

Fairwind Pony Club Annual Report 2006

Fairwind Pony Club (FPC) had 11 active members, ranging in age from 13-23 years and test levels D2-C2. Members attended stable management lectures from January until June given by Mary Lew Murray and Claire Reeves. Two members of our executive attended the National Chairs Conference in February.

Fund raising was been a busy focus, with bottle drives, Pizza Delight coupons and grocery bagging at the Atlantic Super Store. . Tickets on a water bucket filled with horsey goodies were sold at quiz.

Our club hosted a Regional D Quiz in March with eleven teams participating. Fairwind members also attended the C Quiz hosted by Colchester in April and the C/D Quiz hosted by West Valley in May.

They have also been participating in the Canadian Pony Club Badge Program. Members worked on completing two badges along with making the badge panels. Fairwind PC held a badge workshop in June where everyone had the opportunity to learn about harnessing and driving using mini horses.

May 17th was the date of the written test. Some FPC students competed at the Strawberry Run (June) in Ben Eoin and Horse Trials (July) in Salmon River. Also the weekend of July 15 and 16th some FPC members participated in the AFHA sponsored, Philip Hinson clinic held in Antigonish. On July 18th Fairwind Pony Club sent volunteers to act as jump judges for the A/B/C Zone Rally. On July 29th we sent competitors to the Opportunity PC Show Jumping Championships and Open Show on July 30th. That same weekend Fairwind was represented at the Dressage Show in Salmon River. On August 12th, the Fairwind PC Summer Primary Show took place. A cross-country clinic followed on August 19th and 20th.

FPC testing took place August 21st, with one successful C2, one C1 and three C's. Congratulations to all candidates who participated and thanks to the examiners.

Our National Quiz team members prepared with a trip to the vet college in PEI, August 16th. They had a guided tour followed by a lecture. Other educational sessions featured a lecture and field trip on poisonous plants on August 23rd, followed by a farrier giving a lecture of the foot and shoeing, at Fairwind Farm Equestrian Centre (FFEC).

Fairwind PC members joined by a team member from Avon had a great weekend representing the region at National Quiz in October. The last weekend of October Fairwind hosted a cross-country clinic, with Mike Gallagher as clinician. A course walk and course design session was followed by dressage and cross-country lessons the next day. Members from Fairwind and Friendly Breezes took part.

Sign up for the new season also took place that weekend along with a pot luck supper.

On November 8th the lecture season began when our club attended an Equine Nutrition lecture, by Marc Andre, in Antigonish, sponsored by Holna Farm Services. The next lecture was held on December 16th at Fairwind Farm EC, with Badge Presentation and a Christmas Social to follow. A parents and executive meeting took place November 27th.

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