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A New Season for Education

Your Regional Committee is pleased to be rounded out by a face that might be familiar to some. Debi Robertson has returned to the table in the position of Education Chair, and is keen to put some things in place for members to have some regional learning opportunities. At the November 26th Annual General Meeting, members enjoyed learning about “what to do until the vet gets there” with Dr. Mike Stephenson. They also engaged with alumna Kat Robertson, reviewing all things Rally. The day was rounded out with a Christmas craft. I’m sure our members will have lots more to look forward to in months to come including Conference 2017.



Up-and-Coming: Conference 2017 & National Rally

Mark your calendars, folks—Conference is just around the corner! Popular when held in 2014 and 2015, this overnight event will welcome leaders from the horse world to educate and entertain. There will be some great engagement for youth members, Horsemasters, and adult volunteers/parents. Presentation themes will range from horse health and disciplines to alumni panels and the arts. Hold the date: April 1st and 2nd in Mississauga.

COR finds itself hosting a National event in 2017: National Rally. Information will come out soon for participants about this event that follows a working-rally model and includes a combined Dressage and stadium competition. Let’s not forget that Grooms are the most important members of Rally teams, and yes, there will be a request for horses! The event is planned for August 3rd to 6th at Woodwind South in Oro-Medonte.

Regional Awards

What a night it was to celebrate at the COR banquet hosted by Brooklin PC, October 29th. Listed here are the Regional Award recipients. Congratulations to everyone on a great season!

Karen Meuleman Award: Natasha Austin, Victoria PC

Royal China Memorial Award: Kwanzaa, Centaurus PC

Barbara Grimm Volunteer Award: Nellie Bradbury, Centaurus PC & COR Committee

Chair Award: Laurie Blake, Horseshoe PC & COR Committee

The COR awards committee would look forward to receiving submissions for the Stillwood Award in 2017, which recognizes the work a member puts into working with a green horse or pony, or training a horse or pony for a new discipline. Check out the details at the COR website Awards page—your plan should start in May.



Reflections: Nationals 2016

Central Ontario Region was proudly and capably represented at National events in 2016. With a double-champion result at National Dressage in Winnipeg by Lexi V. and Patricia R. in Training and First Levels, COR was a force to be reckoned with in the ring.



COR had its usual strong showing in Prince Philip Games, placing first at PPG National As hosted by WOR in COR. Congratulations Lily S., Katie M., Taralyn M., Caitlin F. and Ashleigh S. Another first place was won by the National Masters team at the event in Nova Scotia. Well done Danielle C., Michelle T., and Samantha M., with Shania R. and Michaelah R. of WOR rounding out this combined team. The PPG community would like to add a very special thank you to Michelle Cruickshanks for her continued commitment to Pony Club as steward and coach.

We did have a member compete at National Tetrathlon in WOR. Patricia R. (pictured at left handling the slip-rail gate with ease) placed a solid 4th in the 7-deep Senior Girls division.

Unfortunately, National Show Jumping wasn't able to go ahead, but our 2016 candidate Hannah S. has renewed her eligibility for 2017.

The competition season opens and closes with Quiz: Regional in spring, and National, this year in PEI, in fall. COR sent a keen A/B pair in Kaitlyn H. and Katie B., who ended up on different teams at the event and achieved success nonetheless, and a three-member C team of Hannah S., Anna I. and Patricia R. (Chaperone Nellie was able to keep straight the "Kate and Katie" and 'Hannah and Anna' pairings!) Of note here is that Kaitlyn received the inaugural Phil Crowe award, presented to a National Quiz participant, and it was well-deserved indeed.



Team Canada: IMGE

Pictured is CPC's Team Canada at the 2016 International Mounted Games Exchange, hosted by Australia this past fall. That's COR's Lexi Vahey, from Victoria Pony Club, on the far left. Lexi provides this recap.

"Australia was a very inspirational trip. It was a very good experience to have and I was lucky enough to have done it at such a young age. Over the three weeks I was there, I got to tour and explore what it was like to live in Australia. From seeing kangaroos and spiders to hiking up rocks to look over Australia, we had an amazing time! Even though the competition did not go quite as we planned it, we still had a ton of fun, and were thankful enough to be able to have such great ponies. It was a one in a lifetime experience, and I would love to go back. Overall, it was an amazing experience, and if you ever have the chance to do the International Mounted Games Exchange, then do it, because it truly is a one in a life time experience."

COR will be cheering on Lily S. of TNY branch for the July 2017 IMGE, hosted by Canada in British Columbia. Katie M-B. of TNY is the alternate for Team Canada.



Useful Links

Canadian Pony Club

<http://canadianponyclub.org/>

(facebook link... Mane Issue newsletters... Badges)

Ontario Equestrian Federation

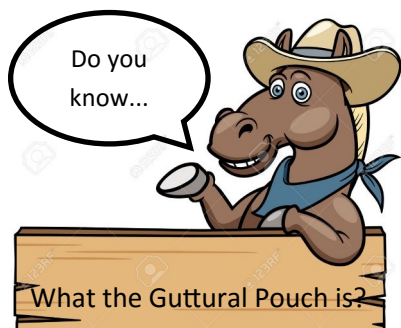
<http://horse.on.ca/>

(memberships, benefits, programs)

The Rider

<http://www.therider.com/rider/>

Online version of the printed journal with industry news



Hold the Dates!

These 2017 regional competition dates are **TENTATIVE**, but provide an expectation for what's to come next season. There's still lots of planning and things may change... watch out for corcomms and keep an eye on the website calendar!

Regional Quiz	end of April or early May	Port Perry
Tetrathlon Mini-Meet	May 6 or 7	Barrie
PPGs	May 14/June 11/June 25	Berg-Solomon Farm
Working Rally	May 26-28	Saddlewood
Fun Rally	June 3	TNY
Dressage Qual.	June 18	Uxbridge-Scugog
Show Jumping Qual.	TBD	TBD
Combined Qualifier	TBD	Victoria
Le Trec	Sept 9 or 10	Durham

Year-End Award Winners

The October Regional Banquet wasn't just a place to recognize regional award recipients, but also allowed competitors in COR's disciplines to receive their awards. Here are the 2016 recipients in Show Jumping, Dressage, Quiz and Prince Philip Games.

Show Jumping Year End Awards

Pre Entry A1 Champion: Zara McGuinness, Centaurus
 Pre Entry A2 Champion Brianna Ferguson, TNY
 Reserve Champion Marc Anthony Miller, TNY
 Entry Champion: Ashleigh Shearstone, TNY
 Reserve Champion Julianna Austin, Victoria
 Starter Champion: Emma Picken, Victoria
 Reserve Champion: Jalissa Boucher, Centaurus
 Novice Champion: Hannah Spong, Centaurus
 Reserve Champion: Amelia Austin
 Intermediate Champion: Natasha Austin, Victoria

Dressage Year End Awards

Starter Champion: Eliza Goslin, Uxbridge-Scugog
 Reserve Champion: Ann Marie Miller, TNY
 Pre-Training Champion: Julianna Austin, Victoria
 Reserve Champion: Emma Picken, Victoria
 Training Champion: Kaitlyn Henderson, Horseshoe
 Reserve Champion: Amelia Austin, Victoria
 First Level Champion: Lexi Vahey, Victoria
 Wes Goff Trophy: Julianna Austin, Victoria

Quiz Awards

Top A/B Team: Lilian Barraclough, Katie Bradbury, Kaitlyn Henderson
 Top C Team: Amy Delvecchio, Olivia Gionet, Anna Iliach
 Project Award: Brooklin PC
 Hollingsworth Quiz Challenge Trophy: Toronto & North York PC

PPG Overall Champion Teams

C Division: King / Temiskaming
 B Division: Toronto & North York
 A Division: Toronto & North York / Uxbridge-Scugog
 Masters Division: Durham / Temiskaming / King
 Open Division: Victoria / Durham / WOR

Word Search: once you've found these novel titles, perhaps you'll spend a few wintery days curled up with the book or filling a bowl of popcorn to watch the film version!



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