

Fairwind Pony Club – 2005 Annual Branch Report

Fairwind has been busy throughout 2005. Lectures were held January – June with a break in summer, resuming in November. Topics included equipment, fitness for you and your horse, bandaging, poisonous plants, and pony club goals. An equine vet was guest lecturer in April. A visit to West River Stock Farm gave members an opportunity to work on their Harnessing badge. The Farrier and Shoeing badge will be complete when the shoe board is presented.

All of our pony clubbers and families have been busy with fundraising. A bottle drive and grocery bagging at Superstore were our main money-makers so far. The AB/C quiz our club hosted March 19, was a great success. The day went well and thanks to all those who attended and helped out. Two teams from Fairwind traveled to the DQuiz hosted by Colchester in April. Many of our members attended the May Clinic at Fairwind Farm Equestrian Center (a great way to get horse and rider ready for the new season). In June many of the members went as a group to the RCMP Musical Ride in Halifax. The summer months were busy with horse shows on the eastern end of the province and our club sent a group to AB/C Rally in July to help on the cross country course (jump judge and flags). It was a good opportunity for some younger members to see how a three day rally proceeds. This was followed by a cross country clinic at Fairwind Farm, in preparation for D Rally. D Rally the end of July was a challenging but enjoyable weekend and thanks to Annapolis for hosting.

The CPC tests were written in May with the mounted part of testing done in mid-August. We had one C2, three C's and two D2's test successfully. A clinic was held at FFEC September 17-18, followed by our PC show September 25. Caitlin Swinkels represented FPC as a member of the NSPC National Quiz Team in Ottawa this October.

We are pleased to report on the continued good progress of both Jessica and Neeko after their riding accident this summer. Jessica has been re-elected to serve as youth representative for our club's 2006 season.

October 16th was information and sign-up meeting with pot luck and social following. On November 6th lectures resumed for the new season. A Christmas party is planned for December 11th at Fairwind Farm with a bowling party in early January.

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