

News From the "Neigh"bourhood

June

July

July 3 - 14
Partnering with Camp Tamarack

July 17 - 24
Week 1 Summer Camp

July 24 - 28
Week 2 Summer Camp

July 28
Barton's Shoot for PARDS Stars

August

July 31 - August 4
Week 3 Summer Camp

August 7
Heritage Day - Office closed

August 8 - 11
Skills Camp

August 14 - 18
Week 4 Summer Camp

August 21 - 25
Week 5 Summer Camp

August 28 - 31
Adult Summer Camp

September

September 11
Therapeutic Lessons begin

September
Youth Leadership begins

September 16
Public Lessons begin

PARDS SUMMER CAMPS

Youth Day Camp

Week 1 July 17 - 21

Week 2 July 24 - 28

Week 3 July 31 - August 4

Week 4 August 14 - 18

Week 5 August 21 - 25

Adult Day Camp

August 28 - 31

Youth Skills Camp

August 8 - 11

Registrations now being accepted

Limited spaces

Forms available at www.pards.ca

~ Dates to Remember ~

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BARTONS
Shoot for
PARDS Stars

JULY 28, 2017
WAPITI SHOOTERS CLUB

SHOOT • BBQ • AUCTION • DINNER • RAFFLE

Tickets: \$125
*Includes Shoot +
Steak Sandwich Dinner
Shooters must supply their own
gun and ammo.*

Dinner Only: \$35

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
Helene at Bartons Big Country
(780) 539-5414
or
Jenn at PARDS
(780) 538-3211

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
REGISTRATION

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM
BBQ LUNCH
BY DONATION

1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
SHOOT
72 TARGETS & 12 STATIONS

5:30 PM
DINNER

6:30 PM
AUCTION




all event proceeds go to
the rescue & rehoming for
the disabled society.

We are very excited to announce that PARDS has partnered with Barton's Big Country for PARDS very 1st clay shoot fundraiser!

Teams can be up to 5 shooters and all skill levels are welcome. However, teams require 1 person with PAL for every 1 person without PAL, as they will need to be directly supervised by a person with PAL when they are in possession of a firearm. If you would like to attend, please complete the registration form for Barton's Shoot for PARDS Stars which is available at Barton's or at www.pards.ca under events.

If paying by cash, cheque or debit, registration forms are to be dropped off at Barton's.

If paying by credit card please email registration forms to community@pards.ca and you will be contacted via phone for payment.

A team is not considered registered until payment is processed.

If you have any further questions, please contact Helene, at Barton's at 780-539-5414 or Jenn Ash at 780-897-6341.

~ Rider Spotlight ~

Marilyn Walker



Marilyn has been riding at PARDS for 2 years. She began at PARDS volunteering and saw the benefits of Therapeutic riding while helping in lessons. Marilyn is a senior who has been diagnosed with arthritis. For Marilyn, riding relaxes her muscles and loosens up her hip joints which reduces pain. Riding as well, increases her core strength and builds muscle tone especially in her legs.

The horse Marilyn rides also has arthritis and together through exercise, Marilyn and Windsor work to lessen joint stiffness and have built a comradery and bond. Inactivity and idleness tends to increase pain and stiffness for Marilyn; so as well as lessons, Marilyn has been volunteering as a leader in lessons to be more active.

In Marilyn's lesson we begin with stretches at the walk, followed by work posting at a trot which benefits in strengthening legs, hips, back as well as increases posture and balance. Marilyn is an intermediate rider and has had lessons both in groups and privately.

Marilyn is a quick learner and her progression has been amazing. She is very concise and asks questions for better understanding to improve her horsemanship. Marilyn was hesitant when first beginning to ride as she was concerned about falling. In her first year she was hesitant to trot, but by the end of the first session she learned how to be in control of her horse and gained confidence in her abilities and began trotting. One day perhaps she may even canter.

She has developed finesse of hand and posture, learning about the subtleties of rein pressure and learning to use her legs to bend the horse correctly in turns.



As a team, Marilyn and Windsor have been competing in the Para Equestrian Video Competitions which are judged by Equine Canada judges. Marilyn and Molson competed in April and placed 3rd in the Coast to Coast dressage competition.

When you receive your marks from the judges you are given comments on your strengths and areas to develop further. Marilyn just recently competed again and we eagerly await the results.

Marilyn has set a new goal not in riding but in a new life journey and will be moving South to be closer to family. We thank her for her dedication to volunteering and her lessons here at PARDS and wish her all the best.

Abelone Peterson, PARDS Instructor



~ New Facility Update ~

Thank you to all the volunteers who have come out these past few weeks to help bring things together in our move to PARDS new facility. A lot of hard work has been happening to get stalls ready, water to the paddocks and sand in the arena. The horses have settled in nicely to their new home and Summer Camps begin at the new site in July and everyone is so excited. Thank you to all our Sponsors, Donors and volunteers for making this all happen!



A HUGE Thank-You to all of our project partners!



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~ Volunteer Opportunities ~



PARDS Summer Camps

Volunteers are needed as leaders and sidewalkers during our 5 weeks of camps (daytime availability required)

Part time available and appreciated

Please contact the PARDS office to sign up

~ Volunteer Spotlight ~

Kasandra Hudson



Kasandra has been volunteering at PARDS since 2014. She brings a wealth of knowledge with her from B.C. where she lived and volunteered at Maple Ridge Therapeutic Equestrian Centre.

Volunteering gives Kasandra something meaningful to do while getting out of the house to meet new people and spend time with horses. "Everyone is so friendly at PARDS. I like the physical aspect of keeping the stables tidy and I can be a horse addict" says Kasandra. Another interest of Kasandra's is art. She enjoys drawing, painting and sculpting and is a member of the Centre for creative Arts here in Grande Prairie.

Kasandra learned great horsemanship skills at Hastings Park Racetrack where she worked for some highly regarded horsemen and brings a high level of dedication and work ethic to her volunteer work here at PARDS.

She remembers a therapeutic rider from Maple Ride that inspired her to look for a therapeutic centre when she moved here to Grande Prairie. "I remember a sad little girl who was non-verbal but whenever she was on a horse, she would come alive, she would smile and have great attention for her lesson and instructor.

Kasandra has worn all the boots at PARDS and we all value and appreciate her highly. She has taught lessons when we needed a substitute in therapeutic and public lessons. She feeds, grooms, tacks, keeps the barn clean, can bandage and even catch loose horses! Kasandra is willing to help with whatever is needed and always with a meticulous effort to details.

Kasandra is dependable and comes regularly and is honest that she comes first for the horses and secondly for the riders which makes her a terrific fit in the barn. She enjoys the appreciation she gets from riders, instructors, staff and other volunteers.

Kasandra shared one of the highlights in volunteering is seeing the long term improvement and joy in the therapeutic riders she has gotten to know.



PARDS helps Kasandra be active doing something constructive, be in the moment, develop focus, lessen anxiety and help her with social skills and make friends.

We appreciate having Kasandra on our team and thank her for all she does.

PARDS Instructor, Abalone Petterson

~ Donor Spotlight ~

Northern Mat & Bridge (NMB) is Canada's largest temporary access solution company providing safe, environmentally friendly, cost-effective solutions for any industry with operations from British Columbia to Newfoundland. They are locally based, with their head office here in Grande Prairie and are very invested in the communities they serve; donating the use of mats to organizations. You will regularly see mats with their signature pink corners at events around town such as Peace Draft Horse Club for their Northern Spirit Light Show and the Grande Prairie Stompede. Four years ago, the local branch began hosting a clay shoot fundraiser to benefit local charities which has become a huge success seeing over 180 shooters annually and raising over \$400,000 to date for United Way, Kev's Kids, Grande Prairie Regional Hospital Foundation, Red Cross Fort McMurray Fire Relief and new this year...PARDS!

The NMB event team, led by Justin Nelson & Tannis Dobson put many hours into planning the charity shoot, which always has a fun and creative atmosphere from their "Shoot & Shuck" to "Pigeons & Perogies" themes. This year's "Pull'd Pork" Charity Shoot saw 130 shooters, a great burger lunch, beyond delicious pig roast supper, complete with cornbread & desert, exciting raffles & auctions, a unique comedy show and lots of good times!

Tannis has always been interested in PARDS programs and through a community awareness event in June 2016 both Tannis & Justin learned a lot more about PARDS programs and rider stories leading NMB to choose PARDS as a shoot beneficiary. NMB loves that PARDS is a local charity helping kids and the disabled, as well as what PARDS represents as a whole, *"support to reach your goals & inclusiveness where everyone is welcome"*. They will tell you the most interesting thing they have learned about the organization are the rider's stories and the amazing things the New Facility will do for the community.

NMB are extremely excited to be part of the New Facility and what it represents by sponsoring a pasture. So when you come out to visit the beautiful new facility make sure you stop by the Northern Mat & Bridge Pasture to say Hi to our hard working equine staff!

Justin & Tannis will tell you their most memorable moment working with PARDS are the clients and working with staff at the Pull'd Pork Shoot. They wish more people within the community had awareness of PARDS programs and the benefits our riders see in their lives. We had a delightful time working with them as well and look forward to many awareness creating adventures with them in the future!



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~Para-Equestrian Video Competition~

This April, 12 PARDS riders competed with others from across Canada in the Para-Equestrian Video Competition. Riders are judged, evaluated and given positive feedback on their skills and areas for further growth. We are so proud of our riders for taking on this exciting challenge!

About Para-Equestrian Sport

For individuals with a disability, Para-Equestrian Sport can provide riders with goals, improve or restore self-confidence and feelings of satisfaction as a result of acquiring the ability to work in partnership with their horse to achieve success. It can provide a sense of empowerment and the ability to acquire the knowledge, skills and enables riders , competing alongside their peers, to progress to high-level competitions such as the Paralympic Games or the World Equestrian Games. Challenges can be overcome and the experience is often rewarding. At the grassroots level, Para-Equestrian sport includes all equestrian disciplines practiced by individuals with a disability, which can range from western pleasure to jumping, to games. Para-Equestrian riders are judged on their riding skills and not their level of disability.

What are video competitions?

Video competitions provide riders of all levels and abilities with the opportunity to experience competition conditions in the comfort of their home stable and on a familiar horse. Riders are judged by Para-Equestrian judges against other similar riders across Canada.

Video competitions encourage riders to develop effective riding skills and provide riders with the opportunity to compete in a progressive and structured environment. Video competitions are a fantastic way to ensure that all riders across Canada, no matter how isolated, have the chance to compete. Competition is an integral part of athlete development and provides riders with new goals as well as a sense of empowerment and accomplishment.

To participate, riders simply have themselves recorded performing a specific test and upload it to the secure Equestrian Canada server, along with an online registration form and the appropriate entry fees.

Classlist	Place	Name	Coach	Rider centre
C2	1 st	Kamryn Bond	Robyn Boudreau	PARDS
C3	3 rd	Rochelle Driver	Robyn Boudreau	PARDS
C3	2 nd	Nicole Wasylchew	Anna Killitsen	PARDS
C3	1 st	Dakota Lynch	Abelone Peterson	PARDS
C9	68 %	Janelle Tucker	Sarah Gunter	PARDS
	2 nd			
C9	75%	Zayda Charles	Sarah Gunter	PARDS
C9	62%	Leah Post	Sarah Gunter	PARDS
	3 rd			
C9	69%	Marilyn Walker	Abelone Peterson	PARDS
C9	67%	Abbygaelle Breuls De Tiecken	Sarah Gunter	PARDS
	1 st			
C9	77%	Zachary Bienert	Robyn Boudreau	PARDS
C9	60%	Andrew Bienert	Robyn Boudreau	PARDS
	1 st			
C13	66%	Michelle Sandvold	Anna Kittilsen	PARDS

32nd Annual Fund Ride & Community Carnival

"Mane" Event Sponsor

You're at home here.



Horseshoe Sponsors



Great 'Neigh' bour



Hoofbeats & Heartprints



~ 32nd Annual FUND Ride & Community Carnival ~

Fun was had by all at this year's FUND Ride & Community Carnival, making the event in itself a success! A huge thank you to the participants, Sponsors, Donors and volunteers who, with their help, raised over \$50,000.00. With these funds PARDS is able to keep Therapeutic programs accessible and affordable to all Peace Area residents living with disabilities through program subsidies.

32nd Annual Fund Ride Sponsors

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~ 32nd Annual FUND Ride & Community Carnival ~

PARDS 32st Annual FUND Ride was a huge success, as fun was had by all!
We couldn't have done it without the amazing volunteers who gave hours of their time.
We thank you!



Thank you to the ROTARY CLUB of Grande Prairie
Barbeque Crew for providing an amazing pancake
breakfast and BBQ lunch

TRAIL SETUP

Mort Timanson– Captain
Darrell Sweetman
Gordon Frentz

TRAIL CHECKPOINTS

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Ian Brian Nock
Mike Cassidy
Dennis Bancesco
John Gilge
Lee Johnson
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All above are members of
the Peace Country
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~ Our Equine Partners ~

Risley



Risley is a Bay Quarter Horse X Morgan Gelding, and he stands a sturdy 14.1HH. Risley was born in 2000.

Risley started service in 2013, and he is sponsored by Risley Equipment.

Before he started at PARDS, Risley spent many summers trail riding in the mountains. In his early years he was used as a lesson pony.

A young rider with Congenital Dislocation of the hip may benefit from riding Risley; his broad back puts the rider in a riding position with their legs far apart, which reproduces the wide leg position of the brace. The gentle rocking motion of his walk can help strengthen muscles which stabilize the joint.



~ Just Horsin' Around ~



Q:

Which side of a horse has the most hair?

See below for answer

Can horses get sunburn?

Yes. Horses absolutely can get sunburn. They generally get it on their nose, and sometimes the lower legs, but only where they have white markings. The pink skin lacks melanin and is vulnerable (Grey horses have dark skin and are not particularly vulnerable.)

Just like in humans, repeated sunburn can increase the risk of skin cancer. Sunburn can be prevented with sunblock - there are special horse sun blocks available but a lot of people just use pediatric sunblock, which is cheaper.

If you would like to help our herd, donations of sunblock would be greatly appreciated.



A: the outside