

## **EASTERN SHORE PONY CLUB ANNUAL REPORT 2006**

Eastern Shore Pony Club (ESPC) had a membership of seventeen for 2006. The majority of the girls were E through to D2 level with only two members C or above. Just fewer than 50% of the membership relied on school horses out of Windcrest stable for riding activities. The rest of the members either owned or part-leased horses.

A series of Lectures were held throughout the winter months. We had two groups of students, a junior and a senior group based on testing levels. We had Ann Irwin and Kaleigh Brinkhurst assist with the lectures at Windcrest Stables. We also had two of our C1's in the club present a few lectures. Some of our members attended lectures with Avon PC in Windsor as well.

The topics covered in entirety included:

- Saddlery
- Conditioning
- Feeding
- Vet and 1<sup>st</sup> Aid
- Barn Management
- Foot and Grooming
- General Knowledge-Breeds, Colours, Markings
- Farrier
- Loading and Shipping
- Blankets and Rugs
- Teeth and Conformation

### **Riding clinics:**

Regular clinics given by Sheila Pickrell (Level 2 Coach) at Windcrest Stables. A mini camp/clinic series was held on March Break at Windcrest Stables with coach Sheila Pickrell. Jen Hamilton jumping clinic was held in June at Windcrest Stables. Alex Beaton Dressage and lungeing clinic was held at Windcrest Stables in April.

Fund Raiser Clinic (Sept) in Truro with Susan Fraser was attended by one member

Team competition participation included:

- D Quiz held in Antigonish was attended by a team from our club
- D-Rally (August) was attended by a full team. 4-Riders a Captain and 2 Helpers

- D-Day (August) was attended by one full team of D and D1 riders

Summer camp was held July 18-21 at Killeavy Stables in Wilmot. Alex Beaton was camp coach. 13 members and 8 horses attended. We camped at the Whites Motel and Cottages staying in a combination of tents, trailers and cottages.

Lectures on bandaging and braiding given by Alex Beaton and Carrie MacDonald, respectively. Dressage and Cross Country was the theme of the week.

A Pre-Test Clinic was given by Pam Graves on Aug 23/06 to review horsemastership for D/D1 candidates and D2/C1 candidates pre-assessed for riding as well as horse mastership.

A written test was held on September 23 at Prince Andrew High and the Practical test was held Oct 21/06. All were successful! Two members wrote their C2 this fall at Windcrest Stables however a C2 practical was not held this year at ESPC, but both candidates having been successful on their written, will look forward to doing the practical in 2007.

Fundraising events included:

- Ticket raffle on Lobster in May
- Raffle on Horse Cross Stitch pictures in June at NSEF Ride and Drive
- BBQ fundraiser in Sept at Dartmouth Dodge
- Ticket raffle on Fall Basket at Maritime Fall Fair in conjunction with Kubota Cup
- Kubota Cup Booth Volunteering- free Kubota Cup tickets and a “grooming supply basket”

Annual General Meeting was held November 19, 2006 at Good Shepherd Church in Lawrencetown (HRM)

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