

Nova Scotia Pony Club Reports Annual 2009

Nova Scotia Regional Show Jumping Chair Report

Nova Scotia Pony Club Regional Show Jumping Championships 2009 held at Kileveay Stables in Wilmot, Nova Scotia was a great success. The following expenses were incurred for this event . Venue Facility - \$200; Coaches Fee - \$100; Show Jumping Judge - \$100; Course Designer - \$300; Metals & Ribbons - \$335; Prizes - \$336; Farrier (Stephanie Burnie) - \$50; Loomer Portable Toilet - \$135; EMT (Emergency Medical Tech) - \$75.; Administration - \$40 (this included Thank You Cards, Safety Pins for Numbers, Yarn and scissors for back numbers, 6 Binders, Photocopies and food for Judge and course designer) Total Expenses - \$1671. I can provide copies of some bills and cheques as receipts. The revenue – Registration Fee 26 participants @ \$40 each -\$1040; Amateur Sport Nova Scotia Funding - \$400 and Canadian Pony Club Show Jumping Grant - \$300.

Nova Scotia Pony Club Regional Show Jumping Chair Roxanne Poole

PPG Report

In Nova Scotia Regionals were held in June with 9 teams competing; 5 of which were in the B Division. As Regional Chair, it will be my goal to continue to create excitement about PPG in NS to keep these young B riders interested throughout their pony club career.

Nova Scotia was fortunate to send both an A and Masters Team to Nationals this year. I would like to thank both hosting clubs for their encouragement to our NS members. PPG is just getting underway in Nova Scotia and we are slowly building our skill. The encouragement and support our members receive from the more experienced clubs is what keeps our members wanting to come back for more!

Thanks to the generous support of our pony club families, Nova Scotia has a full inventory of PPG game props; enough to support 3 lanes of competition for all games listed in the PPG Rule Book. We are proud to boast a wonderful set of stepping stones made of solid NS birch and custom built to the exact height and width specifications in the rule book. Our regional props are available to any of the NS branches for lessons, camps, practices, etc.

During the National conference, I requested that Alison Rainford (National PPG Chair) bring forward the need to have location logistics for nationals posted early on the web site. Request was sent as follows "I would like to request that clubs chosen to host national competitions be required to post the location name and address at least three months prior to the competition date. We do not need the event particulars so early; but do require a location and address to book airfare and hotel arrangements. We found it difficult this year to organize logistics; secure funding, etc.

Heather Ongo NS Regional PPG Chair

Tetrathlon Report

A Tetrathlon Run/Swim/Shoot clinic and competition was held at Central Nova Horse and Pony Grounds in Truro on June 14. The event was organized by the Opportunity Branch and was the first of two such competitions to be held in the region this summer. Ten members from three branches participated. Inga Hansen was the clinician and scorekeeper.

The second Tetrathlon run/shoot/swim competition and clinic was held in the Wolfville area on July 10, 2009. Unfortunately only two members attended, one from Annapolis and one from West Valley. (Novice male and Junior female). We ran on the Wolfville dykes, swam at the Acadia pool and had excellent shooting and coaching at the Annapolis Valley Shooting and Sports Club (four coaches for two shooters!). Cost of the clinic was \$10 per member.

Unfortunately, the clinic cost \$150.74 for facility expenses. These were funds that were paid upon booking the facilities so cancelling the clinic was not an option for us. We ran a deficit of \$130.74.

Junior and senior competitors generated scores for running, swimming and shooting at the clinics and we used the riding scores from Regional Rally (July 20, 21) to complete the competition scores for the Regional Tetrathlon Championship. Junior and Senior Tetrathlon awards will be presented at Rally.

Regional results were as follows:

Competition level	Name	shoot	swim	run	ride	total	Placing
Junior Women	Emily Baltzer	640	435	982	750	2807	1

Senior Women

Marie Apaloo	815	972	766	1417	3970	1
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Sarah Locke	935	569	536	1402	3442	2
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Julia Locke	620	489	280	1500	2889	3
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The plan was for Novice riders to generate scores for riding at D Challenge on June 13 and again at D Challenge in October in Windsor. Unfortunately, the latter competition was cancelled.

National tetrathlon was held in Langley BC, August 4 to 7, hosted by the BCLM Region.

Representing NS were Marie Apaloo, Sarah Locke and Emily Baltzer. Rhonda Baltzer went as Chaperone and Inga Hansen as Coach. Our team placed 4th. Individually, Emily placed 3rd overall, Sarah 5th, Marie 7th. Emily won her running competition, Marie won the swim and Sarah placed 5th in the shoot and the ride.

Respectfully submitted, Inga Hansen

2009 NSPC Regional Rally Report

Nova Scotia Pony Club Regional Rally was held on July 20 and 21 at Central Nova Horse and Pony Grounds in Salmon River. This year we combined D and C Rally into one big event. We had 8 teams representing 7 Nova Scotia branches, a total of 60 competitors.

Results are as follows:

1. Overall Team Awards: 1st West Valley (Captain Laura Jacquard); 2nd Avon/Eastern Shore Scramble Team I (Captain Liia Roop); 3rd Avon/Eastern Shore Scramble Team II (Captain Abi Shearer); 4th Colchester (Captain Chantal Paupin); 5th Annapolis Team I (Captain Claire MacDougall); 6th Annapolis Team II (Captain Dezaray Winkleman).

2. Team Stable Management: 1st Annapolis Team I (Captain Claire MacDougall); 2nd West Valley (Captain Laura Jacquard); 3rd Opportunity (Captain Sarah Locke); 4th Avon/Eastern Shore Scramble Team I (Captain Liia Roop); 5th ; Annapolis Team II (Captain Dezaray Winkleman); 6th Tantramar/Annapolis Scramble (Captain Sarah Isherwood).

4. Individual placing:

Grooms Walk/Trot - 1st Bea Lavalee (West Valley); 2nd Katie Cavanaugh (Opportunity); 3rd Sarah MacKenzie (Tantramar); 4th Erin Ceccetto (Avon); 5th Emily Nunn (Colchester).

Grooms Walk/Trot/Canter - 1st Jessica Mersereau (Avon); 2nd Holly Smith (Avon); 3rd Abby Devlin (Colchester); 4th Rebecca Dodsworth (Opportunity); 5th Bethany Shaddick (Opportunity); 6th Ida Gillespie (Annapolis).

Divisions:

- Training - 1st Rachele Foote (Annapolis)

- Pre-Training - 1st MaryBeth Kehoe (Avon); 2nd Julia Locke (Opportunity); 3rd Damita Hansen (Annapolis); 4th Brittany Parker (Annapolis); Emma Murray (Opportunity); Emma Foote (Annapolis).

- Entry - 1st Lauren Webster (West Valley); 2nd Liana Jacquard (West Valley); 3rd Samantha Symonds (Annapolis); 4th Kasey McDermott (Avon); 5th Olivia Unger (Colchester); 6th Haley Woodworth (West Valley).

4. Trophies:

Donald Grant Memorial Trophy: Rachel Foote (Annapolis)

Fundy Pony Club - Top Individual "C" Rider Plate: Julia Locke (Opportunity)

Henry Family - Top Individual D Rider: Lauren Webster (West Valley)

Rally would not happen without the work of many, many people. Thanks to all competitors who turned out and made this rally a big success. Thanks to the branch parents and volunteers who co-operated to run this rally and to the many individuals who so generously gave their time and expertise.

Submitted by Gay Hansen

NOVA SCOTIA PONY CLUB DRESSAGE REPORT

Pony Club dressage riders had a huge weekend at Central Nova Equine Park from August 14 to 17, 2009 with a Regional Championship, National Championship and Regional Clinic. Four days of great weather, great riding and a great group of awesome volunteers.

NOVA SCOTIA DRESSAGE CHAMPIONSHIP

On Friday morning, August 14, regional riders competed in the Regional Championship. Approximately 25 riders from West Valley, Evangeline, Annapolis, Colchester and Avon were entered and competed in Starter, Pretraining, Training, First and Second levels. Jane Fraser and Julia Peirce were the judges for the day.

Due to low entries for both qualifying shows, it was decided that all members that had entered the qualifying shows would be eligible to compete at the Regional Championship (2009 only). Results are as follows:

SECOND LEVEL DIVISION - Reserve Champion - Laura Jacquard - West Valley

FIRST LEVEL DIVISION- Champion - Liia Roop - Avon
Reserve Champion - Chantal Paupin – Colchester

TRAINING DIVISION - Champion - Emily Baltzer - West Valley
Reserve Champion - Rebecca Ongo - Annapolis

PRETRAINING DIVISION - Champion - Ashely Spicer - Evangeline
Reserve Champion - Emma Foote - Annapolis

STARTER DIVISION - Champion - Samantha Symonds - Annapolis
Reserve Champion - Charlie Veasey – Annapolis

A very close finish in Training Division, where the tie was broken between the two top riders by the second ride scores, this tie would decide which rider would qualify for 2010 Nationals.

A very special thanks again to all volunteers who volunteered time to help out at regionals.

CPC NATIONAL DRESSAGE CHAMPIONSHIP

On the afternoon of August 14, the National Championship got underway with approximately 50 riders from COR, SLOV, WOR, Alberta South, ANR, Alberta Central, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, BCIN, BCLM, BC Islands, NB-PEI and Nova Scotia Regions competing for top honors in Starter, Pretraining, Training, First level, Second level and Third level divisions. Jane Fraser and Julia Peirce were our judges over the 3 days.

The 2009 competition allowed for qualifiers for 2008 and 2009 National Finals (2008 National Finals were cancelled).

Each competitor rode two technical tests, a mystery test, and wrote a written test in their division. Turnout was also marked and included in overall scores. Final Results from the competition are posted on the CPC website. Our region was represented by the following riders, all did an awesome job.

Laura Jacquard, West Valley (placed 4th in First Level division)
Rebecca Ongo, Annapolis (Champion in Pretraining division)
Chantal Paupin, Colchester (placed 3rd in Pretraining division)
Natasha Poole, West Valley (Training division)
Miranda Beveridge, Annapolis (Pretraining division)

The support of the many volunteers, grooms, owners of borrowed horses and the financial support of many sponsors made this National Championship a total success. Many thanks to Sheila and Laura Jacquard for their many hours spent in organizing this huge event.

REGIONAL DRESSAGE CLINIC

On Monday, August 17, regional dressage riders took part in a regional dressage clinic held at the Central Nova Equine Park. Riders were coached by Julia Peirce and rode pretraining through First level.

Looking ahead to 2010, Central Nova Equine Park is tentatively booked for a dressage weekend on August 14 & 15 (CNHP is booking up fast for 2010).

Most likely this will be my last report as Dressage Chair, I would like to thank everyone for their support over the past 2 years and hopefully the intent to revive dressage in our Region has been a success.

Respectfully submitted Brenda Swinkels

Nova Scotia Regional Pony Club	
Regional Dressage Championship	
14-Aug-09	
Revenue	
Registration (stalls etc)	1,594.52
Less Refunds	-125.00
Total Revenue	1,469.52
Expenses	
Ribbons	277.78
Clinician Fee	585.00
Total Expenses	862.78
Profit (Loss)	606.74

Report from National Quiz – 2009

First of all I want to thank our region for sending me as the chaperone to the National Quiz in Vancouver. It was a privilege to go with such a great team and it was a great learning experience for me. Our C team consisted of Teigen Bond and Janice Cameron from Colchester, and Rachele Foote and Damita Hansen from Annapolis. We were also pleased to see Laura Jacquard from West Valley there on a scramble team with Manitoba.

Secondly I have to congratulate the girls for representing NS/Nfld so well. As a team they came 2nd out of 14 teams from across Canada – way to go! Teigen Bond walked away with the top honours for the second year in a row. What an amazing accomplishment, congratulations Teigen. She will have her name on the Adele Rockwell Memorial Trophy for both 2008 and 2009! Wow!

Now for the recap.....we arrived in Vancouver by noon on Friday and had a little time to settle into our hotel rooms before the registration, meet and greet, photos, and other meetings to go over rules and expectations for the week-end. What a lot of organization goes into an event like this, I was having a few panic attacks as I imagined the “to do” list for next year. For those who aren’t aware, we are hosting next year and it is an International Quiz, not just a National event. We were done our meetings and in bed by 11pm but we could all feel the fact that it was actually 3 am for us!

Saturday started at 7:15 for breakfast and then off to write the exam from 8:30 to 10:30. The games started after lunch. Our girls exhibited some really good teamwork in the games and scored well. They were in 1st place at the end of the day.

Saturday evening we went for a dinner cruise of Vancouver Harbour . It was a beautiful 2 hour boat ride and excellent sightseeing around Vancouver. The evening ended with dancing on the lower deck of the boat and then back to the hotel by 10:30 to get rested up for the next day.

Sunday morning was all artifacts. The organizers had done a great job of assembling all kinds of “hard to identify” stuff. There was a table for Western training devices, Standardbred racing gear and paraphernalia from the world of gaited horses as well. I was assigned to the feed samples table and was pleased to find that I knew all but 2. I had never seen dried molasses before and there was a mixed feed called Cob which I was unfamiliar with. It turns out that C-O-B stands for corn, oats , barley, duh. Needless to say I brought some of both home for our future artifacts tables.

On Sunday afternoon we went to a wonderful shopping district in Vancouver called Granville Market. It was very artsy, full of pottery shops and galleries. I was in bliss. We had a lovely 2 hours of wandering around and then got back on the bus to go back to the hotel and the awards banquet.

I guess you know the rest. We had a fantastic week-end of meeting other PC members from across Canada. Everyone we spoke to is SO excited to come to Nova Scotia next year. BCLM put on a fantastic quiz and I hope we can not only meet, but exceed the hospitality and organization that made their quiz so enjoyable for us.

Thank you again for the opportunity to experience this!Julia Young



Education Report- Heather

Nova Scotia kicked off the 2009 year with our first Education Day. All branch district commissioners were requested to strongly promote Education Day and to coordinate participation for their membership. A promotional brochure (inserted below) was circulated to all branch DCs, posted on the NS Pony Club website and emailed to members.

Participation numbers far exceeded expectations with over 80 members in attendance. In planning Education day, we adopted a 'rally' approach where each branch assumed responsibility for a section during the day. As Education Chair, I organized the key note speaker (Jane Fraser); however, the rest of the program was a cooperative effort among the branches.

Education efforts with the NS Youth Reps to coordinate their first Youth Recognition Banquet. The NS Youth Reps took on the organization and hosting of the lunch program for Education Day; where each of the branches provided a small presentation highlighting their successes throughout the year. As a result, each branch had a stake in the day's success and I think this helped drive up participation rates.

Brochure and Summary Report

Members of Nova Scotia Pony Club will gather in Windsor, Nova Scotia on February 8th to kick off the 2009 Pony Club year!

Where: Avon View High School, Windsor, Nova Scotia

When: 9:00 AM registration – 3:30 PM Wrap Up

Who: 2009 Pony Club Members with confirmed 2009 NSEF membership

How: \$5.00 per person

Why: Because you won't want to miss the following programs:

9:30 – 11:30 Jane Fraser Setting Your Flight Plan (Ages 14 and up)

In this two hour session we are going to deconstruct the invaluable skill of mental preparation. We'll look at:

- The value of competition
- The power of thought – positive and negative
- The benefit of mental preparation
- Goal setting
- Power statements
- Mental rehearsal
- Pre-competition rehearsal
- Pre-competition preparation

These are skills that will help take the athlete to the podium. And they are also life skills that aid us in our careers and relationships. It taps into an area of life that only a few discover because it is rarely taught.

Bring a pen and paper.

9:30 – 11:30 Alissa Cue Bandaging 101 (Ages under 14)

Alissa will provide step by step guidance on how to properly bandage your horse. No horse in the classroom – no problem!! We got it covered . . . come to this course and see how you can perfect your technique!

Alissa will also cover parts of your bridle, taking it apart and putting it back together correctly . . . a great way to prepare for D Quiz!!

There also may be a number of other surprise topics . . . so be prepared to have fun and learn as you go along!

11:30 AM – 1:30 PM NS Youth Rep Recognition Lunch

The NS Youth Reps invite all pony club members to a recognition and celebration lunch. All branches are encouraged to prepare a brief presentation to help us celebrate your branch's activities. We will be presenting a variety of recognition awards to club members . . . so come join the Youth Committee and your fellow pony club members from across the province for a Pizza Party Get Together.

1:30 PM – 3:00 PM Julie Ansems – Preparing for Stable Management at Regional Rally

Tackroom and Feedroom set up, Stable Inspections, Horse Inspections, Turnout for Dressage, Cross Country and Stadium Jumping, Vet Check and proper cool-out procedures. What are the judges looking for?

Julie is a former NSPC (Annapolis Branch) member, Regional and National Rally team member, A-level Pony Club Alumnus and current Three Day Eventer. This is bound to be a very informative session!

1:30 PM – 3:00 PM Stephanie Burner, Farrier

Stephanie is going to work with members on everything they need to know about foot, shoeing and proper hoof care. Stephanie used to be a pony club member herself and is well versed on all of what you are going to get asked at Quiz and on your written tests. She is going to bring her farrier tools, artifacts, etc., to make sure this is an exciting hands on session.

3:00 – 3:30 PM Inga Hansen – Tetrathlon at Regional, National & International Levels

What is tetrathlon and how to get started in this exciting discipline?

Inga, a B2 level NSPC affiliate member (Tantramar Branch), spent 12 years training and competing in Pony Club Tetrathlon. This session will be accompanied by a slide show to give all participants a better understanding of Tetrathlon competition.

Report from Education Day (February 2009, submitted by Heather Ongo, Education Chair)

The turnout exceeded my expectations - we had just over 80 people attend education day ranging in ages from 6-18, as well as various parents that stayed on to take in the lecture series.

It was so rewarding to peek into Jane Fraser's lecture on "Mentally Preparing for Competition" and see a classroom filled with engaged members, the kids in Alissa's room were having way too much fun and learning lots along the way - all smiles was the best way I can describe that group. In the afternoon, even though the younger crowd were very tired, they still all listened attentively as a young and energetic farrier shared with them all they needed to know about foot and shoeing - I think even the parents learned quite a bit in that session!

I would like to acknowledge the many efforts that went into making our first Education Day a success. First to all the DCs - thank you for promoting this event within your club. Your enthusiasm and support carried through to the members and I think this is why we got such a good turnout.

Thank you to Sheila Bower Jacquard who arranged to have Stephanie Burnie for the Farrier lecture in the afternoon. I was so incredibly impressed with the amount of preparation this young farrier did to prepare her topic. Thank you to Gay Hansen for organizing the discussions on Rally (delivered by Julie Ansem) and Tet (delivered by Inga). A huge thank you to Alissa Cue from Evangeline who held the attention of our youngest members for 2 hours in the morning by covering topics on bandaging, bridling and a video on helmet safety.

Jane Fraser was very impressed with the turnout for the day and is excited about her upcoming lectures in March and April. I think the members that attended Jane's lecture thoroughly enjoyed her session and I hope they come again in March/April to round off Jane's series on Dressage.

Megan Johnson deserves a great deal of credit for pulling the youth recognition luncheon together. I think the members thoroughly enjoyed the club presentations and the awards.

Thanks to Norman and Stacey Paupin, Sue Foote, Luanne Gertridge, Valerie McDermott, Sheila Bower-Jacquard, Alissa Cue, the two parents from West Valley who I apologize for not remembering the names of, and the lady that assisted Alissa from Evangeline . . . these people all stepped up to the plate during the day to help with the various tasks that needed done.

Thanks again to all who participated. My only regret was I forgot my camera!!

Over the last two years, Nova Scotia's Regional Dressage Chair has tried to re-energize the dressage discipline among our membership. When she teamed up with Regional representatives for Nova Scotia to host the 2009 Canadian National Dressage Competition; Education stepped up to the plate and created a series of workshops to help our membership understand the dressage discipline, as well as create some excitement among the membership.

Education created the Nova Scotia Professional Speaker Series, and contracted Jane Fraser (well known and respected Dressage rider and coach) to design and present a series of lectures on understanding dressage.

The lecture series was open to all NS Pony Club members; but we also invited members of the local dressage community to participate in the event. (provided proof of PSO was presented upon registration).

Communications report – Pam H

NSPC did a few things in the communications department to get our message of our 75 year Celebrations out to the masses.

We put 2 ads in the Horse and Pony Magazine this year. One in the spring and one in the summer. We agreed to place the second ad in conjunction with the article on our 75 years in stead of waiting until the Fall publication.

200 hard copies of the Lead Line Newsletter were sent out to the NSPC members and affiliates in August. These were sent out with a commemorative Pony Club 75th Anniversary stamp. It was a lot of work and I don't know how I would have done it without the help of my daughter and her friends...folding and stuffing envelopes!

In addition there was an increased interest in the website information and there have been several branches who have *spruced things up* on their sites. However there was a gap in the turn around time for regional website updates for a while with no response coming back from the Webmaster but that seems to have improved recently.

As I have communicated to Sheila Jacquard I will not be reoffering in the position of Communications. I have really enjoyed the experience and all the wonderful people.

Pam Hooper-Regional Communications

 Nova Scotia Pony Club  www.canadianponyclub.org		
<i>Loyalty</i>	<i>Character</i>	<i>Sportsmanship</i>
		Contact a Branch near you... <i>Annapolis</i> <i>Avon</i> <i>Colchester</i> <i>Eastern Shore</i> <i>Evangeline</i> <i>Opportunity</i> <i>Tantramar</i> <i>West Valley</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stable Management • Rally • Tetrathalon • Quiz • Show Jumping • Dressage • Prince Phillip Games (PPG) 		
<p style="text-align: center;">  Canadian Pony Club is celebrating its 75th Anniversary! </p>		
Sheila Jacquard - NS Regional Chair: jacquards@xplomet.com Brad Woodward - NB/PE Regional Chair: bradar@rogers.com		

Nova Scotia Pony Club Branch Testing Report

This 2009 season we had 12 branch tests recorded thru submission of applications to test and the complete submission of results.

There are still 2 branches with outstanding testing results Colchester and Annapolis.

Test results are not valid until received by the Regional test chair.

And unfortunately until all testing documents are recorded for your branch test the levels are not valid with the NS membership chair.

A double shame is the EIT's and examiners present at your branch test do not get the recorded test towards their qualifications.

The statistics from this year's testing's recorded to date:

D full- 19	D2 Riding-3
D1full- 27	C Riding -1
D2 full- 16	CSM-5
C full-9	DSM- 1
C1 full- 3	D1SM-3
D2SM-4	
C1SM-0	

The Regional testing committee will be holding a testing workshop on November 22 at the Windsor Elementary school. This workshop will replace our usual clinic held in April. An agenda for the day and directions to the school are to follow as the speakers are finalized. We have achieved much headway with regards to getting some EIT's qualified as Jr examiners. I want to thank all those test reps and examiners for taking the extra time and paying the extra expense to get our EIT's out to their tests. A revised examiner list will be forthcoming.

Respectively submitted, Valerie A McDermott

Nova Scotia Pony Club C2 /B & B2 Testing Report

We had a total of 7 C2 candidates apply to test this year. 1 candidate withdrew their application to test just before the practical testing and no refund was applicable.

The Pre Evaluation clinic was held at Killeavey Stables on June 27th with Alex Beaton and Jackie Allen as evaluators with 7 candidates in attendance.

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

7 candidates in total attended the clinic.

Revenue		
Testing Grant (one Qtr)	125.00	
Candidate Entry Fee (\$75 each)	525.00	
Total Revenue		650.00
Expenses		
Facility Rental 1 days @\$200.00	200.00	
Examiners X 2 (\$150/day each)	300.00	
Examiners Mileage (.38 per Km)	59.01	
Test Chair Mileage & Clinic prep	219.45	
Examiners & Test Chair Food Expenses	36.95	
Total Expenses		815.41
Net Profit (Loss)		-165.41

The Practical Phase of testing was held on Monday Aug 25th at Alex's facility Killeavey Stables. Christina Barnes, Shannon Daly and Alex Beaton were the examiners.

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

6 candidates in total tested at the practical phase. 1 candidate tested only SM phase and 5 candidates tested the complete test. 1 candidate had to withdraw from the riding phase.

We had a total of 7 B and 2 B2 candidates apply to test this year. 1 candidate withdrew their application to test B2 and a full refund was applicable.

The Pre Evaluation clinic was held at Kileavey Stables on June 28th with Alex Beaton and Jackie Allen as evaluators with 5B & 1B2 candidates in attendance.

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

Pre-Test Clinic

B candidates	5	(1-Full,1 -SM, 3-Riding)
B2 candidates	2	(1SM, 1- Full)
	7 Total	

Revenue		
Testing Grant (one Qtr)	125.00	
Candidate Entry Fee (\$75 each)	525.00	
Total Revenue		650.00
Expenses		
Facility Rental 1 days @\$200.00	200.00	
Examiners X 2 (\$150/day each)	300.00	
Examiners Mileage (.38 per Km)	59.01	
Test Chair Mileage & clinic expenses	234.45	
Examiners & Test Chair Food Expenses	78.95	
Total Expenses		872.41
Net Profit (Loss)		-222.41

The Practical Phase of testing was held on Tuesday Aug 26th again at Alex’s facility Kileavey Stables. Christina Barnes, Shannon Daly and Alex Beaton were the examiners.

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

C2-B-B2 Candidate Practical Testing

Practical Testing

C2 candidates	7	(6- Full, 1- Riding)
B candidates	5	(1-Full,1 SM, 3-Riding)
B2 candidates	1	(1- Full)
	13	

**C2/B &
B2**

Revenue		
Testing Grant	0.00	
Candidate Entry Fee (\$175 each)	2,275.00	
Total Revenue	2,275.00	
Expenses		
Examiners Airfares & car rental Arr 23rd - Dep 26th	1,281.45	Car \$200, Toronto \$387.95, Calgary \$693.50
Examiners Accommodations Aug 23-25	804.56	
Facility Rental 2 days @\$200.00	400.00	
Examiners Honorarium Aug 24 & 25	900.00	3 examiners 24th & 3 examiners 25th= 6@\$1
Examiners Mileage	77.97	
Examiners Food Expenses Aug 23-26th	464.00	
Test Chair Mileage & Expenses	870.49	
Total Expenses	4,798.47	
Net Profit (Loss)	-2,523.47	

Roll Up

	2009 Budget	2009 Actual	Profit/Loss
Examiners Clinic	250.00	381.59	-131.59
Written Tests	300.00	143.50	156.50
C2 Pre Test	650.00	815.41	-165.41
B/B2 Pre Test	650.00	872.41	-222.41
C2/ B/ B2 Practical's	2,275.00	4,798.47	-2,523.47
	4,125.00	7,011.38	-2,886.38

Net Profit (Loss) **-2,886.38**

Overall C2, B & B2 testing costs.

I would like to thank the candidates for their commitment to their testing day for being well prepared.

The examiners for their time and patience at the evaluation and practical testing days.

It certainly was a learning curve this year as my first term as Regional test chair comes to a close. I look forward to another year in testing.

The C2, B & B2 candidate's application to test for 2010 will follow shortly.

Respectively submitted, Valerie A McDermott

2009 Discipline Conference Reports

NSPC Rally Report:

Some of the proposed changes for Rally from the Disciplines Conference, November 2009 are listed below:

1. BCLM has agreed to hold a National Rally in 2010. We should consider how we will select a team. I suggest that we use the results from last year's Regional Rally.
2. It is suggested that Regional Rally Chairs chaperone their own teams in 2010. That way they will be familiar with National Rally and in a better position to understand the beast when it comes time for other regions to host National Rally.
3. There has been a request from the youth that Regional Rallies and National Rallies create an Affiliate division.
4. Also, a request to hold Roads and Tracks as part of the endurance phase of Rally at all levels.

Plans for 2010:

1. Determine criteria for choosing 2010 NS Regional Rally team. Tentatively select the team by ranking the competitors from 2009 regional rally names will not be announced.
2. When (if??) we receive the invitation to National Rally, we will be able to quickly organize the team.
3. Move Regional Rally to 3 days to include roads and tracks.

4. Rally 2010 dates booked for July 20, 21, 22 at CNHP.

5. Increase fees: We need to do this to cover the increased cost of officials. Last year we doubled the amount paid to stable management judges in the past and the result was excellent SM evaluation. We also paid \$300 for a Technical Delegate (new rule in 2009), an expense we have never incurred before. If we add a third competition day, this will also cost more.

I am going to stop providing bedding at rally and let all teams bring their own - that will save some money.

6. We should organize a rally clinic at CNHP to encourage our members to prepare for rally, especially to school over the cross country. We could also introduce the concept of roads and tracks at that time. Is the Colchester club interested in organizing this again in 2010?

Thanks for sending me to the Disciplines Conference.

Gay Hansen

NSPC Rally Chair

Report from National Conference- Quiz

Thank you for the opportunity to attend the National Conference, it was a great weekend and I certainly felt I came away with a lot.

The quiz chairs from across the country, led by our National Rep wasted no time getting things done. On Friday night we met and were successful in amending and approving the entire "Hosting National Quiz" flow chart. This document was initiated by Saskatchewan region but certainly has been added to and influenced by all the hosting regions. It is a great tool for Nova Scotia to have at hand moving into 2010 and our opportunity to host not only National, but International Quiz as well.

Within our Friday night meeting we also approved the rotation for National/International Quiz up to 2025. No region will need to be surprised!

Saturday was another great day with everyone working hard on the national quiz handbook. There had been several recommendations for amendments and we went through everything and approved the final draft.

With a couple hours left, we spent very valuable time-sharing amongst the regions tricks and tips for hosting quizzes. It was decided that one of the challenges that every region runs into are the written tests. From what percentage of "obscure" questions to how the levels are defined, we all had our challenges. We all agreed to share the tests among the quiz reps and to use them as "banks" of information to pull from. It was agreed that these tests would not be posted on line, as it is very helpful to have questions that members have not read.

Some time was spent looking at some new game ideas and we also did round table talks on making up NEW games. It is a lot of fun to only be limited by your imagination!

Before wrap up on Saturday afternoon, a questionnaire was written which will be sent to all regions to pull together a lot of the information we had shared.

Submitted Susan Foote

Education Report from Disciplines Conference

Spent a lot of time going around the table with each Region explaining how their education programs were run. In some Regions, stable management lectures are organized by the Regions rather than by Branches, even at the lower levels. These Branches were located close together. Regional Testing at the C2 level seemed to be a long standing procedure.

Developing a National Clinicians List; revising a form that has been in the Education Handbook. Regions/branches to search out clinicians and submit the form as soon as possible once it's revised. Clinicians willingness to travel to other Regions will be noted on the form.

Reminded Regions that there is a B, B2, A Disk in the regions detailing requirements at those levels. This was prepared by BC and sold to other Regions. NS has one somewhere and I do recall seeing it. Also a Quiz Bank of questions was distributed years ago. I haven't had a chance to search but I at least had access to it at one time and may still have the 'floppy'. The plan is to have this on a 'secure' site as a 'management tool' to help in organizing quizzes and tests, and therefore not available to the general membership.

The Education Grant remains.

Some PSO's cover travel costs to Branches to attend Regional Meetings (volunteers - youth groups).

Regions using Facebook to reach members; posting pictures; DC's encouraged to provide a 'new member' package for new members and new parents with specific info on the Branch and the Region.

Education to set up a website (somewhat secure where you register) linked to main page where all Education Chairs can send in teaching materials they use; games, lectures; clinic suggestions, a sharing of teaching tools to save duplication of efforts. Terri Dickson (BCIN) tdickson@telus.net is collecting these and setting up. Can also be emailed to Bev Hewitt, Nat. Education Chair bevhewitt@gmail.com. Perhaps these should go through our Ed Chair or at least copied to our Chair??

A Facebook group will be set up - a white board for sharing ideas; share candidates checklists.

Lesson Plans will be updated to match the new Flow Charts that the Examiners are working on.

One region had upper level members draw up questions with answers to create a study bank of their own.

A new volunteer badge is coming forward. This would be for members volunteering for CPC activities - 20 hours to earn the Junior Badge; another 40 hours to earn the Sr. Badge for such things as helping out at shows, camp, lecturing, etc. There is a community volunteer badge already.

Education Handbook was reviewed and changes will be forthcoming.

National Examiners List - a warning that a name may be on the list but you need to look very carefully beyond that to see what experience/qualifications each person has.

Under special circumstances, computers can be used for written tests - known disability - organized ahead of time so test chair has time to prepare.

Half chaps will be allowed in Testing - C1 and above must be black or brown; lower levels color is individual choice.

Teaching candidates for upper level tests, HB2 and HA, must have full C2 level.

Testing early - if this does happen, levels aren't effective until eligible.

Bandage requirements - changing a bit...C1 - Stable, C2 stable & tail.

Required and Recommended Reading Materials were reviewed and the lists will be updated.
Respectfully submitted, Margie Johnson

**NSPC's National Director's Report
from the CPC Semi Annual Meeting, November 11 & 12, 2009
November 28, 2009**

I had the privilege to once again attend National CPC meetings (Semi Annual Meeting) November 11th & 12th. I am constantly amazed at the amount of work the volunteers at these meetings do.

A topic of great interest with a 'written presentation' at the National SAM was the move to stream the disciplines in testing allowing candidates to test in either just the flat, just the stadium jumping or retain all three phases as it is now. The written document drastically changed the testing requirements which was rejected, however, the idea of streaming the disciplines was accepted. The actual motion passed read as follows: **To task the testing committee with creating two additional riding streams; a flat stream from C level to RA level and stadium jumping stream from B to RA. The stadium jumping stream will have a suitable flat section.**

Also on the agenda was continuation of discussion of the Riding Centre Pilot Projects. Last April at the National AGM three Branches were tasked to rewrite the original document addressing the concerns that Regions indicated a year ago. The document presented Riding Centres in a format almost identical to Branches; the big difference being they are run as 'a business' rather than a 'not for profit' youth group. Discussion didn't centre around the details of the actual document so much as to whether or not to continue with the pilot project. After much discussion, the motion that was passed was:

Motion: Move to accept the proposed Centres Program Handbook for Stable Owners and proposed Riding Centres membership program as a pilot project for 2010, subject to

review by the CPC National Insurer and Governance Committee and legal advisor regarding the required contracts and forms to be effective by January 1, 2010. Cd.

Reason for the Motion: To allow BCI Region to proceed with a pilot project Riding Centre in 2010 if the above responses are supportive.

Report from Youth Meetings held at National Dressage & National Quiz - Going to try a new web site on their web page. Facebook site also popular. Carried out an Exit Survey; received feedback on discipline streaming and levels to initiate the streaming.

They also thanked all the volunteers who put on National Dressage and National Show Jumping indicating the youth felt both events were very successful. The Youth Reps were going to talk to the youth at the conference to see if they would like to see money spent on International exchanges or more youth conferences/activities.

Active Member East replacing Laura Jacquard whose term was up is Kyra Holmes from COR I believe.

Discussed branding – sell ourselves as an international organization, teaching a healthy lifestyle.

It was recommended that we check with Breed Groups to see if they will recognize our kids. The CPC rep on EC Kim Saville, PEI, has been working with these groups and will follow up this suggestion. Such things as year end awards for CPC members, etc.

EC - Chair of National indicated CPC loyalty is to the PSO's and that CPC has a good working relationship with EC. The battle is between the PSO's and EC, not us. Mike Gallagher, President of EC, was a guest speaker on the Friday evening; gave a lot of credit to CPC and talked about the good working relationship between the two.

A CPC representative attending the Sport Council Meeting on Nov. 10, 2009 and reported that EC are short of officials. Regions could submit reports of any problems/concerns/solutions regarding EC shows/officials.

A draft sponsorship and thank you letter will be posted on the web site as well as a business card template. These are just places to start if anyone wishes to use them.

It was suggested that any region receiving sponsorship money/funding of any kind, send a thank you letter to the Ministers of that respective department.

A \$1000 was allocated to develop marketing material to include a downloadable fact sheet, poster and brochures. They would like input from the regions so if you have suggestions you'd like to see included, email those to me.

Officials Committee - Show Jumping and Dressage Manuals are ready to be sent out for review. Stewards' manual is ready to be used. Branches need to start running clinics to start identifying

and training PC Stewards. It is up to regions to set up a delivery system to train their own stewards. Nationally the word is that EC is short of 'officials'.

HR Committee came forward with a Motion after discussion:

Move the creation of a Human Resources standing Committee tasked with creating and implementing an Operation Review with respect to the positions and functions of National personnel, both volunteers and employees. Cd.

As far as possible any issues/questions to be directed to National Admin Assistant should go through our Regional /chair or National Director.

National web site committee will be updating the CPC website.

Membership Report – The issue was raised of a problem with returning members who have missed a year or more, returning in the fall and being given the 4 month free membership, which at this point is reserved for kids new to CPC.

Reason for the Motion: To encourage returning members and to enable them and their parents to fully participate in fall activities such as meetings, fundraising, education and preparation/planning for the coming year.

Motion: **That CPC offer a discounted membership of 50% of the current National Fee effective September 1 to the end of the calendar year to individuals who have been inactive for 1 year or more. These members may not test or enter Regional/International competitions for this September to December period. Cd.**

Motion: **That Motion above be effective as of September 1, 2009. Cd.**

Membership contest - Just a reminder that only memberships entered into the National Database by midnight on December 31, 2009 will count. Any members who do not have their PSO confirmed by January 31, 2010, will not count in the final tally.

High School Credits -National Membership Chair feels that a solution to our membership problems is for Regions to work with the Department of Education in their respective province to have CPC accepted under the High School External Credit program. This fall is the first time NS Dept. Of Education has participated in these external credits. Carollyn and I have both looked at this briefly. I think it can happen in NS but will take some work. Need to have a couple of people to follow up on this, bounce ideas off each other, learn more about it and move it along. The goal would be to have it in place for fall of 2010. It appears that provinces that are presently participating have totally different procedures. In Alberta for example, the Dept. Of Education has a huge binder of required material on various equine topics where the students study on their own (or with their CPC Branch) and at some given time challenge a 'school or provincial test'. It appears in Nova Scotia that our already existing 'Stable Management' testing system could meet the necessary requirements to grant credits. One credit requires 110 hours. So for example, we would show the Dept. Of Education the testing system we have in place already, detail the estimated time to accomplish say a C2 level (possibly fitting the 110 hours) and if approved, once a member achieved a C2 level (or whatever is deemed to be 110 hours) at Grade 10 or above, could equal one High School External Credit. There is a limit to the # of external credits that can count towards Graduation, however, there is nothing stopping them from having more on their 'school record'/resumes.

The loss of program grants was discussed and a motion passed that readl....**Motion: Move that Regional program grants will be reinstated in 2010 pending availability of funds. Cd.**

Calendars - some regions aren't happy selling those; some would prefer the itineraries. I believe they bring in something like \$28,000 to National so for now and because no one had a better idea, calendars will continue for 2011. Pictures from the region were collected at the National Meeting.

Attendance at Regional Meetings was discussed. A couple of regions have Branches that are a 24 hour drive apart; another 7 hours. These regions have found it quite successful to include a 'conference call' set up in the centre of the table at their regional meetings so those who cannot drive can actively participate. Face to face being recommended as often as possible. Those regions had to change their Rules & Regs with approval by Governance and Management committees.

The goal for the The Ride for 75 was to ride across Canada; end results took us around the world twice. Jumping ahead to the 75th Ann Banquet, Evangeline PC received recognition for being one

of the top ten Branches riding the most kilometers. It was great to see the Evangeline ladies in attendance at the conference. They wore their matching long sleeved shirts, branch jackets and we heard many positive comments on their attendance and standing out as a 'team'.

It was announced at this SAM that Canada was not going to be hosting a week of the International Tetrathlon Competition; the USPC offered to take on the entire two week program and they are not asking for financial support which had been one option, and we still get to send members .

Follow Up Items:

- **High School External Credits**
- **Thank you letters form NSPC to Ministers**
- **Training own Stewards**

**Respectfully submitted,
Margie Johnson, National Director**

Report from the November 2009 Testing and Education Conference.

I attended the Testing part of the T& E Conference and provide the highlights or our weekend below.

1. The Testing Procedures Manuals were changed to incorporate Stable Management streaming, some reorganization was done to simplify the use of the document and some things were reworded for clarity. This was basically just housekeeping stuff and done by Gwen Barnes prior to the meeting.
2. The testing group was given the mandate of reorganizing Testing Procedures to allow further streaming. The proposal is to allow members to specialize on flat riding after achieving a full C level. These members would not jump for testing and could potentially attain C1, C2 and B "Flat". Members will have the option of specializing on show jumping after achieving a full C2 level. These members would not test cross country and have a reduced dressage component to achieve B, B1 and A "Show Jumping". Because of the teaching requirements in the B2 and A Stable Management tests, candidates will now have to have a full C2 test level in order to qualify. In other words, a candidate wishing to test B2SM will have to have a full C2; testing SM only will stop at the B level without it.

This new streaming will undoubtedly result in the retention of many members who in the past, reached limits in testing over jumping or cross country and quit CPC. Hopefully, these members will now stay on with Pony Club and enjoy the new freedom to follow their particular specialties in riding. I was skeptical but now think this is a very positive move. This does however make quite a messy scramble of our testing procedures. The testers have been given the job of designing new flow charts and work sheets that will address this new "Discipline Specific" testing. This should be ready in a month or two for distribution to the Regional T&E chairs, and by April for presentation to the board for approval at the SAM.

3. Half chaps will be fine for testing as long as they are clean, fit and are in good repair. When the test candidate is required to wear a jacket for testing (C1 level and up), the half chaps must be a tasteful brown or black. Half chaps can be any colour or material up to and including C level.

4. Computers may be used for written tests if needed. They must be properly supervised and it is not up to the DC or test rep to provide.
5. Minimum testing ages are: D=7 years, D1=8, D2=9, C=10, B=14, A=16. All ages are calculated as of January 1st. These ages have not changed, BUT, if a candidate tests and passes any level while underage, their level will not be recognized until the candidate achieves the appropriate age.
6. Branch test reps must send notification of successful testing to the membership secretary (as well as the regional test rep) so test levels get recorded in the appropriate year and gets recorded for members who do not rejoin.
7. To avoid confusion, the phase "Horsemastership" in testing will henceforth be called "Stable Management"
8. Can test result reporting be simplified??? ie: can we change the *10 through 0* evaluation of every element of testing and replace it with *does not meet standard/meets standard/exceeds standard*? Many were hugely in favour of this and of the time it would save but we were outnumbered. Old scoring prevails unfortunately.

Other items are being worked on by various committees. These will appear in the new CPC Testing Procedures:

9. There will be new jump heights assigned to each test level. We want a regular increase in the heights of stadium and cross country fences through the test levels (this is not the case now). This will result in lowering fences for some test levels and increasing them for others.
10. Some material is presently tested in a very patchy manner. For example, there is no testing of farrier knowledge at the C1 level. The Stable Management material will be reviewed to ensure that all theory topics are covered appropriately at each test level. Some shuffling of materials between test levels will occur.

Thanks for sending me to the conference. It was remarkable to witness so many simultaneous changes. I really hope these will make testing more inviting and user friendly. It might take some time to iron out the kinks! I think lots of feedback to our regional test chair will be necessary in order to assess what works well.

Respectfully Submitted

Gay Hansen

Tetrathlon Report November 2009

We made a few significant changes to Tetrathlon at the Disciplines Conference. They include:

- Adding a pre novice level to regional competitions for young competitors just starting out
- Combining genders to make up teams for the National level competitions
- Adding a slip rail and/or gate to the stadium phase of the competition
- Adding a derby style to the options for the riding phase if horse numbers/facilities are a limitation
- Using Canadian Tetrathlon rules when hosting International competitions

There were other smaller changes and additions to the Tetrathlon rules made at the conference.

We also laid out the National competition rotation schedule for the upcoming years: Nova Scotia is hosting the National competition in 2011. The National competition next year is going to be held in the Western Ontario Region. The International competition will be held entirely in the USA, leaving Canada to host the International exchange in 2014.

For the upcoming year I hope to promote Tetrathlon by offering the option of coming to branches to give a presentation to Pony Clubbers about what Tetrathlon is all about. We will also offer clinics in the spring and Regionals mid-summer. I think using the riding scores from D-challenge and Rally worked well in 2009, so we will score regionals in the same way in 2010.

Thanks to the Region for sending me to represent Tetrathlon at the Disciplines Conference.

Inga Hansen
NSPC Tetrathlon Chair