

Nova Scotia Regional Report 2003

Our region is very excited about our new name, Nova Scotia! 2003 has proven to be a very productive year, full of fun and plenty of riding. Our Rules & Regulations have been submitted to the Management Committee for final approval.

We are proud to announce that Emily Dexter is one of two Active Member Directors. Our membership is steadily growing with 206 members in 2003. We are pleased to welcome our newest branch, Hants County, which started in December. We have 9 branches.

Five regional meetings were held from September through April. The majority of meetings were held at the NSEF office in Halifax, a central location, which enabled a high attendance of the committee members.

Five delegates, Margie Johnson, Rally; Suzanne Perry, Show Jumping; Jackie Allen, PPG; Debbie Sloan, Tetrathlon and Emily Dexter, Youth Active Member, attended the Disciplines Conference Feb. 7th-9th in Winnipeg. I attended the AGM March 28th-30th, in Winnipeg and the SAM, Nov. 7th-9th, in Toronto.

The year began with C Quiz hosted by Avon PC in on Feb. 24th. Four branches/22 members attended. Colchester and Fairwind branches co-hosted a Novice/D quiz and C National Qualifier in Truro on March 22nd. Six branches/108 members participated. The NS Quiz team members, Emily Dexter, Kate Mattocks, Michelle Hood and Jessica Swinkels attended National Quiz in Charlottetown, PEI on Thanksgiving weekend. Brenda Swinkels acted as chaperone and reports a great time had by all. Congratulations to NB/PEI Region for hosting a superb quiz.

Tetrathlon Run, Shoot & Swim clinics were held April 26th, May 24th and Oct. 26th in Jolicure, NB. Two NS branches and one PEI/NB branch participated. Tantramar hosted the Regional Championships on June 28th, 29th. The venue was Stathgartney, Jolicure and Amherst, NS. Five competitors, Inga Hansen, Jenn Wilson, Laura Sloan, Anna Murray and Erin Sloan participated at the National Tetrathlon Competitions in Duncan, BC. Debbie Sloan attended as chaperone. Thank you to BC Islands for hosting a successful and fun championship. An article on the national championships is featured in the Atlantic Horse & Pony magazine and our December newsletter.

The Fourth Annual Dressage-Is-Fun was held at CNHP grounds in Salmon River on June 8th. Early June proved to be a popular time as 35 members attended. A clinic was held at CNHP the previous day. Elizabeth Crewe, Dressage Chair, organized both days. D Challenge was hosted by Avon Pony Club on October 18th.

Rally remains a very popular event. The D rally, starter level, was held July 13th at Hobby Horse with seven branches participating. This is a great stepping stone for our younger members to become familiar with cross country and the very important component of

stable management. Our experienced older members were available as Captains to offer guidance. Jennifer Healy, Rally Chair, organized the day. The C/B Regional Rally was held at the CNHP grounds in Salmon River and hosted by Colchester PC on August 2nd, 3rd. Starter and pre-training levels were offered and the teams were mixed to encourage participation and offer an opportunity for the inexperienced mount. Jackie Allen attended the IPE in Australia. Her experience was truly fabulous and was featured in the Atlantic Horse & Pony magazine and a local paper which helped to increase Pony Club awareness. Thank you to Jan Jamieson and Shannon Daley for your time, expertise and friendship.

The Regional Show jumping and Dressage Championships were cancelled due to the lack of entries. This was a lost opportunity for our members.

PPG is attempting to gain an interest among our younger members. Branches could request a clinic however there were no requests. A regional PPG clinic with Jenn Zelmer, scheduled for early fall, was cancelled. An article on PPG was printed in our 3rd newsletter. I hear that there is already interest for 2004 and we are confident that our members will get hooked.

The Regional Committee agreed that we attempt to carefully choose dates for regional activities which are favorable to a majority of members. The DCs agreed to discuss the importance of supporting PC activities with their members. We also agreed that each branch host/organize a regional activity. The discipline chairs are to be available as a resource.

An examiner's clinic was held May 3rd. In March, Rob Stevenson gave a lecture on Feeding and Conditioning to members, B level and above. Unfortunately due to the insurance issue lectures by Dr Tim Blatt on vaccinations and Dr. Tom Hutchinson on worming and Colin Guthrie on sport psychology of riding were cancelled.

This year we received a \$1,000 grant from the NS Amateur Sport fund for a dressage ring. Thank you to Tantramar Pony Club for designing and building the ring.

Four graduates, Laura MacEachern, Fairwind; Elizabeth Crewe, Colchester; Amber Hancock & Jackie Allen, Annapolis received graduation pins. Ten year pins were awarded to Elizabeth Crewe, Amber Hancock, Jackie Allen, Joseph Holowinia, Tantramar; Lauren Johnson, Colchester; and Lindsay Steele, Annapolis.

Results of our former and current competitions can be found in our Virtual Trophy Case on the CPC website. Margie Johnson, Communications Chair, issued three wonderful newsy newsletters. These newsletters are enjoyed by our members and especially reading about the experiences of our members who attend national events. The newsletters are posted on the website.

Nova Scotia Region would like to thank National for their continued support. We also appreciate Apple Saddlery for their continued generosity. Our sponsors for the Regional

Fund Raiser Ticket Draw are Ted's Tack Shop, Apple Saddlery and Swagman's Tack Store.

As I end my term as Regional Chair, I would like to thank all the members of the Regional Committee and volunteers who dedicate their time and continued support to ensure our members have the opportunity to continue to learn and develop character and sportsmanship as young riders. My personal thanks go to Val and Phil Crowe. I am always amazed to receive such speedy replies any time of the day and any day of the week.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Allen
NS Regional Chair, 2003