

Colchester Pony Club Annual Report 2005

Registration was held on Nov. 21, 2004. We had 20 members registered for 2005, seventeen returning members and three new members.

Our AGM was held on Nov. 26, 2004 at Knox United Church Hall in Brookfield, NS. Our new executive was elected: Janet Geldart, DC, Norman Paupin, Assistant DC, Shawnn Webb, Secretary, Stacey Paupin, Treasurer, Debbie Leslie, Test Rep, Ann Hamilton, D Rep, Cathy Johnson, C Rep, Patty Annand & Cathy Johnson, Communications, and Vicky Baines, Fundraising. Our Christmas Party was held at the Hamilton farm in Onslow. A horse drawn wagon ride through the woods to the camp with hot chocolate and snacks was enjoyed by 32 members and their families.

We began our stable management lectures in January 2005 and continued with the first three Friday nights of January, February & March. Our lecturers this year were D & D1 level: Shirley Lacourciere, D2 level: Jessica Swinkels, Laura MacEachern; C level: Amanda Leslie, Katie Gloade, C1 level: Lauren Johnson, Elizabeth Crewe and Nicole MacHattie were our lecturers for 2005. In addition barn lectures were held at Bello Crest Farm, Onslow Mountain and Horseplay Stables in Brookfield.

The badges completed by our members in 2005 included: Blankets & Bandaging, Equine Publisher, Bookworm, Barn Safety, I Love My Horse and Farrier badge.

Fundraising events for 2005 included: a wreath and Christmas tree sale, the sale of sewing kits and our primary circuit hunter show.

Colchester Pony Club sent teams to three Regional Quizzes in 2005. A team went to the Novice/D quiz hosted by Tantramar Pony Club in November 2004, one team attended the ABC Quiz hosted by Fairwind Pony Club in March and three Colchester teams competed at the D quiz hosted by our club in May. We had two members qualify for National Quiz at the ABC quiz in Antigonish. Kate Mattocks and Crystal Weatherbee both attended the National Quiz in Ottawa on Thanksgiving weekend. Kathy Mattocks chaperoned team Nova Scotia. A great weekend was enjoyed by all three ladies. Colchester hosted a Novice / D Level Quiz on April 9 in Truro. 77 pony clubbers from across Nova Scotia attended and enjoyed the day.

On May 6 we held a review night and written tests were done on May 13th. On May 14 a few of our members and parents traveled to the Atlantic Dressage Development Centre in Mount Uniacke and Rolling Hills Stable in Coldbrook for

a tour. Everyone enjoyed the day and were very excited to view these new and modern stables.

A PPG Conditioning Seminar with Jackie Allen was attended by three of our members in Windsor. This was a very informative seminar and Jackie did a wonderful job explaining the proper conditioning techniques of ponies and horses.

On June 18 we hosted a Primary Circuit Hunter Show at CNHP in Salmon River. This was our major fundraiser for the year so everyone chipped in and helped make it a success. It was well attended and we received many compliments on a job well done.

A few members of our club attended the Cross Country clinic with Andy Wadowski at CNHP in late June as preparation for pony club rallies.

On July 9 two members traveled to Hobby Horse Farm in Kentville for the D Rally Clinic. They received cross country instruction with Alex Beaton and had a chance to ride their dressage tests in the outdoor ring. They returned home to prepare for our camp which was held July 11 -14. We had 17 members attend camp with instruction from Danica Cooke for show jumping, Jill MacPhee, dressage and Andy Wadowski, cross country. The week was packed with lessons, stable management lectures and a stable management competition. On Friday, July 15 we had eleven girls do the riding and oral parts of their tests.

We sent one team of seven girls to the Regional ABC Rally on July 18 – 20 in Salmon River and one team of seven girls to the D Rally in Kentville on July 31. Everyone worked hard and learned lots!!

On August 6 a team of four girls and ponies participated in the Regional PPG Cup in Salmon River. The girls had a wonderful, fun day. They also had a chance to try a small TREK course in the afternoon.

On September 25, 2005 a second oral and riding testing was held in Salmon River. We had one candidate for D2 and one for C2 levels.

Our year ended on October 30, 2005 with a pot luck supper at the Geldart home in Debert. Year end certificates and badges were awarded.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Geldart, DC
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