

NOVA SCOTIA REGIONAL PONY CLUB ANNUAL REPORT 2006

In 2006 we had 10 active Branches and 218 members. The Regional Board of Directors met 4 times. Four NS Regional Discipline Chairs (Debbie Sloan - Tetrathlon, Debbie Best - Rally, Jackie Allen - PPG, Diana Locke - Show Jumping) attended the National Disciplines Conference in Winnipeg in January. Three represented our region at the Chairs Conference in ---- in February (Carolyn Crewe - Regional Chair, Brenda Swinkels - ADC Fairwind, Joanne Stevens - DC Opportunity). Our youth rep Jessica Swinkels, attended the National Youth meeting in Saskatoon in October. Judy Allen, our National Director attended the National AGM and SAM.

National Events:

Tetrathlon: Six members represented our region at the National Tetrathlon Championship held by WOR in King City ON. Seniors Laura Sloan and Tiffany Blaauwendraat and Juniors Stephanie Bonin, Chelsea Schneider, Sara Locke and Nikita Blaauwendraat formed two teams of three at this competition in August. Inga Hansen was the coach and Deb Sloan and Lisette Bonin were chaperones.

Quiz: Four members represented Nova Scotia the the National Quiz in Saskatchewan in October. Michelle Hood, Amy Buckland-Nicks, Caitlin and Jessica Swinkels attended with chaperone Sherrie Hood.

PPG: Jackie Allen and two members active in PPG attended the National Championships in Ontario in August as observers. They were generously treated to views of competition and an exciting practical clinic to boost their skills.

Regional Activities:

Rally - A three-day Zone ABC-Rally and a one day D-Rally and were held in July and August respectively. A D-Rally clinic was held prior to the D-Rally.

Regional Tetrathlon clinic was held in May, the Championship was held in June and a training camp was held in July.

A Regional PPG clinic was held in April and the Championship was held in August with 5 teams participating.

Three Regional Quiz competitions were held in March and April.

Show Jumping - A Show Jumping clinic followed by the Regional Championship was held over two days in early August.

D Challenge - This special day, reserved exclusively for D and D1 level riders was held in October and was a great way to wind up our Regional mounted competitions. This event is a

team competition combining dressage, equitation and show jumping for our youngest riders and oldest ponies.

Testing and Education: Most branches held D and C testing. A testers clinic for Branch Test Reps, DCs, Testers and Testers-in-training was held in April. A B/B₂ pretest clinic was held in June with an Ontario tester acting as clinician. One B, two B₂s and an A candidate were successful in achieving their test levels in August.

Communication: Margie Johnson, Communications Rep. published three newsletters in 2006 with the last mailed out just before Christmas. Margie, with the help of webmaster Crawford Dales has kept our regional web page up to date.

Our ten branches were all active in 2006 with riding lessons, stable management lessons, camps, clinics, testing, badge work and fund raising.

Respectfully submitted,
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