

# NS PC Annual Reports 2008

## NOVA SCOTIA REGIONAL PONY CLUB ANNUAL REPORT 2008

In 2008 we had 10 active Branches and 179 members. The Regional Board of Directors met 5 times.

### **National Meetings and Conferences:**

National AGM and SAM: Margie Johnson, our National Director and Laura Jacquard, Active Member East, attended the SAM in April and the AGM in November. Both reported on the SAM at the May regional meeting and will report on the AGM at our next regional meeting in January.

### **National Events:**

Tetrathlon: One member represented our region at the National Tetrathlon Championship held in late July in Ottawa by the St. Lawrence Ottawa Valley Region. Senior woman, Marie Apaloo (Friendly Breezes Branch) competed on a scramble team. She did extremely well, receiving an individual third place overall. Inga Hansen attended as chaperone and coach.

Quiz: Four members represented Nova Scotia at National Quiz hosted by the Central Ontario Region in Vaughan, Ontario in October. Team members were Tiegen Bond (Colchester), Rachele Foote (Annapolis), Caitlyn Swinkles (Fairwind) and Jessica Bowlby (West Valley) with Theresa Bowlby as chaperone. The team placed third out of 15 teams.

PPG: The Western Ontario Region hosted the Central Zone PPG Championship in Elora, Ontario in July. The Nova Scotia A Team included Kaissa VanMeekeren, Cali-Rose Keating, Miranda Beveridge, Rebecca Onto and Sidney McKenzie as Captain. Chaperone was Paula McKenzie. Our team received an honourable mention and recognition for its enthusiasm.

Show Jumping: Our region hosted the 2008 National Show Jumping Championship in July in Truro. Individual competitors from six regions attended, including Alberta North, Alberta Central, BC Lower Mainland, Manitoba, Central Ontario and Nova Scotia. The Nova Scotia Region sent four competitors: Connie McLellan, Krista Brouwer, Tracy Brouwer, and Emma Eisses. We would like to thank Apple Saddlery for providing us with polo wraps as prizes for our competition. The competitors were very pleased with their awards.

Dressage: We selected two members to attend National Dressage Championships but unfortunately, none were held. Laura Jacquard (West Valley) qualified for First Level and Orla Murphy (Fairwind) for Training Level.

NARE - A new event, the first North Atlantic Rally Exchange was held April 11 to 20 by BC Lower Mainland in Vancouver. The Irish, American and Canadian Pony Clubs all sent teams to participate in this cultural and riding exchange. Sarah Locke (Opportunity) was chosen to go as a participant from our region. Polocrosse, Ziplines, Foxhunting, Horse Trials - sounded like a fun and event filled trip! Our members should watch for the next opportunity to apply!

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### **Regional Activities:**

Disciplines: Our region was active in all disciplines and held regional championships in each. We are very grateful to Apple Saddlery who provided Apple Saddlery hats as

awards for our winners in each discipline. We appreciate the continued support of CPC by Apple saddlery.

Rally: A day-long preparatory clinic (organized by Colchester branch) was run in early July. A two-day ABC-Rally and a one day D-Rally and were held in late July at Central Nova Horse and Pony grounds. Five teams (made up of members from 6 branches) attended D Rally and 4 teams (made up of members from 7 branches) attended ABC Rally.

Regional Tetrathlon: The Regional Tetrathlon Championship was held this year in late June. Two tetrathletes attended. The riding phase had to be canceled due to problems with EC's new rule changes. Eight tetrathletes from three branches attended the Tetrathlon Camp held in July in Port Elgin NB, by the Tantramar branch.

Dressage: Two regional qualifiers and one Regional Championship were held in Nova Scotia this year. The two regional qualifiers were held at Central Nova and Clay Hill on June 14 and 15 respectively. The judge for each qualifier was Marion Foote. Members from six branches attended.

The Regional Dressage Championship was held on August 16 with 20 riders in attendance. A dressage clinic was held with judge Jane Fraser on August 17. It was attended by 12 riders from 4 clubs. We are pleased to announce our competitors for 2009 National Dressage Championships are Pre-Training Division - Miranda Beveridge (Annapolis), Training Division - Natasha Poole (West Valley), First Level - Laura Jacquard (West Valley).

PPG: A Regional PPG Clinic was held in April and the Regional Championship was held in Windsor in July.

Quiz: A total of three Regional quizzes were held during 2008. In March, Opportunity hosted a Scramble Quiz in Truro. Evangeline held a Novice/D quiz and Colchester held a C quiz, both taking place on April 12.

Show Jumping: The Regional Championship was in two phases this year. The 3' and over divisions were held July 1 to 4 in Truro in conjunction with National Show Jumping. Twenty competitors attended, from 5 branches. The Under 3' divisions were held in Wilmot at Kileavy Stable on August 3. Thirteen competitors from 3 branches attended.

Testing Educational Workshop: This workshop was thorough, well organized and well attended. It was designed for the education of DCs, ADCs, Test Reps, Examiners and Examiners-in- Training. This day-long session was held in late April at the High School in Windsor. We were pleased to be joined by a contingent of DCs and testers from the NB/PEI Region.

D Challenge: This wonderful competition, reserved exclusively for D and D1 level riders was to be held twice in our region this year. The Colchester branch planned the first event in Truro on September 6. Unfortunately, this had to be canceled due to low registration. The second competition was held by the Avon branch on October 26 in Windsor. The D Challenge is a team competition combining dressage, equitation and show jumping for our youngest riders and most experienced ponies. Six teams from 5 branches attended.

Youth Activities: Our Branch youth reps met during the Opportunity Quiz on March 24, and a few Youth Reps met during the regional meeting on May 3. Our Regional Youth Reps, Megan Johnson and Morgan Conrick organized a youth meeting and lunch to be held midday during the Education day planned for early October. Unfortunately this had to be rescheduled.

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 in Windsor. A B/B2 pretest clinic was held in June with Sara Runnels from Ontario acting as clinician. Three full Bs, four B-SMs and one B2-SM were awarded at testing in August. A C2 pretest clinic was held in May and testing was held in June. Two candidates were successful in achieving their full C2 test level and 3 achieved the their C2-SM.

A Regional Education day was planned for early October in Windsor. The goal was to present topics of interest for C level members in the morning, and then encourage the C level members to help present material of interest to D members in the afternoon.

Unfortunately, as it turned out, many of our members were involved in mounted events on the day of the Education Clinic. In an attempt to avoid low attendance and find a more suitable date, the Clinic was postponed until the winter.

Communication: We have published two newsletters this year. Our newsletters are mailed to all members and are also available on our Regional web page. Pan Hooper, with the help of web master Crawford Dales has kept our regional web page up to date. Each of our ten branches were active in 2008 with riding lessons, stable management lessons, camps, clinics, testing, badge work and fund raising. We are all looking forward to 2009 with enthusiasm. The 75th anniversary of the Canadian Pony Club is bound to be an exciting year for all of us!

Respectfully submitted,

Gay Hansen,

Chairperson, Nova Scotia Regional Pony Club

December 26, 2008

### ***Discipline reports:***

#### **Testing Johanne Head**

Applications for the written A test =1 candidate

Applications submitted for B Testing for 2008:

Written Test only	= 1
Written Test and Practical Testing	= 2
Practical Testing only	= 3
For the Riding Phase only	= 1
For the B SM Phase only	= 1

Applications submitted for the B2 testing for 2008:

Written Test only	= 1
Written Test and HB2	= 1

B- B2 Level testing took place on Aug 26- 27 at Killeavy Stables o

Two applicants passed the written B2

One applicant met the standard for her HB2

Four applicants passed their written B

Three applicants obtained their B SM

Four applicants obtained their complete B level

Respectfully Submitted, Regional Testing Chair Johanne Head

### **2008 Year End Membership Report:**

Our membership for 2008 was 179 members down from 210 the year before. While membership numbers have been a National concern for a few years, 2008 was the first year we saw a significant drop. A decrease like this affects participation numbers in our Regional events.

National are addressing the numbers issue by developing new programs such as the Stream Stable Management and are now looking at Riding Centers. With decreased numbers we also lose some very capable parent volunteers and can increase the difficulty in putting teams at specific levels of experience together for Regional and National events. Promoting our program locally in our schools and community programs at little or no cost is an option open to Branches. As a Region, we do advertise in Horse & Pony in the fall issue which also supports a local equine magazine. Margie Johnson

### **2008 Year End National Director's Report:**

The Annual General Meeting held April 4-6<sup>th</sup>. Nova Scotia very well represented in myself as National Director, Laura Jacquard, Eastern Canada Youth Rep and Diana Locke, National Show Jumping Chair.

Following are a few highlights from 2008 in new programs and continuing evolvement of the CPC program.

The ACE Program (Across Canada Exchange) was passed. This is an exchange program within Canada and organized at the Branch level keeping the Regional Chair informed of interest and activity. A set of Guidelines regarding Billeting was developed.

A Stable Management Stream was introduced in 2008. The program is being reviewed and will be on the agenda at the National Semi Annual Meeting mid November.

Two new badges, the Green Horse and Lungeing were introduced.

Jessica Swinkels, Fairwind, was the recipient of the CPC C2/B Governor General's Scholarship. A new 15 year membership pin was created.

Major discussion and time was spent on the Equine Canada Rule changes. We were exempt from some of the rule changes in 2008 with Pony Club fitting into the Discovery Level in most cases.

Our Branch Histories were submitted for the new CPC History Book.

The CPC calendar will continue in 2009 and 2010 as a major fundraiser. Celebrations for the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary are rapidly advancing. There will be two major festivities, one in Calgary during the summer...July 6<sup>th</sup> at the Calgary Polo Club and one in November in Toronto. An Anniversary Logo has been adopted; a badge will be given to each member, extras will be for sale to give out to volunteers or Regional Committee members; other items will be sold such as a lapel pin, a carry-all bag, a PC tie/scarf, a horse brass, the 'history' book, stickers and fridge magnets. Passports will be revised with the new ones showing the 75<sup>th</sup> logo. There will be two extra \$1,000 scholarships also in 2009. The Wall of Recognition/Wall of Fame on our website is yet another anniversary endeavour. A registry of CPC Alumni on the website was developed and is on-going.

Margie Johnson National Director

## **Communications Report**

### **Website updates:**

There were many website updates over the year with changes to calendar and information ongoing. An effort was also made to help anyone at the branch level with the format and information on their website in an attempt to keep information current.

### **Newsletters:**

A spring newsletter was put together and circulated electronically for the first time. This was also posted on the website.

There were some positive and some mixed feelings about the change.

A fall newsletter was also done with a focus on results from the various competitions held for Pony Club over the summer months.

### **Advertising:**

An ad was placed with DVL publishing for Horse and Pony magazine for the October issue. A fresh design was used and it is hoped we can do something else for the 2009 Anniversary celebrations. The cost for the ad was \$280.00.

Respectfully submitted-Pam Hooper Communication

## **PPG-National Team from Newsletter**

The NS Provincial PPG team comprised of members from Annapolis (Kaissa VanMeekeren, Cali-Rose Keating, Miranda Beveridge, Rebecca Ongo and Sidney McKenzie as Captain) headed off to Elora, Ontario for the National PPG Cup. Accompanied by chaperone Paula McKenzie, the team proudly represented Nova Scotia and received several comments and was recognition for their sportsmanship and obvious love of the games. I was honored to greet a very energized and proud PPG team at the Halifax Airport upon their return. They had a lot of fun, gained invaluable PPG experience and made several new friends along the way.

**Heather Ongo**

## **Education Report- Heather Ongo**

Our region hosted the B/B2 Pre-test clinic in June 2008. Sara Runnalls facilitated the clinic over two days at Alex Beaton's facility. As Education Chair, I would like to acknowledge the contributions of the many individuals that made this clinic happen, in particular Brenda Swinkles, Johanne Head, Gay Hansen, Sheila Bower Jacquard and Alex Beaton.

Regional Education Day was scheduled for October 5th in Windsor. In conjunction with the NS Youth Rep Committee, a day of C and D lectures were scheduled with a "Year in Highlights". This day has been postponed until later in the year when most of our members are 'out of saddle' and more able to attend.

Respectfully submitted, Heather Ongo

### **Dressage Report- Brenda Swinkels**

The intention for Regional Dressage in our Region for 2008 was to revive the interest in dressage competitions at the Regional level and to expose our top dressage riders to National Competitions.

National Dressage competitions were held in Central Ontario during the summer of 2007.

Early in 2008, it was decided that we would send a Training and a First Level rider to 2008 National competitions to represent our Region. A number of members applied and submitted criteria, along with previous scored dressage tests from past competitions. Laura Jacquard from West Valley Pony Club was chosen to represent the Region in First Level division and Orla Murphy from Fairwind Pony Club was chosen to represent the Region in Training Division. Unfortunately, 2008 National Dressage Championships did not materialize.

On the weekend of June 14 & 15, Regional Dressage Qualifiers were held. Fairwind Pony Club hosted at Central Nova Equine Park on Saturday and on Sunday, Annapolis Pony Club hosted at Clay Hill Farm. The judge for the weekend was Marion Foote. Members from Colchester, Opportunity, Fairwind, West Valley, Evangeline and Annapolis branches were in attendance on the weekend. Thanks to Annapolis and Fairwind branches for organizing these shows and to all volunteers who gave of their time to help out. A special thanks to Marion Foote, our judge for being there even though her home and horses were threatened by fires on that same weekend.

Canadian Pony Club tests (Starter and Pre-training) and Cadora tests (Training and First Level) were offered at both Qualifiers.

Members qualified on the June 14-15 Dressage weekend to attend the Nova Scotia Regional Dressage Championships held at the Central Nova Equine Park on Saturday, August 16. Jane Fraser was the judge for the day, for the approximately 20 riders who were in attendance riding CPC Starter and Pre-training tests and Cadora Training and First Level tests. Each rider rode the two tests in their division. These Championships qualified the top members in each division for 2009 National Dressage competitions. Thank you to all volunteers who helped to make the Championships a success.

We were very happy to have Jane Fraser as our clinician for a Dressage clinic the day after the Championships on August 17. A total of 12 riders from Tantramar, Colchester, Opportunity and

Fairwind branches were in attendance. All riders benefitted from Jane's expertise and knowledge.

We are pleased to announce that our representatives from Nova Scotia for 2009 National Dressage Competitions are as follows:

Pre-training Division- Miranda Beveridge- Annapolis Pony Club

Training Division – Natasha Poole- West Valley Pony Club

First Level – Laura Jacquard – West Valley Pony Club.

## **Rally Report**

Rally was held July 21 - 23 following Central Nova Horse trials this year. We ran C rally first then D rally as suggested after last year running the other way. There was a definite advantage for the D members coming into tack rooms already established. There still needs to be less parental help in this area. The members should be able to take pride in what **they** have done.

I think it would be advantageous for parents to attend the SM clinic if offered next year.

Rally is a learning experience, not an event where excellence is being sought.

We had four C teams (two of which were scramble teams) and five D teams (two were scrambles as well). I have included rally results at the end of this report. We only had a couple of members actually camp on grounds all the other members found their own accommodation. I guess showers rank over swimming! We could easily set up wash tents if this would allow our members to camp there all together.

Even with the threat of a hurricane - we held tight and avoided even the worst prediction for rain.

Truro was the place to be compared to other parts of the province!

Was very nice again this year to have all the clubs do such a great job at fulfilling their commitment to rally:

Annapolis Tack check and safety officer

Avon Purchased gifts and held award ceremony

Colchester Prepared and provided meals for Monday

Eastern Shore Arranged for the x-country judges

Evangeline Meals for Wednesday

Fairwind All aspects of Dressage

Friendly Breezes Meals for all day Tuesday

Opportunity All aspects of Stadium Jumping

West Valley Scoring

Clubs from the valley area would rather rally was held in the valley area but we need to be mindful of being central for all clubs that may attend. The facility needs to be booked in advance without the knowledge of which clubs will commit to participating. It's sure hard to please everyone and to be able to have that many stalls available to host such an event.

I have enjoyed filling the position as Rally Chair for the past few years but I am leaving the position open to see if someone else would like the opportunity to take it over. I will help as much as needed for the foreseeable future.

Respectfully submitted Debbie Best

## **Show Jumping Report - Sheila Bower-Jacquard**

The national and NS 2008 CPC regional show jumping championships were held in Truro from June 30<sup>th</sup> to July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2008. The event which was mostly organized by Diana Locke was well organized and everyone had a great time. Nova Scotia chose four national competitors from eight applicants, with two alternate riders if someone from the top four were not able to compete. The four successful members were: Krista Brouwer, OPC, Tracy Brouwer, OPC, Emma Eisses, OPC and Connie McLellan, OPC. Sarah Locke and Kari Brown were named as the alternate riders if another member was unable to compete. Our competitors placed fifth, sixth, eighth, and ninth.

Several of our Nova Scotia members competed at the 3' and above regional show jumping. NS Regional results were as follows:

**TEAM PLACINGS**

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| <b>1st:</b> Avon Pony Club               | <b>2nd:</b> West Valley Pony Club      |
| <b>3rd:</b> Opportunity Pony Club        | <b>4th:</b> Annapolis/Friendly Breezes |
| <b>5th:</b> Opportunity/Friendly Breezes |  |

**3'3" Division**

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| <b>Gold:</b> Mary Beth Kehoe- Avon PC          | <b>Silver:</b> Krista Brouwer- Opportunity PC |
| <b>Bronze:</b> Laura Jacquard – West Valley PC | <b>4th :</b> Rachele Foote- Annapolis PC      |
| <b>5th :</b> Jessica Bowlby- West Valley PC    | <b>6th :</b> Julia Locke- Opportunity PC      |

**3' Division**

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| <b>Gold:</b> Erin McDermott- Avon PC             | <b>Silver:</b> Stephanie Adams- Avon PC          |
| <b>Bronze:</b> Marie Apaloo- Friendly Breezes PC | <b>4th:</b> Kaylan MacInnis- Friendly Breezes PC |
| <b>5th:</b> Natasha Poole- West Valley PC        |  |

**Switch Class**

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| <b>1st:</b> Jessica Bowlby- WVPC   | <b>2nd:</b> Mary Beth Kehoe- Avon PC |
| <b>3rd:</b> Rachele Foote- Anna PC | <b>4th:</b> Julia Locke- OPC         |
| <b>5th:</b> Marie Apaloo- FBPC     | <b>6th:</b> Erin McDermott- Avon PC  |

Six clubs were represented at the under 3' zone show jumping which was held at Killeavy Stables in Wilmot August 3, 2008. There were thirteen competitors attending combined to make two Annapolis teams and one West Valley team. There were also two individual competitors from Avon Pony Club. The judge, Megan White did a wonderful job and Stephanie Burnie, pony club alumni, volunteered her services to make the day run smoothly. The results were as follows:

**Team Placing:**

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| <b>1<sup>st</sup></b> West Valley | <b>2<sup>nd</sup></b> Annapolis 2 | <b>3<sup>rd</sup></b> Annapolis 1 |
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**2'9" (Level 1)**

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| <b>1<sup>st</sup></b> Lianna Jacquard   | WV Team     | <b>2<sup>nd</sup></b> Rebecca Ongo    | Annapolis 2 |
| <b>3<sup>rd</sup></b> Dezaray Winkleman | Annapolis 2 | <b>4<sup>th</sup></b> Brittany Parker | Annapolis 2 |

**2' 6" (Level 2)**

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| <b>1<sup>st</sup></b> Sidney McKenzie | Annapolis 1 | <b>2<sup>nd</sup></b> Emily Baltzer | WV Team     |
| <b>3<sup>rd</sup></b> Haley Woodworth | WV Team     | <b>4<sup>th</sup></b> Damita Hansen | Annapolis 2 |
| <b>5<sup>th</sup></b> Lauren Webster  | WV Team     |                                     |             |

**2'3" (Level 3)**

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| <b>1<sup>st</sup></b> Erin McDermott | Avon |
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## **2 ' (Level 4)**

1<sup>st</sup> Kasey McDermott Avon 2<sup>nd</sup> Donna MacKay Annapolis 1

## **Overall High Points for the Day**

Lianna Jacquard West Valley

## **Regional Tetrathlon Report- Inga Hansen**

Unfortunately, there was less Tetrathlon activity in 2008, compared to past years. Several branches considered doing run/shoot/swim clinics during the winter but none did. Evangeline borrowed the region's old Daisy pistols in May, to shoot with a local coach. Opportunity and Evangeline branches are planning to hold Tetrathlon Clinics before the end of the year.

Two NSPC members attended our Regional Championship in June. Unfortunately, the riding phase had to be canceled because of complications with new EC rules for Horse Trials. We will arrange our own riding phase for next year's Regional Championship. Marie Apaloo (Friendly Breezes) and Michelle Bonin (Tantramar) both qualified for the National Championship. Unfortunately, only Marie was able to attend.

We held our annual Tetrathlon Camp in early July. Eight NSPC members attended from three branches. Members were coached by Alex Beaton over stadium and cross country fences. They ran and practiced air pistol each day and had one swimming session.

The National Championship was held in Ottawa on July 27 to August 1. Inga Hansen was coach and chaperone. The competition was well organized and the venues were great. The riding phase was held at the famous Napean Horse Park. Marie competed on a scramble team and did extremely well, especially considering that this was her first National Championship and second Tetrathlon competition ever! She placed second in the run, the swim and the stadium jumping phases, fifth in the cross country phase (she was fourth in riding) and eighth in shooting. Overall, she held third place for senior women.

Thanks to the region for continued support of Tetrathlon. I hope for more activity in the year to come.

## **C2 Testing Report**

We had a total of 8- C2 candidates apply to test this year. 1 candidate withdrew their application to test and a full refund applied so our total number of candidates came to 7.

The Pre Evaluation clinic was held at Killeavey Stables on May 31 with Alex Beaton and Jackie Allen as evaluators with 6 candidates in attendance 1 applicant withdrew no refund applicable.

The Pre- Evaluation clinic day went smoothly and costs associated with the pre-evaluation re as follows:

Budget: Each candidate paid \$75.00 to attend the Pre-Evaluation Clinic

Our Pre-Evaluation clinic Budget was for 7 candidates to attend for a total of \$525.00

6 candidates in total attended the clinic.

<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$525.00</u>
Facility Rental –1 day	\$200.00
B Clinician - Alex Beaton	\$100.00
Clinician – Jackie Allen	\$75.00
Clinician – Jackie Allen (mileage)	\$25.00
Planning Session Mileage-Val	\$70.00
Clinic Day Travel-Val	\$70.00
Meals	\$40.00
<u>Total Cost for Pre-Evaluation Clinic</u>	<u>\$580.00</u>

Over budget on this phase \$55.00

The Practical Phase of testing was held on Sunday June 22<sup>nd</sup> again at Alex’s facility Killeavey Stables.

Julia Young and Sara McClellan were the examiners.

Budget: Each candidate paid \$175.00 to attend the practical phase.

5 candidates in total tested at the practical phase. 1 candidate tested only SM phase and 4 candidates tested the complete test. With 2 of our initial 7 candidates receiving a refund for this section.

Our Budget for the practical phase was for 5 candidates to attend for a total of \$875.00

<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$875.00</u>
Facility Rental –1 day	\$200.00
Examiner – Julia Young	100.00
Examiner -Sara McClellan	\$75.00
Examiner – Julia Young (mileage)	\$ 56.00
Examiner - Sara McClellan (mileage)	\$ 70.00
Clinic Day Travel & Meals & administration –Johanne Head	\$75.00
<u>Total Cost for Practical Phase</u>	<u>\$576.00</u>

C2 Regional testing budget 2008	\$1,400.00
C2 Regional testing costs 2008	<u>\$1,156.00</u>
Surplus Budget for 2008	\$ 244.00
carryover to 2009	

## Synopsis:

The 5 candidates who tested their practical phase the results were as follows:

3 successfully passed the Stable Management phase  
2 successfully passed the full C2 level.

An attempt was made to schedule a C2 riding phase at Fairwind for the remaining 3 who passed the SM. Due to conflicting dates for examiners and all parties.

It was decided by the candidates to wait until 2009 to re-attempt this phase of the test.

Valerie A. McDermott Regional C2 Testing Chair

## **2008 Quiz Report**

It has been a great year for our clubs hosting quizzes and all have been well attended. Quiz offers a great opportunity for members of all ages to participate fully and enjoy expanding their knowledge in a fun and interactive way.

This year we had seventeen members express their interest in competing for the national C quiz team. Two qualifying quizzes were held, the first in March, hosted by Opportunity&Annapolis and the second in April, hosted by Colchester. The team of Caitlyn Swinkels from Fairwind, Teigen Bond from Colchester, Jessica Bowlby from West Valley and Rachele Foote from Annapolis were selected and together with Teresa Bowlby as chaperone they traveled to Vaughn, Ontario on Thanksgiving weekend. As an added bonus Laura Jaquard from West Valley acting as Eastern Canada Youth Rep was invited to participate on an A/B scramble team as well. The C team members did very well; with Teigen coming in first and Rachele in fourth place for the C individual scores. The team had their best showing ever at Nationals and came away with third place. We all should be very proud of not only the team's success but what a great job these girls did in representing our Region.

The 2009 National Quiz Competition will be held in British Columbia on Thanksgiving weekend.

Please find following the chaperone's report for the 2008 National C Team.

Respectfully submitted, Susan Foote

## **Chaperone's report for the 2008 National C Team**

> Well 2008 Quiz was definitely a huge success. I just want to say "Thanks" for giving me the opportunity to chaperone a great group of girls. We arrived Friday and registered and then the girls started working hard on their banner which turned out quite nicely.

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> We started the quiz first thing Sat. morning. I know the girls found it pretty hard and we had some stiff competition but they had fun working hard and did very well. After a full day of quiz we were treated very well by being bussed out to the dinner theatre Medieval Knights. I think I speak for all of us when I say it was 'awesome'.

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- > First thing Sun. morning the girls started their artifacts--that
- > lasted all morning (and of coarse was the most challenging).Oh, I
- > forgot to mention that they threw in a chaperone's quiz (which I am
- > happy to report did not go towards the girls mark--ha-ha)
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- > Sunday afternoon they took us to Greenhawk for lunch and a little shop. When we got back there was time for a little rest before going to the banquet. The banquet was set up very nice and we were served a very nice thanksgiving supper. Our team did very well, 3rd overall as a team. Great experience I believe for the kids and myself, all the way around. Truly a great bunch of girls that really showed great team spirit and worked hard to achieve results they should be very proud of.
- >> Teresa

## ***Branch Reports***

### **Friendly Breezes – no report**

### **Annapolis Pony Club**

#### Membership

Annapolis pony club was 27 members strong this year, with 11 of this count representing new members.

#### Financial

The club moves forward into 2009 with a strong bank balance of approx \$7,800. This is in line with our club's budget projections from February 2008. Annapolis currently supports 100% of the entry fees and associated lessons for team members for each event the club participates in. Our fundraising efforts also support a highly successful camp and testing program. A majority of our fundraising efforts this year have been a result of our canteen/BBQ program and a strong dedicated effort of our many parent volunteers.

#### Camp

Annapolis held a four day overnight camp at Hobby Horse Farms in Coldbrook. Twenty-four members received instruction from instructors Julia Young, Beth Rand-Smith, Nancy Marshall Hinojosa and Rebecca Johnson. Various stable management and evening activities were also held including a bonfire, pool party, BBQ and the every popular challenge and games night. The parents of Annapolis staff our camp program with their volunteer time. Without their contribution our camp program would not as successful as it is.

#### Stable Management

Stable management lectures were held in the winter under the direction of Julia Young, Beth Rand, Nancy Marshall Hinojosa and Nicole Harvie. Julia Young also coached the Annapolis C Quiz Team. Written tests were conducted in April 2008.

#### Testing

Annapolis held three testing days in 2008. One in May 2008 at Clayhill Farms for D and C1 testing, the other two in October at Hobby Horse Farms for D to C testing. Twenty two members successfully completed their various test levels, some taking advantage of the leap frog option in their first year.

Damita Hansen from Annapolis is currently working on her examiner status and has completed her first examiner in training session in October 2008.

#### Events

Annapolis participated in the following regional pony club events in 2008:

C Quiz

D Quiz

NS Regional Show Jumping 3' and over (Truro)

NS PPG Competition (A, B and Master Teams)

ABC Rally

D Rally

NS Regional Show Jumping under 3' (Middleton)

NS Regional Dressage (Qualifier and Regional Competitions)

D Challenge (Windsor)

Members from Annapolis represented Nova Scotia at the PPG National Competition and National Quiz. Miranda Beveridge will represent Nova Scotia at the 2009 Pre-Training National Dressage Competition.

#### AGM 2009 Executive Positions

Annapolis held its AGM on October 29<sup>th</sup> and elected the following individuals to our executive:

Tammy Durno, Secretary

Michelle Parker, Treasurer

Beth Rand Smith – Test Rep

Luanne Gertridge – Assistant DC

Heather Ongo – Past DC

Susan Foote – District Commissioner

Beth Rand Smith was presented with her 10 year Volunteer Pony Club Service Award.

Heather A. Ongo District Commissioner 2007-2008

#### **Avon Pony Club**

The past year in comparison to many others has been a busy one for all. Each year we try to get our members engaged in as many activities as we can, there seems to be such a variety of things going on that it has been hard to choose for many as to what they want to attend. Horse Shows or Pony Club Events.

We started our year with lectures and lessons from early January until late April, which is our legging up time, getting not only the horses in shape but the riders as well.

We held two training shows in March & April, two Jen Hamilton clinics, and two EC shows, the Windsor Spring & Summer Shows during the 2008 year.

All the events were very successful and thanks to all that participated.

Avon would like to especially thank Lisa Hines for her time and dedication over the last 4 years to our horse shows as this year she passes the reins on to Julia Cecchetto.

Our annual March break & summer camps were held each being a huge success with all members attending as we had lectures and riding instruction-taking place during the day. We also opened our summer camp to outside members having two riders come over to Avon for the week from Tantramar & Eastern Shore. We had blast of a time and will most likely do again next year.

Our members would like to take the time to Thank Jen Hamilton, Jane & Susan Fraser and Sam Lacey for their tireless efforts teaching at summer camp.

Avon was again successful in attaining a summer student grant. Sydney Hines was the successful applicant this year. We hope this will be an annual venture with the summer student program.

After summer camp was held we entered our testing period where we had a smaller number of kids test at the branch D to C1 level and 3 members tested B level regionally and all were successful. Congratulations on your success Liia, Mary-Beth & Tricia

We also attended the D & ABC Rally at Salmon River and Show Jumping Championships and Avon had great success.

As many of you know we also hosted a D Challenge October 26th and had a great turnout of 6 teams. The day went very well and all the kids walked away with ribbons and something special to remember the event by. On November 16<sup>th</sup> we will be hosting a trg show fundraiser and look forward to a fun event.

Each year we have our annual branch meeting and I particularly want to thank the outgoing members of the executive for their time and dedication.

We look forward to the upcoming year at Avon.

Valerie A. McDermott District Commissioner

## **Colchester Pony Club**

This year we were a club of 18 members, 3 of which were new members. Stable Management lectures took place at various barns from Jan. through to March. This worked well by providing members with more hands on experience, but left the club disconnected by not having everyone gathered in one location together. I think we will modify this for 2009.

In April, we hosted a C-Quiz in which 4 teams from across the region competed. It was a challenging Quiz, as usual. Our club challenged their written tests on May 16, with great success.

On June 14, we had Teigen, Talia, Emily, Janice and Chantal attend the Regional Dressage Qualifier at Central Nova. The next day (June 15) we were scheduled to have a Flat/Cross

Country clinic with Pam Graves and Andy Wadowski. Unfortunately Andy was unable to attend due to a forest fire near his property. We did have 12 members from various clubs have flat lessons with Pam. Pam also gave a stable management lecture over the dinner break.

On June 21, we held our annual fundraising Hunter Show. With 57 entries that day it was a great success. Our annual camp was held the week of July 6-11. We had Danica Ellis teach the jumping portion, while Jill McPhee worked on Dressage with our members. On Thursday, July 10 Andy Wadowski spent the day instructing everyone over the cross country course. On the Friday we held D testing.

C-Rally was on July 21 and 22. Emma participated in this event by being part of a scramble team. On July 23, Becky attended D-Rally, representing our club on a scramble team.

We had Chantal represent the club at the Regional Dressage finals at Central Nova on Aug. 13 placing 3<sup>rd</sup> at the pre-training level. She also attended the Jane Fraser clinic on Aug. 14.

On Sept. 6 we were scheduled to host a D-Challenge, but due to low entries we regrettably had to cancel. C testing was held on Sept. 21. Two of our members were successful in completing the stable management portion of their respective testing.

Teigen represented our club, as well as the Region, at National Quiz Oct. 10-13. She placed 1<sup>st</sup> individually and Team Nova Scotia placed 3<sup>rd</sup> overall. WOW!!!

We are now in the middle of registration for 2009 and trying to wrap up 2008 with our end of the year/Christmas party and getting ready to do it all over again. Now I know where the year went!

Norm Paupin District Commissioner

## **EASTERN SHORE PONY CLUB**

Eastern Shore Pony Club held their AGM on Sunday November 2<sup>nd</sup> at St Theresa's hall in Grand Desert..  
The new executive was formed and memberships were collected.

In 2008 we saw 3 new members join our club at the entry level to make our total membership 19 members.

Testing : We had 11 riders test this year. 3 D's, 1 D1, 4 D2's, 1 D2 stable management, and 1 C2 written. All our rider's achieved their goals and obtained the levels they tested for!!

Education : Our club had 6 scheduled lectures throughout the winter months which focused on braiding, vet lecture, Ferrier, general description, breeds and colors and feeding. We also had Sheila Pickerell run 3 separate clinics for our members at Windcrest stables. Lastly we took a trip to Truro Raceway where those who attended had a wonderful day! The riders got to learn about the care and maintenance of the race horses and their feeding programs. They then had the opportunity to actually race the horses while accompanied by a veteran rider. The raceway staff also arranged a feed lecture by Pam MacKenzie and massage demo by Jess. Along with lunch and snacks the girls had a full day.

Pony Club Events : Opportunity D Quiz  
Avon Pony D challenge  
PPG clinic in Windsor  
Regional PPG trials in Windsor  
Testing Workshop in Windsor  
Regional Show Jumping Salmon River (helpers)  
Rally in Salmon River (x-country helpers/judges)

Pony Camp Our club hosted their own camp this year at Windcrest stables. Danica Ellis attended and ran two days of clinics , Jackie Allen attended and ran a PPG clinic the first day and helped prepare our testing riders for this year's testing, we also started our badge program which saw several riders achieve their first badges!!!. Of course we had the usual food and drink sponsored by our club and run by parent volunteers.

Fund raising : This year saw a fair amount of fund raising!! We ran 50/50 draws at our local eating establishment. We sold Epicure, Tupperware and T-shirts. We had a great day at Dartmouth Dodge BBQ! This year we started our first canteen at the barn which proved to be quite profitable as well. Thanks to all who donated and participated!  
Brian Veniot District Commissioner

## **EVANGELINE PONY CLUB**

The club had a busy year with 26 registered members that included both girls and boys ranging in ages of 6 to 17 years. We began our stable management meetings in November with Alissa Cue volunteering as our instructor again this year. We were also fortunate to have Morgan Conrick (Youth Rep) assisting in many of the sessions. The riders got lots of chances to get hands on knowledge about ponies/horses in a fun and exciting way. A parent meeting was held once per month throughout the stable management sessions in order to keep them informed. The club was fortunate to have a lot of parental involvement throughout the year. The parents kept activate in helping lead activities, drive riders to special events and participating in fund raising activities. The two successful fund raising events included selling Cookie dough before Christmas and hosting a BBQ in June at the local M&M Meat shop.

The club held two social events for the riders. The year started off with our annual Halloween party. All riders arrived in costume and enjoyed a night of games. At the Christmas the riders spent a Saturday afternoon at a local indoor riding arena playing games and sharing some laughs.

Evangeline pony club was very active in the various competitions that were offered by the region and other pony clubs. Six riders attended the local dressage competition held in Sheffield Mills. The day provided an opportunity for many of our riders to participate in a dressage competition for the very first time. Five of those six riders continued on to the regional competition in Truro. We also sent two teams to the PPG Cup held in Windsor. Both the A and B level teams had a successful day. In addition, seven of our riders enthusiastically attended the D rally held in Truro which was a new experience for all of them attending. They are already talking about next's years rally.



Many of our riders spend numerous of hours preparing for the two D Level Quiz's held. The scramble quiz in Truro was a great opportunity for our riders to meet other pony club members. The D level Quiz sponsored by the Evangeline Pony Club gave our newer members a chance to participate in an educational event close to home. Once again we had a very successful day due to the dedication of our instructor Alissa and the parents of our club.

Our members participated in several clinics that were offered either by the regional or by the Evangeline Pony Club. Alissa Cue offered a lunging clinic held in late November. Fourteen participants enjoyed having the chance to learn proper techniques in lunging. Evangeline partnered with a local Sports Shooting Club in New Minis to introduce the shooting portion of Tetrathlon clinic. Fourteen participants spent an afternoon being trained by qualified shooting instructors on how to safely shoot air pistols. The riders enthusiastically look forward to a future Tetrathlon clinic that will be held this November. The regional PPG clinic held in Windsor was very well organized and enjoyed by all of our participants.

During the first week in July we held our Pony Club day camp at the Rohan Woods Stable. A total of 22 riders participated in this very successful event. Alissa Cue once again volunteered her time by organizing and running the events of the week. She provided group lessons and stable management activities to all of the riders. In addition, the riders had great fun participating in the arts & crafts and games segment held throughout the day. Every rider went home having a chance to learn new skills, make new friends and complete several badges.

Testing took place in the spring with six riders having a chance to complete their stable management and/or riding portion of their test.

The year finished up with the election of a new executive. The new executive includes:

DC – Alissa Cue  
Assistant DC – Andrea Cutcliffe  
Treasurer – Angela Spicer  
Secretary – Vicky Peck  
Test Chairs – Julie  
                  - Tina Sproul

Special thanks to the Cue family for the use of their home / barn throughout the year and for all their assistance in making the Evangeline Pony Club a success. It is very much appreciated by the parents and the riders.

Andrea Cutcliffe, ADC

## **Fairwind Pony Club**

### **Active members include:**

Caitlin Swinkels	C2
Orla Murphy	C2SM
Sam Haley	C1

Catherine Partridge	C1SM
Katie MacDougall	C
Carolyn VandenHeuvel	CSM

### **Club Executive includes:**

Mary Partridge	District Commissioner
Brenda Swinkels	Assistant District Commissioner
Cindy Murphy	Secretary
Michelle Mattie	Treasurer
Claire Reeves	Test Rep
Caitlin Swinkels	Youth Rep

### **Members in 2008 participated in Quiz, Dressage and Testing**

Caitlin Swinkels attended both C Quiz qualifiers. She has qualified and will be the Captain of the 2008 National Quiz team representing Nova Scotia at National Quiz in Toronto on Thanksgiving weekend.

Orla Murphy was selected to represent our Region at the Training Level at 2008 National Dressage. Unfortunately, 2008 National Dressage was cancelled.

Our branch hosted one of two Regional Dressage Qualifiers at CNHP on June 14, 2008.

Caitlin Swinkels (First Level), Orla Murphy (First Level) and Catherine Partridge (Training Level) qualified to compete at the Regional Dressage Championships .

Orla Murphy and Catherine Partridge attended the Regional Dressage Clinic with Jane Fraser on August 17, 2008

Orla Murphy, Catherine Partridge and Carolyn VandenHeuvel successfully completed SM testing at the C2, C1 and C levels

Orla Murphy has begun the process to be a Regional D Tester

### **Other activities**

Members attended the Ian Millar clinic held in Charlottetown in April/08

Members attended the Judy Wardrope Conformation Clinic held at NSAC in Spring/08

All members participated in a Dressage and Show Jumping clinic held in May at Fairwind Farm Equestrian Centre

Our Annual Dressage and Show Jumping Show was cancelled due to low entries, instead members participated in an in-house Dressage and Show Jumping clinic with Roz Moskovitz on August 9/08

Members also participated in Horse Trials and local Fun Shows

Some members plan to attend the Kubota Cup being held on October 18

## **National Awards**

Early in 2008, Jessica Swinkels, past member of Fairwind Pony Club was presented with the 2007 CPC Governor Generals Award.

The Governor General's Award of Excellence is a financial scholarship funded by the patron's fund of the Canadian Pony Club. The award is given out to Pony Club members who exemplify the aims and objectives of Pony Club.

Brenda Swinkels ADC Fairwind Pony Club

## **Opportunity Pony Club**

The year began with sign up of 27 members and a bowling party in early November 2007. Lectures were run at the barn or a member's house every 2 weeks throughout the winter months. Written tests were done at the end of the lecture series. Several members also earned their helping hands badge by collecting cat food for the SPCA and then going to help with the cats and kittens one Sunday.

Members participated in the Christmas parade and also the July 1<sup>st</sup> parade along with a few ponies. Our club hosted a scramble quiz open to all clubs in the Nova Scotia region. A fun time was had by all especially when parents had to play ARE YOU SMARTER THAN A D2?

Several members were selected for national and international pony club events. Sarah Locke represented Canadian PC at the first NARE (North Atlantic Rally Exchange) held in BC in April. Connie McLellen, Emma Eisses, Krista and Tracy Brouwer were the representatives for NS at national show jumping. Julia Locke was asked to be the alternate rider for Canada's international PPG team. She was not able to accept the spot was remained dedicated to PPG by giving members a clinic at Opportunity farm in April.

Club testings were held in the spring and fall. One member obtained her C, 2- D2, 4-D1 , and 6-D level. Problems with testing were obtaining testers for the dates we wanted to test. A second fall test had to be cancelled due to no testers being available. Regional testing were held for C2 and B levels. We had 2 obtain their C2SM, one their BSM and one their full B. This is the first year that members could pass the stable management phase separate from riding .This was well received by members. Krista Brouwer also wrote and passed her A written and Connie McLellan her B2 written.

Camp was held at Central Nova Horse and Pony grounds July 14<sup>th</sup> -18<sup>th</sup> attended by 19 members. Suzanne in her wheel chair( one week after breaking her leg) and Megan White were the coaches. All the kids had a great time and learned a lot. Megan was able to take a few older members to Hobby Horse farm for an extra cross country lesson.

Members competed in several competitions during the summer months. 6 attended Regional dressage in May with 4 at finals in August. In July 4 riders competed at national show jumping and 7 at regionals. We entered a full team at the D rally but only had one member-Emma Eisses go to C rally joining a scramble team. She received the trophy for high score at the training level. Sadly D challenge in Sept was cancelled as we had 2 teams ready to compete. Members were not able to attend regional PPG as it was the same weekend as our club fund raising show.

Fund raising was done in the spring with a draw for \$1000. Profit was about \$1500. Also a BBQ was held for those wanting to subsidize their camp costs and \$207 raised. Finally we held out 9<sup>th</sup> annual Jumper Show at the MacMillan show center on July 12<sup>th</sup>. It was a success and the overall

horse of the day was All About Eve ridden by Julia Locke while the overall pony was Shannon ridden by past member Carissa Wheeler. See financial report for show expenses and profit. The club may want to look at different venues as the grounds used are quite a bit more expensive than some others.

Finally I want to bring a couple of things to plan on in 2009.

- It is the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Canadian Pony Club and there are plans for a big conference in Toronto on November- youth/education and disciplines.
- CPC wants members to have a virtual ride across Canada by keeping track of any kilometers they put in on their horse NOT in a ring. This can be logged on the Trans Canada trail site. We should plan a trail ride as a club as well as individuals keeping track- kilometers ridden in 2008 can also count.
- CPC has a new ACE( across Canada exchange) program where members 14 year olds and above can plan an exchange with members from another club anywhere in Canada. If members are interested we need to meet with them and their parents to set plans in motion.

Respectfully submitted by Diana Locke District Commissioner

### **Tantramar Branch Report**

Our branch was very small this year with only 6 members. We held a three stable management work shops during the winter months at the Hansen/Holownia barn. We ran a profitable manure sale fundraiser where we bagged, sold and delivered aged manure for gardens. We held a series of mounted lessons with Sheila Pickerel and a four-day tetrathlon/jumping camp with Alex Beaton as our clinician. Camp consisted of riding, stable management, shooting, running, and swimming. Inga Hansen coached the shooting and swimming. The highlight was the last day, when we trailed to the Strathgartney Horse Park to school over the cross country fences and the water obstacle.

Stephanie Bonin attended C Rally as captain of the scramble team. The scramble team did surprisingly well, given that all were strangers who had to organize via email, with only a week's notice! They placed second in stable management and third overall.

We are looking forward to more activity year next year. The Tantramar branch is moving our center of activity from the Port Elgin raceway to Galloway Stable in Port Howe, and we will be a club of about 15 members.

Gay Hansen

### **West Valley Pony Club**

WVPC began the year with 15 members, but unfortunately one withdrew because of the distance she had to travel. The remaining members were active during the year participating in stable management, camp, quiz, riding lessons, rally, show jumping, dressage qualifier and dressage championship. I think most of our members would say that they had a GREAT YEAR and are looking forward to 2009.

As usual our members enjoyed the direction and instruction of Alexandra Beaton who is adored by the members and parents. D1 and above members attended stable management which was taught by Alexandra Beaton and one of our senior members, Laura Jacquard with the help of our other senior members, taught our E and D members. Early bird, summer and late lessons were

also offered and held at Hilleary Stables in Middleton. Alex taught most of our members, but our older members Kari Brown, Laura Jacquard and Jessica Bowl by taught three of our E and D members.

Our members had a number of exciting moments with Jessica Bowl by earning a spot on the Nova Scotia National Quiz Team. She also achieved her B Stable Management and C2 level. Laura Jacquard was chosen as one of the two National Youth Representatives and has been able to travel across Canada to hear from many of the pony club youth. Laura also achieved her B Stable Management this year.

WVPC was well represented at competitions this year. Regional Show Jumping 3' and over was attended by Jessica Bowl by who placed first in the switch class and 5<sup>th</sup> in the 3'3" division, Laura Jacquard who earned Bronze in the same division, and Natasha Poole who placed 5<sup>th</sup> in the 3' division. The West Valley team placed second. The Zone Show Jumping less than 3' was attended by several of our members (Haley Woodworth, Emily Blazer, Lauren Webster, and Liana Jacquard). Their hard work and dedication paid off when their team placed first. Liana Jacquard placed first overall. This event was hosted by our club and the support of our members, parents and executive was fantastic. Special thanks to our judge, Megan White and Stephanie, a past pony club member, who volunteered her time for the entire day.

Our C Rally team (Laura Jacquard – riding captain, Natasha Poole, and Jessica Bowl by, scrambled with Emma Eases from Opportunity with Haley Woodworth and Lauren Webster as helpers) worked well together and had a great deal of fun. My observations and the chaperone's comments suggested that they truly understood the definition of 'team' and made memories that will last them a lifetime. Two of our other members, Liana Jacquard and Emily Blazer joined the Tetramer Scramble team and truly enjoyed themselves. Our D team (Liana Jacquard, Emily Blazer, Lauren Webster, and Haley Woodworth with Captain Laura Jacquard and helpers Beatrice Lavelle and Chelsea from Opportunity) also had a great deal of fun. Our D team placed 2<sup>nd</sup> overall while our C team placed 1<sup>st</sup> overall.

Five of our members attended the Dressage qualifier at Clay Hill in Sheffield Mills. They all advanced to the Dressage Championship in Truro, but only four were able to compete. The events were extremely well organized and the work by Brenda Winkles was appreciated by our club. Laura competed at First Level, Natasha at Training, and Liana Jacquard and Haley Woodworth at the Pre-Training Level. All the members did well with Laura and Natasha both placing first in their division giving them the honour of representing Nova Scotia in the 2009 National Dressage Championship Competition. Laura was also chosen to represent Nova Scotia for the 2008 Dressage Championship.

Our club participated in a number of fundraising events including a sign sponsorship program, bagging groceries, selling 50/50 tickets at the Drive In, selling tickets and Home and Gift Catalogue sale. We used this money to help defray costs for our club, but were also fortunate to have a \$1000 donation from Nova Scotia Power to help purchase a set of bleachers for our members which has just been ordered.

Sheila Bower-Jacquard District Commissioner