

Nova Scotia Pony Club Annual Branch reports 2009

Annapolis Pony Club Branch Report

The members of Annapolis never cease to amaze me! What a dedicated and ambitious group we have.

Our 2009 year started out with 30 members (the largest we have been) and we jumped right into Stable Management lectures during those cold winter days. Our primary coach Julia Young, along with Nancy Hinijoso, Beth Rand Smith and Rachele Foote taught members each Sunday afternoon at the local school.

Along with stable management lectures, a quiz study group was formed for those members wanting to try to qualify for Nationals, meeting weekly they challenged themselves to expand their horse knowledge reading and testing themselves on a huge array of topics. In February, none members attended the quiz hosted by Opportunity and in March seven members attended the Evangeline quiz, while on the same day nine others were off to Colchester. It was great to see so many of our members having fun and enjoying quiz! After everything was calculated we were very excited when two of our members had qualified to attend National Quiz!

Our written tests were held in April under the watchful eye of our testing rep Beth Rand Smith. Members were well prepared and their marks reflected their efforts.

May and June we held our lesson program, rotating weekends between Clay Hill Farm and Hobby Horse Farm as our facilities. With the help of Julie Ansems, Megan White and Julia Young we were able to teach seven lesson groups each afternoon. The members enjoyed the varied instruction and Annapolis is very thankful for the Annapolis graduates who continue to support our program with their instruction.

To celebrate the “Dads” in our club, Annapolis hosted Regional PPG on Father’s Day in Windsor. Our club rallied together to prepare all the props and we sent a Masters, A and two B teams to compete. At the end of a long day, Annapolis Masters and A team had won their divisions and had the opportunity to go to Nationals at the end of the summer!

A June branch testing was held with five members testing from D to C levels.

From that point on the summer flew, with Annapolis having representation at every Regional competition. With a C and D team at rally in July, Annapolis worked hard to bring home the 1st place ribbon in Stable Management. This placing means a great deal to Annapolis as it demonstrates the teamwork, skills and organization they have been taught by our primary coach, Julia Young.

A week later six of our members were off to attend the Regional Show Jumping Championship at Killeavy Stables.

Annapolis took a bit of a break from competitions and held our camp at Hobby Horse Farm the first week of August. Again with riding instruction from Julia, Julie and Megan the members had a great time and learnt a lot. By the end of the week everyone was tired and dirty –but the horses and ponies still shone!

August was Regional & National Dressage at CNHP and Annapolis members competed and loaned horses to the National riders. From Regional our riders were reserve champion in Training, Pre-training and Starter levels as well as champion in the Starter level. Two of our members rode in the National competition as well and did very well in their divisions.

August was testing month with three members going to Regional testing achieving their C2SM, C2 and B levels. Our branch testing was held at Hobby Horse Farm with thirteen participants from D to C1 level.

The fall brought our real Fundraising push and with the energy spurred on by our testing rep Sandra Symonds, our club was very successful in securing the necessary funds for our 2010 program.

Our AGM will be held on December 2 at Hobby Horse Farm with a potluck and social for all members and parents



AVON PONY CLUB

After a long summer show season our club has been very busy with hosting our two popular EC shows attending and presenting our musical ride at Canam and the various pc events PPG, rally, show jumping and also attending the national events with grooms and horses in attendance.

We had a very successful summer camp with members from Eastern Shore club joining us for the week.

Thanks to our group of instructors Jen Hamilton, Jane & Susan Fraser and Alex Beaton and our camp leaders Mary-Beth Kehoe and Laura Shearer.

Our member Mary-Beth Kehoe was selected to represent NS at the National Show Jumping Competition in Manitoba. Avon is very proud of her accomplishments.
Liia Roop attended the NSPC Regional dressage competition in Salmon River and is qualified for Nationals in 2010.

Regional Testing we had two candidates successful at C2 & B levels congratulations to Erin McDermott C2 and Liia Roop B.

The membership is just starting two months of mounted lessons in the pony club barn at the Exhibition grounds in Windsor

In Oct and Nov we will continue our mounted lessons and some lectures to finish out a very successful season.

We held testing for 14 members of Avon, Tantramar, Annapolis and Eastern Shore on Oct 17 & 18th.

Our annual general meeting brought about a change in our executive with the election of:

John Smith – DC,

Valerie McDermott – ADC

Kim Pittman – Secretary

Mike Cecchetto - Treasurer

Andy Woolaver Member-At-Large

Dary Adams – Member-At-Large

Tina Shearer – Member-At-Large

Colchester Pony Club

Summer is over and another riding year is wrapping up and what a summer it was!

We hosted a cross country/ flat clinic at Central Nova on June 14. We had Pam Graves provide flat instruction, as well as a rally stable management lecture. The cross country instruction was provided by Alex Beaton. We had 17 members attend from various branches.

Our Bronze Hunter Fundraising show was held on June 20 at Central Nova Horse and Pony in Salmon River.

Our summer camp was held July 6-10 at Central Nova Horse and Pony in Salmon River. We had ten members attend, receiving instruction from Jenna Lee Reid (Over fences), Jillian MacPhee (Flat) and Andy Wadowski (Cross country).

Our club was able to send a complete D team to D-C Rally in July where they placed fourth.

Our club held testing on July 10 at Central Nova Horse and Pony. One member obtained her D, D1 and D2; one member obtained her D, D1; one member obtained her D2 and two members obtained their C SM .

One of our members attended National Dressage in August. Congratulations to Chantal Paupin who placed third in her division.

Two of our members attended National Quiz in the October. Congratulations go out to Teigen Bond and Janice Cameron who were part of the second place team.

Submitted by Norm Paupin, DC

Eastern Shore 2009

Our year started off with 16 riders. We began an education series/lectures with Dr Vanessa Churchill who centered her discussions around 'C' level testing. There were 4 lectures held at Bedford library and we partnered with Avon Pony Club to share information and costs. ESPC sent reps to the education day in Windsor. ESPC attended Opportunity Quiz which was very much enjoyed. ESPC were also in attendance at Rally. Pony Club Camp was not held this year at our club but some members attended Avon's Camp. Our club had some riders test this year. Riders accomplished D1 and 3 C level written tests! Fundraising events were a huge success for our club this year raising almost \$3,000. The year wrapped up with a social get together and a night at the LiveRight Cup and Dinner.

Our AGM was held on November 15 in Grand Desert. After some concern our club members came through with a new executive and positive direction for 2010. Glenda Thomas will lead our club into 2010 with the help of her new executive. Many things were discussed including setting goals/dates for this year's Pony Club Events for our riders. Our riders will discuss among themselves and an education series will be developed based on their needs for testing this year.

EVANGELINE PONY CLUB ANNUAL REPORT

The club had a busy year with 16 registered members that included both girls and boys ranging in ages of 6 to 17 years. We began our stable management meetings in October with Alissa Cue volunteering as our instructor again this year. 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 were active in helping lead activities, drive riders to special events and participating in fund raising activities. The two successful fund raising events included selling pies before Christmas and cookie dough in the spring.

The club held three social events for the riders. The year started off with our annual Halloween party. All riders arrived in costume and enjoyed a night of fun. At Christmas, the riders went skating and after they went to local hall to make Christmas crafts and had some treats. In February the riders enjoyed an afternoon of sledding and hot chocolate.

Evangeline pony club was very active in the various competitions that were offered by the region and other pony clubs. Four riders attended the regional dressage competition held in Truro, with one of our riders qualifying for next years Nationals. We also sent two full teams plus some members to make a scramble team to the PPG Cup held in Windsor. Our D level riders took the opportunity to attend D Challenge in Truro. Many of our riders spent numerous hours preparing for the two D Level Quiz's held at various times in the past year. The quiz in Truro was enjoyed by all. The D level Quiz sponsored by the Evangeline Pony Club was very successful with four different pony clubs attending.

Fourteen of our members participated in the Educational day sponsored by Regional. In addition, two guest speakers, a Massage Therapist and a local Veterinarian spoke to the riders about caring for their horses.

During the first week in July we held our Pony Club day camp at the Rohan Woods Stable. A total of 14 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 fall with 16 riders having a chance to complete their stable management and/or riding portion of their test.

In preparation of the 75th anniversary, many of our riders have taken part in the ride for 75. Evangeline has placed in the top 10 Pony Clubs for the number of KM ridden. Six of our older riders were very busy this past summer fundraising in order to attend the 75th Anniversary Youth Conference in Toronto. With a lot of volunteer support from the parents and Alissa Cue these riders managed to raise almost \$3000.00 to help pay their expensive. Fundraising activities included; selling tickets on three different raffle baskets that were donated by local merchants or friends, an BBQ during a community wide yard sale, canteen set up at Rohan Woods Stables, assisting at a horse camp at Rohan Woods Stables, selling items at a local Flee Market and Farmers Market, and a bottle drive.

The year executive remains the same with:

DC – Alissa Cue

Assistant DC – Andrea Cutcliffe

Treasurer – Angela Spicer

Secretary – Vicky Peck

Test Chairs

- 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.

Respectfully submitted by:
Andrea Cutcliffe, ADC

2009 OPPORTUNITY PONY CLUB ANNUAL REPORT

lectures for the year were run from oct/08 to april/09 and were run weekly. this was a change from past years where we had them every 2 weeks. with the extra time we were able to incorporate more work in the disciplines of pony club. specifically we had ppg, cross country, and tetrathlon training. we'd like to thank joseph howlonia for his dental lectures and tetrathlon expertise.

opc hosted a regional quiz in february as well as d challenge in june. many members participated from ours and other clubs. our members also competed at regional d/c rally placing 3rd in stable management and 4th overall. julia locke received the lynn hines memorial trophy for top c rider. members attended the regional show jumping in middleton. those who attended regional tetrathlon did their run/shoot/swim in june and the riding either at d challenge or rally. top placings went to emma marquis in ladies novice, carsen in men's novice and sarah locke senior ladies. she went on to represent ns region at nationals in bc placing 5th overall. connie mclellan was selected to the canadian pony club team to compete at the inter pacific exchange however due to the swine flu the exchange was postponed until 2010. she will get to attend in 2010 swine flu permitting. finally several members loaned their horses and/or worked as grooms at cpc national dressage championships held at cnhp in august. thanks emma e., joecy, julia, sarah, emma murray, chelsea, krista and connie.

camp was held early in july and went very well thanks to the team approach organized by sarah. members were on 3 teams and earned points for braiding, bandaging, team games etc. this created an atmosphere of commradarie and friendly competition that enhanced the camp experience. riding lessons by suzanne perry -show jumping, and megan white-dressage and cross counrty were well received by all members.

our main fund raiser, the opc 10th annual jumper show, was held in august and unfortunately conflicted with other shows. many members participated and families helped run the event...special thanks to carsen's grandmother for her help all day as ring mistress. the show was a hit for riders and we did make money so we will plan to continue the tradition and look for a better date.

testing was held differently this year as we can now test stable management separately from the riding phase. in the spring all members did their stable managemant and passed and then we had 2 separate riding test where all members passed. this was good as it allowed some ponies to be used at both testings. parents and members seemed to find it less stressful to prepare for one phase at a time even though it meant that they had to prepare twice. at the higher levels, that are run regionally, we had emma murray attain her c2 and julia her c2 riding and her b stable management.
submitted by diana locke dc opportunity pony club

Tantramar Pony Club 2009 Report

Tantramar Pony Club began the summer by hosting a four day camp for members and other pony club members at Dawn Helm's Stable. Sarah Isherwood, Heather Creamer, Marie Apaloo and Sarah MacKenzie all participated in the BCD Regional Rally. Marie Apaloo and Inga Hansen attended National Tetrathlon Championship in Langley BC in August as competitor and coach respectively. On October 4th, Tantramar had a testing day, the following levels were achieved: Sara Hall passed her D, Maggie Dewar passed D and D1, Sarah MacKenzie passed D and D1, and Kathleen Frotten passed D and D1. Heather Creamer achieved her D, D1, D2 and C level in mid October when she joined a test organized by the Avon Branch. Erin Sloan held stable management sessions that most of our members attended.

Respectfully Submitted,
Margaret Wheaton, DC

West Scotia

Bonnie Pothier

The West Scotia Pony Club had its Annual General Meeting on November 26th, 2009 at Rockridge Stables. Some of our successes from this year include twelve active members, four of which passed their D Level written test, two of these girls went on to achieve their complete D Level after attending the testing day at Alex Beaton's Killeavy Stables. Many thanks to Roxanne Poole for all her help and patience during the testing process.

At this time the club has in it's finances a total of \$55.25.

Paula Smith will be taking over the position of District Commissioner for the club. Bonnie Pothier will be taking up the position of Assistant District Commissioner until a replacement can be found. Shelagh Goudey and Darolyn Walker will continue their positions as Secretary and Treasurer until new volunteers can be found. Mary Pothier will be unable to continue as Assistant Coach due to other commitments.

A membership drive is planned for the near future.

West Valley Pony Club, Nova Scotia Region

The club had 12 members this year. Their ages ranged from 8 to 19 years with testing levels ranging from E to B. The club's coach is Alex Beaton from Killeavy Stables. Stable Management instruction was completed in fall/winter. Riding lessons were completed in May/June 2009. Eight members took part in camp at Killeavy Stables early July. Testing for members was completed in the summer. Four members achieved C level and one member B2.

Members attended several pony club quizzes. The club hosted several clinics by Sue Fraser and Alex Beaton. West Valley hosted the Regional Show Jumping competition in

July at Killeavy Stables. The club's jumping team placed first in their division. The club's D Rally team placed first in overall points at the Nova Scotia Regional Rally competition. Six members attended the Regional Dressage Competition and two members attended the National Dressage Competition. Many of our members supplied horses and volunteered as grooms for the National Pony Club Dressage Competition.

We are very proud of the national representation that our club members have made at the National Tetrathlon Competition, National Quiz, and National youth council for CPC.