many new Branch Test chairs who have been great to work with. We had seven people test at the Regional level for C2 and B, some with full passes, others need to retry some components. Areas of weakness include Stable Management- feeds and bandaging and Cross Country is weak compared to other regions. We are encouraging our juniors to learn to be testers.

In 2018 we hope to offer proper clinics to support our members through these tougher levels so that they are better prepared.

Quiz was in April at Lilian Schick School. There was more room for the tables and kids to move around. We had 8 clubs attend and the Bon Accord 4H club ran the concession. The ribbons didn't make it in on time so we had small prizes for the kids to take home. There were some new games and new items this year.

National Quiz was held in Kelowna, BC, we had 6 kids attend with 2 Chaperones. Our A/B team was mixed with BCIS and they placed 5th.

Our Education program had their annual Winter Theory Camp at Camp Nakamun for all levels of Pony Club. There was only one attendee in the c2 and up category, so she had a one on one session with the instructors. All the other members had a great time and learned a lot. The C2 and up members attended 8 education nights and that seemed to work very well.

Rally camp was held at Alhambra, near Red Deer. The week ran well and we even had some members from Alberta Central attend as well.

Our fundraising is mostly from a casino that we work at, and the next one is scheduled for January 2018.

Our region would not be able to have the many programs that we do and to have those programs run effectively without the many volunteers that we have. We are very grateful.

3.5 ABC

2017 has been an exciting and busy year in our Region. As my first year as Regional Chair, I was thrilled to be part of the most of it! We had 102 Active members and 11 Horsemasters this year representing 6 branches throughout Central Alberta.



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First up on our Regional event calendar was Regional Quiz held March 12. We are very fortunate to have 3 PC Alumni, Amanda Penner, Isabelle Forrstrom and Kelly Brouwer, our Quiz masters, to organize the event! A full day of games and educational challenges was had by all. 35 Members participated in 4 levels (Snurf, Junior, Intermediate, Senior) and subsequently our National Quiz Teams were named by the Region.

Congratulation to Mattea Wright, Alida Granson , Annika Schmale and Annika Van Elmpt for the Intermediate-"C" team finishing 11th as a team and Meghan Penner, Katrina Schmale and Lauren Crick on the Senior-"A/B" team finishing 3rd at National Quiz held in Kelowna in October.

We started the educational year off with our ``D`` Theory camp in Alix. This much anticipated event is always a fun and educational weekend of horsemanship and friendship. 12 members spent the weekend enriching their winter theory. A sleep-over, complete with movies and popcorn always makes for a fantastic weekend! Utilizing several of our National Quiz team members to 'give back' and help mentor the D-D2 members helps both to keep costs down and foster a sense of community.



Next was the "C" Theory Camp, held April 28/29 at Rock 'N Horse Ranch at Red Deer. 10 members attended this 2 day riding/theory clinic. National Examiners Shannon Daly, Kelly Brouwer and Shelly Graham shared their knowledge with the group. A new facility for this clinic this year allowed us to go forward without being cost prohibitive, we find it a challenge to find locations that are budget friendly. The stable set up was ideal for the stable management portions. As always, this was a great weekend filled with learning and comradery!



May 19-21st brought the Regional Dressage Clinic. We were very grateful to Christina and Lindsay of Foxhaven Farms for this lovely weekend. 9 participants received both riding and classroom instruction on the discipline of Dressage. They received white



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board dressage rings to help learning and practicing tests, watched videos and also enjoyed campfire social time to round out a great weekend. This clinic was kindly subsidized by Foxhaven Farms, only charging what we could afford for instruction, facility use and stabling to ensure this program was able to run.

We proudly sent 2 riders (Mattea Wright & Annika Schmale) and 1 groom (Labrie Wright) to National Dressage hosted by Alberta North Region. All 3 reported having a fantastic time.

We hosted a Regional Show Jumping/Cross-country clinic at the fabulous Alhambra Stables in Red Deer on June 10/11. Unfortunately, the weather did not cooperate and the participants suffered the bitter cold/pouring rain on Saturday, luckily the rain stopped for Sunday, but it was still terribly cold. Ulrika Wikner was a wonderful host and did all she possibly could

to make the riders comfortable. 14 participants braved the elements and enjoyed instruction from Noel Clark in Cross-country and Jennifer Stephenson for show jumping.

Alberta Central was honored to host National Show Jumping Championships this year at the lovely Horse in Hand Ranch, at Blackfalds. 14 members attended from 10 Regions including BCLM, ABN, SK, MB, NB/PEI, NS, COR, 3 from ABC, 2 from WOR, 2 from ABS. We supplied 6 grooms to help the competitors. Carla Valentine and her fantastic team did an awesome job putting this together. All

reports conclude this was a well enjoyed event including fun activities such as Laser Tag and Jump 360 Trampoline Park. As always, the acquisition of suitable horses in the required quantities was a challenge, but in the end I feel our little Region of 6 branches were able to do the job! Congratulations to Paige Mathison (BCLM), Natalia Heinke (WOR) and Teagan Williams (ABS) for being the top 3. ABC was well represented by Deshann Valentine, Kelly Stasiuk and Lauren Crick.





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Each year we run our Regional 'Jump It' competition, a fun low-key show jumping competition on a Wednesday!! Approximately 17 competitors were in attendance this year. This fund raising show was able to turn a profit this year, yeah!

Our Year End show was hosted by Blindman Valley Pony Club at the Benalto Agricultural grounds. Melodie Schweiger and her team did an excellent job hosting. We were grateful for fantastic weather and great sport. It was lovely to see how much our members have improved this year! There were 29 riders in Dressage on Saturday and 37 riders in Show Jumping on Sunday. We are planning to reformat this event a little for next year to be a true Regional Championship format rather than just another show.

Because of our size, our Region organizes testing as group and really strives to work together. Our C level and above testing has in recent years have been a combined effort between the branches and organized as a Region for financial reasons. Thompson Country Pony Club hosted a spring test and we were able to offer C testing at this test day as well as their branch D-D2 testing. There were 9 C level and above tested at this date. Another Regional 'C -C2' only level test was offered in the fall and saw 7 examined. Red Deer Pony Club hosted an August D-D2 level test accommodating 3 branches. We sent 1 member, Deshann Valentine, to ABN "B" testing where she was successful! Congratulations and great work to all that were successful and achieved their goals this year.



We were represented at National "A" PPG, unfortunately no reports have been submitted at this time.

We are so grateful to all our fabulous volunteers who stepped up to organize and run these various events. Our members benefitted greatly from these opportunities and learned a great deal!

Next year we have great plans to try to form a society to enable us to secure a Casino for fundraising in hopes to be able to fund our programs further. We are trying to revive the discipline of rally in our Region, although we have several members who event, we have not participated in National rally or held a Regional rally. We are hoping to work with ABS and ABN to share competitive and educational opportunities. We have been working on a Volunteer/Giving-back policy for all those who attend National competitions. The planning for 2018 is well underway; we are excited for another busy year!



Respectfully submitted by

Shelly Graham
Alberta Central Regional Chair



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3.6 ABS

Alberta South Region was home to 251 Active members plus 15 Horsemasters in the 2017 membership year. We started the year off with a Regional meeting in January 2017 and created a committee to review the Regions Bylaws as well as the Policies and Procedures. Changing times call for changing measures and our updates were long overdue. The Region also welcomed its first Center in 2017 which is already showing encouraging growth for 2018.

March brought a little reprieve from the frigid temperatures experienced over January and February enticing the members to dust off the cobwebs and attend the Regional Educational Seminar March 18, 19, 2017. 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. Education was furthered with a stall, stable and barn management clinic held at a local arena. 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, with Mike King from Capri insurance. As well, Tom Pack

did a short presentation on legalities of being a treasurer. Kathy Marston presented in regard to instructors and Danielle Williams reviewed what is expected in the role of a DC.

Feedback has been great, and many older members have said that it has given them ideas for teaching at their own clubs. The new changes for next year will provide hands on lunging and teaching components.

As well as running educational clinics 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 look forward to continued work on this program.



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As in past years, the Education Clinic set the stage for Regional Quiz which was held April 1, 2017; earlier than prior years. Numbers were down from previous years with 76 in attendance. It was determined that many of the Calgary area schools were on spring break and that many members were vacationing. All levels from snurf through senior were represented. The Region again included an "Entry" level for new, untested members under the age of 15 who wanted to come out and participate.



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

Continuing into July, ABS sent two qualifying members to the National Dressage Competition. Kathryn Palmer competed at training level and Tiana Miller attended for First Level, representing Alberta South Region at the Whitemud Equestrian Centre in Edmonton, Alberta.



The Region also saw two of its qualifying members, Teagan Williams and Brooke Fielding attend the National Show Jumping in Blackfalds, Alberta.

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





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As in the past, the year progressed with many great showings and fun events for the members to attend; ABC Camp, Regional Schooling Shows, a Youth Dance, Finals and Medals. Attendance was down in a few cases; however, the Region is contemplating venue changes to assist in encouraging attendance.

Testing arrived early this year as we had two members write the “A” level exam in January. Testing continued throughout the year as the Region ran tests for both D/D1/D2 levels as well as C2 and up including an “A” level test. We had 45 members test in the D/D1/D2 category and 12 (10 within our Region and 2 from outside our Region) 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 18, 2017. The AGM was well attended, and the slate was filled for 2018. As we move forward into 2018, we look forward to new challenges and growth within our Region.

On behalf of the Executive

Jackie Rawn, Regional Chair

3.7 SK

2017 was another good year for Pony Club in Saskatchewan.

Membership remained right around the 100 mark, with more people getting interested in the Horsemaster option.

We took advantage of the National Education money and hosted a day with a sports psychologist. Although the turn-out was small, many of our senior riders participated in this awesome opportunity.



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We hosted Show Jumping and Dressage Championships for our Region. This was well attended, and we look forward to it becoming a regular event in our Region again.

We had a successful Regional testing once again. We are always looking for ways to continue to improve our candidates' preparedness for these levels of testing. This year, we brought back one of the National examiners to do a lunging/ teaching clinic for our senior riders.

Our A level rider, Zoë, achieved her A level over-fence. Congratulations to her!!

We are looking forward to a great 2018, with what appears to be our highest membership in a few years.

Nancy Hibbert

Regional Chair

3.8 MB

2017 was good year in Manitoba, with still increasing membership.

We have had the addition of a **new Pony Club. Swan Valley PC.** Their PC is very strong, they have 15 members already.

NATIONAL EVENTS RESULTS

Dressage: 6th Place – Karla Iverson - First Level

12th Place – Hilary Kowaluk – Training Level

Quiz: 1st Place A/B Team – Cassidy Moore, Sabrina Kendall, Karla Iverson and Carolyne Wishart

3rd Place C Team - Abbey McLeod, Caslin Morris, Sydney Fraser and Laura Glover

1st Place A/B Individual – Sabrina Kendall

2nd Place A/B Individual – Karla Iverson

5th Place A/B Individual – Cassidy Moore

17th Place A/B Individual – Carolyne Wishart

5th Place C Individual – Abbey McLeod

12th Place C Individual – Caslin Morris

Show Jumping: 4th Place – Abbey McLeod

REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

Qualifiers for next year 2018 Nationals are:



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- **Show Jumping:** Dominic Good
- **Dressage:** Training: Carolyne Wishart First Level – Karla Iverson

REGIONAL CAMP

This year we lost many numbers due to EIA scare in MB, but 20 of our kids were un-deterred and camp proceeded. All in all, a great camp despite the fewer numbers.

REGIONAL TESTING

We had a good panel of testers who examined our kids. 5 members were to test, but unfortunately 2 dropped out on the day off testing.

Congratulations to:

- Sydney Fraser – full C2
- CJ Wishart – Phase 1 and 2 parts of her B levels
- Karla Iverson - passed her B ride test in SK.

REGIONAL RALLY

We had a great weekend. MPC loves Rally and is hoping to send a team to National Rally in 2018.

We look forward to 2018 with enthusiasm.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Shepherd

MB Regional Chair

3.9 COR

We welcomed three new branches to the COR family; Catch a Dream, Algoma and Pickering.

We hosted a travelling road show, where two Visiting Commissioners visited every branch. Youth/Active members were included in this round table. Topics covered were in relation to branch activities, CPC rules and COR rules. Opportunities available through Pony Club were reviewed.

PPG remained a very popular discipline, and we hosted IMGE selection camp for 2018.

The candidates showcased their skills, and also had some time to get to know each other during a few fun activities. Not all candidates were selected, but memories were made.

National Rally was hosted by COR, and by all accounts the candidates again had a very successful competition.

We hosted 2 Show Jumping qualifiers and 1 Dressage qualifier.

COR continues to host these qualifiers, that count for our Finals competition and year end awards.



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Working Rally, a weekend of education, in the form of lessons in Show Jumping and dressage. Cross Country elements are added and every rider who attended indicates it is the best activity COR offers. A weekend of fun, bonding, and education with all meals and lodging supplied.

Eight Regional meetings were held from Jan. – Nov. excluding the busy summer months.

An open house was hosted to solicit new members. A demonstration of flat riding, small jumps and some PPG games were on the agenda. 12 warm bodies attended with some taking membership forms home for review and completion.

Years ago COR branches hosted mascots that they took to every competition. A big push has been put on the bring the mascots back and some turned up that were at least from 20 years ago.

A Conference was hosted and 65 members participated. Two great days of educational sessions from various presenters, who not only held the attention of every attendee, but awarded great handouts and discussed various topics from a D level to B level. Some HORSEMASTERS attended this event and came away feeling very much a part of COR.

Quiz remains very popular and was attended by a few members from almost every branch.

National Quiz also saw some of our Horsemaster members on the roster.

We are working very hard to increase our membership.

N. Codlin

Regional Chair

3.10 WOR

Membership was at 154 in 12 branches. We introduced 2 riding centres in 2017; Twisted Pine Pony Club Riding Centre and LH Equestrian Pony Club Riding Centre, and one of them had 5 additional members. We also had 7 horse masters in our region. So total membership of 166.

HIGHLIGHTS:

WOR has four members in National roles:

- Jacqui Dennis - National Rally Chair
- Barb Robinson – National PPG
- Sherry Jackson - National Dressage Chair
- Kathryn Robertson – Active Member Director East

Sherry Jackson is our National Director.

EVENTS:

The following is a summary of the Regional Events we held in 2017. In addition to this we also held mini meets and clinics for some of the disciplines.



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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.	7
D Rally	We had the following # of competitors at D Rally. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • C – 1 • C+ - Can enter the division of choice <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Pre-Training – 3 ○ Entry – Red – 3 ○ Entry – Green - 2 • D1 Open – 1 • D1 – 4 • D Open - 4 • D - 5 	35
Dressage	We had the following # of competitors at Dressage. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entry = 2 • Starter = 7 (Including 3 freestyles) • Pre-Training = 7 (Including 5 freestyles) • Training = 5 (including 1 freestyle) • 1st Level = 2 (including 2 freestyles) 	23
Show Jumping	We offered a clinic for beginner riders as part of the day's activities which was well received. We also ran a Stable Management competition as part of the Regional competition. These are the # of competitors at Show Jumping. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-Entry – 7 • Entry – 7 • Starter – 8 • Beginner – 2 • Novice – 5 • National Qualifier - 5 	29
PPG	We had divisions for Masters, A, B and C offering 12 games. The following are the # of teams in each division.	44



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Discipline	Overview	# Attendees
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Masters = 2 • A = 2 • B = 3 • C = 4 	
Quiz	<p>Continues to be our biggest event. 11 out of 12 branches competed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • E Junior Level = 11 • E Open Level = 13 • D Level = 28 • D1 Level = 20 • D2 Level = 11 • C Level = 17 • A/B Level = 13 	95
Tetrathlon	<p>The following are the competitors at Regional Tetrathlon</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Novice B Women = 1 • Novice B Men = 1 • Novice Women = 2 • Novice Men = 1 • Junior Women = 2 • Senior Women = 3 • Senior Men = 1 	12
LeTrec	<p>We had competitors in the following levels at LeTrec. Phase A was Orienteering. Phase B – Control of Gaits. Phase C – Obstacle Course.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • D/D1 Division – 5 Teams (17 Competitors) • D2 Division – 6 Competitors • C+ Division – 5 Competitors 	28
WOR Camp	<p>Our regional camp is a week-long camp with members and horses partaking in many educational, riding / clinics and social activities.</p>	

NATIONAL EVENTS

WOR Sent competitors to National Events like Dressage, Show Jumping, Quiz, Tetrathlon, A PPG, Rally and also International Quiz & IMGE. WOR hosted National Tetrathlon in 2017.



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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 25th at the County of Wellington Museum & Archives, Fergus, 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 International competitor presentations while the youth were present. Guelph Pony Club again won the High Point Trophy for the 9th year in a row.

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.

Prepared by:

Sherry Jackson

National Director

Western Ontario Region

3.11 SLOV

In 2017, we had an influx of new board members, myself included. With limited guidance or existing literature on the roles for the new Chairs, there was a fairly steep learning curve for some of our board members and this led to some challenges getting some of our activities off the ground. For 2018, a number of the Chair positions have been filled as Co-Chair or Committee positions in an effort to support board members with the tasks of organizing their respective activities.

We finished the year with a membership count of 97. Membership is down in our Region, and efforts will be made in 2018 to increase membership. As of the AGM, we had 14 Horsemasters, and hope to increase membership in this age category.

We had several new branches and restarts (Ponies Creek PC in Petawawa, ON, and Renfrew County PC in Renfrew, ON) with discussion of others starting up as well, thanks to Cat Hunter's recruitment efforts. However, these new branches did not actively participate in PC activities in 2017. Our region will have to work to foster participation from new branches and their members in 2018.

Our educational events have consistently been successful, and this year was no exception: our Winter Camp is one of the most successful activities (28 members attended), and other stable management



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clinics and similar activities were also well attended. Regional Quiz, as usual, was the highest attended activity, with the majority of members in attendance (76 participants).

Testing: 41/90 members tested, 18 of these at the C-C2 levels. Regional Testing was well orchestrated, particularly by a pair of Chairs new to the board (Katiana Fleck and Anne Marie Duarte). They were able to piggyback testing onto the Stevens Creek horse trials, running the testing at the facility during the week following the event. This proved to be an excellent strategy as it provided access to a superb facility and meant a significant reduction in facility preparation on our end. This will likely be the strategy used again for Regional Testing in 2018.

Tetrathlon was fairly successful, particularly having been organized at the last minute by a very generous former Chair (Karl McCague) who stepped in to replace the absentee Chair elected for 2017; 13 members attended, including some new members.

Regional PPG unfortunately did not run due to scheduling issues and low entries. We look forward to welcoming a new Chair (Allie Vieweg, Co-Chairing with Rebecca Seinsch) in 2018, a PC alum and a former Mounted Games World Championship competitor who has some new ideas to invigorate this discipline.

Rally was well received, but poor weather unfortunately limited riding opportunities. Securing a venue has been somewhat of a challenge in recent years. We are trying to diversify the activities (e.g., allow for a dressage-only stream) to encourage more members to participate, while still adhering to the traditional eventing-oriented Rally format as much as possible.

Regional Dressage and Show Jumping Championships were both in danger of cancellation due to delays in organization, low entries, and poor weather. However, thanks to the efforts of several dedicated board members (Susan Morgan, Brenda Salmon, and Heidi Hatch), these two activities were held in combination at a new, indoor venue (at the Spencerville Fairgrounds), and was still offered to members in the end. Only 7 members attended the event (plus several non-members who took part as well), but given the last minute efforts this was still deemed a success. The intention is to hold Dressage and Show Jumping on the same day at the same location again in 2018 as it was felt this would increase attendance.

Fundraising is well underway for National Quiz 2018, to be hosted by SLOV. We are fortunate to have enlisted the help of a local barn owner (Amanda Dunklin, PC alum and owner of Adda'Go Equestrian in Merrickville, ON) who generously hosted a tack sale at her Pinecrest Farm facility, with full proceeds donated to SLOV. This fundraiser raised approximately \$2000 for National Quiz. Amanda plans to become more involved with SLOV (with eventual plans to start her own club), and has joined our Fundraising committee with plans to host several fundraisers at her facility in 2018. Several other fundraisers were well received, including a Paint Nite with Appleton DC, Diana Bayer, as the clinician. There are plans to hold more fundraisers like these in 2018.

Angel Mackenzie



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Regional Chair, SLOV

3.12 NS

We ended the year with 159 members (10 horsemasters); supporting a full program this year that was enjoyed by our members. Our 5th 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. For the first time in 2017 NSPC participate in a laying a wreath in Remembrance of those who've fallen. It was a beautiful day and ceremony in Windsor, NS.

We had a very busy season, hosting regional and national events and look forward to 2018. Our discipline chairs and committee chairs have provided annual reports that are included below.

Respectfully submitted,

Valerie McDermott, NS Reg Chair

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Communications 2017 Annual Report

In 2017, our e-newsletters were sent out to emails based on the member registry with an average of 60% opening the newsletter. There were a couple of people who subscribed in order to receive future mail outs. Feedback was requested but none was received. I also asked for clubs to submit results, events, or anything they would like shared in the newsletter

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Barteaux

Dressage 2017 Annual Report

We sent 2 riders to National Dressage in Alberta; Maggie Dewar of Tantramar for First Level and Esme Hudson for training level. Both girls did very well.

Regional Dressage was hosted by West Valley at Killeavy Stables. Haley McRae from Tantramar was first in the training level division.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Helm





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Fundraising & Promotion 2017 Annual Report

I'd like to say THANK YOU to those clubs who have sold NSPC license plates. It was great seeing them on a few vehicles and horse trailers this summer. I even spotted one at 4H Provincial Show in Lawrencetown on a trailer. This was great to see!!! They make great additions to trailers, vehicles, tack trunks, or even just in bedrooms (this is where my girls have theirs).

Respectfully submitted,

Crystal Tattersall

Membership 2017 Annual report

Total Membership for 2017 = 149 members + 10 Horsemasters 😊

We had 159 members in 2016 plus about 5 Horsemasters, so we really aren't down in membership by that many (5 in total) which is good.

PPG 2017 Annual Report

It was a very busy summer for PPG in the Maritimes. Our National Masters Team comprised of Geordie Backhouse, Victoria Mastin, Kaycee Ward, Rebecca Holleman and Azlyn Bezanson travelled to Edmonton at the end of August for Nationals. They enjoyed a social outing to the West Edmonton Mall and a BBQ hosted by Alberta North. Nova Scotia played very well and won one of the most difficult races in PPG the rope race! NS finished in fourth place just 2 points behind 3rd which made this our best placing at the National level to date. It was nice to have the NS Masters team recognized for their exemplary sportsmanship.

On Sept 1-3 NS hosted National A PPG at Rohan Wood Stables. We had 5 teams compete representing the Regions of NS, BCLM, AB, COR and WOR. NS has never hosted A's so this was an exciting undertaking. With five teams competing it meant we required 30 ponies on game day which is a large number for our Region. A huge thank you to all our pony lenders who were willing to lend their ponies as we could not have made the day work without you! Teams enjoyed a BBQ at RWS on the Friday night and got a chance to participate in some Equine Assisted Learning Activities. On Saturday teams travelled to OnTREE Park at Ski Martock followed by a picnic lunch and a trip out to Blomidon Park. Sunday was competition day and the weather although cold was clear. All the teams played well and, in the end, WOR was declared the winner. NS finished an impressive second making this the highest placing we have had in A PPG at Nationals. Congratulations to Michal Chega, Shayna Keddy, Ruthie Mullen and Ida Hudson! Also a huge shout out to South Winds Riding Apparel for sponsoring all the prizes and the Cue Family for feeding all the competitors all weekend! Stay tuned for the next issue of Horse and Pony for a full story on Nationals.

In September Michal Chega travelled to Ontario for International Mounted Games Selection Camp. It was a very competitive year for IMGE with 9 members attempting to make the team. Although Michal



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was not selected it was very exciting to even have a candidate at the level to be able to attend the camp and shows that NS is becoming one of the provinces that is strong in games. In 2018 IMGE will be hosted in Great Britain and I was selected to be the coach for the Canadian Team. I am looking forward to bringing back lots of new ideas to NS and to see PPG played at the highest level. As winter approaches remember that winter is a great time to try and organize PPG clinics and that the Regional Equipment is always available to borrow.



Respectfully Submitted

Alissa Cue

Regional PPG Chair

Quiz 2017 Annual Report

Our Regional Quiz was hosted the first weekend of April by Evangeline. This was our only National Qualifier this year. We had 55 members attend, with levels from E thru C2, and representation from Evangeline, Lancers, Annapolis, Tantramar, Opportunity, West Valley, and Friendly Breezes. A great time was had by all! We want to thank all our competitors and a special thank you to all the volunteers that made this day a success.

We did not hold an A/B qualifier, but we did have 3 members apply and attend National Quiz at this level.

From our Regional Qualifying Quiz, we had 8 members selected to represent Nova Scotia at National Quiz hosted by BCIN in Kelowna, BC, over the Thanksgiving weekend.

The teams were chaperoned by Tina Sproul and Correna Keddy.

We also had 1 member selected to represent Canada at the International Quiz which was held in conjunction with the National Quiz at Kelowna. International Quiz this year had teams from Canada, United States, United Kingdom, and Australia participating.



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Jessica Van Nostrand, from Evangeline, represented Canada at the International competition, with team Canada placing 1st and Jessica placing 2nd in the individuals.

Our A/B team, placing 7th overall, included:

- Michael Congdon, from Opportunity, placing 7th
- Halie Sproul, from Evangeline, placing 10th
- Joecy Peters, from Opportunity, placing 31st

Our C team, placing 5th overall, included:

- Kaelee Keddy, from Evangeline, placing 7th
- Michal Chega, from Evangeline, placing 17th
- Victoria Mastin, from Evangeline, placing 21st
- Robin Gorveatte, from Tantramar, placing 35th

We had one member attend National Quiz as part of the SLOV/NS/COR scramble team, placing 3rd overall:

- Gracie Walker, from Lancers, placing 20th

Congratulations to all!



National Quiz 2018 will be hosted by SLOV in Ottawa from the 5-8 October 2018 at the Hilton Garden Inn Ottawa Airport.

Moving into 2018, we are looking forward to Evangeline once again hosting a full E thru C2 regional Quiz with this being a C level qualifier for the 2018 National Quiz.

We also have the potential for a second qualifier Quiz possibly hosted by Lancers. Information will be sent out as available.

Also looking forward to 2018, intent forms will be sent out for any Horse Masters that may be interested in attending National Quiz. The 2017 National Quiz included 2 Horse Master Teams and we



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are hoping that Horse Masters will continue to participate in National Quiz. If there is sufficient interest, we would like to send a team or members to scramble with another region on a team.

Nova Scotia had a very successful year in Quiz!

I would like to **Thank everyone** that has supported Quiz in 2017!!

Tina Sproul

Nova Scotia Pony Club

Quiz Chair

Regional Summer Camp 2017 Report

We had 33 members attend the camp held July 24th-26th at the Windsor Exhibition grounds. We had several members camp on the grounds, as well as a few stay at the Super 8 motel nearby. We used the \$500 Education Grant to help keep the cost down. We'd like to be able to keep this camp at the \$75 rate to allow it to be accessible to all. Many branches have their own branch camp, so this reduced rate allows a second opportunity for members and has members meeting and interacting with members from clubs all across the province. This is truly wonderful to see!

Jackie Allen, myself, and Correna Keddy organized the camp this year, and we felt it went quite well. Members enjoyed lessons taught by Jill Barker, Dawn Helm, and Gidget Oxner. We had meals prepared once again by Jackie Allen and Gail Benedict with help from some of the parent chaperones attending.

We had 8 groups of riders who rode twice each day (once in the morning with once coach and again in the afternoon with a second coach) for the first two days, and once with Gidget Oxner on the last day. We also had Rebecca Johnson step in to help with lesson Wednesday afternoon as we were running late in the main ring. We were very thankful to Rebecca for helping us get caught up and be able to leave the grounds at a decent time.

We had two guest speakers during the three days as well. Gay Hansen came and discussed teeth with members, bringing her artifacts for members to see. We appreciated Gay driving down to do this for us and love the fact that she has access to those artifacts! Danique Henderson spoke to members about natural horsemanship. Members enjoyed listening to Danique's descriptions of how our horses might see certain situations differently than we might have, and ways to deal with them to encourage our horses to do things willingly. Members had great questions for both speakers!

Kaelee Keddy kindly did some stable management sessions with members. She was our highest level member at camp having her C2 stable management at the time.

We had a group Paint Nite activity for members one evening. Kelli Anderson was our leader for this, and members each went home with "horsie" painting they created themselves. Kelli did a great job and members had a great time!



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As a craft we were able to make lead lines again this year made out of braided fabric strips of different colors. This seemed to be a hit once again and members have asked to make them again next year.

We had a movie set up one evening in the dining area. I was able to borrow a projector from a fellow teacher and had a few horse movies to choose from. We provided the members with evening snacks and popcorn. It was a fun way to end the day and get ready to settle in to tents and campers.

We would like to plan another regional camp for this year at the same location. Correna Keddy and I are willing to organize this. Jackie has decided to step away from the camp planning. If others are interested in helping out with this, we'd love to have some extra input. We feel that this camp offers members the opportunity to have lessons by coaches they might otherwise not have access to, and it generates friendships between members across the province. It's great seeing familiar faces at other regional events where members are typically on teams comprised of their own branch members.





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Regional Rally 2017 Annual Report

Rally was held July 15- 16, 2017 in Truro and was run in conjunction with Central Nova Horse Trials. Riders competed in both Rally and Horse Trials.

There were 3 teams with a total of 21 participants (12 riders) from 4 Branches (Friendly Breezes, Opportunity, Tantramar and West Valley). There were two scramble teams. There were 8 Entry and 4 Pre-Training level riders. We had a few members move up from Entry to PT this year.

The numbers continue to grow, and the rider levels are increasing. Rally encompasses many disciplines and holding it in conjunction with Horse Trials gives riders the true sense of eventing.

Thanks to all the members who participated, parents who volunteered and to Opportunity Pony Club for their support in preparing the meals and score keeping. Special thank you to Central Horse Trials for allowing Pony Club to run Rally in conjunction with their event.



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2018 Regional Rally proposed date of July 14 - 15 at CNHP in conjunction with Horse Trials.

National Rally

Nova Scotia send a full team to National Rally, August 3-6 in Barrie Ontario. The team included: Hayleigh Stewart (Captain), Haylee Rafuse (Groom), Joecy Peters (Rider) and Maggie Dewar (Rider). There were 5 teams (N.S, SLOV, WOR, BC, Sask) from across the country.

Nova Scotia placed 1st for overall team. All the members had a good experience and met lots of new friends.



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Respectfully Submitted by:

Darlene Stevenson

Testing

Regional Pre-test was held at Alex Beaton's on June 3rd/4th. We had 5 members attend ranging from full C2 to B2 flat. Georgia Gale-Kidd was the clinician. Val McDermott was able to attend and oversee the weekend as I was away.

Regional testing was held Aug 22nd at Alex Beaton's with Gail Todd and Julia Young as examiners. Valerie Paton (NB/PEI) and Lisa Barteaux were able to shadow the test. We ended up having 3 candidates test:

- Kaelee Keddy – B sm
- Hayleigh Stewart – B sm & flat
- Joecy Peters – B2 flat (completing her full B2)

Most branches have held tests or will be holding them in next couple weeks. For 2018 testing season I have received 2 A intention to tests. There is a possibility of an A test being held in NS this year.

Show Jumping 2017 Annual Report

Respectfully submitted,

Julia Locke



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On August 20th, 2017, Avon Pony Club successfully hosted the Regional Show Jumping Competition at the Windsor Exhibition grounds. There were 7 teams in attendance which encompassed 26 members from Avon, Annapolis, Evangeline, West Valley, and Tantramar.

Individual Results			Team Placings		
Height	Placing	Rider	Placing	Team	
18"	1 st	Anie McIntyre	1 st	Avon #2	
	2 nd	Rueben Stettler		Hannah Benedict	
	3 rd	Gwyneth Galloway		Ty Oulton	
2'	1 st	Maddy Fleming		Savannah Miller	
	2 nd	Gillian Davidson		Reuben Stettler	
	3 rd	Makayla Gerrior	2 nd	Avon #4	
	4 th	London Moses		Maddy Singer	
	5 th	Annika Zeegelaar		Brianna Partridge	
2'3"	1 st	Ty Oulton		Anie McIntyre	
	2 nd	Savannah Miller		Avon #1	
	3 rd	Emily Maynard		Reese Mills	
	4 th	Ida Hudson		Maddy Fleming	
	5 th	Ally Longmire		Emily Maynard	
2'6"	1 st	Brianna Partridge		Annika Zeegelaar	
	2 nd	Victoria Mastin		4 th	Evangeline
	3 rd	Brooke Alcoe		Makayla Gerrior	
	4 th	Haley McRae		Victoria Mastin	
	5 th	Reese Mills		Ida Hudson	
	6 th	Emma Bishop		Geordie Backhouse	
	7 th	Emma Longmire		5 th	Avon #3
2'9"	1 st	Hannah Benedict		Tara Hilchey	
	2 nd	Geordie Backhouse		London Moses	
3'	1 st	Maddy Singer		Gillian Davidson	
	2 nd	Tara Hilchey		6 th	Annapolis/Tantramar



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	3 rd	Mirah Stulz		Brooke Alcoe Gwyneth Galloway Haley McRae Sara MacDonald
	4 th	Sara MacDonald		
Overall Placing's				
Placing	Score	Rider		
1 st	155	Maddie Fleming	7 th	West Valley
2 nd	153	Maddy Singer		Ally Longmire
3 rd	151	Ty Oulton		Emma Longmire
4 th	150	Tara Hilchey		Emma Bishop
4 th	150	Savannah Miller		Mirah Stultz
6 th	149	Gillian Davidson		

National Show Jumping

National Show Jumping was hosted by Alberta Central Region from July 20th – 23rd, 2017. It was hosted at Horse in Hand Ranch Ltd in Blackfields, AB. The hosting region invited those who qualified in 2016 as well as those who qualified in 2017, as the event was cancelled in 2016. Esme Hudson was chosen to represent NSPC in 2016 and attended the event in 2017. No new applications were received in 2017 so only one candidate was sent. The following was submitted by Esme about her experience:

National show jumping in Blackfalds was an amazing experience for me this past summer. The facility was clean and practical, with a great raised viewing area for parents and chaperones. There were two chefs catering for us who had snacks and drinks available for us at all times, as well as fresh fruit and vegetables with every meal. We were able to grab a healthy snack between rides on competition day which worked really well as the days were busy and shuffled around.

The pool horses were great quality, and all had proven, up to date showing records. The horse I drew was absolutely awesome. He was sweet in temperament, came with all his gear, and was easily capable of the tasks we had to perform. The first day of riding we had a half an hour private lesson with the coach. Most parents and competitors were supportive, friendly, and social. The social evenings were laser tag and trampolining. I had a blast and made really great friends, three of them I'm still in contact with. Making these friends was one of the highlights of National SJ.



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Esme and her mount Chester

We had four chances to compete in front of judges and three opportunities to get ribbons. A dressage test, a gymnastics round, a medal round, and a switch ride. Due to rider error I didn't place in the dressage test. I placed 5th in the gymnastics round and 6th in the medal round. The hunter riders came out on top at the end of placing. If I'd have known that the showing would be hunter rounds, I would have prepared differently and taken some lessons on how to ride medal courses vs riding a show jumping course.

I met a real cowboy, ate my first taco in a bag, and learned loads about myself as a rider and as a person.

Esme Hudson, 16

Evangeline Pony Club

Nova Scotia

Regional Youth Rep 2017 Annual Report

In November we celebrated National Pony Club day. I highlighted this on our youth page by wishing the youth a Happy Pony Club day. Nova Scotia PC had encouraged the youth to engage by posting to their social media, pictures of themselves in their Pony Club clothes. I posted something to model this idea and encourage others to post.

I didn't give a monthly challenge for November on the Facebook page, as there had been no one posting on the challenges so far. Hoping to try different initiatives or approach to get the youth engaged in December. Where Pony Club is still getting off the ground again for the year, there has not been any Regional events so far. I am still working on the development of the Regional brochure.



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After recently being selected to be the National Active Member Director, I am excited to be working with Allison and Kathryn. I am hoping to get some ideas from the National level and bring them forward to the regional level.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Holleman

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Avon Pony Club 2017 Annual Branch Report

Avon Pony Club Members had a very fun-filled, eventful summer with attendance at lots of Pony Club events and outside shows.

We hosted Windsor Spring and Windsor Summer Horse Shows. Both shows were very well attended and all members volunteered in the shows to help make them successful. Our Club hosted summer camp the 2nd week of July which was very well attended. Our members had lessons and lectures on a daily basis, with practices for PPG, Rally, Show Jumping and D-Challenge throughout the camp and during the summer. We also enjoyed a barbeque and swimming party at the end of Camp where camp awards were given out and appreciation awards were presented to our camp assistants, guest lecturers and helpers.

Avon sent an A Team to Regional PPG. The team was coached by Maddy Singer (Assistant Coach - Mary Henry). The Team (Maddy Fleming, Emily Maynard, Ty Oulton, Savannah Miller & Carson Logie) worked hard, practicing on a weekly basis to prepare for the games. Team Avon placed 2nd overall (only losing to 1st place by a very minimal margin) and had lots of fun at the competition.

This season we hosted written testing and ridden testing at the D, D1, D2 and C1 levels.

Everyone was successful in competing the levels they tested at.

We hosted Regional Show Jumping which was well attended. Lots of hard work was put forward by the competitors and lots of fun was had by all.

Avon looks forward to hosting Regional Show Jumping in August, 2018. The finalized date will follow.

We have held a couple of brainstorming sessions this fall to prepare for the 2018 season. We finished our fall lesson program this past weekend and everyone has gone home for a much deserved mini vacation till spring lessons and lectures begin. The Avon members and parents would like to thank everyone for attending all of the 2017 events and hope to see everyone out again next season.

Thank you,

Tanya Singer

DC - Avon Pony Club



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Evangeline 2017 Annual Branch Report

Evangeline Pony Club is back up and running with 31 active members and 8 Horsemasters registered. Members are currently meeting at Rohan Wood Stables every Monday night from 6:00 to 8:00 with Stable Management for Horsemasters running from 7:00 to 8:00. After National Meetings were held in Toronto we are excited to announce that Geordie Backhouse received his 10-year pony club pin and Rebecca Holleman was elected to the National Pony Club board as Active Member East. It is great to see our members wanting to pursue leadership opportunities within pony club. We are also very happy to have Jessica van Nostrand and Halie Sproul back from post-secondary to help teach this Fall. It is always nice when members continue to give back to such a great community. We are currently planning our annual Christmas Party and are looking forward to another busy year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alissa Cue, Evangeline D.C

Lancers 2017 Annual Branch Report

Lancer's Pony Club was reinstated in March of 2017. We have 26 current members. None of our members have yet been tested.

We started our year by sending two D teams and one C team to the Evangeline Quiz. The kids enjoyed themselves and realized how much they had to learn... One of our C riders (Gracie Walker) was offered a spot on a scramble team for the National Quiz. Their team took home 4th place and Gracie placed 20th individually!

Alissa Cue came to our club to do a PPG fun day. Many members took part in this.

In May, we sent a team of 4 to the PPG. Again, the kids learned how much they had to learn!

In July, we sent 4 members to the Pony Club camp.

In September, Jackie Allen came to our club to pre-assess our members for fall testing. As we have a very large number of leapfrogging candidates, this was necessary to determine where they should be tested. We had a successful day.

We ran our first set of written tests in September. The kids were motivated and studied hard and we had a 98% pass rate! Our first group of leapfrogging kids will go ahead in November with 6 members riding D and D1. Our challenge for the D2s is the Cross-country aspect of the testing, so D2 and above will wait until spring.

Our plan for next year is to do as much testing as we can. As well, it is our intention to host a Quiz in January or early February.

Respectfully submitted by

Kim Good



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DC, Lancers Pony Club

Friendly Breezes 2017 Annual Branch Report

Since our last report, Friendly Breezes sent a team to Evangeline's quiz, we had a farrier give a lecture, our towns new Veterinarian came and discussed First-Aid, this was very educational for our club, and we also sent a team to D Rally. They had a great time!

We fundraised by having a BBQ at the Friendly Breezes Fall Show and our Pony Club is putting on a Haunted Barn on October 28th.

Our Pony Club still has a few things to look forward to over the next two months, starting with our Haunted Barn. Then we will be doing D testing on October 29th. We are having an Equine Chiropractor come in and give a lecture the following week. Lastly, we will be C testing on November 4th.

A special thanks to our coach Pam Bower for building the great new cross-country jumps in the field.

Opportunity 2017 Annual Branch Report

Since last report in March, Opportunity pony club sent both a D level and C level team to quiz with some new members placing very well. Lectures ran until the end of April and restarted in October with our first fall event being a trip to Sky Valley Farm to learn about reigning from Norma Graham and those who attended had the opportunity to give it a try.

We had 12 members attend camp in the summer where members earned the handy horseman badge making a saddle pad rack. One of our members (Joecy Peters) participated on the Canadian team at IPE in the US in June/July. Members also participated in rally/HTNS placing 4th overall. Many of our team also attended National rally (as indicated in the rally report). We also sent members to BC for National quiz in October.

Branch testing was held in July with all members achieving levels and one member received her BSM/flat at regional testing in August. Congratulations to all who tested.

Our club is looking at additional fundraising activities this year and in September, we did a bottle drive in one of the communities in Truro.

Lectures have resumed for the fall and will include basic topics plus some additional interest activities including a visit to Cheryl Meisner's Dressage Barn which will include a demo and tour of the facility, lecture from Gay Hansen on teeth/parasites and as already been mentioned exposure to the western discipline of reigning.

We are looking forward to a busy year in 2018 and hope to provide interesting topics and venues to support our members in achieving their goals for the 2018 year.

Respectfully,

Valorie Shaddick DC OPC



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Tantramar Pony Club 2017 Annual Branch Report

The Winter period for Tantramar is slow with the only real event being the annual Badge Camp that was organized by Tantramar and hosted in Truro on February 10-11, 2017.

The spring started off with Regional Quiz on April 1, 2017 with Robin G., Haley M., Sara H. and Quynn M. attending. The Team placed very well overall and Robin G. placed high enough to be offered a position on the National Team. The Tantramar Pony Club annual show was held on May 13, 2017 with a good turnout.

During this summer period Tantramar focused primarily on regional events, having members attending Regional Dressage, Show Jumping, Camp, Quiz and Rally. Tantramar also hosted an annual show and camp and had members attend National Quiz. The summer started with our annual camp July 3-7, 2017 with 7 attendees. The focus this season was on course development.

Regional Rally held July 15-16, 2017 was attended by Sara M, Maggie D. and Quynn M.

Summer moved on with Regional Camp July 24-26, 2017 attended by Sara H. and Quynn M. Regional Dressage quickly followed on August 7th, and Regional Show Jumping shortly thereafter.

Tantramar was well represented this year at National Pony Club events with Maggie D. attending both National Rally and National Dressage in the summer and Robin G. attending National Quiz in October.

A number of e-Meetings were held over the year and the Tantramar AGM and membership day is scheduled for November 5, 2017.

Respectfully,

Glen Gorveatte

Co-DC Tantramar Pony Club

3.13 NB/PEI

In 2017, the NB-PEI Region of the Canadian Pony Club has experienced a number of significant successes. We have reasons to celebrate! **It is CRITICAL that our Regional Board work hard to keep building enthusiasm in our region – it's a team effort.**

We are fortunate to have a full regional board. This is encouraging as it shows a desire for some Pony Club alumnae to "give back" to the organization and a number of dedicated parents who want to see our region grow. We are also seeing a number of former pony clubbers signing up their own children – an excellent sign.

We have 97 members in our region as of November 1, 2017.

We now have active clubs in Hampton, Charlottetown, Hillsborough (White Hills PC), Fredericton and Penobsquis (Cardwell PC). Sadly, the Harvey Pony Club has closed its doors due to low numbers. We



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did have an application for a centre in Hampton, NB, but this facility is very close to the existing Hampton Pony Club and the Regional Board did not feel our region could sustain 2 clubs in such close proximity. One of the key components that makes it possible for new clubs to start is to provide support – we need to reach out and lend a hand to those who would like to join the Pony Club family. If you haven't already joined the Facebook group "Let's Start New Pony Clubs in New Brunswick and PEI", please do so – spread the word far and wide!

Our region was able to successfully host the following Regional Events:

- Dressage
- Rally
- Show Jumping
- PPG
- Tetrathlon

All our clubs (except Harvey) did testing at the D-C levels this year.

I am once again a member of the NBEA Board of Directors, with my primary responsibility being the Social Media Director. My goal is to demonstrate to them that we ARE the voice of young riders in our region – to make closer ties between PC, Island Horse Council and the NBEA.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Touchie Blakely

Regional Chair, NB-PEI Region

4 MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

4.1 Administrator's Report

This year was a busy as most years have been since I started this job. The main exception this year was that I had three International Exchanges with which to deal, instead of the usual one or two.

Here are some of the tasks I perform as Administrator, Supplies Person and Membership Chair:

- ❖ Reply to requests for Named Facilities, process them and send them to the facility
- ❖ Work on Membership, check PSO Membership, communicate with the Regional Membership Chairs, provide assistance to them as required
- ❖ Prepare new forms each fall, send out to Regions and post online
- ❖ Answer requests for verification of Pony Club levels
- ❖ Handle Insurance questions, distribute and collect insurance forms, send the insurance invoice to the National Treasurer, update the insurance kit each year
- ❖ Arrange travel and insurance for all international exchanges, provide paperwork, send invitations to the appropriate countries when Canada is hosting



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- ❖ Order supplies, send invoices and cheques to the Treasurer
- ❖ Arrange facilities for SAM and AGM
- ❖ Send out agendas and reports to the Board
- ❖ Take and distribute minutes for SAM, AGM and Management Committee meetings
- ❖ Serve as International Liaison and help run the PCIA
- ❖ Answer calls and e-mails
- ❖ Update the Book of Motions after each National Meeting
- ❖ Update International and most National Disciplines web pages
- ❖ Revise Directory as information comes in from the Regions
- ❖ Revise passports as required
- ❖ Revise Operations Manual after National Meetings and other documents as required
- ❖ Update online calendar
- ❖ Update Chair's and Director's rotations
- ❖ Send out numerous reminders to Directors and Committee Chairs re projects

Specific to 2017

- ❖ Arranged and attended the PCIA GoTo Meeting in February.
- ❖ Took the minutes and distributed them
- ❖ With the help of the Web Master, we set up a web page and a forum page for PCIA
- ❖ Provided some assistance to the organizers of the IMGGE being hosted by Canada
- ❖ Assisted the team with travel arrangements and sent them the trading packages, ties and saddle pads.
- ❖ Organized the International Quiz Exchange and travelled with the teams
- ❖ Produced a document on how to run a National Quiz, with the help of the National Quiz Chair
- ❖ Assisted Cat Hunter in setting up the mini Discipline Conference in Toronto

Respectfully submitted,

Val Crowe

Administrator

Canadian Pony Club

4.2 Supplies

Supplies do not actually bring in any funds at this point. We run the service to provide our members with CPC program materials that cannot be accessed from other places.

All our Education, Testing and Discipline Handbooks are available online, free of charge.

We still carry the British Manual, as it is very hard to get. However, we charge only a few dollars more than our cost to keep them affordable for our members. Other books can be found on Amazon or in other books stores.



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Our main sellers are pins, testing discs and cards, and badges. As we now give free postage over \$100, we can actually lose money on many orders.

However, the items that we still sell are necessary and Supplies provides a service to our members.

4.3 Web Site Report

None provided

4.4 Membership

We ended 2016 with 1895 Active Members and 115 Horsemasters members for a total of 2010.

There were 81 Active members over 21.

There were 246 boys.

We have 133 Branches in 13 Regions.

The following chart shows the number of members that join each year and the number of new members each year. It shows an average loss of 101 members for each of the last 13 years. In only two years did we show an increase.

If this trend continues, in 5 years we will have less than 1500 members and in 10 years, we will be under 1000. At some point, we reach a number when CPC will no longer be viable.

Year	Members	HM	NEW	Loss
2003	3211		1060	
2004	3088		951	123
2005	2997		919	91
2006	2945		875	52
2007	2779		853	166
2008	2628		770	151
2009	2516		769	112
2010	2465		766	51
2011	2474		760	-9
2012	2304		660	170
2013	2133		657	171
2014	2205		702	-72
2015	2029	65	603	176
2016	1898	115	537	131

If Horsemasters membership continues to grow, this could help our numbers but at what point do we lose our identity as a youth organization? This could impact our ability to keep our charity status for giving out receipts.



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The Regional Membership Chairs are doing a great job getting their memberships entered in a timely manner. My thanks to each and everyone of them for making my job easier.

Respectfully submitted,

Val Crowe

National Membership Chair

4.5 Communications

No report submitted

4.6 Active Member Directors' Report

NATIONAL PONY CLUB DAY 2017

This was the second year we had National Pony Club Day! Many members, alumni and volunteers supported the event. This year we had a social media contest and had Facebook profile picture frames! A tack shop in SK also offered a 10% discount to CPC members on the day!

Social Media Contest

- 66 members, and 14 alumni used the hashtag #NationalPonyClubDay on Facebook and Instagram
- Unbelts sponsored the competition with 6 belts (2 for alumni and 4 for members), winners will receive a coupon code for a free belt, to use online. This way there is no shipping costs and winners can choose their colour.
- Draw for the belts was made live on Instagram at the SAM



Facebook Profile Picture Frames

We made 3 Facebook frames for profile pictures people can use to show support. As of November 5th, 2017:

- The one for members were used 407 times
- The one for volunteers were used 46 times
- The one for alumni were used 122 times

We are able to see all the profile pictures that were changed and the frames will be kept active for however long we want to. We would really like to use this feature in the future!

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,



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SLOV, COR, ANR, BCIN & NB/PEI attend. For the annual youth meeting we were able to live stream it on the CPC YouTube account. The international Quiz teams were in attendance and the British team loved the concept of Youth Reps and want to start something similar in their own country!

4.7 RAWF Report

No report submitted

4.8 Newsletter Report

No report submitted

5 NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS FOR 2017

5.1 National Chair's Award

Not presented in 2017

5.2 New Branches

The following branches have been accepted in 2017:

- Cardwell NB/PEI
- Catch a Dream Central Ontario
- Strathmore Alberta South
- Lancers Nova Scotia
- Ponies Creek SLOV
- Vaudreuil SLOV

5.3 New Centres

The following riding centres have been accepted in 2017:

- Alborak Pony Club Riding Centre Alberta South
- Twisted Pine Pony Club Riding Centre WOR
- LH Equestrian Pony Club Riding Centre WOR

5.4 Scholarship Recipients

CPC Awards of Excellence Scholarships

B2/A SCHOLARSHIPS

- Rachel Spencer BCLM
- Melissa Bayer SLOV



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C2/B SCHOLARSHIP

- Kassidy MooreMB
- National Quiz Awards

5.5 “A” Member

Shayla Minosky

BCLM

5.6 10- and 15-Year Members

10 YEAR MEMBERS

KAYLA MITCHELL-CHADWICK	CHINOOKS EDGE	Alberta Central
DESHANN VALENTINE	CHINOOKS EDGE	Alberta Central
ERIK ZIMMERMAN	BEAVER RIVER	Alberta North
KATIE DELEEUW	DEVONSHIRE	Alberta North
DESIRAY KEMPS	GARDEN VALLEY	Alberta North
CARLY SHEILA ALEXANDER	STRATHCONA	Alberta North
JASINTA GRAHAM	STURGEON VALLEY	Alberta North
KEARSTYN SABOURIN	STURGEON VALLEY	Alberta North
TAISHA DONNELLY	DAVISBURG	Alberta South
REBECCA ANDERSON	DELACOUR	Alberta South
LAURA LAVOIE	PRAIRIE ROSE	Alberta South
TEAGAN WILLIAMS	SARCEE	Alberta South
COREENA KOSCHEWSKI	SPRINGBANK	Alberta South
AMANDA MATSON	LAKES DISTRICT	BC Interior North
HOLLY ENNS	SHUSWAP	BC Interior North
JORDON KRYWONOS	VERNON & DISTRICT	BC Interior North
SHELBY KRYWONOS	VERNON & DISTRICT	BC Interior North
KYLA TOKAY	ALOUETTE	BC Lower Mainland
MIKAYLA HOWARD	CAMPBELL VALLEY	BC Lower Mainland
KYARA HUNTER	GLEN VALLEY	BC Lower Mainland
SHAYLA MINOSKY	LANGLEY	BC Lower Mainland
STEPHANIE STRUYS	MOUNT CHEAM	BC Lower Mainland
ALLIE HEROUX	CATCH A DREAM	Central Ontario
MEAGHAN LLOYD	DURHAM	Central Ontario
KAITLYN HENDERSON	HORSESHOE	Central Ontario
KATIE MCCOY-BRIDGES	TORONTO & NORTH YORK	Central Ontario
BRYSON STRICKLAND	UXBRIDGE-SCUGOG	Central Ontario
EMILY PEARSON	VICTORIA	Central Ontario
SYDNEY FRASER	BALDUR	Manitoba
ABBIE MCLEOD	BALDUR	Manitoba



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KIERRA HANNAH	PORTAGE	Manitoba
BRENNAN MCCULLAGH	QUARRY RIDGE	Manitoba
KATHERINE PAGE	RED RIVER	Manitoba
MAKAYLA CRANDLEMERE	HAMPTON	NB/PEI
GEORDIE BACKHOUSE	EVANGELINE	Nova Scotia
KAELEE KEDDY	EVANGELINE	Nova Scotia
JOECY PETERS	OPPORTUNITY	Nova Scotia
HAYLEIGH STEWART	OPPORTUNITY	Nova Scotia
TERYN MCBAIN	HEARTLAND	Saskatchewan
JENNA WOLOS-KNOPP	SASKATOON	Saskatchewan
FIONA HUNTER	TEMPERANCE LAKE	St. Lawrence/Ottawa Valley
NATALIA HEINKE	BLUE MOUNTAIN	Western Ontario
EMILY MARIE MCKAGUE	BLUE MOUNTAIN	Western Ontario
SARAH WYSSSEN	BLUE MOUNTAIN	Western Ontario
SAMARA BALFOUR	BRIGHT WATER	Western Ontario
GEORGIA RUDOLPH	MILL RIDGE	Western Ontario
HANNAH GILLETT	WESTOVER	Western Ontario

15 YEAR MEMBERS

None

5.7 15- and 25-Year Volunteers

15 YEAR VOLUNTEERS

Teri Lindsay	Central Ontario
Catherine David	Alberta North
Carol Porteous	Alberta North
Janette Strome	Alberta North
Suzanne Robertson	Western Ontario
Dana Balfour	Western Ontario

25 YEAR VOLUNTEERS

Gay Hanson	Nova Scotia
Bill Murray	Central Ontario
Bonnie Kennedy	BC Interior North
Cat Hunter	St. Lawrence/Ottawa Valley
Gwen Barnes	Central Ontario
Susan Lorden	St. Lawrence/Ottawa Valley



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5.8 25, 35 and 50-Year Branches

25 YEAR BRANCHES

Thompson Valley	BCIN
United Counties	SLOV
Westbrook	ABS

35 YEAR BRANCHES

Baldur	Manitoba
Kelowna & District	BCIN
Mill Ridge	WOR
High Country	ABS

50 YEAR BRANCHES

Red River	Manitoba
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5.9 New Directors

Valerie Paton	NB/PEI
Michelle White	BCIR
Alison Bachand-Lapointe	Active Director West