

THE MANE ISSUE



Meet a Member- Emily Marston

My name is Emily Marston and I am coming to you from the Alberta South region.

When I was 5, I was introduced to the Pegasus Pony Club. Filled with teenagers who all loved horses, I thought that this was the most amazing place to be and after 15 years they still haven't been able to get rid of me.



A few things you should know about me, I was always the one to cry if anything went wrong (and it usually did) I would fall off a lot more than I liked, I wouldn't go faster than a trot, and I almost always came home with a participation ribbon. (If they gave them out), also, my mom is my coach. As I got older, I realized that everything that

challenged me before, had made me stronger. I realized that all those things that my coach would nag to me about actually worked. So I put on my big girl pants and went to work.

Tetrathlon was a major part of my early Pony Club adventure, I still love shooting and even teach swimming now at the local swim club. When I was 14 I attended my first National competition, also my least favorite discipline. Dressage. That was the start, in the next 6 years I have attended a total of 5 Nationals competitions for Dressage, Show Jumping Medals and Quiz.

While the horses, tours and competition itself were amazing the memories that have stuck with me the most are the friends that I have made. That is the motivation behind why I am still in Pony Club, even if I see friends once a year, it makes everything worth it. This coming year I am hoping to test my full B2 on my large horse named Zanadu.

Even though I love jumping and don't mind dressage, outside of Pony Club I do quite a bit of

western, mostly barrel racing but I decided to challenge myself and am now learning how to rope.

Even though I like to keep myself busy with the horses, I have always believed that school and learning is my main priority, I love Chemistry, Biology and Math and I am hoping to put those to use one day and become an environmental scientist.

A quote that I live by and would love to pass along to all of you, is that if you are no longer



learning, stop what you are doing. Even when the going gets tough, don't ever give up. No matter what people around you say, you go out there and prove them wrong. I wish you all the best in the years ahead! ***Cheers Emily Marston!***

Testing Tip (Kristen Wight)

This issue's testing tip is brought to you by Kristen Wight from Lake Huron Pony Club, in WOR. Kristen is a B level pony clubber.



As you go up the levels there is not just the aspect of needing to have more knowledge, but the ability to properly communicate your answer to your tester.

At the lower levels you can have simple, often one word answers. At the senior levels there is an expectation to follow the simple answer with an explanation.

When asked a question during stable management, take a moment to think about what you want to say and how you will convey your message. A well organized answer is the best option. You want your full idea to come across to the tester in a clear and understandable manner.

Even if your answer isn't what the tester was expecting, but you can back up your answer with a good explanation for the reason you answered the way you did, and it is just a different idea, there is no reason you shouldn't get

complete marks.

The industry is ever changing and at the higher levels this needs to be taken into consideration for the types of answers that are appropriate for this day and age. Something that worked 10 years ago may be improved upon now, or a completely different idea may have evolved over the years.

Being uncertain of yourself throughout your test can leave a bad impression on your tester(s). Being able to speak confidently and clearly will show the testers that you really believe and know what you are saying and that you have experience in all aspects of equine management now.

Update regarding EC/CPC Equivalency Program

Canadian Pony Club and Equine Canada wish to advise that we are continuing our partnership of offering opportunities for equivalency with each other's programming. Given changes to the EC NCCAP and Coaching Certification models, we are currently working jointly to identify the levels at which equivalency may be applied for as well as any portions of the others programming that must be achieved to meet criteria. We are also working with EC to assure our regional PSO's are aware of this arrangement and its parameters.

It is our hope that this will allow our members to continue to pursue their goals efficiently, utilizing the best resources of both organizations.

Active Member Review.....Maeghan Forster

- Age: 20,
- Years in PC: 13,
- Branch and Region: Spruce Ridge Pony Club, BCIN.
- School: 3rd Year Bachelor of science student at the University of Northern British Columbia (UNBC).
- What do you want to do after school? Veterinarian.
- Favorite PC Discipline: Quiz!
- Favorite CPC Memory: Attending National Quiz for the first time in Toronto, here I experienced the fastest friendships I have ever made! Also learning about blindfolded bridle relay, many ID tables, and of course getting to go on roller

coasters for the first time at Canada's Wonderland.

- Tip to others to reach CPC success: Get involved in the committees and educate yourself in the organization, not just at a branch level. The more you learn about Pony Club the better we can learn to advance the organization in a positive direction to enhance the learning and quality of a club that provides us with experiences that are priceless in helping you throughout your lifetime. For me, success is not the levels you achieve, but the learning curves off the beaten path that you take along the way.

Maeghan is the current active member West, representing members from Manitoba to BC. The National Board appreciates Maeghan's participation on the board and the great input she has into the decisions we make on the behalf of the members.



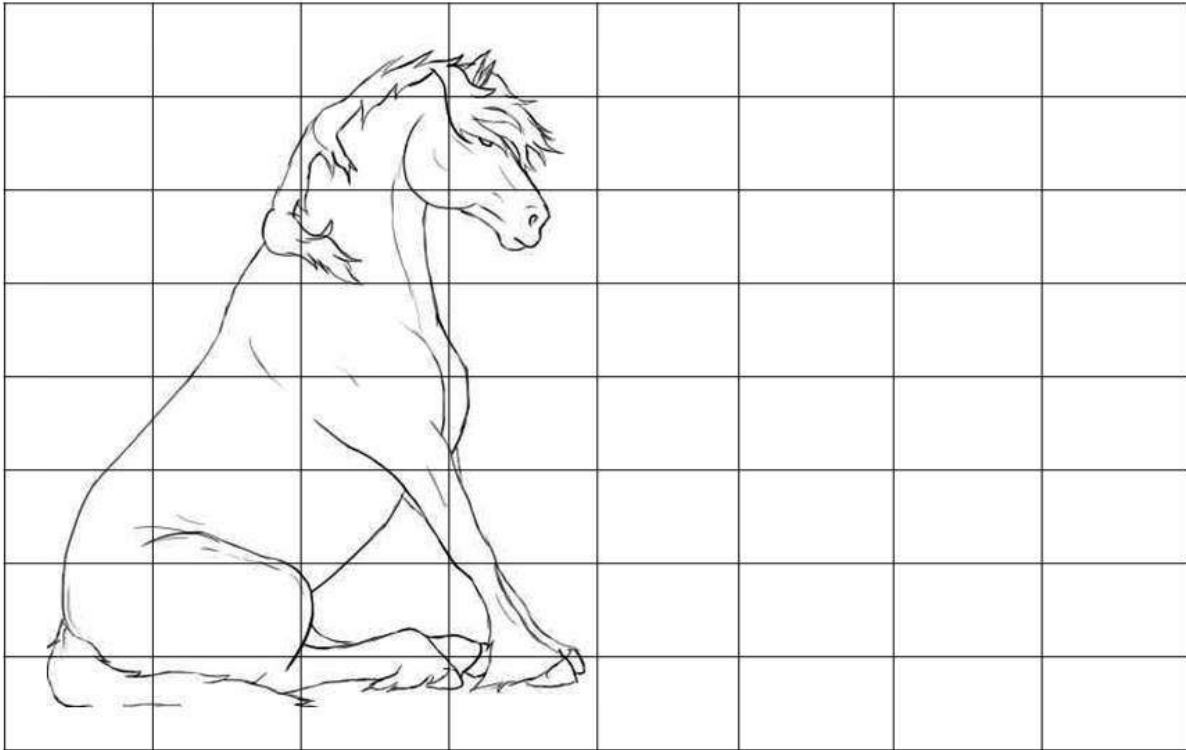
Photo Contest!

Submit an original photo to cpcyouthreps@gmail.com by April 16th, 2016.

The winner will be announced in the April edition of "The Mane Issue".

Open to all Youth members of CPC!

(Must be a member at the time of judging) (Please include your age in the submission email)



Use the boxes to recreate the horse!

GREAT GROOMING (BY ANNE-MARIE)

Anne-Marie Duarte is a recent graduate A member of SLOV who happens to also be Barn Manager and International groom for Canadian Equestrian team member Selena O'Hanlon.

"Banging" your horses tail is not only proper dress for eventers but it is also practical for

keeping the tail clean and out of the mud. The proper length for an eventers tail is mid cannon bone - quite short compared to a hunter tail. To get the correct length there are two methods: 1) wrap the tail around the leg and then leave two inches beyond that before cutting 2)

have a helper hold the horses tail out as though the horse is working and then look for mid cannon. If your horse is good with clippers, they will help achieve a straight edge - with scissors you may have to go back once or twice to level it out.



WHERE ARE THEY NOW? *DUNCAN WOOD* (*TEMPERANCE LAKE*)

I started out in eventing and found the unique challenges of preparing a event horse for the three phases very exciting. I switched over to dressage several years ago and find each training session with the horses present new challenges.

There's never a dull moment. Dressage and eventing are the two disciplines I have the most experience with and I don't know that I could choose one over the other!

One of my favourite memories of Pony Club was rally at Bealieu Farm in St. Justine de Newton Que. We had a great time and the weather was beautiful. The weekend was capped off with me falling off in front of EVERYONE at a straightforward jump which my horse and I had cleared with ease at the Horse Trials held on the same property the weekend before. My horse immediately seized the opportunity to taunt me by grazing until I was within arms reach and then trotting away lazily to the next patch of grass while I ran after her

What advice would you give to any pony club members wanting to enter the horse industry?

Get a post secondary education in something non horsey and find a way to apply it in the horse industry. When I finished high school I wasn't sure a full time job in the horse industry was a feasible option, so I did a

combined degree in financial economics and law. My degree helped me develop a wide range of skills which I use regularly in my current business.

Any other advice?

Farriers, vets, therapists etc. are usually happy to explain what they're doing and why they're doing it. Even if you board your horse out, try and be around when these people are at the barn and ask questions, it's the best way to learn from a very credible source! Spend as much time riding as many horses as possible. I spent a lot of time riding the horses no one else wanted to ride and I learned that nothing replaces time in the saddle!

What are your thoughts on the Horsemasters, the new adult branch of pony club?

I'd highly recommend Horsemasters to anyone considering joining. I think it's a great way to continue learning and improving horsemanship and stable management skills. It's also a good way to get some off property experience in a friendly and supportive environment through the access to clinics and events Pony Club hosts.

What are you doing with horses today?

I'm running my own business

near Maitland, Ontario. I have a 13 stall barn with training horses, sales horses, and students riding from training level up to the Prix St. George. I have 2 horses who will be competing at the FEI levels, including my own mare Revelation, who will spend this winter learning the Grand Prix movements. I'm planning to extend my career into the International ring next show season with a new horse I will be campaigning!



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Branch ABCs—Glen Valley Pony Club



Region: British Columbia
Lower Mainland

History behind name? We are located close to the Glen Valley in Langley, and area known for its parks and trails, as well as historic Fort Langley.

Age of branch- We are the newest branch in the BCLM, just beginning our 7th year.

Current DC: Marta McIntosh

Branch colours? Our colours are Navy, Red and Gold.

of current members- We currently have 23 members

Age range of members- 8-19 at every level from E to B

Highest test level among current members- highest is a full C2, but we have a Bsm as well. In our 7 years, we have prepared many candidates to the C2 and B level.

Name of highest tested member- Laura Mills/Kyara Hunter

Activity(ies) branch participates in on a regular basis:

We expect our older kids to teach stable management to

our younger kids, and this has been exceptionally successful- our marks on the written and practical test have always been high. We use the logging procedure to cover the riding lessons, and find that in an area like ours, where there are so many qualified coaches, that this works very well.

We have participated in Quiz since our first year, sending members at every level to our regional Quiz. We have also sent members to National Quiz every year since we formed, (In our region we have so many C2 and AB members attending Quiz, you must finish in the top 4 to qualify), as well as to International Quiz. We have had members on the BCLM teams every year- our AB team has won 5 years in a row. One of our first activities of the year, besides stable management, is a series of 8-10 Quiz lessons for each member, at their level, taught by me- they are SO MUCH FUN!!

Our main fundraiser, which has allowed us to cover costs for pretty much all activities for our members is our annual Christmas Show. This year, we are planning a second show in the summer.

We have a very successful and much enjoyed Badge Club.

We have participated in PPG, and are planning on being able to send a team to our regional competitions this year. We are also working on getting Polocrosse and Tetrathlon happening.

We have sent members and or a full team to our regional ABC Rally each year, and that has been a real highlight of our summer. We also regularly have members compete at our regional Show Jumping and Dressage championships.

This summer, we held our first sleep over camp for our members. The theme this year was "Pony Club On Foot"- members had an absolute blast, and learned a lot while playing Polocrosse and PPG on foot, and practicing shooting a laser pistol the first day. The second day, we had a 'three day event' on foot- members set the dressage ring, then demonstrated their flat rides, set a stadium course, and then did cross country. I think they slept very well that night!

I think it's possible that we have more fun than any other branch in Canada! We take the motto "Loyalty, Character,

Sportsmanship” very seriously, and promote educated horsemanship in everything we do. When ever possible, we welcome members from other branches into our activities, and find this makes them even better.

A piece of advice to all CPC members, from the DC for ways to have success in PC.

There are many, many places where you can learn to ride, but no one else teaches horsemanship the way Pony Club does. Pony Club will teach you ways to do things that will be safe for you and safe for your horse, anywhere in the world, as well as give you the opportunity to make friends that can last your whole lifetime. There is no other organization like it anywhere in the world.



Summer camp, with our historically accurate yurt (thank you Fred Muntau!) in the background, and members Hannan Muntau, Julie Metcalfe, Maddie Wahl, Amelia Speilmann, Mia Bachar, Kennedy Boyd and Lexi Russel.



Mia, Amelia and Kennedy, with dedicated and always fun GVPC parent, Kari Bachar in the background.



Our AB team, and the 2nd place C team, with GVPC member Laurel Gavin.



Christmas Show- Paige "Little Bow Peep" Mathison outdid herself!



Paige and Laura at BCLM Rally Tack Check



Lexi, Julie, Maddie and Amelia just before our game of Capture the Flag.



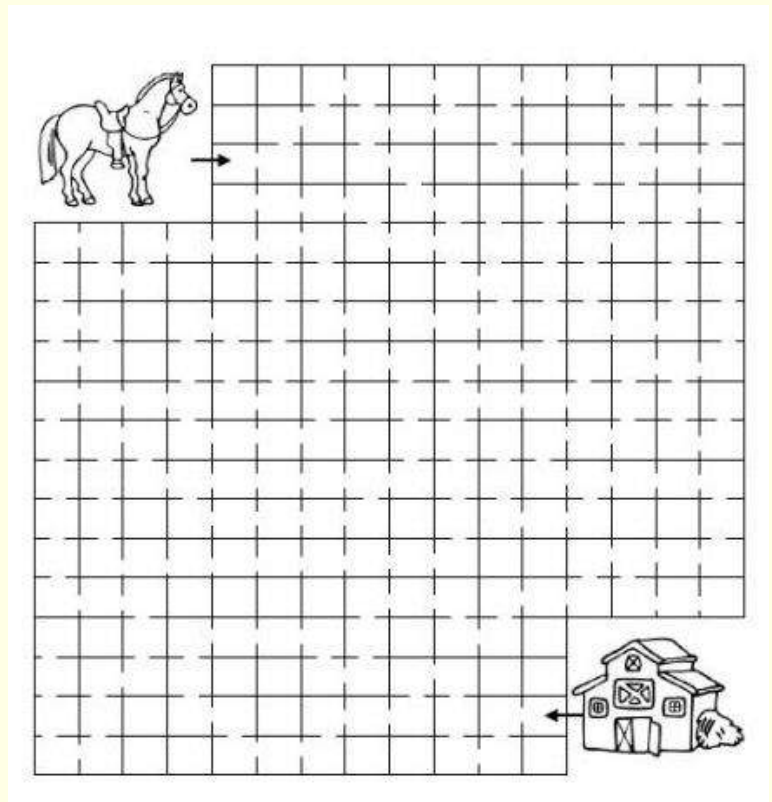
Paige and Indie, Stadium phase at Rally

Asian nomads probably domesticated the first horses 4,000 years ago.

There is only one species of domestic horse, but around 400 different breeds.

Horses have the largest eyes of any land mammal.

A horse's teeth take up a larger amount of space in their head than their brain.



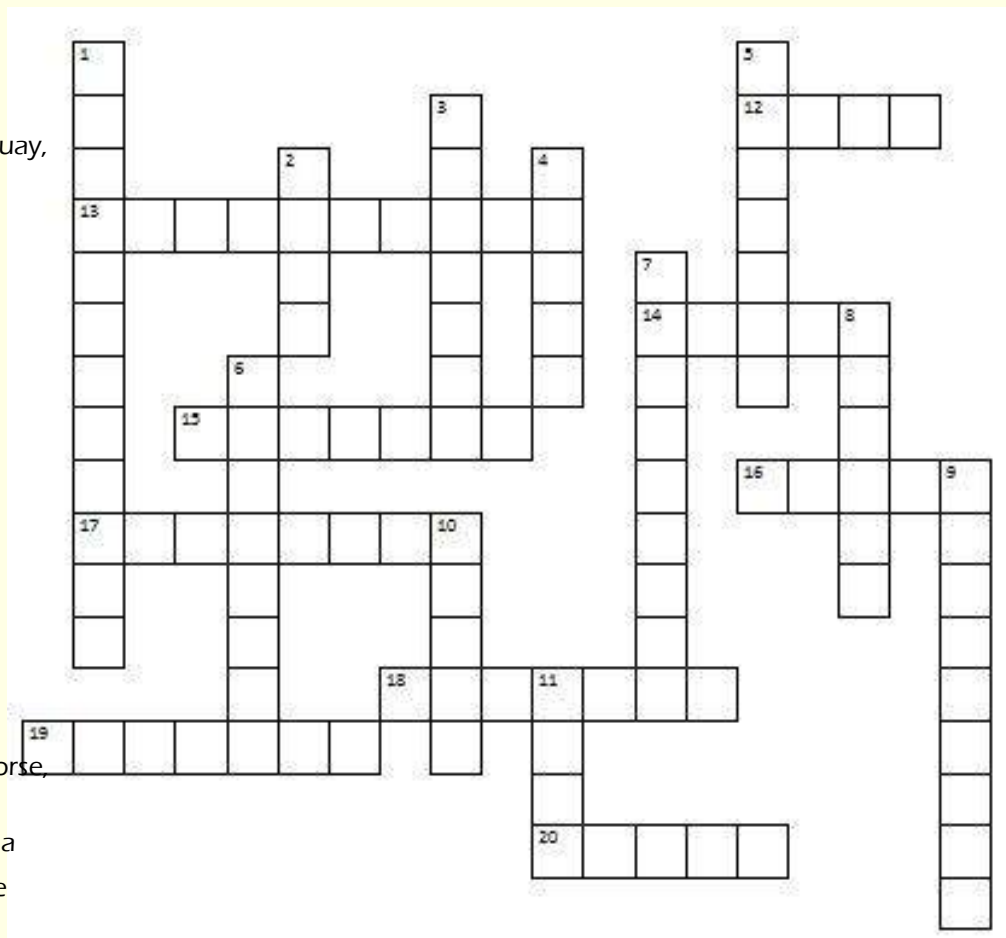
down

1. A Canadian Breed of Pony
2. a favored mount for the Berbers
3. Chestnut draft - (often displaying the Mealy / Pangare gene
4. also called Guangxi
5. ___ breeds are native to several countries including Argentina, Uruguay, Paraguay, Brazil & Colombia
6. usually black with lots of feathers
7. the only breed native to Ireland
8. they are thought to be direct descendants of the Tarpan
9. tolt
10. Scottish draft horse
11. thought to have been brought to Indonesia by the Chinese in the 6th century

Across

12. Also known as Gotland
13. Very small breed
14. ___ trotter
15. Also known as the Belgian Heavy Horse, Brabançon
16. One of most ancient breeds of Siberia
17. Descendant from the Solutrian horse that roamed the Ardennes area
18. Known for endurance
19. High steppers
20. ___ cob

Hard Horse Breeds (not for the Faint of Heart!)



Akhal-Teke Horse

The Akhal-Teke is best known for its incredible coat which has a metallic sheen, something unique to the breed. This, combined with its lanky, delicate features, has earned it the nickname of the "supermodel" of the horse world. Though the sheen can be present in any coat color, the colors that show it off the best are buckskin (shown here), palomino, cremello and perlino.

The shimmering effect of the coat happens: "This is caused

by the structure of the hair; the opaque core is reduced in size and in some areas may be absent altogether. The transparent part of the hair (the medulla) takes up this space, and acts like a light-pipe, bending light through one side of the hair and refracting it out the other side, often with a golden cast."

The breed originated in Turkmenistan where it was used by tribesmen to cross the arid landscape. It is a hearty horse with high endurance. Its build and athleti-

cism have made it ideal for everything from dressage and jumping to endurance races.



Val's Corner

Here I am writing my second column for The Mane Issue and I still am not sure what my theme should be. I would love some input from the members regarding topics you might want me to cover.

However, for now I am going to tell you about some interesting opportunities that are opening up for our older members.

IPE – Inter Pacific Exchange – is planning to allow members up to 25 years old to apply for a place on the team. The next IPE is in 2017 and will be hosted by the USPC.

The Board may be looking at sending some youth reps to the USPC Annual Meeting, possibly starting as early as next year. They would be able to attend the Youth Board Meetings and the Youth Congress. Along with these meetings, there are many workshops offered each year, as well as extra activities, trade fair etc.

The structure of our own Active Member Directors, who sit on our National Board, is changing. Starting with the elections in the fall of 2016, we will be electing a third director for 2017. Each director will serve a three year term. The incoming director will not carry a vote in their first year, so there will still only be two voting directors but all 3 members will attend all National Meetings plus as many National Competitions as they can. We will be looking for suitable candidates from the 8 Regions west of Ontario. Each Region may submit one name to the Board. If you are interested, get your name and resume to your National Director by the end of October.

Each year CPC gives out three academic scholarships to deserving members who are attending a college or university. This year's winners were Jessica van Nostrand from NS (\$1000), Emma Dealey from MB (\$1000) and Colleen Richardson from SLOV (\$500). The deadline for application is December 15. Please start early to put together your application.

Starting this year, there will be a new award given to one lucky C and one lucky A/B attending National Quiz. CPC has set up a fund in memory of Phil Crowe. Phil was an avid supporter of National Quiz, doing the scoring for many years. More details will be available shortly.

Remember, while it is nice to be important, it is more important to be nice.

A horse is the projection of peoples' dreams about themselves - strong, powerful, beautiful - and it has the capability of giving us escape from our mundane existence.

Pam Brown

The Groundline

-A takeoff point for discussion... (by Kim Leffley)

PCIA: Great - another acronym to learn.....

Did you Know - Canadian Pony Club is a founding member of the PCIA!
Wow!..you think...that's um, great! Soooo - what exactly IS the PCIA?

PCIA stands for Pony Club International Alliance, a group of leaders of some of the major Pony Club countries involved in our International Exchanges. Currently comprised of Canada, USA, UK, Australia, New Zealand, Ireland and Hong Kong, these leaders (of whom I am currently one) gather physically every two years to review rules, share ideas and try to find ways to build bridges for member interaction within our global community and leverage the strength and credibility of an organization that operates in 26 countries worldwide, with an International membership of some 110,000 youth in 2200 branches.

Having just attended my 2nd meeting of this group earlier this month, I can tell you it is a very eye opening experience for as much as we are the same in many ways, we are also very different in some cases as to how we operate within our own countries. Let me give you some examples:

UK (United Kingdom): Home of The Pony Club, birthplace of all other Pony Club branches (ironically this is what Canada is to them - a branch, as are Mexico, Jamaica, Japan, South Africa and all other countries offering Pony Club). The Pony Club (UK) has 345 Branches, 540 Centres and approx. 30,000 members - all condensed into a very small area about 1/36th the size of Canada (a little over half the size of Newfoundland and Labrador)! They govern themselves much like we do with a National Chair and Mgt. Committee, but they have a CEO and paid staff of 7 as well as Trustees due to the fact they are a



recognized national charity and are funded to the tune of about 500,000 pounds annually (read approx. \$1,000,000) by their government and some corporations, as well as by their National Equine body (the British Equestrian Federation) who clearly state "the Pony Club train our youth". This and other sponsorships allow them to operate with a national head fee of about \$28 annually per member.

USPC - the United States Pony Club maintain a staffed office of 18 people in the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington, KY. They have a CEO and Board of Governors as well as a National Youth Board, all of whom serve approximately 10,000 members in 492 clubs, 91 Centres and 95 Horsemaster groups. They receive corporate sponsorship, private

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donations and trust bequests on top of their \$130 head fees (with Branch fees additional). As well, they do one large annual fundraiser per year to fill their Annual Fund. They appear to have a good working relationship with the USEF and their members are often invited to be visible helping at such events as Rolex and other high profile events.

PCA - Pony Club Australia has 980 clubs serving 55,000 members across the massive landmass that is Australia. Each of their states (like our regions) operate relatively independently. The national body is governed by a Chair and Board. Because they are funded heavily by their government through the national Sport body (approx. \$110,000 annually) they can keep their annual head fees to \$2.00 per member (yes, you read that right). In order to avoid competing with one another and duplicating services, they have worked with the help of the national Sport Council to create a partnership through a Memorandum of Understanding between Equine Australia (elite performance focused) and Pony Club Australia (grassroots and industry sustainability renewal

focused) to better serve all the members involved. Both organizations plan and strategize jointly and optimize the strengths of their respective bodies.

Now on the other end of the scale, you have places like Jamaica and Hong Kong which are basically one large branch serving the entire country. Same values, same basic foundations but on a smaller scale.

Here in Canada, we serve our members via a fully volunteer Board of Directors, representing all 13 regions plus our Finances, Testing and Education functions, and 2 dedicated part-time paid staff who handle administration and multiple other duties. We receive no government funding through Sport Canada (they recognize and fund only one governing sport body per sport and have accepted Equine Canada as ours) and therefore fund all of our programs through the collection of head fees and the goodwill of volunteers invested in the future of equestrianism in Canada by developing it at the grassroots. Unfortunately, rather than receiving the support enjoyed by Pony Club in other countries, we appear to be in competition with our governing equine body for the training of youth

but are attempting to forge a workable and mutually beneficial relationship with them.

So you see, Pony Club happens in different ways in different countries, but there is one unifying thread that encourages the members of the PCIA to keep meeting and keep finding ways to engage and offer unique domestic and global equestrian and cultural opportunities to our youth. That is the fact that the Pony Club experience creates young people who are not only capable equestrians, but are disciplined, thoughtful and competent young citizens ready to take on both the role of ensuring the continuity of this sport, and the roles of globally savvy and informed future decision-makers and leaders in our countries. THAT is the strength and power of an International organization like Pony Club.



Art Contest!



Chloe Slauenwhite NSPC 10yrs



Sadie Slauenwhite NSPC 7yrs



Courtney Wainwright 8 yrs



Gabrielle Salmon SLOV 9yrs



Chloe Slauenwhite NSPC 10yrs

Corrections and Amendments

I highlighted Brennan McCullagh in the first edition of the Mane Issue but neglected to mention he is a member of the Quarry Ridge Branch, Manitoba Region.

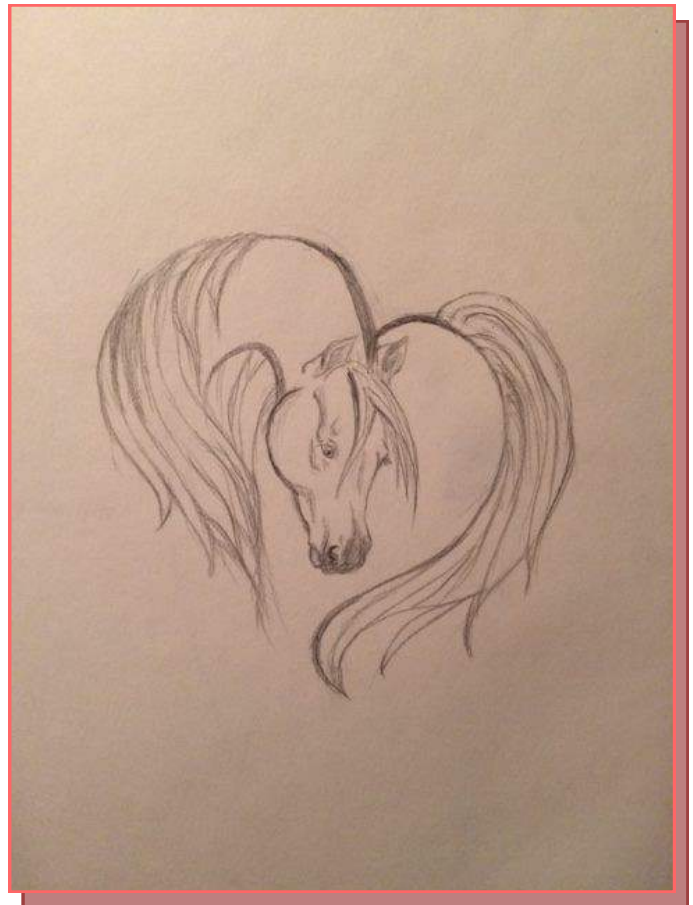
Sorry Brennan for the oversight.

...and the winners are!

Thanks to Alissa Cue National Director NS for judging!



Sadie Slauenwhite NSPC 7yrs



Grace Veldkamp SLOV 13 yrs

Classified Ads

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Please include "The Mane Issue" in the subject line.

Coming Soon

- ♦ [National AGM and Board Meeting.](#)
Apr. 08 - Apr. 10,
2016 Winnipeg
- ♦ [National Tetrathlon](#)
August 3-7
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- ♦ [National Show Jumping](#)
August 4-7
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- ♦ [National Dressage Championships](#)
- ♦ August 18-21
Manitoba Horse
Council -
Equestrian Centre
Birds Hill Provincial
Park
- ♦ [PPG A](#)
August 27-29
WOR
- ♦ [Master's PPG](#)
Sept. 2-4
NS
- ♦ [PPG Tryouts](#)
- ♦ Sept. 16-18
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- ♦ [National Quiz](#)
Oct. 7-10
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