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Prince Edward Island, Canada

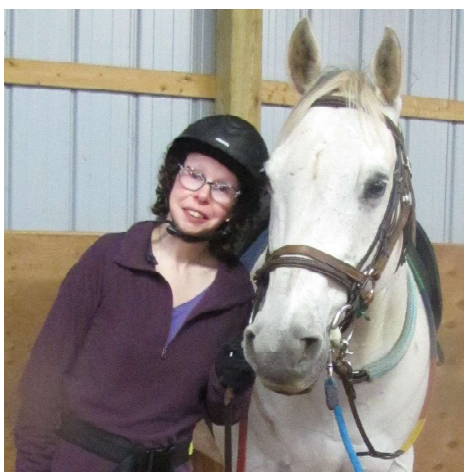
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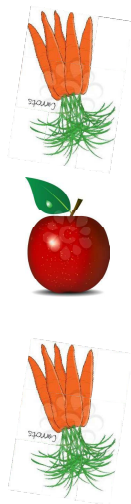


OUR MISSION

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



Emily



Ryan



HAPPY RETIREMENT, HENRY!



Marc



Cassidy



EDITOR'S EYE VIEW

Daphne Davey

This issue of the *Whinny* is full of good news – but unfortunately not full of photos of our riders. Half-way through the spring session, I underwent surgery, so I was unable to drive and take photos. I really missed both watching and snapping pictures. I hope to make up for it in the fall issue. In the meantime, have a great summer at the beach!

THANK YOU, CYMBIA LIONS

Cymbria Lions Club celebrated their 50th anniversary in 2024 by presenting a cheque for \$5,000 to the Joyriders. Wow! Our Joan Leslie accepted the cheque, presented by (from left) Francis, Eric, and Denis Gallant.



A MERRY CHRISTMAS PARTY!

There was much fun and laughter (and cake) last December as we shared great company and good food, and celebrated the contributions made by our volunteers.



Liam wins a centrepiece!



Jean and Ben ...

*... and special guest
Michael Morrison*



Joan Leslie, Volunteer Coordinator, presented certificates to ...

Kellie-Lynn Younker ...
Michelle Coyle ...
Linda Stewart



THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF PEI

The **Joyriders Giving Fund** is now posted on the CFPEI website:

<https://cfpei.fcsuite.com/erp/donate/list>

Follow: Ways to Donate / Path to Giving / Support Existing Funds.

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

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

IVAN MORRISON “A Lovely Gentleman”



We are sad to report the passing of Ivan Morrison, husband of co-founder Anita Morrison. Ivan was a great supporter of the Joyriders during our formative years. He built our first wooden mounting ramp, and introduced the Joyriders to the Rotary Club of Charlottetown, who made annual donations for many years.

“Ivan was a lovely gentleman. I remember him being a huge supporter with a smile for all of us,” said one of our Program Team. We express our condolences to Anita, and to their son, Michael (one of our original riders in 1979), and daughter Linda and family.

SARAH AND MOLLY ON A ROLL

Two new candidate instructors start training

We are happy to announce that **Sarah Sonier** and **Molly McHugh** have officially started their training to become our two newest CTRBI instructors (Canadian Therapeutic Riding Basic Instructor).







In March, and again in April, they braved the chilly weather (our pens froze in the arena!) to start practice teaching, mentored by Kathy (CanTRA Coach) and Lauren (CTRBI-2), with support from our other instructors. Already experienced volunteers of several years' standing, Sarah and Molly now get to stand at the centre of the arena. We think they are great candidates for CanTRA certification. *Go for it!*



From left: Lauren, Doug, Marg (on Logan), Sarah, Molly.

A BIG THANK-YOU!

We are so grateful for most generous donations from the following long-time Joyriders supporters:

-  Cymbria Lions (see photo, page 2)
-  Parkdale-Sherwood Lions (\$5,000)
-  Winsloe Lions (see photo, page 6)
-  Easter Seals (\$5,000)
-  UPSE (see photo, page 7)
-  Old Home Week beer tent (\$5,188)



GUELPH, HERE WE COME!

45th CanTRA Conference

Six instructors flew to Ontario in early May to attend the 45th anniversary CanTRA Conference in Guelph. Sunrise Therapeutic and Learning Centre hosted the sessions requiring an arena, horses, and riders. Other sessions took place at the Crief Centre, where our PEI contingent were given a cottage all to ourselves. We enjoyed being able to chill out together in the off-hours, reinforcing our team spirit. We were very fortunate to make this trip, thanks to donations that made a dream a reality.



From left: Lauren, Daphne, Doug, Marg, Kathy, Gilles.

The three-day conference was meticulously organized, with strong sessions, including a presentation on concussion, one on the horse's gut (many yards long!), and another on attitudes to people with disabilities (by the irrepressible Jeff Thiessen). We were also given a tour of the Ontario Vet College.



Gayle Ecker, Equine Guelph (Ontario Vet College), graphically demonstrates just how long a horse's gut is!

The CanTRA Therapy Horse Award was announced at the banquet. While the winning horse hailed from BC, our very own Bobby was awarded a “Horse of Distinction” plaque, now proudly displayed in the viewing room.



Daphne and Kathy join with other centres receiving therapy horse plaques.

Question: Do you know Bobby's **real** name?
Answer: Oceanbreeze Mini Bobby Jingles

How's that for pedigree!



Daphne and Kathy with Haley, one of Sunrise's demo riders.

Lauren, Gilles, and Marg approving the restaurant where we dined after many hours of weary travel to Guelph.



RIDING IN STYLE



Emily, riding Logan, the “practice rider” for our candidate instructors.

Special thanks to Tracey Cutcliffe for the photos of Charley on Pixie (below) and Ryan on Andy (next page).



Without reins

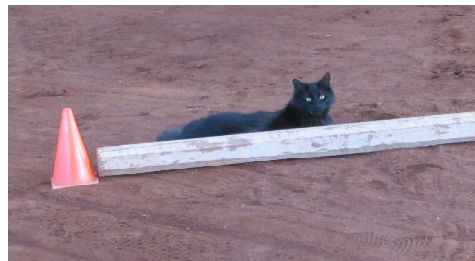


With reins





CANDID CAMERA



Five faults for a refusal at jump no. 1!

NEW FACES ON THE BOARD

We cordially welcomed three new board members at the AGM on May 28: **Terri Anderson, Heather MacLeod, and Peter McDougall**. While Heather already serves as a volunteer in the barn and the arena, Terri and Peter will be familiarizing themselves with our programs in the months ahead. *(More about our new team members in the next Whinny.)*



THANK YOU, WINSLOE LIONS



Joyriders board member Butch McGee accepts a cheque for \$5,000 from members of Winsloe Lions Club. Although our centre has moved from Winsloe to Hunter River, Winsloe Lions continue to remember us.



Karen Thompson presents a retirement plaque to Florine — after she had completed the AGM minutes!

We also presented **Doug Ellis** with his 500 Club certificate (500 volunteer hours) that he missed receiving at the Christmas Party. Congratulations, Doug!



Kathy Barrett presents Doug with his certificate.

A VERY SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Thanks to easyfinancial (goeasy Ltd.) employee Amanda Webster, we were thrilled to be presented with a cheque for \$10,000 at the AGM. Amanda entered our name in the company's donation program, and we were chosen. Wow! Amanda was joined by her colleagues from Toronto and Halifax to make the presentation. And welcome to Amanda's daughter, Sophie, a new volunteer.



Amanda (centre) at the AGM ...

... and with rider Emily Craig on Henry.



THANK YOU, UPSE

“No foot, no horse,” as the saying goes. Not to worry, UPSE to the rescue! Their “Has A Heart” donation of \$550 covered the cost of four new hooves (casters) for Winston. Linda and Daphne accepted the cheque.



HOORAY FOR HENRY!

Henry joined our program as a therapy horse in 2019, thanks to his “mom,” Lauren MacIsaac. Now he is retiring after six years of faithful service. Henry was the right size and personality, and as these photos illustrate, his flexibility to do whatever his rider asked of him. He was a great therapy horse.

Thank you, Henry, for being such a big part of the Joyriders.



Lauren (left) and Holly welcome Henry to the program.

Ready?

Jessica with Kathy and Florine.



Grocery shopping

Liam with Barbara and Kyle



Last but not least, TREATS!

Ryan with Holly



Walk on!

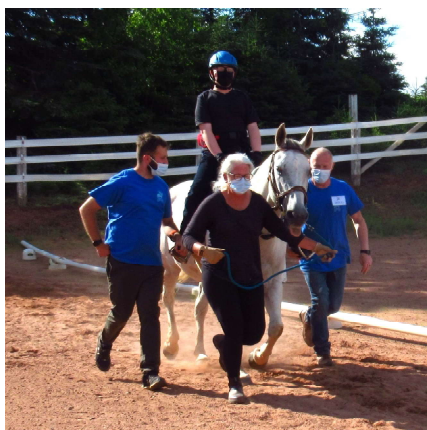
Spencer with Patti and Kathy.

Photo: Helen Chapman, Easter Seals



Terr-ot!

Rowan with Kyle, Patti, and Doug



2025 ACCESSABILITY AND INCLUSION EXPO

sponsored by ResourceAbilities

This was a great PR event, held in Stratford. Thanks to Catherine and Cathleen (in photo) and Linda and Daphne for staffing our booth.



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PROGRAM TEAM

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