

ACTRA E-News

May 2015

# TALES 'N TRAILS

SPECIAL INTEREST: Connections - NB Distance Clinic - Junior Bursary Award - Gus (On The Town)

## Notes from the Manure pile – Spring / Summer 2015

As I sit here on a very warm summery day in May, it's easy to forget the winter that was. We started into 2015 with an aggressive ride schedule and people upbeat and excited to get going, well Old Man Winter and Mother Nature got together and put a full stop to any spring enjoyment.

Lucy & Elwood are to be congratulated for getting the rides they have off and running, the first 2 would have been easy in any quasi normal year, but this spring did not allow for any early trail riding anywhere.

We still have a pretty good ride schedule, a few cancellations for various reasons, but all in all quite decent.

The spring meeting was well attended and we got through our business quite effectively. We have a new insurance provider and some clarification and changes to hoof boot rules and leg protection.

The web site continues to grow and develop.

I feel the club is attracting new members well and has been for the last number of years. I see members working hard to spread the word, hold clinics and information sessions. This is good for us all. The organization needs to attract new members so the entity rolls along over the years in a fluid motion. The communication between us "longer in the tooth" members and the "newbies" is quite encouraging, thank you to all the members that promote our sport as they see an opportunity, and a special thanks to the members that go out and create an opportunity.

In closing, I have to take my hat off to the BOD, they have impressed me with their dedication to the organization and deep thought and insight into the workings of the club. I, personally, had some very stressful times this spring, and the BOD rallied to help me get past my issues and look at the bigger picture. Thank you all. It was very nice to see and be a part of.

As always, I can be reached or contacted anytime with any suggestions, comments or complaints.

Happy Trails

Roy

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## ACTRA 2015 Spring Meeting

### Collingwood corner Hall, NS

Rene Mersereau	Roy Drinnan	DL Cole	Jennifer McDonald
Sylvia Gillies	Jim Burns	Pat Rideout	Clayton Graham
Lucy Rudge	Elwood Munroe	Donna Munn	Valerie McDermott
Amanda Westwood	Jacqui Tupper	Chester Gillan	Janice Mac Swain
Maureen Johnson	Claire Winchester	Susan Hovey	Gwenn Dexter
Delle Fairclough	Dorothy Butler	Pam Thornton	Bertha Harrison
Jean Bridges	Carrilee Eddy	Bev Elliott	Pam Rustige
Tammy Beazley	Deanna Johnston	Janie Morse	Irmgard Lipp

Meeting called to order at 13:05 by Roy Drinnan

2014 Fall AGM minutes read by DL Cole. Approved by Susan Hovey, seconded Lucy Rudge. Carried

### **Reports**

Treasurer Report offered by Gwenn Dexter. Report submitted.

Statistician Report offered by Jennifer McDonald

Jennifer requests that RM write the results clearly and legibly, otherwise reports will not be accepted.

Sanctioning Report offered by Donna Munn

- 525 miles sanctioned for 2015 to date
- website is working well
- requesting \$150 for paper, toner and mailings

PR Report offered by Renee

- trifold ACTRA flyers now available

Newsletter Report offered by Carrilee

- E newsletter is working well

Endurance Canada Report offered by Sylvia

- Pan Am Games will be in Ontario this year, a 75 mile FEI event.
- Discussed FEI concerns over horse welfare.

Reports accepted as presented Motioned by Carrilee, seconded by Jennifer. Carried

### **Old Business**

Insurance – Sylvia reported on information from Mike King of Intercity Insurance.

- Waivers can be signed yearly
- strongly suggested that the club be a PSO member
- land owners, vets (as long as they do not treat an animal)
- cost \$350 plus D&O liability
- HEP will not cover land owner or land owners, cost is \$850

Discussion re ACTRA being member of a PSO

*Sylvia is to review waiver sheet that will be signed annually*

## AERC Rules

- Roy contacted AERC. ACTRA can use AERC rules
- There are ER/LD rules currently on ACTRA's website.
- Roy will put the AERC rulebook on the web site
  - highlighting the non-ACTRA related rules in red.
- Members are requested to review the rules placed on the website
- Please refer questions to Roy

*ACTION this will be revisited at the fall AGM*

## Pocket sized Rulebooks

- Eric D was unable to provide the pocket sized rule books yet as the rule changes have not yet been completed.

## **New Business**

Treasurer – Gwenn will be stepping down as treasurer

- ACTRA would like to recognize Gwenn for her 22 years of service to the association
- *ACTION Pam Rustige was nominated as interim Treasurer by Bev, seconded by Donna M. Carried*

Website – Roy states the new website is working well.

- Ride Calendar can be found on the site
- RM can update ride information as needed

Rulebooks – Bev has been going through the minutes and has revised the current rulebook

- sample of current rulebook offered

Kaaren Lebert has requested a Special Event Sanction

- Motion made by Sylvia that “**ACTRA decline Kaaren's request for a Special Event**” seconded by Donna M. Carried
- Roy will respond to Kaaren's request

Motion made by Bev Elliott “**That CTR/IDR horses be penalized 5 pts per leg for the wearing of leg protection**” Seconded by Clayton. Passed

Pat Rideout made a motion “**That Special Event category be removed from the Rule Book**” Seconded by Clayton. Carried

Chester Gillan has announced a ride in PEI on Oct 10/11<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting adjourned at 15:35

Minutes submitted April 18<sup>th</sup> by DL Cole

**Distance riding clinic**  
**Hidden Brook Farm, NB Held Sunday, March 22 2015**

Submitted by:

**Kathleen LeBlanc, junior judged pleasure rider and Habitat for Humanity volunteer**

This wonderful clinic was held at Hidden Brook Farm, a property just outside of Fredericton owned by Pam Allen-LeBlanc. Despite the blustery weather, we had an amazing turnout, with people eager to fill their minds with the ins and outs of distance riding. Among other things, we learned about ACTRA, the different types of competitive distance rides, and how to efficiently train for such an event with the hopes of improving both the horse and rider's performances.

By the end of the day, I think I speak for all the participants when I say our heads were completely full with new information provided by our wonderful teachers, Jean Bridges and Sue Hovey. Then we went outside and learned to present our horses to the judges and take pulse and respiration.

I believe that we'll be seeing many new faces at the distance rides this summer, as many of those who were at the clinic plan to participate in the sport. And several plan to attend the "follow up" training ride – where they will ride a small loop and be judged to see if they/and their horses are up for the task of longer rides and to determine what they need to work on. This ride will be held May 9 also at Hidden Brook Farm.

All proceeds from this event went toward one of our junior members' trip to Saskatchewan with Habitat for Humanity. Kathleen LeBlanc plans to travel with a group from her school to build an Elders Lodge in the Flying Dust First Nation community, with what will be the first partnership ever between first nations and Habitat for Humanity. Proceeds from the "training ride" May 9 will also go toward this wonderful cause.

Many thanks to the students who showed up and to our knowledgeable and talented teachers who donated both their time and gas to our cause.

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We had 22 people at the Hidden Brook Farm Clinic. Pam had more signed up, but it was another of those miserable days with blowing snow and not all could come. Pam's husband plowed their driveway four times to get us in and out, plus he made lemon squares for us.

Susan and I really enjoyed the group. We did the first part in the house and the last part in the indoor arena. We had lots of questions. Many are planning on taking part in the training ride on May 9<sup>th</sup>. It was rewarding for Susan and me to have such an enthusiastic group, especially on a cold windy day. A big thank you goes to Pam and her family for hosting the clinic. We already have 5 new members from her group. – Submitted by Jean Bridges

2015 Mud Run LD 30

See ACTRA calendar for more details: [www.atlanticriders.ca](http://www.atlanticriders.ca)

Registration cut-off date: Wednesday May 27

Send Entry & Waiver to Ride Secretary

Fax 902-633-2332 Attn: Carrilee

Or email [ernest.carrilee@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:ernest.carrilee@ns.sympatico.ca)

[Link to Ride Entry form](#)

[Link to Waiver form \(Assumption of Risk\)](#)

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ACTRA members with horses that have reached the 1000 or over milestone are asked to give a photo to Donna Munn or Jean Bridges.

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Sherry Brooks, her daughter and a few friends are renting a cabin at Broadleaf Ranch on July 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. They are bringing their own horses and the cabins sleep 8. Maybe other ACTRA members are interested in a fun ladies weekend to blaze the trails of Fundy. The cabins are \$150.00/night and a stall is \$10.00/day.

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Send submissions to [newsletter@atlanticriders.ca](mailto:newsletter@atlanticriders.ca)



Gus (On The Town) 2014 enjoying a beach ride.

Lucy Rudge wrote on FB Dec26/14:

"Condolences to Chester Gillan on the loss of his 26 year old Arabian gelding Gus (On The Town). Gus colicked a couple of weeks before Christmas. He was an ex race horse who loved to go down the trail FAST. Chester and Gus competed at ACTRA rides as well as endurance rides in Maine, Vermont and Ontario. They completed the Vermont 100 and the Pine Tree 100 endurance rides. Anyone who saw Gus going down the trail will never forget him. RIP Gus, you were one of the best."

Many expressed their condolences at the sad news, some of the comments included stories from those who knew him:

Frannie Croken put this pic of him riding on the beach in PEI this past summer, she wrote this in the comments: "I knew Gus in his last few years with his owner Kris. He was much loved by Chester and Kris and right up to his final days was still hitting the trails. What a plucky little Arab! I trailered Kris and Gus to the beach this summer and he was as pumped as ever to be out and about. He even went swimming. Condolences to Chester and Kris on the loss of such a wonderful mount. Here is a picture of Gus and Kris going down the beach on a gorgeous PEI day earlier this year."

Bev Elliott: Sorry to hear Chester. I was lucky enough to be part of his pit crew for the Vermont 100. Gus looked great at the end of it....Chester not so much!!

Karen Murray: Yes. I remember Gus well. That first adventure of getting Gus and Chester to their first competition in Amherst had some panic moments. It all turned out well, didn't it? Do you remember the Ride & Tie in Port Elgin where Gus and Chester galloped down to the girl on the runaway horse and became the hero of the day? I also think of the day of riding Gus on that track, Wow wind in my hair.

Russlyn Patriquin-Dyke: So sorry to hear of your loss Chester. Mura and I have fond memories of you and Gus on trail. The four of us had many great rides together. RIP Gus.

ACTRA Connections – pr@atlanticriders.ca

For those looking to connect with other ACTRA members, complete this form and send it in!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_

Province: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ 1. I have a horse, need a riding partner with a horse
- ☐ 2. I need a rider for my extra horse
- ☐ 3. I would like to ride your extra horse
- ☐ 4. I have a horse but no trailer, need a trailer ride
- ☐ 5. I have a horse trailer, can offer a trailer ride
- ☐ 6. I have a horse, need a pit crew
- ☐ 7. I am not riding, would like to pit crew

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Some pics from Facebook of the 10k Introductory Training Ride held at Hidden Brook Farm on May 9/15. You can view more pictures and read about how much fun they all had by going to ACTRA's and Hidden Brook Farm's Facebook pages. So lovely to see all these smiles!





**Congratulations to our very own ACTRA member, Kathleen Schaefer!!!**  
**Not only does this \$250.00 award make her feel special and help with her competition/training costs but it also brings wonderful attention to our sport – way to go, Kathleen!!**  
**We at ACTRA are all very proud of you and look forward to seeing you on the trails!!**

"The Nova Scotia Equestrian Federation is pleased to announce the winners of the 2015 Long Term Equestrian Development (LTED):

Antonia Chirop - English Discipline - Herring Cove

Kathleen Schaefer - Endurance/Competitive Trail - Cambridge

Danielle Semel - English -Dressage - Milford

Marjorie Simmins - Western - Halifax

The Nova Scotia Equestrian Federation (NSEF) is committed to supporting amateur athletic development. To help support Nova Scotia equestrians of all disciplines, the NSEF created the LTED Bursary Program. Up to four bursaries of \$250 are awarded annually to those active NSEF members who exemplify a commitment to skill development."

I was happy to find out that I will be this year's recipient for Endurance/Competitive Trail. This will be my first year competing as a senior rider, and the bursary will help me to achieve the goals I have set for my horse, Ali, and I.

I am really excited about the upcoming season, and I look forward to seeing everyone on the trails! :) - Kathleen Schaefer



Kathleen at 2015 Do it Again IDR in Stanley, NS - her first ride as a Senior Rider! Photo credit: Rachael Smith-Lake



A few May 16 Do It Again IDR pictures for you to enjoy, this was a fantastic start to the 2015 ride season! Placings were:  
 SrConditioning 1 Hoofprint, Irmgard Lipp, 2 Kindred Spirit, Shelley Schaefer, 3 Ace's Adagio Deanna Johnston, 4 MDA Zetex  
 Wish Delle Fairclough, 5 Precisement April Haliburton, 6 Adios Tiki Pam Rustige. Sr Trail Horse 1 PD Cat-a-Hoolah Betty Dwyer,  
 2 Maple Meadow Crown Jewel Janie Davies Morse, 3 Ice Capades RF Russlyn Patriquin-Dyke.







Sir George - ACTRA # 1 horse  
This photo was taken in fall of  
1996 at age 27, owner Nellie  
Garvey of Canning NS.



**Tentative 2015 Ride Schedule** See ACTRA calendar for more details: [www.atlanticriders.ca](http://www.atlanticriders.ca)

Date	Ride Name	Ride Type/length	Location	Details	Contact
May 30	Mud Run	LD 30 miles	Stanley, NS		Lucy Rudge
June 13	Glooscap	JP 20 miles	Parrsboro, NS		Bertha and Gary Harrison
June 14	Glooscap	JP 20 miles	Parrsboro, NS		Bertha and Gary Harrison
July 18	Red Solo Run I	JP 20 miles	Kingston Peninsula, NB		Jody Wiggins
July 19	Red Solo Run II	JP 20 miles	Kingston Peninsula, NB		Jody Wiggins
August 1	McDonalds Run	LD 25 miles END 50 miles	Wickham, NB		Jennifer and Adam McDonald
August 2	McDonalds Run	JP 15-20 miles	Wickham, NB		Jennifer and Adam McDonald
August 15	Ballahamish Rides I	CTR 30 miles IDR 17 miles	Hillgrove, NB		Pat Rideout and Jim Burns
August 16	Ballahamish Rides II	IDR 17 miles	Hillgrove, NB		Pat Rideout and Jim Burns
Sept. 5	Maple Ridge	JP 15 miles LD 25 miles END 50 miles	1 Centreville Rd. Pictou, NS	Vet-Dr.Megan Baird  Judge-Julie Fulton	Betty and Eric Dwyer 902-923-1921

Sept 19	North Mtn "Heritage" Ride	18 mile JP	Northville Farm Billtown, NS		Janie Morse
October 3	Kwagmyre Farm I	CTR	St.Stephen, NB		Susan Hovey 506-466-5144 cell 506-467-5164
October 4	Kwagmyre Farm I	IDR	St.Stephen, NB		Susan Hovey



**All Ride Managers love to have volunteers! There are jobs for all levels of experience, ability, confidence and time commitment.**

**There are always opportunities to learn!**

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## **ATLANTIC CANADA TRAIL RIDING ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP FORM**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ :

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ :

TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ :

\*JUNIOR OR OTHER RIDERS IN THE FAMILY\*

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ BIRTHDATE: \_\_\_\_\_ :

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ BIRTHDATE: \_\_\_\_\_ :

**I WISH TO REGISTER THE FOLLOWING MOUNT WITH ACTRA (LIFETIME MOUNT REGISTRATION FEE \$25)**

**REG NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **BARN NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ :

**BREED** \_\_\_\_\_ **AGE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **MARE GELDING STALLION (PLEASE CIRCLE)**

**BREED REGISTRY INFORMATION:** \_\_\_\_\_ :

MEMBERSHIP DUES: INDIVIDUAL \$20.00 - FAMILY \$30.00 - MOUNT REGISTRATION \$25.00

**PLEASE SEND MEMBERSHIP FORM OR FACSIMILE TO: Pam Rustige at [members@atlanticriders.ca](mailto:members@atlanticriders.ca)**

WOULD YOU PREFER YOUR NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL \_\_\_\_ OR BY MAIL \_\_\_\_?

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP DUES: \_\_\_\_\_ @\$20.00 OR \_\_\_\_\_ @\$30.00 OR/AND \_\_\_\_\_ @\$25.00

TOTAL FEES SUBMITTED = \_\_\_\_\_.