

# TANTRAMAR PONY CLUB ANNUAL ACTIVITIES REPORT

The executive for the Tantramar Pony Club for 2004 was as follows:

DC	Lori Hall
Assistant DC	Margaret Wheaton
Secretary	Gay Hansen
Treasurer	Karin Aurell
Testing Representative	Betty Donaldson
Board Members	Debbie Sloan
	Lisette Bonin
	Carla Middleburg

Our Branch consisted of 17 members: Jenn Wilson, Ana Murray, Keltie MacDonald, Inga Hansen, Joseph Holownia Julian Holownia, Erin Sloan, Laura Sloan, Jackie Johnson, Jordanne Goodwin, Megan Sears, Courtney Watson, Rebecka Aurell, Michelle Bonin, Stephanie Bonin, Liam Hollett, and Daniel Aurell.

Our Branch participated in a number of Branch, Regional and National activities.

Four of our members attended the Badge Weekend March 13/14 hosted by Opportunity Pony Club. Jackie, Michelle, Stephanie and Rebecka attended and had a great time. Gay, Inga, and Erin ran a tetrathlon clinic at the Badge Weekend.

On March 27, Lisette drove Stephanie and Jackie to the D/C Quiz at West Valley. The girls scrambled with Fairwind and placed 2<sup>nd</sup>.

On June 6, Bonnie Goodwin trailered 4 horses to the Dressage is Fun Show. Jackie, Jordanne, Rebecka and Courtney attended. Jordanne placed 4<sup>th</sup> in her class.

On July 18, five of our members, Inga, Keltie, Ana, Laura and Erin, attended the ABC Rally. The team of Laura, Keltie, Ana and Inga placed 2<sup>nd</sup>. Inga was awarded the Donald Grant Trophy for high point and Keltie won the Best Condition Award.

On October 24, three members traveled to Windsor for the D Challenge, Rebecka, Michelle and Megan. The girls did well in their classes.

## **STABLE MANAGEMENT**

Sessions for the D members were held at the Hansen-Holownia farm every second week throughout the winter. The children worked on various badges. The C members stable management sessions were held every second week throughout the winter. Thanks to Gay for taking on the sessions for both groups.

## **FUNDRAISING**

Our Spring Show was our only fundraiser held May 23, 2004 at the Port Elgin Exhibition Grounds. It was a great success with 47 horses and ponies participating.

## **CAMP**

Our four day camp at the Port Elgin Exhibition Grounds was held June 29- July 2. Thirteen of our members attended with three other pony club members joining us. Alex Beaton was the instructor for camp. On Wednesday, we went swimming and on July 2 we went to Strathgartney for a cross country lesson. Alex also instructed the members in stable management. Also during camp our members gave the ring a much needed painting. Thanks to Neville for getting the paint for us.

### **30<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

This year is Tantramar Pony Club's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary, so to celebrate we invited past DC's and founding members to join us for cake, July 1 at 4.30. Around twenty-one people attended and pictures were taken of people in attendance including our campers. Badge banners were also handed out.

### **RIDING LESSONS**

In July, Inga taught lessons twice a week at the Hansen-Holownia farm to Megan, Stephanie, Michelle and Liam. In August, Ana and Erin taught lessons to the above children.

### **TESTING**

The D and C candidates wrote their written tests at Betty Donaldson's on April 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. Practical tests were held at the Port Elgin Exhibition Grounds July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2004. Testers were Julia Young and Sara McLellan. Rebecka passed her D1, Stephanie passed her D2, and Laura passed her C2. We had two B level candidates write in May and practical tests were conducted in August. Erin and Ana both passed the stable management part of the test.

### **TETRATHLON**

Debbie and Gay organized a tetrathlon clinic May 2 with 30 participants from 5 Branches. They also organized the Regional Tetrathlon Championships June 26/27. National Tetrathlon Championships were held August 1-6 in Truro, NS. The team of Jenn, Inga, Laura and Tiffany Blaauwendrat placed 1<sup>st</sup>. The team with Keltie and three other girls from BC, Alberta, and NS came 9<sup>th</sup>.

### **REGIONAL TICKETS**

We sold 2 books per member. I would like to thank everyone for returning the tickets by June 29.

At the end of my second year as District Commissioner, I would like to thank everyone involved with Tantramar Pony Club for helping me during my term. I would like to say a special thank you to the board members – Gay, Debbie, Karin, Margaret, Carla, Lisette and especially Betty for all their hard work. I would also like to thank you for letting me work with such a wonderful group of people.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lori Hall