

## Colchester Pony Club Annual Report 2006

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Registration was held on Oct. 30, 2005. We had 14 members registered for 2006, eleven returning members and three new members.

Our Annual General Meeting was held on November 14, 2005 at Janet Geldart's residence in Debert, NS. Our new executive was elected: Janet Geldart, DC, Norman Paupin, Assistant DC, Tammy Devlin, Secretary, Stacey Paupin, Treasurer & Fundraising, Debra Martin, Test Rep, and Patty Annand Communications.

Our Christmas party was held on December 9, 2005 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 members and their families.

We started off the new year with stable management lectures on the first three Friday nights in January and February and the first two Friday nights in March. Our lecturers this year were D, D1 & D2 level: Crystal Weatherbee and Amanda Johnson; C Level: Laura MacEachern; C1 level: Lauren Johnson, Katie Gloade and Nicole MacHattie. In addition to these lectures a barn lecture on bandaging & first aid was held at Horseplay Stables in Brookfield.

Fundraising events for 2006 included: a Christmas wreath sale in November, a cheese sale in the spring and our Primary Circuit Hunter Show in June.

Colchester Pony Club sent teams to three Regional Quizzes in 2006. Two teams went to the D Quiz hosted by Fairwind Pony Club in Antigonish in March, one team attended our quiz in Brookfield in April and two teams attended the D/C quiz in Middleton hosted by West Valley in May.

Colchester Pony Club hosted a Regional C Quiz on April 8 in Brookfield. This quiz was also a qualifier for national quiz.

On May 5 we held a review night and the written tests were done on May 12. Thirteen members completed written tests.

On June 17, 2006 we hosted our Primary Circuit Hunter Show at Central Nova Horse & Pony Grounds in Salmon River. This was our major fundraiser for the year and was a huge success.

Our summer camp began on July 9 with the horses moving in and tack rooms and rings prepared. Lessons started on Monday, July 10. Our instructors for 2006 were: Danica Ellis – Show Jumping; Jill MacPhee – Dressage and Andy Wadowski – Cross

Country. The week was packed with lessons, lectures and a stable management competition. The girls completed their Equine Arts & Crafts badge by making lap blankets during the week. On Thursday our cross country day with Andy had to be cancelled because of heavy rain so the day was spent preparing for testing the next day. On Friday, July 14 we had 10 girls do the riding & stable management portion of their tests.

On August 9 we had four members participate in a cross country clinic with Andy Wadowski.

On September 9 our club hosted a regional D Challenge at Central Nova Horse & Pony Grounds in Salmon River. This was open to D / D1 level pony club members from Nova Scotia. We had four teams participate. Two from Opportunity, one team from Eastern Shore and one team from Evangeline Pony Club. The weather was great and everyone had lots of fun.

Our year ended on November 11, 2006 with a pot luck supper at the Geldart home in Debert. Year end certificates and badges were awarded.

Respectfully submitted,  
Janet Geldart, DC  
Colchester Pony Club