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ANNAPOLIS PONY CLUB EXECUTIVE 2004/05

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Membership and Activity Update:

This year we had 28 members. Our riding lesson program ran from mid June until the end of August/mid September and were held at Clayhill Farm in Sheffield Mills under the direction of Julia Young and at John & Jill Gerrits farm with Sue Fraser.

Stable Management Classes were held January through April 2004 every second Saturday morning. 18 Ds and Cs and one B written test were held in May and were successfully completed by all members.

Sixteen club members and several chaperones traveled to Truro this March and attended Opportunity pony clubs first **badge weekend**. Many of our pony clubbers worked on running, swimming and shooting for their tetrathlon badges and a variety of horse craft activities for their handy horseman badge. The members reported a great fun weekend due, in major part, to the hospitality of the host clubs billeting families.

Eight members attended **Quiz** in Tantramar on May 1. Some even stayed overnight and attended the **Tetrathlon** clinic the next day.

June 6 2004 **Clayhill Farm Dressage Show**; A very enthusiastic group of 20 or so riders took part in this event. There were 5 levels of individual dressage, two levels of trail dressage, as well as Pas de deux, Quadrille and Freestyle categories.

Our **summer camp** was held the first week of July. Nineteen campers plus chaperones lived with their horses 24/7 at the pony club barn (Clayhill Farm). Reports include fabulous and plentiful food, great riding lessons, a wonderful swimming, cottage barbecue midweek and great bonding for club members. The one big complaint involved the very early morning visitation of one noisy rooster

We sent two teams to the first Nova Scotia Regional **Prince Philip Games** in July. Our “A Level” team consisting of Sydney Goodfellow, Brittany Parker, Dezaray Balcom-Winkelman, Clarie MacDougall and Damita Hansen placed 1st and brought home the **PPG Championship Cup** and our “B Level” team consisting of Kori Lightfoot, Rebecca Ongó, Luta Hansen, Jillian Hatcher and Heather Doran placed second in their division. Our club owes a big thank you to our PPG sponsors – Home Hardware provided us with various tools & props used in training exercises and ACA Co-Op Country Store provided our two teams with beautiful club saddle pads. Framed photos of our Championship Cup winning team were presented as thank yous to both of our sponsors.

The **Regional C Rally** was held in conjunction with the Central Nova Horse Trials event and our team of Kelly Gillespie, Jessica Best, Ariel Roy-Sutherland and Jennifer MacIntyre placed 3rd. Rally placings saw Ariel in 2nd Starter, Kelly Gillespie 3rd and Jessica Best 4th in Pre-Training.

A lot of work in August went into hosting **D Rally** at Hobby Horse Farm , a first for our club. Five teams participated; the weather and site were fabulous and we hope all in attendance enjoyed the day. The Annapolis team of Nicole Harvie, Rachel Lightfoot, Rachele Foote and Dezaray Balcom-Winkelman, with helpers Claire MacDougall and Kori Lightfoot and tag-team captains of Kelly Gillespie and Cree Taylor, placed 1st in Stable Management, 2nd in Riding and 2nd overall with a mere 3 points behind the 1st place team. Individual riding accomplishments had Nicole in 2nd and Rachel Lightfoot in 5th place in a field of 19 riders. Kori took Top Helper for the day as well!

The C/D Pony Club Testing was held on two separate days at Clayhill Farm. The C Test was held on August 26th. Jessica Best and Cree Taylor achieved their C1 designation. Nicole Harvie successfully completed her C level. D Testing was held on September 18th. Sarah Swetnam and Emma Foote received their D; Luta Hansen, Brittany Parker, Heather Doran, Kori Lightfoot and Rebecca Ongó, received their D1; and Rachel Lightfoot, Rachele Foote and Laura Davidson received their D2 designations. Congratulations everyone! Ariel Roy-Sutherland was also successful in her written portion of her **B level** which she wrote on May 8th.

D Challenge was held in Windsor on October 24th with two full teams participating. “Annapolis 1” consisted of Jillian Hatcher, Claire MacDougall, Brittany Parker and

Damita Hansen placed 6th overall. "Annapolis 2" consisting of Luta Hansen, Heather Doran, Rebecca Ongco, and Emma Foote place 3rd overall. Heather Doran placed 1st in Individual Dressage for D1s.

Fundraising activities for this season included providing canteen services for the D Rally and the Hobby Horse event. Our club was invited to participate in the Scotian Gold Fun Day which was held in conjunction with Apple Blossom weekend. Our members helped to run the various activities associated with this event. Proceeds from the day were split with our club and one other group who were also present that day. As this was Annapolis's 40th anniversary year, we held an Anniversary Dance at the beginning of October. We had a 50/50 draw and silent auction at this event as well. Due to the successes of our fundraising activities over the past couple of years, our club is in very good financial standing which allows us to continue to keep our fees low and to subsidize our lesson program and summer camp in the summer. We are also able to provide stable management lessons throughout the winter season at no charge to our members.

Attending the Regional AGM on November 27th will mark the end of my term as District Commissioner for Annapolis. My time in this position, although a very busy one, has also been very rewarding. There is no more surefire way to learn the ropes in the Pony Club world than to be involved in the organization at both the branch and regional level. I would like to thank the Regional Board and Judy Allen and Pam Graves, in particular, for their guidance through all of the learning experiences which our club has had over the last couple of years as we became more involved in hosting various Regional events. We have a very enthusiastic group of members and parents who, I am sure, will continue their commitment to be involved in these activities.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Harvie