

## **Avon Pony Club B Branch Annual Report 2004**

The past year in comparison to many others has been a busy one for all. Each year we try to get our members engaged in as many activities as we can, there seems to be such a variety of things going on that it has been hard to choose for many as to what they want to attend. We start our year with lectures and lessons from January until April, which is our legging up time, getting not only the horses in shape but the riders too (not to mention the parents in the cold barn!). We held five training shows and two EC shows during the 2004 year, all very successful and thanks to all that participated. The annual summer camp was held also which was a big success as we had instruction taking place during the day and the evening, thanks to Jane and Meg. After summer camp was held we entered our testing period where we had a number of kids tested and all went very well. Its unfortunate the weather created havoc for our late fall testing session but we will catch up with that in the spring of next year.

We also attended the C Rally this year which was a great time all the kids enjoying it very much. Michelle Hood, Tara Hood, Kaleigh Everett, and Tricia Sanford all competed on the team for Avon.

As many of you know we also hosted the D Challenge and had a great turnout. The day went very well and I believe all the kids walked away with ribbons and something special to remember the event by. We also hosted the Jen Hamilton clinics which like every year in the past were exceptional. We thank Jen for taking time out of her busy schedule to put these clinics on for the clubs.

On a special note as many of you know Sarah Giovanetti successfully passed her A, as it has been a very long time since an A has graduated from the ranks of our club we want to congratulate her on this achievement. Sarah as many of you know is Alison=s daughter, formerly the DC of the Avon Pony Club.

Each year we have our annual branch meeting where we discuss a number of things and the one thing that was mentioned that there are a group of volunteers in every pony club who make an extra special contribution in respect to their time. We want to thank those individuals who make the club what it is. On another special note many of you know Jane Abbott is our chief instructor and has done an incredible job with spear heading the lectures and lessons for the entire year, Jane has worked along with Meg Thomas to ensure the members receive the training they require.

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