

Nova Scotia Pony Club Annual Reports 2010

NOVA SCOTIA REGIONAL PONY CLUB ANNUAL REPORT 2010

In 2010 we had nine active Branches and 150 members. The Regional Board of Directors met three times. We once again hosted a National Event (Quiz) and also an International Quiz. The hard work and dedication of our members and board members, as well as other volunteers including past pony club members and their friends, made it possible to host such a large event. I believe our Quiz Chair, Susan Foote, did an extraordinary job and the event was enjoyed by all. The dedicated people of our board and those who volunteer their time with the branches to allow the members to have such positive experiences should be commended. Margie attended the SAM and the AGM as our National Director and provided a comprehensive report that follows. Our branches, committee chairs and discipline chairs were active and did a wonderful job in 2010. We discussed ways to increase our membership as it has been one of our biggest challenges. Our members who qualified for Tetrathlon were disappointed that the event had to be cancelled; hopefully, next year the event will be held and our members will be able to enjoy the experience. This year we did not attend National PPG, but rather put efforts into development. Jessica Bowlby (West Valley) represented our region at the National Show Jumping Championships in early September and described the experience as wonderful. Liia Roop, Ashley Spicer, Rebecca Ongo represented NS at National Dressage. It is wonderful that some of our members were able to attend National Rally.

Last year 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. It was a real pleasure for me to chat with Connie MacLellan who was fortunate enough to attend the IPE this summer. The account of her experience, which can be found on the regional website, suggests that she has long lasting memories that she will always treasure.

Each of our nine branches were active in 2010 with riding lessons, stable management lessons, camps, clinics, testing, badge work and fundraising. We are looking for 2011 with enthusiasm. Unfortunately, Fairwinds was not active this year. More details from each of the disciplines can be found in their reports that follow. At this time some of our 2010 active branches are not able to form for the 2011 year including Eastern Shore, Colchester, and West Scotia.

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 75th 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,
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