

## Nova Scotia Pony Club Annual Report 2009

### NOVA SCOTIA REGIONAL PONY CLUB ANNUAL REPORT 2009

In 2009 we had nine active Branches and 186 members. The Regional Board of Directors met five times. At the Can Am Equine Emporium held in Windsor the Avon Pony Club took part with a Drill Team. They also brought in the CPC display for a booth during the weekend. Pictures of the Drill Team are posted on the CPC website.

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Evangeline has placed in the top 10 Pony Clubs for the number of KM ridden in the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Ride.

#### 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. Margie reported on the SAM at the May meeting and will report on the AGM at our next regional meeting in January. Margie Johnson, Laura Jacquard, Gay and Inga Hansen, and Diana Locke attended the Discipline Conference. Six members of Evangeline PC attended the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Youth Conference in Toronto.

##### National Events:

Tetrathlon: Marie Apaloo (Tantramar), Sarah Locke (Oppurtunity), and Emily Baltzer (West Valley) represented our region at the National Tetrathlon Championship held August 4<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> in Langly BC. Our team placed 3<sup>rd</sup> overall. Individually, Emily placed 3<sup>rd</sup> overall, Sarah 5<sup>th</sup>, and Marie 7<sup>th</sup>. Emily won her running competition, Marie won the swim and Sarah placed 5<sup>th</sup> in the shoot and ride. Rhonda Baltzer attended as chaperone and Inga Hansen as the coach. Congratulations to Inga Hansen for being presented the Sportmanship Award.

Quiz: Four members represented Nova Scotia at National Quiz hosted in Vancouver. Team members were Janice Cameron (Colchester), Rachele Foote (Annapolis), Damita Hansen (Annapolis) and Teigen Bond (Colchester) with Julia Young, as chaperone. The team placed 2<sup>nd</sup> out of 14 teams. Laura Jacquard was also a scramble member with Manitoba. Teigen Bond walked away with the top hours for the second year in a row. She will have her name on the Adele Rockwell Memorial Trophy for both 2008 and 2009!

PPG: We sent two teams to Nationals, an A team and a Masters team. The teams were Sidney MacKenzie, Kaissa VanMeekeren, Rebecca Ongo, Miranda Beveridge and Cali-Rose Keating.

Show Jumping: Mary-Beth Kehoe (Avon) represented our region at the National Show Jumping Championships which was hosted by Manitoba Region in early September.

Dressage: Our region hosted the 2009 National Dressage Championships at Central Nova Scotia Equine Park from August 14<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup>. There was 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 in Starter, Pre-training, Training, First Level, Second Level, and Third level divisions. Our region was represented by Laura Jacquard from West Valley placed 4<sup>th</sup> in First Level Division, Natasha Poole from West Valley competing in Training level, Rebecca Ongo from Annapolis Champion in Pre-training Division, Chantal Paupin from Colchester placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in Pre-training Division and Miranda Beveridge from Annapolis competing in Pre-training division. The support of the many volunteers, grooms, owners of borrowed horses and the financial support of many sponsors made this National Championship a success.

Interpacific Exchange:

Connie McLellan was selected to be part of the CPC 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.

Regional Activities:

Disciplines: Our region was active in all disciplines and held regional championships in each. We are very grateful to Apply Saddlery who provided hats as awards. We appreciate the continued support of CPC by Apple saddlery. Full reports follow.

Rally: Nova Scotia Pony Club was held on July 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> at Central Nova Horse and Pony grounds in Salmon River. This year D and C Rally was combined into one big event. We had 8 teams representing 7 branches and a total of 60 competitors. Colchester hosted a regional cross country/ flat clinic at Central Nova on June 14<sup>th</sup> with 17 members attending from various branches.

Tetrathlon: A Tetrathlon Run/Swim/Shoot clinic and competition was held at Central Nova Horse and Pony grounds in Truro on June 14<sup>th</sup>. The event was organized by Opportunity Branch. The second Tetrathlon run/shoot/swim competition and clinic was held in the Wolfville area on July 10<sup>th</sup>.

Dressage: The Regional Championship was held on August 14<sup>th</sup>, with approximately 25 riders from West Valley, Evangeline, Annapolis, Colchester and Avon were entered and competed in Starter, Pre-training, Training, First and Second levels. The judges were Jane Fraser and Julia Peirce. We are pleased to announce our competitors for 2010

National Dressage Championships are First Level – Liia Roop (Avon), Training – Emily Baltzer (West Valley), and Pre-training – Ashley Spicer (Evangeline).

PPG: Regionals were held in June with 9 teams competing; 5 of which were in the B division.

Quiz: A total of two Region quizzes were held with Opportunity hosting a B/C Quiz and C qualifier for National Quiz. Evangeline hosted a Novice/D level Quiz.

Show Jumping: Regional Show Jumping Championships was in July and was held at Killeavy Stables in Wilmot, Nova Scotia.

Education: Nova Scotia kicked off the 2009 year with our first Education Day with over 80 members in attendance. We adopted a 'rally' approach where each branch assumed responsibility for a section during the day. Education created the Nova Scotia Professional Speaker Series, and contracted Jane Fraser to design and present a series of lectures on understanding dressage. Examiners-in-training: This day-long session was held in April at the High School in Windsor.

D challenge: This is a wonderful competition, reserved exclusively for D and D1 level riders and was held in June and hosted by Opportunity. The D Challenge is a team competition combining dressage, equitation and show jumping for our youngest riders and most experienced ponies.

Youth activities: Laura completed her second year as a National Youth rep: Eastern. The NS Youth Reps coordinated their first Youth Recognition Banquet. The NS Youth Reps took on the organization and hosting of the lunch program for Education Day.

Testing: Most branches held D and C testing. A C2/B & B2 pretest clinic was held on June 27<sup>th</sup> with Alex Beaton and Jackie Allen as evaluators with 7 candidates in attendance.

The practical phase of testing was held Monday August 25<sup>th</sup> at Killeavey Stables with Christina Barnes, Shannon Daly, and Alex Beaton as examiners. Six candidates completed their full C2 and one candidate was successful in their riding phase. One candidate was successful in completing their full B, one candidate completed B stable management and three candidates were successful in completing the riding phase. One candidate was successful in completing their full B2.

Communication: We had two ads in the Horse and Pony Magazine this year. 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 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary stamp. Each of our nine branches were active in 2009 with riding lessons, stable management lessons, camps, clinics, testing, badge work and fundraising. We are looking for 2010 with enthusiasm. Unfortunately we had two branches, Friendly Breezes and Fairwinds that were not active this year.

NS Anniversary Scholarship Award:

In July a PC Ladies BBQ was held at Judith Scrimger's house. From this came \$500 to be given to a PC member in honour of the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. This award was presented to a member with a level of C2 and above who demonstrated the pony club motto. Laura Jacquard was the chosen recipient.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sheila Bower-Jacquard,  
Chairperson, Nova Scotia Regional Pony Club