



NS/NFLD Regional Pony Club Annual Report 2001



2001 was a busy year for our members and volunteers. Over the year we held six regional meetings and we sent representatives for Rally, Show Jumping, Dressage and Tetrathlon to the Disciplines Conference in February and our Communications Chair to the Communications Conference in Calgary. Fresh with new ideas and contacts from these conferences, we were able to introduce new activities and change some "old" ones.

Joy Brown, our Communications Chair, made a special effort to improve our communications. Two newsletters were mailed out to members, volunteers, examiners and advisors. These newsletters were also posted on the website. Joy has encouraged the use of the website as a source of information with the results of all our competitions, important dates, notices, write-ups and pictures being posted.

We began our year with two regional quizzes over the winter. The first quiz was hosted by Eastern Shore and the second quiz was hosted by the Opportunity Pony Club. Each quiz offered C, D and novice levels and the results were used to choose our team for the National Quiz in October. Our National Quiz team members were: Mary Roop - Avon Pony Club, Susi Brown and Nicole MacHattie - West Valley Pony Club and Robynne Murray of the Opportunity Pony Club. In the fall, the West Valley Pony Club hosted the first Fun Quiz where members from various clubs were scrambled on teams for a fun day of quiz activities.

Clinics - Regional clinics were held in Show Jumping with Shelly Bowen, PPG with Anthony Dennis and Confirmation and Unsoundness with Julia Foote. An examiner's clinic was also held in the spring and this was followed by a newsletter for Examiners. A pretest clinic for B level was held in July.

A Tetrathlon Run, Swim and Shoot clinic was hosted by Opportunity Pony Club in the fall and the Regional Tetrathlon Championships, hosted by the Tantramar Pony Club, was held in May. Teams competed in running, shooting, riding and swimming. Three of our members attended the National Tetrathlon Championships in BC: Inga Hansen, Jennifer Wilson and Erin Sloan - Tantramar Pony Club.

There were changes to Regional Rally this year with the C and D Rally being held separately. C Rally was held in conjunction with the Central Nova Horse Trials. Clubs entered teams of four and riders could compete in the Starter, Pretraining or Training division. There was no stable management component of this Rally. D Rally was held as a one-day event at Hobby Horse Farm in August with tack rooms set up in horse trailers and with a stable management component as part of the rally. Holding the D and C rally separately enabled the C level members to be captains, helpers and workers at the D Rally. This seemed to be a beneficial learning experience for the C levels and provided capable helpers and captains for the D level riders. In August we sent a team to the National Rally in Manitoba. Our team was made up of James Hardy, Avon PC; Jackie Allen, Annapolis PC; and Lauren Johnson, Colchester Pony Club.

In August the Dressage is Fun Show was held at the Central Nova Horse and Pony Association Grounds with some wonderful entries in the Kurs, Costume Kurs, Pas De deux and Quadrilles. The next day the Colchester Pony Club hosted the Regional Dressage and Stadium Jumping Championships.

August also brought testing. Congratulations to Lauren Johnson of Colchester Pony Club on achieving B level and to Amber Hancock of Annapolis Pony Club on achieving B2 level.

In September, the Opportunity Pony Club held an invitational Zone Show Jumping competition as part of their Open Horse Show. The Annual D Challenge, hosted by Avon Pony Club was held in October.

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.

A thank you goes out to Apple Saddlery for supporting Pony Club. Apple Saddlery supplied prizes for all Regional Competitions in 2001.



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