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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



From the Editor's Desk

Once again, we draw to the end of the year and can look back across our spring, summer and fall riding programs (and lots of other activities) with a great deal of satisfaction. But not complacency! There is always lots to learn. New riders, volunteers, board members, and supporters bring fresh ideas, experience, and enthusiasm to augment our existing stock of each.

To everyone who is there for us, in the foreground or the background, we are so grateful that you see—as we do—what an exciting and effective therapy horseback riding is for children and adults with disabilities. And that you feel moved to support our endeavours. Merry Christmas! Happy Holidays!



Daphne Davey

Celebrating Canada 150!



Leaders Learn to Lead

Once a year, we hold a Leaders Training Clinic for new and “refreshing” leaders, including instructors. New participants attend by invitation and must have taken part in at least eight lessons. Graduates are added to the master list of qualified leaders, Level 1, and sport a very “bling” star on their nametags.

Congratulations to our 2017 graduates:

- Eagan Boire
- Maria Compton
- Doug Ellis
- Tess Lyons
- Heather MacLeod
- Amanda Mellish
- Janet Midgley
- Florine Proud
- Holly Studzinski



From left: Jayne, Maria Compton, Doug Ellis, Logan, Eagan Boire, Trish Helm-Neima, Tessa, Tess Lyons.



Eagan with Tessa and Heather with Jewel practice “giving space.”



CTRBI Gilles Richard coaches Eagan on picking out a hoof, watched by Amanda and Maria.



- To **Keith Boire** for renovating the kitchen area in the viewing room.
- To **David Park** for videotaping all our riders doing the trail course in a chilly arena.
- To **Kathy Barrett** (Tanner), **Elaine Campanaro** (Tessa), **Amanda Champion** (Daisy), **Debbie Gormley** (Jewel), **Velma Pinsonneault** (Bobby), **Nancy Simpson** (Logan), and **Pam MacDonald/Chester Gillan** (Jayne) for lending their wonderful horses to use in our program.
- To **Hunter River Community Centre** for the use of their meeting rooms.
- And to **Joan Leslie** for a new trail course mailbox!

All in A Day's Work

What our instructors do when not instructing

The Joyriders has a team of instructors, all nationally qualified. These include one CanTRA Coach (the highest of the four instructor levels) and six CTRBIs (Basic Instructors), two of whom are in training for their CTRII (Intermediate Instructor).

CanTRA standards require all instructors to maintain their status by ongoing development and training. Attendance at exterior and in-house clinics and other activities ensure all our instructors remain qualified. We thank the Joyriders board of directors for so fully supporting us in these efforts.

CTRII (Intermediate Instructor) trainee Gilles Richard and CTRBI (Basic Instructor) trainee Doug Ellis show their Equestrian Canada Western Rider Level1 certificates, part of the prerequisites they need to challenge their respective CanTRA instructor exam.



CTRBI and physiotherapist Trish Helm-Neima (right) and senior volunteer Virginia Reddin (centre) contribute comments for CTRBI Marg Gray to write in the Instructors Notes. These "running commentary" notes form an essential base for the annual production of the Rider Progress Reports.



Several Joyriders instructors and trainees attended a clinic hosted at Cavalier Riding Club near Moncton in June. Can you spot Marg, Doug, Trish, Kathy and Stephanie?

Photo courtesy of Cavalier Riding Club



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*There is no secret so close as
that between a rider and Horse.*





Jewel tucking into Luke's gift of apple pieces.



*Who got their fingers caught in the cupcake jar?
From left: Luke's mom, Sarah;
Charley-Anne's parents, Philip and Tracy; and Justin's mom, Shelley.*



Mary and Cheryl working on the "other duties" section of their volunteer job description.



Justin and Tanner



Thanks to board member and award-winning photographer Mel Gallant, we have all the photos we need to produce our Volunteer Manual (coming soon!).

Candid Camera



River Trails Ranch rat patroller, Bentley, gets a cuddle from Lauren.



If they won't let you mount a horse—WASH!

Volunteer Jessica happy to be paired with Tanner.



Summer Spotlight

This summer, we welcomed three new participants in our Horsemanship Program: Ethan Chaisson, Vaeda Matheson, and Urban Ripley.

The program runs for six weeks in July and August, using mainly Miniature Horses. Participants have the opportunity to learn to groom, lead, and drive the Minis. They can also ride a horse at the end of the program if they wish.

Thanks especially to our Mini owners: Velma Pinsonneault (Bobby) and Amanda Champion (Daisy).



Ethan grooms Bobby. Riding helmets must be worn by participants when near horses, whether on the ground or in the saddle.
Photo: Josephine Ripley

Ethan!

Vaeda!

Urban!



Marg (with Logan), Trish and Kathy with Ethan and Vaeda holding their achievement certificates.



Urban enjoys a cart ride with Daisy, assisted by Madeleine and driver Amanda.



Urban grooms Tanner. Have to get rid of those itches!



Vaeda on Logan, with her volunteer team, rides towards instructor Kathy Barrett.



Kathy and Trish introduce Vaeda to warm-up Whinny.

GINGERWOOD 2017 — ANOTHER GREAT SUCCESS!

We are so lucky to have the support of Danny and Martie Murphy who open their Stanhope home, Gingerwood, every two years for our big Joyriders fund-raiser. We are also blessed with continuing support from several corporate sponsors and many individual ticket buyers. Additional revenue from our silent and live auctions—not to mention the bar!—continues to ensure a successful event.

But just as important each year has been a stellar “cast” of MC, performers, and auctioneer. This year we welcomed Island singer/songwriter Meaghan Blanchard, while MC Patrick Ledwell and (usually cattle) auctioneer, Brian Craswell, returned by popular demand. With the able assistance of Joyrider Rachael Loggie for the live auction, everything just trotted along without a hitch that anyone knew about.

Many Joyriders (board members, instructors, and other volunteers) helped out on the night to make it a grand success. Thanks to you all!



Renowned artist Lindee Climo donated her horse painting to the live auction. Isn't that our very own Tanner in the foreground?



Gingerwood's main entrance.



Artist Scott O'Neil painted an Island scene throughout the evening, won by a lucky auction bidder. Photo: Daphne Davey



Meaghan Blanchard performs during the program.

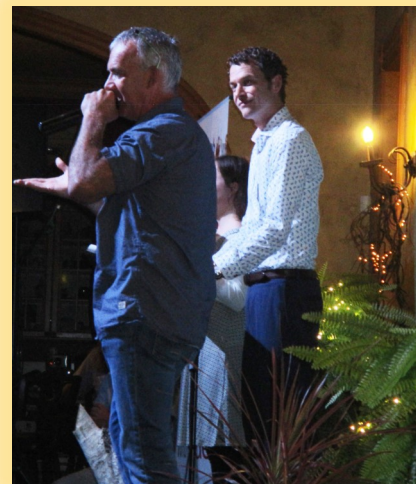


Joyriders board member Jim McQuaid at the mic thanks our hosts, Dannie and Martie Murphy, while Rachael waits to present a gift of appreciation.



The splendid setting for our fund-raiser.

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Auctioneer Brian Craswell and MC Patrick Ledwell in full flight. Photo: Daphne Davey



From left: Steve Loggie and Rachael, unidentified but happy attendee, and Carolyn Bateman.



Justin's brother, Kris MacEwen, with their Aunt Judy.



Paul



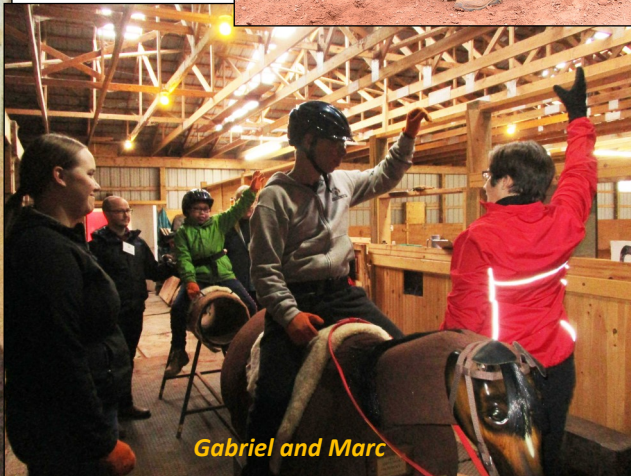
Justin



Jessica



Emily



Gabriel and Marc



Marc



Mikaela



Sharlena



Patricia

And in Other News...



Yet again, Red Shores comes through for the Joyriders! Lee Drake, Red Shores Marketing Manager (with mic) and Tommy Ford (with toque) presented a cheque for \$3,120 to riders, parents, and volunteers at the race-track. The super-heavy cheque was held up by Mike MacKinnon, Red Shores Managing Director, and Joyrider Justin MacEwen. Photo: Heather MacNeil



Cool dude Gabriel, riding Jewel, sports shades, a colourful jacket, and orange SSG riding gloves. Photo: Sam Brown



A match made in horse heaven! Kathy Barrett's daughter, Chelsea, married Texan horseman Tyler Brown in August. No surprise, they run their own stables near Summerside—English and Western riding

Thanks to Joyriders president Janice Cole and her husband, Dana, who hosted our annual BBQ get-together for volunteers at their home in Wheatley River. They did a great job of the weather, too!

Photo: Les Warrington



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