



THE JOYRIDERS

THERAPEUTIC RIDING ASSOCIATION

Prince Edward Island, Canada



“THE WHINNY”

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OUR MISSION

The enhancement of the physical, emotional and social well-being of children and adults with disabilities through various forms of therapeutic riding.



Students at Eliot River School, Cornwall, under the guidance of Angela Arsenault, recently presented us with a donation – and a question. What is the minimum age for volunteering? Our next generation of leaders and side-walkers, we hope!

45th ANNIVERSARY CHRISTMAS PARTY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2024 ~ 1–4 pm
HUNTER RIVER COMMUNITY CENTRE

CATERED REFRESHMENTS * BRING A GUEST (OR TWO)!
VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

R.S.V.P. BY FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29
to Daphne at ddavey@eastlink.ca





EDITOR'S EYE VIEW

Daphne Davey

We're 45 years young! Although we "lost a tooth" with the cancellation of the Spring Riding Program, the other programs ran as scheduled in summer and fall. During the year, although we have missed some familiar faces among our riders, volunteers, and board members, we were delighted to welcome new faces in all three of these areas. So come and celebrate with us at the Christmas Party. Then onward to 2025!

A GLANCE BACK



Beautiful petunias blooming in Deena's retirement gift from the Joyriders board, May 2024.

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK 2024



Thanks to the enterprise of Meals on Wheels and the Voluntary Resource Council, who spearheaded a series of Volunteer Appreciation Pop Up Fairs, we set up our booth in Hunter River. Board members Daphne and Linda (in photo), Florine, and Olive looked after the booth to chat with visitors. It also gave us the opportunity for a chat with our neighbour from Community Sector Network of PEI, which we had just joined.

HORSEMANSHIP FOR NEWBIES

As expected, Bobbi (the Mini) and Pixie, not to mention Whinny and Winston warm-up horses, worked their magic this summer with our new riders Ben, Katelyn, and Meghan. They were joined by Jessica and Luke, who returned for another summer of fun.



Ben makes Pixie shine, with help from Kellie-Lynn ...

... and takes Bobbi for a stroll, with Kellie-Lynn and Linda



Jessica does "the frog"

... while Luke does "the twist."

Pixie is so patient!





*Above: Meghan grooms Bobbi, with help from Debbie and Marg.
Below: Katelyn tackles the much larger Pixie, with help from Sarah.*



Our physio, Trish, chats with Meghan and Katelyn about their first riding experience. Sarah (volunteer) and Debbie (instructor) are also interested to hear their feedback.

We are delighted to announce that Ben, Katelyn, and Meghan have been offered places in our Riding Program, starting Spring 2025!

ANDY ROBB MEMORIAL PARTNERSHIP FOR SUSTAINABILITY

“Andy was ‘one of a kind’ in so many ways. Everyone who knew him had many reasons to be proud to call him friend. Those who knew him through his many volunteer endeavours admired and were inspired to emulate him. The Island has much for which to be grateful to this peerless and warm gentleman.” *Donor to Andy Robb Fund.*

This special Fund in Andy’s memory (a project he initiated) was set up to commemorate the huge contribution he made to the Joyriders as a board member for over 20 years.

If you would like to provide sustaining support to the Joyriders to ensure its financial stability, please visit our website home page:

www.thejoyriders.ca

To view the featured slide show, visit our Facebook home page:

<https://www.facebook.com/thejoyriderspei>



CHRISTMAS PARTY FRIENDLY REMINDERS

- * Lunch is catered ... no pot-luck food
- * Let us know about dietary preferences
- * We need an attendee count to order catered food
- * So please RSVP by the deadline (see front page)

FALL RIDING PROGRAM



Candid Camera



RACHAEL and HENRY

JUSTIN and PIXIE



NORAH and PIXIE

RYAN and HENRY



ROWAN and HENRY



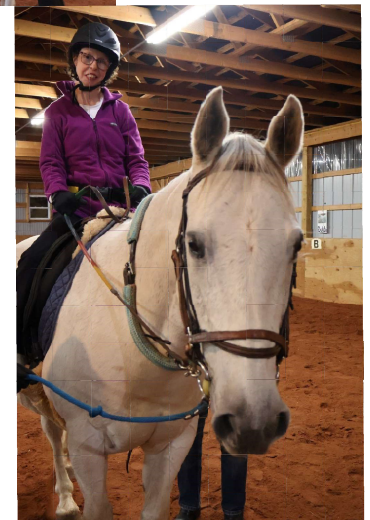
PAXTON and LOGAN



SPENCER and HENRY



EMILY and HENRY





**CASSIDY and
PIXIE**



**LIAM and
HENRY**



**PATRICIA and
LOGAN**

**CHARLEY
and
PIXIE**

LAST BUT NOT LEAST...



***MARC and
PIXIE***



A CHALLENGING ROLE TO FILL

We would like to welcome **Cathleen O'Grady** as our new board treasurer, and **Regan Lewis** of Signature Accounting as our bookkeeper. Cathleen has been a volunteer since 2016, and joined the board at our 2024 AGM.

Since Mel Gallant retired as treasurer in 2019, we have been on the hunt for his successor. For the first two years, past president **Janice Cole** stepped into the breach and kept us going in an acting capacity. Then she mentored **Heather MacNeil** (Ryan's mom), who has valiantly carried the torch for the past year. Now Cathleen has taken up the challenge!

To Janice and Heather, and now Cathleen, we say a big thank you for all you have done and are doing to ensure we can remain safely accountable for our finances, both for ourselves, the general public – and of course the CRA!





NEWS FROM NATIONAL

2025 CanTRA Conference Guelph, Ontario

We hope to send members of our Program Team to the conference, which presents a valuable opportunity for furthering our education (and maintaining our instructor certification). The key element in CanTRA's conferences is the workshops in the arena – in this case at Sunrise Therapeutic Riding and Learning Centre, a CanTRA-accredited training and exam centre founded in 1982. We also benefit from the opportunity to network with attendees from a variety of centres across the country.



TWO NEW INSTRUCTORS IN THE WINGS

We are also excited to announce that our board has approved a training program for two new instructors! **Molly McHugh** and **Sarah Sonier** will be mentored by Kathy with assistance from our other instructors and our physio Trish. They will take the certification exam within the next two years. Way to go!



CYMBRIA LIONS CLUB Good friends of the Joyriders

We have learned that Cymbria Lions, celebrating their 50th anniversary this year, are holding a special Open House, during which they will donate a cheque to the Joyriders. **Joan Leslie** will represent us at this event. We will post our thank-you on Facebook and acknowledge their donation in the next *Whinny* issue.

BOBBI STRUTS HIS STUFF

Once again, Bobbi came up trumps this fall with his obliging personality. He loves to be groomed and taken grocery shopping. The more attention, the better.



Ben meets Bobbi for the first time and thinks he's awesome. Karen thinks so too!



Luke manages to squeeze all the groceries into the basket. Kellie Lynn thinks he did a great job!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY, BOBBI!

This year, Bobbi is celebrating his 10th anniversary with our program. He is a special Miniature Horse, and we are so grateful for Velma Pinsonneault for loaning him to us. He always brings a smile to the faces of those who get to play with him.

OUR WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS

What would we do without them?

So here's a big shout-out to all our volunteers who participated in our summer Horsemanship and fall Riding and Bobbi programs. Especially, we warmly welcomed four new volunteers.



Lauren Trevors



Marla MacDonald



Sharon McIntyre



Wendy Sheen

AND A SPECIAL THANK-YOU

to our wonderful

THERAPY HORSES

AND THEIR HUMANS

who kindly loan them to our program

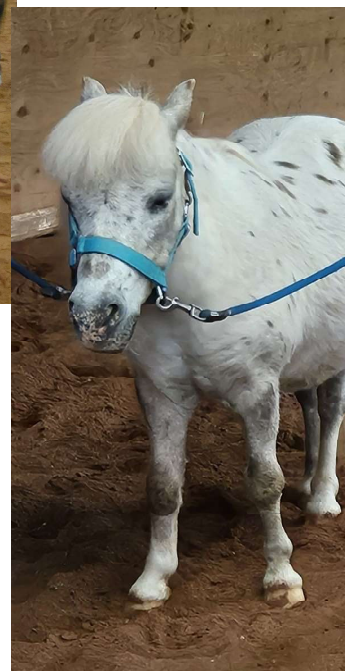


*HENRY, loaned by
Lauren MacIsaac,
led by Heather Barnick*

*LOGAN, loaned by
Nancy Simpson,
led by Joan Leslie.
Photo: Helen Chapman*



*PIXIE, loaned by
Kyle Knox, led by
Molly McHugh*



*BOBBI, loaned by
Velma Pinsonneault*



Kathy, Pixie, Janet, and Kellie-Lynn hallowe'ening it up.

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2024-2025**

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SUBMISSIONS are welcome! Why not
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volunteer? Or send a photo or drawing?

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