ACTRA Newsletter: Nov 2026

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Welcome to New and Returning Members!

Our new members:

Emily Murphy

Mark Murphy

Kirsteen Thomson

Louise Haycocks

And we would like to welcome back the following members who returned to ACTRA in 2026 after not being a member for a bit:

Carolyn MacDonald

Elaine Sode

Betty Dwyer

Kathleen Rideout

2026 Ride Results

Mud Run Ride - The 2026 ride season kicked off on May 17 with 18 people signed up to ride in Stanley, but on ride day we had 12 riders start and finish.

Jr Horsemanship and Jr Trail Horse went to Olivia Jack riding Evening in Paris. Sr. Horsemanship: 1st Sylvia Gillies, 2nd Kim Crowell, 3rd Christie Cox, 4th Lillian Dunsworth, 5th S.J. Jones, 6th April Haliburton. Sr. Trail Horse: 1st Essor, 2nd CN Sparkles Plenty, 3rd Nellie, 4th Precisement, 5th Ace's Adagio, 6th Adios Tiki. We had a special reunion when Ace's Adagio's previous owner Deanna Johnston stopped by for a visit!



McDonald's Run JPs – Day 1 proved to be a beautiful day with 15 riders on the trails and two of the mounts being mules! Jr Horsemanship: 1st Brynn Colucette, 2nd Finn Mallet. Horsemanship: 1st Sylvia Gillies, 2nd Amy Schneider, 3rd Kirsteen Thomson, 4th Louise Haycocks, 5th Betty Dwyer, 6th Christie Cox. Trail Horse: 1st Velvet, 2nd Wild Parade, 3rd Flying Oaks Aberto, 4th Ace's Adagio, 5th Part Hill Spirit, 6th Crafty Pat. Day 2 was not such a nice day with 9 riders braving the cold wet weather. Horsemanship: 1st Kora MacDonald, 2nd Betty Dwyer, 3rd Sylvia Gillies, 4th Dianne Storey, 5th Christie Cox, 6th Amy Schneider. Trail Horse: 1st Emmm, 2nd Knot Kwite, 3rd Flying Oaks Aberto, 4th Crafty Pat, 5th Nellie, 6th Essor.

McDonald's Run Pics:





Kenmar Farm JP – Thank you to the 14 riders who signed up and started the ride. Unfortunately 3 horses scratched after the morning loop but all the riders had fun! Jr Horsemanship and Jr Trail went to Olivia Jack and Evening in Paris. Sr. Horsemanship: 1st Dianne Storey, 2nd Betty Dwyer, 3rd Sylvia Gillies, 4th Christie Cox, 5th Nicole Coleman, 6th Isabella Stewart. Sr. Trail Horse: 1st Idunn fra feti, 2nd Nellie, 3rd Crafty Pat, 4th Essor, 5th Ace's Adagio, 6th Precisement.



Milk Run Rides – On August 29th and 30th a group of enthusiastic distance riders had the opportunity to travel the trails of Belleisle Creek as they participated in the 2026 Milkrun rides. Hosted on the property of M. Gillies and Son ltd. Dairy farm, these two days of Judged Pleasure competitions had a variety of riders from the "oldies" to the "newbies"(one even new to Canada). Good weather and dry trails was ordered way in advance and except for some early morning "showers" mother nature decided to deliver a close to perfect ride day. A special thank you to the volunteers who gave up their time to make this a special weekend to all: Dr. Murray Gillies and Dr. Miranda Kaser who put on an educational session on how the horses would be evaluated for an endurance type ride; two terrific Judges: Donna Munn and Dawn Brown, Trail Boss Martin Gillies and trail monitor, Jennifer McDonald. Also a special thank you to my kitchen help and sandwich makers extraordinaire Russlyn Patriquin-Dyke, and Ashley Baskin. THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU, TO ALL WHO ENTERED THE RIDE!



Results from the ride are as follows:
Aug 29th – Horsemanship: 1st Russlyn Patriquin Dyke, 2nd Dianne Storey, 3rd Anne Bulmer, 4th Betty Dwyer, 5th Robyn Bulmer, 6th Kim Crowell. Trail Horse: 1st Gerry (A. Bulmer), 2nd Adagio (B. Dwyer), 3rd Essor (R. Bulmer), 4th Idunn (I. Stewart), 5th Nyja (N. Coleman), 6th Cierro (G. Tjalma).
Aug 30th – Horsemanship: 1st Robyn Bulmer, 2nd Anne Bulmer, 3rd Dianne Storey, 4th Betty Dwyer, 5th Amy Schneider, 6th Nicole Coleman. Trail Horse: 1st Essor (R.Bulmer), 2nd Gerry (A. Bulmer), 3rd Nellie (D. Storey), 4th Adagio (B.Dwyer), 5th Aberto (A. Schneider), 6th Idunn (I. Stewart).
Milk Run Pictures





Kenmar Farm Fall JP – the ride season wrapped up on Sept 27th with 8 riders back at Homestead Lavendar for a gorgeous day of riding. 3 riders pulled after the morning loop and one person was riding for miles only, so we had a small but fun ride! Horsemanship: 1st Sylvia Gillies, 2nd Nicole Coleman, 3rd Isbella Stewart, 4th Betty Dwyer. Trail Horse: 1st Essor (S. Gillies), 2nd Halla Fra Nyja Skotland (N. Coleman), 3rd Idunn fra feti, 4th Ace's Adagio (B. Dwyer).

SHOUT OUT!

Sending out a huge THANK YOU to the Harvest Hoofbeats Ride Crew for the donation of $221.00 to ACTRA from proceeds of the canteen run at an event at the Hobby Horse Farm this summer. Well done Janie Morse, Niki Petrie, Melanie Cunningham Talijaard and Laura Kelland May!

Reminders

- **AGM Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, November 14th, 2026.** Start at 1:00 pm to approximately 4:00 pm **Location:** Cranewood On Main Bakery and Café, 113 Main Street, Sackville, NB. To attend virtually via Messenger Chat contact actratreasurer@gmail.com
- **Rule Book Updates:** The ACTRA Rule book has been updated as of May 9th, 2026. All members should review the Rule Book as noted on the website and discard any older printed versions they may possess.

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Kenmar Farm Fall JP Pictures



