



NS/NF Regional Pony Club Annual Report 2000



This has been a very busy year for the Nova Scotia/Newfoundland Regional Pony Club. Our members have enjoyed many impressive results and experiences over the past season.



We began our year with two regional quizzes. The first quiz, hosted by Eastern Shore was held in February and the second quiz was held in March, hosted by the Colchester Branch. Each quiz offered C, D and novice levels.

In February four representatives attended the Education and Testing Workshop in Winnipeg. This was followed up with an Examiner's clinic held in Wolfville in April. The morning was theory, held at Acadia University, and the afternoon was spent at Kingsridge, with demonstration riders.

The Regional Tetrathlon Championships, hosted by the Tantramar Pony Club, were held in May. Teams competed in running, shooting, riding and swimming.

In June over 50 people attended a Regional Show jumping ground clinic with Jen Hamilton. The morning was spent on theory and the afternoon was spent in the arena with demonstration riders.



NS/NF region was proud to have hosted the **Canadian Pony Club National Tetrathlon**. This event, which included competitors from all across Canada was held July 16 - 21. The competitors stayed at Kings Edgehill School and did the running and shooting phase there. The swimming was held at Acadia and the riding at Medford Meadows. Following the event 10 tetrathletes remained in NS to train and prepare for the International Tetrathlon in Ireland

Regional Rally, organized by Jennifer Healy and Julie Ansems, brought everyone to Medford Meadows to compete. This year we held a one day rally with teams setting up tack rooms in their horse trailers. This was a D and C level rally with Starter and Pretraining levels offered. A thank you goes out to Susan Marshall, the dressage judge, our many stable management judges and of course the Sarsfield's for the use of Medford Meadows.

A Pretest clinic for B/B2 was held in July and the testing was held in August. Congratulations to the successful candidates: B - Nikki Woolaver and B2 - Alison Johnson, Josh Buchanan, Sara Anderson and Jackie Allen. Congratulations also goes out to Jen Sarsfield who was successful in achieving her A level.

In August eight members of the Avon Pony Club attended the Millennium Conference and had a wonderful time. They felt the experience was very valuable and enjoyed taking part in the International quiz. This group did a lot of fundraising to make this happen.

Over 50 members met at the Central Nova Horse and Pony Association grounds in Truro in September for the Regional Pony Club Dressage and Show Jumping Championships, hosted by the Colchester Pony Club. In the Dressage division three dressage rings ensured that everyone had completed

two dressage tests by early afternoon. A thank you goes out to our dressage judges: Cheryl Cassista, Marylew Murray and Claire Reeves. In the Show Jumping Division each rider does the course twice with the second round timed as a jump off round. A thank you goes out to our jump jury: Debbie Roode and Gilbert Bartlett.

In September the Region held a Dressage is Fun Show. Each competitor competed in one level and then had the choice of a Kur, Costume Kur, a Pas de deux or a Quadrille. A small but enthusiastic group took part and plans are under way to repeat this event next year.

D Challenge, hosted by Avon Pony Club was unfortunately cancelled this year due to virus in a few of the stables.

Over the year individual branches held lectures, camps, tours, lessons, demonstration and clinics for their members. Representatives from each branch sit on the Regional Board, which met throughout the winter months. A regional fund raiser was held in the form of ticket sales for the opportunity to win one of three \$200 gift certificates from Apple Saddlery, Ted's Tack Shop, and The Red Sleigh Tack Shop. Two newsletters were published and are available on our regional website.

Congratulations goes out to Rachel Bedingfield from the Avon Pony Club who was chosen to represent Canada at the International Tetrathlon held in Ireland in August.

Although Pentathlon is not a part of the Pony Club program, the Tetrathlon is a good training ground. We congratulate Joseph Holownia, from the Tantramar Pony Club, for winning his division at the National Pentathlon Championships in BC. Joseph was also chosen to represent Canada at the Junior Pentathlon Championships held in Cuba. Four of the five team members were Pony Club members.

Elizabeth Crewe, a B2 member of Colchester Pony Club won the Todd Sandler Memorial Award and spent two weeks at Horse People Inc. In Ontario.

Our C team, Lauren Johnson, Mary Roop, James Hardy, and Susi Brown attended the Canadian Pony Club National Quiz competition in London, Ontario on Thanksgiving weekend and had a wonderful time. Thank you goes out to the organizers.

Megan White, a former Annapolis Pony Club member headed to Colorado this summer to train for the North American Young Riders Championships. Megan qualified but unfortunately her horse did not pass the vet check. Megan attended the competition as a groom for a rider from BC. Megan's plans include staying in Colorado to continue her training for next years competition. Megan was a member of the 1999 team representing Canada at the Interpacific in Colorado. Congratulations to Megan on receiving the George Jacobsen Award from the CEF for the year 2000.

The NS/NF Regional Pony Club was chosen as one of three finalist for Association of the Year and was presented with a runner up trophy at the Investor's Group Sport Nova Scotia Award luncheon in Halifax.

A thank you goes out to Apple Saddlery for supporting Pony Club. Apple Saddlery supplied prizes for all Regional Competitions in 2000 as well as the National Tetrathlon

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