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“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.

A ride out through the spectacular fall colours at River Trails Ranch.



Left to right: Paxton on Pixie, Marc on Logan.

Photo: Patricia Cole.



HO HO HO! ~ CHRISTMAS PARTY!

Sunday, November 30, 1–4 pm, Hunter River Community Centre.

For details, see official invitation coming soon.





EDITOR'S EYE VIEW

Daphne Davey

Where does the time fly? It's almost Christmas! But before we say goodbye to 2025, let's celebrate another full year of activity: Spring and Fall Riding programs, and Summer Horsemanship program. Plus our instructor team decamped in May to the 2025 CanTRA national conference in Guelph. That was a hugely beneficial trip. Once again, we have been blessed with tremendous community support undergirding all our programs and activities. In these uncertain times in the charitable sector, we have everything to be thankful for. Read on!

RETROSPECTIVE



Joyriders instructors at the 2025 CanTRA Conference in May. The practical sessions were held at Sunrise Therapeutic Riding & Learning Centre, Guelph. From left: Doug Ellis, Kathy Barrett, Daphne Davey, Lauren MacIsaac, Marg Gray, Gilles Richard.



DID YOU KNOW?



We have called River Trails Ranch our home for 10 years. Hum! We'll have to do something about that ...



"GETTING TO KNOW YOU"



Welcome to our three new board members, elected at the 2025 AGM. Introducing ...

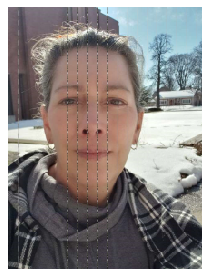
TERRI ANDERSON

Terri's career experience includes coaching, mentoring, facilitation, and leadership development. She has volunteered with, among other non-profits, the Rotary Club of Summerside, and is currently a member of 100 Women Who Care (Summerside). *Stop press:* Terri has now taken on the role of board Secretary!



HEATHER MacLEOD

Heather is an electrical engineer working with the PEI Energy Corporation. She has been a Joyriders volunteer since 2008 (wow!) and a former board member. She has also served on boards promoting hiking and equestrian trail use.



PETER McDOUGALL

Peter is a retired university administrator specializing in HR management and labour relations. His horse experience is all volunteer: parent, novice rider, and farm labourer. He has also volunteered for a variety of community organizations, to which he can now add the Joyriders.

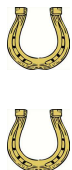


NOODLES!

The stretching, not the eating, kind. Good for posture and breathing exercises.



A fun time at the summer HORSEMANSHIP PROGRAM



Georgia feeds treats to Bobby, with help from Kellie-Lynn.



Jessica and Pixie navigate the "hoof bridge" with her team: Molly, Joan (hidden) and Kellie-Lynn.



Keira uses elbow grease to make Pixie shine, while Kellie-Lynn watches.

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 and Facebook:

www.thejoyriders.ca

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CANDID CAMERA

It's always nice to have an enthusiastic audience!





HUNTER RIVER LIONS Faithful supporters – again!

Thanks so much to Lynn and Dwayne (at centre) for presenting a cheque for \$500! Patricia riding Logan, and Ryan on Andy, demonstrated their riding skills for our visitors.



FAREWELL, DEBBIE!



After an amazing career with the Joyriders, **Debbie Gormley** has retired. She was a volunteer from 1996 to 2023 (do the math!), during which she served on the board, including as president. In 2002, Debbie qualified as an assistant instructor (CTRBI) and continued in that role throughout. Debbie also purchased Jewel to ensure she could stay in the program as one of our therapy horses. This is service to the Joyriders above and beyond! Thank you so much, Debbie, for your cheerful dedication and participating in all these roles over the years. We'll keep in touch.

TALKING OF VOLUNTEERS ...

Our wonderful volunteers are willing to turn their hand to whatever needs to be doing. Here are some of them caught in action (complete with smiles!).



DONNA



SOPHIE



HOLLY



PATTI



SOPHIE

ANOTHER SPLENDID DONATION!

We are so fortunate to have the support of the folk at the **Old Home Week Beer Tent – Tommy and Joy Ford, Paul Annear, and Kelly Judson**. They recently presented us with their 2025 donation of \$4,395.47, trackside at Red Shores in Charlottetown. Two Joyriders Pace races were held that afternoon, representing their 2024 and 2025 donations.



The winning horse, Five Star Dragon, with driver Corey MacPherson, and Joyriders crowd.



Surrounded by supporters, riders Jillian Dunphy (former Joyrider) and Justin MacEwen (front row) and Ryan MacNeil (standing right) enjoy the moment.



READY, SET, GROAN!

Q: Why did the horse sneeze?

A: Hay fever.

Q: What did the horse say when it fell?

A: I've fallen and I can't giddyup!



MORE CANDID CAMERA



Spencer enjoying a ride on Andy.

TRISH RETIRES AS OUR PHYSIO



Although we are losing the volunteer services of Trish as our consultant physiotherapist (since 1999), we are delighted she will continue to volunteer with the program, but without her physio “hat.”

Along with Debbie, Trish qualified as an assistant instructor (CTRBI) in 2002. Later, she focused solely on her consultant physio role. She also served on the board from 2000 to 2012, including a stint as president, then continuing as ex officio until the present.

Trish has given us so much of her professional and personal time over the years! We are so grateful for her cheerful expertise – and happy she plans to continue in the arena.

FALL FUN AND GAMES



BEN

PATRICIA



RYAN

LIAM



MORE FALL FUN AND GAMES



CHARLEY

**SPENCER (right)
and ROWAN**



EMILY

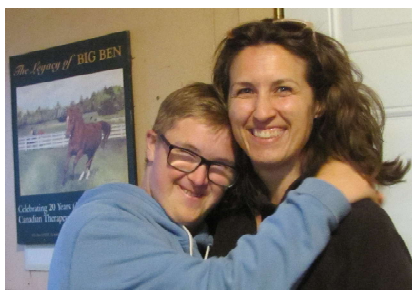
NORAH



EVEN MORE FALL FUN AND GAMES



ROWAN (top), MARC, PAXTON



***"Ain't she
sweet!"***

***Rowan
and mom***

WE'LL MISS YOU, CASSIDY!

Cassidy retired from the program this fall as her family has moved to the east end of the Island. She started with us in 2009. Over the years, she grew and progressed to become a competent and enthusiastic rider. All the best, Cassidy, in your new home!



Cassidy riding Henry in 2022.

PRESENTING TO LIONS CLUBS

At the invitation of our great supporters, Parkdale-Sherwood Lions Club, board members Daphne, Linda, and Butch recently enjoyed presenting the Joyriders story and video to their members.

As luck would have it, two members of Hunter River Lions Club were also in the audience – and that led to another invitation! This time, we presented at the Lions Zone 3 meeting, including representatives from North Rustico, Hunter River, Cymbria, and Kensington Lions.

What a great opportunity to thank our wonderful Lions Clubs who support the Joyriders so generously!

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