

Avon Pony Club Annual Branch Report 2006

Our branch has been very busy with 44 registered members. We started off with a full slate of stable management lectures; we added some special guest lectures: Jill Barker, Alex Beaton, and Dr. Paul Johnson to name a few.

March & April we prepared an early written and practical testing for the D & D1 levels. March break camp was very cold but well attended. Avon participated in the Regional quizzes and Michelle Hood qualified for the NS team for National Quiz. Congratulations Michelle!

We then hosted our annual Jen Hamilton clinics and club participation was great. The April Mega Training Show was a huge success and that brought us into June and July, our busiest months, with hosting two EC shows, a week-long summer camp, two days of practical testing for D2's thru C2's and then we went right off to ABC rally.

ABC rally this year - Avon sent two teams and we had a great time in Salmon River, NS.

Avon did a little experiment this summer; we applied for and were successful in receiving a work grant for a student instructor. Thank you to Sara Giovannetti for a great summer camp, rally preparation and lesson program. We will definitely apply for this grant again next year!

We tried PPG clinics with Jackie Allen, Tetrathlon with Traci Curry and various other ventures this year with great success and plan trying those regional events again next year.

The fall brought us great success for the NS Quiz team and Avon's Michelle Hood placing 4th in Saskatoon- Job well done team!

D challenge went off on Oct 22nd without a hitch and was very well attended with a total of eight teams competing.

November finds us at an annual meeting and registration we anticipate a return of 36 members. Our stable management and riding lesson schedule began again in the PC barn Nov 10th.

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