

Tantramar Pony Club Annual Report 2005

Our branch consisted of 10 members, Ana Murray, Keltie MacDonald, Inga Hansen, Theo Holownia, Erin Sloan, Laura Sloan, Megan Sears, Rebecka Aurell, Michelle Bonin, Stephanie Bonin.

Our Branch participated in a number of Branch, Regional and National Activities. Over the Christmas holidays (Dec. 2004), seven members attended a two day camp at Burnside Farm. On April 9, some of our members attended the Colchester D quiz. On May 7, four children attended the quiz held by Charlottetown. Michelle, Rebecka, Stephanie and Megan placed 4th. At the ABC rally on July 18 to 20, our team consisting of riders Laura, Ana, and one member from Charlottetown, with Megan and Stephanie attending as grooms. The Tantramar team placed 1st in stable management and 2nd in riding. On July 9, two of our members attended the D Rally Clinic at Hobby Horse farm.

Stable management: sessions for the D members were held at the Hansen-Holownia Farm every second week throughout the winter. The children also worked on various badges. Thanks to Gay for taking on the sessions.

Fundraising: Our Spring Horse Show was our only fundraiser, held May 29 at the Port Elgin Raceway. We had a successful day with 42 entries.

Camp: Our 4 day camp at the Port Elgin Raceway was held June 30 to July 1 with coach Alex Beaton. Eight Tantramar members attended, 3 members from PEI and 3 members from Opportunity Pony Club. On the evening of June 30, the group went swimming and on July 1, we went to the Strathgartney Horse Park to school over the cross country course.

Lessons: Anne Newman gave riding lessons each week to our members throughout the summer.

Testing: D and C candidates wrote their tests at Betty Donaldson's on May 20. The candidates were not ready for practical tests in August so the testing was cancelled.

Tetrathlon: Four of our members (Ana, Michelle, Laura, Stephanie) attended the NS Regional Tetrathlon Championship in June. In August, four of our members attended the National Tetrathlon Championship in Calgary Alberta. For senior women, Laura placed 1st in riding; Erin placed 2nd in the ride, 3rd in the shoot, 7th in the run and 6th overall; Ana placed 8th in the shoot, 2nd in the run, 4th in the ride and 7th overall. Stephanie placed 8th in the shoot for junior women.

Regional tickets: We sold 2 books per member. I would like to thank everyone for returning their tickets on time!

At the end of my third and final year as District Commissioner, I would like to thank everyone involved with Tantramar Pony Club for helping me during my term. It certainly made my job a lot easier.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Hall, DC