

Annapolis Branch Report (Submitted by Susan Foote)

The 2010 pony club year in our branch was filled with enthusiasm and interest in all disciplines from our members. With 35 members, it was the largest Annapolis has been in over ten years and although the prospect of organizing and planning support for all levels would be challenging, it was a challenge that the executive met.

Our program got underway in February with stable management lectures being held weekly for our members. Getting together as a large group enabled us to keep all the members aware of upcoming events and provided a chance for the membership to get to know one another. At the end of the stable management lectures our club held the written tests where some of the new members wrote several levels in preparation for leapfrogging in their first year.

The spring came and we held our lesson program each weekend for five weeks giving each member ten structured lessons before the busy summer show season began. With twenty eight members participating, our weekends and one evening were filled to accommodate everyone. The lesson program was held at Clay Hill Farm and Hobby Horse Farm on alternating weekends.

Annapolis was pleased to support our members participating in Regional competitions, with members attending Quiz, PPG, Rally, Dressage, Show Jumping, and D-Challenge to represent Annapolis.

We were also thrilled to have four members attend National Competitions this year- Rebecca Ongo to National Dressage, Rachele Foote to National Rally, and Emma Foote and Dezaray Winkelman to National Quiz.

We held an overnight camp for the members in August and with 28 participants, we had Hobby Horse Farm busting at the seams to accommodate us all. This was the largest overnight camp we have ever held and a huge thanks to all the parents who volunteered to make it happen.

Our branch held three test days this year, one in June and two in August which our members were well prepared for. We also had six members move forward to Regional Testing this year and they all worked very hard and had successes in their respective levels.

It was a great year with an enthusiastic and supportive membership.

Avon (No Report)

Colchester (Submitted by Michelle Euloth)

Colchester Pony Club celebrated Christmas with a bowling party in December.

New members had a chance to meet current members and badges were handed out to all members who earned them. We had two new members enroll for 2010 which brought our membership to 12. We began our lectures in January and were fortunate enough to be able to use the classrooms in the Knox United Church in Brookfield for lecture meetings.

We sent a team of members to the quiz hosted by Evangeline club and they enjoyed it very much. The C level quiz hosted by our club was also a great success.

As in previous years a fund raiser Bronze Hunter Show was held at CNHP on June 19th. The turn-out for this fundraiser was very disappointing with only 16 entries for the day - conflict between NSEF and EC may have been a factor.

Like-wise the clinic scheduled for June 27th was cancelled due to lack of entries - not enough entries to cover clinician fees resulted in the cancellation.

Our annual Pony Club camp was held July 12 - 15 with testing being held on the 16th. The riders enjoyed the camp and all members who tested were successful.

In October we had several members take part in National and International Quiz and the girls were very successful.

We held our AGM in October. We decided against doing registration at that time as I may be leaving the province - this would mean that the ADC would have to fill in. No volunteer stepped forward to fill that position and there was talk that closing the club might be the best option. Most members went on to other clubs in the region so it is very likely there will be no Colchester Pony Club 2011.

Eastern Shore (no report)

Evangeline (submitted by Alissa Cue)

The club had a busy year with 29 registered members that included 27 girls and 2 boys ranging in ages of 7 to 17 years. We ran our stable management meetings from November 3 – April 19 with Alissa Cue volunteering as our instructor again this year. We were also fortunate to have 8 of our oldest members assisting Alissa with many of the sessions. They included: Kate MacDonald, Taylor Creaser, Halie Sproul, Katelynn Marshall, Ashley Spicer, Brianna Lowe, Jessica van Nostrand and Christina Backhouse. The riders got lots of chances to get hands on knowledge about ponies/horses in a fun and exciting way. A special guest speaker came to demonstrate massage technique on horses and allow the riders a chance to try some of the exercises.

Parent meetings were held once per month throughout the stable management sessions in order to keep them informed. Our parents kept activate this year by helping lead activities; drive riders to ,events volunteer at our quiz and participating in our fund raising activities. This year's fundraiser event consisted of selling cookie dough.

The club held several social events for the riders. They included:
-our annual Halloween party at held at a local corn maze

- apple picking at a local farm
- six of our older riders attend the Youth Conference in Toronto
- a Christmas party held at a local skating rink followed by treats making Christmas crafts

Evangeline pony club was very active in the various competitions that were offered by the region and other pony clubs. We hosted our annual quiz that included E/D/D1/D2 and C levels in March with 96 participants from 8 pony clubs. Once again we had a very successful day due to the dedication of our instructor Alissa and the parents of our club.

Other events included:

- 8 members attended the C Level qualifying Quiz hosted by Colchester Pony Club
- 3 teams (Master, B Team and C team) participated at Regional PPQ
- 5 riders attended the D Challenge held in Truro
- 8 members went to Rally held at Hobby Horse placing 3rd overall
- 11 members attended the Run Shoot Swim Clinic hosted by Opportunity Pony Club
- 6 riders attended the Regional Dressage hosted in Truro with Halie Sproul placing 3rd
- 14 members audited the Beth Underhill Clinic
- Ashley Spicer attended National Dressage in BC placing 5th overall
- Taylor Creaser, Kate MacDonald, Ashley Spicer, Katelynn Marshall represented one of the two teams for National Quiz placing 11 overall. Jessica van Nostrand along with Dezaray Winkelman, Emma Foote and Talia Bond were the other team placing 5th overall

During the first week in July we held our Pony Club day camp at the Rohan Woods Stable. A total of 26 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 for all of the riders and organized the stable management activities. In addition, the younger riders had great fun participating in the arts & crafts and games segment held throughout the day. A special lecturer presented some great sessions and hands on activities for the older group

Evangeline offered two different testing dates; D/1 and D/2 Level test day was held in the spring and a C level was held in the fall. Each test had 6 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 Chair - Tina Sproul
- Camp – Corrina Keddy

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.

Friendly Breezes (No Report)

Opportunity (Submitted by Diana Locke)

March 13th: Natural horsemanship Badge Day at Suzanne's: starts at 10 am- 4 pm. **March 26-27th :** Travel to Greenwood for Quiz (8 clubbers signed up: Morgan M, Carson, Hailey, Melissa, Kennedy, Katie, Joecy, Rebecca.***to bring: medical arm bands, 2 photo's for scrapbooking, indoor shoes, money for food (lunches/ supper during drive), either money or donation for Sweets, fruit or veggie tray, and drinks. **April 3rd:** Pony Club at Barn 1-3 (working on stable management) **April 17th:** Pony Club at Barn 1-3 (stable management) **April 17-18th:** Atlantic Horse Fair at the NS ex grounds Bible Hill. **April 24th:** Testing workshop for anyone interested in learning more about testing for horse shows/ pony club levels. **April 25th:** Run-Shoot-Swim event: OPC hosting this event. **May 1-2nd:** Beth Underhill show jumping clinic at the MacMillan Show Center at the exhibition grounds. (Suzanne and Julia will be in this!) Great learning opportunity and pony clubbers encouraged to attend. Pony club kids only have to pay \$20 for both days to watch and learn....just let Diana know if you are interested. Parents who want to attend: let Diana know and she will give you a form at next pony club meeting. If you apply for CNHP membership (ideal to get family membership as it will help with future events held this summer at CNHP) you can go watch for the 2 days for \$40 (otherwise it's \$40/day for drop in fee). Parents may be asked to Billet a youth or two from out of town on the Saturday night of this event. **MAY 15:** Pony clubbers bagging groceries at Super Store: wear OPC coats if you have them! Fundraising event to help Connie McLellan go to Hong Kong for the Intepacific Exchange This summer!!! She was supposed to go last year but it was cancelled....way to go Connie! **May 16th:** possible date for stable management testing for all levels up to C1 **May 22nd: BBQ** fundraising at Masstown Market for families who are doing the fundraising vs paying the \$150 to Kim by the end of March. (Fundraising is required to be able to provide testing, and sending clubbers to events, ie. Rally, quizzes,). Kim to follow up with those families who we are waiting to hear if choosing to fundraise or pay. **June 20th:** OPD hosting the Regional D challenge (for E-D-D1 levels) D2 and up can help with this! **June 27-July 1st:** Pony Club Camp!!! Open to present and past pony clubbers....up to 20 kids max. Let Diana know by the end of May if you are interested in camp please. Approximate cost is \$160 for current members / \$210 for past members. fyi...there may be an option to add an extra day on the Friday to go to Hobby horse in the valley to have a cross country clinic.....more info to

follow if this happens. **July.....**Rally will be held in the valley, date to be confirmed. (D2 and up levels) **August 14:** NS Regional Show Jumping Championships. **August 15:** OPC ANNUAL JUMPER SHOW OPEN TO ANY NSEF MEMBERS. lots of fundraising/ getting sponsors will be needed to make this a success again this year! **September:** riding testing.

Tantramar (Submitted by Debby Creamer)

Tantramar Branch had 7 active members and 1 affiliate member who met every second Friday for stable management sessions with Gay Hansen. The group met at Galloway Stables in Port Howe, NS and range in age from 7 to 18 years. Head coach is Dawn Helm.

The year was very busy with members participating in a variety of activities including: Regional D Challenge, Evangeline Quiz and Regional Show Jumping Championships. The club hosted a successful show in May, a day camp on Easter weekend and a tetrathlon camp with Alex Beaton in July. As well, members concluded a fundraising project by bagging and selling manure. Written tests were completed in early July and practical testing took place on Nov. 15

West Scotia (No Report)

West Valley (submitted by Angela Templin)

West Valley had seven members ranging from E to B2 Level. This was our first year offering the Stable Management program. The candidate in this program tested successfully for levels D and D1; as well, placed second in the Evangeline Quiz. No other members tested this year. Members competed in the Regional Show Jumping, Dressage and Rally Competitions. We had one member eligible in the National Tetrathlon Competition in BC, unfortunately this event was cancelled. We also had one member compete in the National Show Jumping Competition in Alberta where she placed third. Club members volunteered for the National Quiz competition held in Halifax in October.