

EASTERN SHORE PONY CLUB
ANNUAL BRANCH REPORT
November 26, 2005

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

ESPC had a membership of fourteen for 2005-2006. The majority of the girls were E/D or D1 with only three members C or above. Just under 50% of the membership relied on school horses out of Anne Merritt's stable for ridden activities. The rest of the girls either owned or part-leased their horses.

Education activities for the year included:

- A field trip to the Atlantic Dressage Development Centre (Mt. Uniacke) in February, where members audited several advanced dressage riders taking a clinic from a well known Dutch clinician. They also were given an equine massage therapy demo/lecture by Christa Veinotte.
- A series of four lectures (January through March) were given by the C-C2 level members for the D level members. Topics covered grooming, feeding, colors and conformation, conditioning and tack.
- Local blacksmith Wheldon Conrad gave a lecture to all members (though it was more of a C and above lecture) on shoeing and the foot in April.

Team competition participation included:

- D Quiz held in Truro was attended by two teams from our club (March)
- ABC Rally (July) saw one member (C2) scramble with Hants. Co. for a truly memorable three day rally.
- D-Day (October) was attended by one full team of four D1 riders and one D.

Ridden clinics:

- Monthly clinics given by Sheila Pickrell (Level 2 Coach) at Windcrest Stable
- Jen Hamilton jumping clinic in June, at Windcrest Stable.
- Pam LeDrew dressage clinic in May at Windcrest Stable.

Summer Camp 2005:

- August 16 – 19 at Hobby Horse Farm in Coldbrook. Alex Beaton was camp coach. 12 members and 10 horses attended. Members stayed in the main house this year (what a treat!).
- Lectures on bandaging and braiding given by Alex Beaton and Kerri MacDonald, respectively.
- Stable Management was a focus this year, with a demerit system of scoring. A senior member was the coordinator of the stable management and awards were given at the end of camp for stable management only.

Testing 2005:

- Eleven members tested (all with their home club). Written test was held on Sept 1/05.
- Pre-Test Clinic given by Pam Graves on Aug 31/05 to review horsemastership for D/D1 candidates and D2/C1 candidates pre-assessed for riding as well as horsemastership.
- Practical test held Oct 1/05. All eleven members were successful. Testers included Julia Young, Anne Irwin and Clare Reeves.
- We had one B candidate who was successful with her written test and stable management phase. Unfortunately, she did not achieve the riding phase.

Other:

- ESPC members were invited to staff the Kubota Cup booth at the Maritime Fall Fair in October. Most members took advantage of the opportunity to meet Ian Millar the Fall Fair press conference preceding the event.

Fundraising events included:

- Bagging groceries in February at the Atlantic Superstore in Porters Lake. Despite a snowstorm the club made over \$300.00.
- A July BBQ for Dartmouth Dodge earned the club \$400.00.
- Manning the Kubota Cup Booth at the Maritime Fall Fair earned the club a pledge of a large donation to ESPC (amount to be announced).

Annual General Meeting was held November 20 at St. Therese Community Centre in Grand Desert.

Report respectfully submitted by,

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