



JOYRIDERS

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The Whinny

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

Butch McGee

**2016 CanTRA
Volunteer
of the Year
Rhonda Davies
Award**



Daphne Davey (right), CanTRA past president, presents awards to Joyriders president Janice Cole and to Butch McGee during the summer BBQ.

Photo by David Park

The following is adapted from the official citation submitted to CanTRA's Awards Program:

In 2005, Butch McGee began volunteering with the Joyriders. It became immediately apparent that he loved the riders as much as he enjoyed his new activity, especially as he has a background with Standardbred horses. Butch prefers not to be idle, so he always arrives early to help prepare the arena, horses and equipment, and often side-walks as well. In eleven years we can count on one hand how many days Butch was absent.

Butch is a quiet gentleman who enjoys helping the program from "behind the scenes." For example, he will suddenly appear with treats for the riders, or will pay for gifts for them at our annual Christmas party. His fondness for Joyrider Hannah MacLellan in particular turned into a



Butch shares a happy moment with Hannah at the 2016 BBQ.

family friendship as he helped her within and outside the program and encouraged her to excel athletically.

Butch also helps with fundraising activities and social events for the Joyriders - from finding corporate sponsors, to directing traffic, to clearing up after an event. When asked to serve on the board of directors, Butch did not hesitate. He continues to quietly use his connections to bring community awareness to our program and raise substantial funding. He was also instrumental in acquiring the donation of a custom-made mounting ramp that has dramatically improved the mounting process for our riders.

Butch has accumulated over 500 volunteer hours as a side-walker in the arena, in addition to all his other volunteer efforts on our behalf. We are delighted that he intends to stick around yet!

DON'T MISS IT!
Our thirty-seventh
CHRISTMAS AND VOLUNTEER
RECOGNITION PARTY

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3

1-4 pm

Malcolm Darrach Civic Centre
corner of MacRae Drive & Avonlea Drive, East Royalty

For riders, volunteers, family and guests

Delicious potluck meal
Recognition of our wonderful volunteers
Games and Ugly Christmas Sweater prizes
Christmas centre-pieces give-away
Lots of Christmas cheer

Please RSVP to Shelley MacEwen (902) 393-2091
or shelleymacewen@gmail.com



Directions:

- ***Take St. Peters Road heading east after the Charlottetown Bypass (KFC) traffic lights.***
- ***Look for apartment buildings by the creek on your left.***
- ***Take the left-hand turning lane onto MacRae Drive.***
- ***Then first right onto Avonlea Drive.***
- ***Call 902-626-6525 if you get stuck!***



News From National

Canadian Therapeutic Riding Association (CanTRA)

* The CanTRA board of directors is pleased to announce its intention of creating a memorial to Dr. Gillian Lawrence who died earlier this year. She was a great friend and mentor of the Joyriders and all involved in the pioneer years of therapeutic riding in the Maritimes. Several options are currently being reviewed, bearing

in mind her particular interest in the medical aspects of therapeutic riding. All donations sent to CanTRA in memory of Dr. Lawrence will be set aside as "seed money" for this memorial.

* CanTRA sent a message of support to our national Paralympian equestrian team at Rio 2016. They were Robyn Andrews (NL) with Fancyanna; Lauren Barwick (BC) with Onyx; Ashley Gowanlock (BC) with Di Scanano; and Roberta Sheffield (UK/Canada) with Double Agent. Congratulations to all for great rides!

Bits and Bytes



Congratulations . . .

. . . to volunteer **Doug Ellis** who got married this fall.

Thanks . . .

. . . to **Frank Ijsebaert** in Crapaud for providing free winter storage for our utility trailer.

And thanks . . .

. . . to **Jane Thomas** for her article, "Horses as Healers," published in the *Guardian*.



Dr. Rosemary Henderson (centre), a long-time generous supporter of the Joyriders, visited the program and received an appreciation gift from Paxton with Janice Cole, Joyriders president.

From the Editor's Desk

Wow! We are just concluding our first full year (spring, summer, and fall programs) at River Trails Ranch in Hunter River. And it's been a blast! We did some fine-tuning along the way (ramp adjustments and equipment storage, to name a few), but everything worked out efficiently in the end.

Our wonderful horses and Minis were such patient teachers. Christmas cheer to their owners: Kathy Barrett (Tanner) Amanda Champion (Duchess), Elaine Campanaro (Tessa), Debbie Gormley (Jewel), Velma Pinsonneault (Bobby), and Nancy Simpson (Logan).

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all!





Summer Sizzler Part 1



Paxton



Gabriel



Jessie



Sharlena



Will



Rosie before :(



Rosie after :)



Summer Sizzler Part 2



Luke



Tanya



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Autumn Antics



*Rachael
and Logan*



*Luke and
Jewel*



Gabriel and Jewel



*Charley and
Tessa*



Mikaela and Tessa



*Douglas
and
Whinny*



Candid Camera



Aw, so cute! Jill and Logan taking five.



Trish and Ginny think poop scooping is so much fun!



Gilles tries on a new hat for the Christmas party.



Volunteers Doug Ellis and Ewen Taylor prop up the mounting ramp.



Marg and Logan show off all his fancy equipment.



*Sorry, guys.
Only one
pumpkin per
horse.*



Joyriders president Janice Cole (third from right) joins other charity representatives and Department of Veterans Affairs employees at a special event hosted by the United Way. At the request of the United Way, through which the Joyriders receives donations, Janice gave a presentation about our program. The event was arranged to promote the United Way to DVA Shared Services through whose payroll plan employees can make charitable donations.

Photo courtesy Deanna Carroll.



Internationally reputed clinician Mary Longden (centre) from Australia, who held a weekend clinic in Truro, joins Joyriders instructors (from left): Gilles Richard; Trish Helm-Neima, PT; Debbie Gormley; Kathy Barrett; and Marg Gray.

Photo courtesy Deena Robb

Out and About

Hannah and friends enjoy a perfect day at our annual summer BBQ for volunteers, hosted yet again by David and Winkie Park in New Glasgow.



Rachael (holding cheque), Butch (third from left), and Joyriders gang celebrate the donation of \$3603 at the Charlottetown Driving Park - thanks to Tim Ford and the generous folk at the beer tent! Once again, Butch arranged for a significant donation from the CDP.

2016-2017 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

<i>President</i>	Janice Cole	<i>Ex officio</i>	Kathy Barrett <i>Chief Instructor</i>
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PROGRAM TEAM

Chief instructor (CTRSI)/CanTRA Coach

- Kathryn Barrett

Physiotherapist

Trish Helm-Neima

Assistant Instructors (CTRBI)

- Stephanie Compton
- Daphne Davey
- Debbie Gormley
- Marg Gray
- Trish Helm-Neima
- Lauren MacIsaac
- Gilles Richard

Also part of the Team

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