

## **Nova Scotia Pony Club 2013 Annual Report Regional Chair Report**

We ended the year with 151 members, which is an increase from 2012. We had a full program this year that was enjoyed by our members. Our youth were active this year and presented the idea of a regional camp. They provided lots of information to our board about what they would like so we added a regional camp to our program. Nineteen people participated. A Tetrathlon and Le Trec mini clinics were held at the first annual regional camp. Le Trec was a hit so we will try to do more of this in the coming year. Once again the volunteers gave their precious time and expertise to make our programs educational and fun. A one day rally, held at Hobby Horse with a banquet at the end, was well organized and fun for the members. I am pleased that we did not have to cancel any scheduled regional events.

Respectfully submitted Sheila Bower-Jacquard, Chair

## **National Director 2013 Annual Report**

I attended the AGM of the Board of Directors in April 2013 in Calgary.

Important items discussed:

1. Continue to encourage us of Respect in Sport program. All regions should have some kind of plan for this type of awareness even if not RIS specifically.
2. The motion NSPC put forward to lower the ACE age was passed so now the age is 12 yo.
3. We found the NS Rules and Regs and Val got them on the web site.
4. Five Fires was recognized as a new branch and Colchester was disbanded
5. The board approved a clothing policy set forward by the discipline chairs.
- 6 The board withdrew Canada from international Tet until such a time as we are built back up in the country that we would be capable of hosting it. This went against the wishes of the tet chair and he subsequently resigned.
- 7 For national dressage it was felt that hosting all levels is too onerous for most regions. We suggested the dressage committee select 2 levels that would be held at nationals and then regions will know the year before which levels will be offered. Those competing would have to decide if they wanted to do a level that was a qualifying level. It was to be decided for 2014 but I have not heard if anything was done at that committee.
8. IPE will be hosted by Canada in 2015 in Ontario.
9. PPG chair is resigning so a new chair is being solicited.
10. It was voted to end calenders as a fundraiser instead national fees would go up to \$80

from \$70

11 National Disc Chairs were invited to the meeting in November

Since the meeting the only major information is that we are going to look at eliminating affiliate members and instead make active membership go til 25 yo. This is what is done in several other countries. How does our region feel about this?

The SAM is being held next weekend Nov 8-10 in Toronto.

Respectfully submitted by  
Diana Locke NSPC National Director.

## **Discipline and Committee Annual Reports**

### **Communications 2013 Annual Report**

The communications position became vacant and I was asked to fulfill the role until the next AGM & a new executive this November. Caleb & I have been cleaning up the out-dated info on the website and adding fresh information as it is made available to us.

The communications role is not difficult unless the information and placings about the NSPC events happening in the Region or our National events are not readily available. It is difficult to update the regional webpage with your event placings or pictures from the event if they are not submitted.

The communications role is to promote us to the outside world in using the standard print media, social media, radio etc...

I have submitted the fall ad to the Horse & Pony and updated more information on the webpage. I notice Eastern Shore still has yet to prepare a page for posting about their branch. But the DC's & discipline chairs on the regional board must advise and promote their branch events & disciplines to the communications chair, with keeping an eye to out-dated information and forms and important dates.

We have an exemplary educational program with what we offer as a region and as a whole in CPC and when I was looking for pictures to promote events I had no access to any.

Ads have been placed on Atl Rider and Kijiji about NSPC and new member registration. The more we let people know about NSPC the more interest we spark and increase our membership. Remember when you are running these events in your communities to also have the promotional material about NSPC on hand to distribute and promote the branches within our region.

Respectfully submitted,  
Valerie McDermott  
Communications Chair

### Dressage 2013 Annual Report

Oct 27, 2013

The NS Region was very busy this year with dressage events Tantramar hosted a D challenge at the CNHP grounds in Salmon river which was well attended and also ran a lead line dressage division to allow our youngest members an opportunity to attend a great event. Branches who attended were Opportunity, Five Fires, Tantramar and Annapolis.

Our next event of the summer was to send Hannah Gertridge, Jennika Fuller & Hannah Foote to the Rocky Mountain Show Jumping Facility to represent NS at the CPC National Dressage championships. The final placing's having not been posted to our National website. Our ladies did well on the borrowed horses and got to tour various places in Alberta while they were there.

Annapolis hosted a D challenge in September and the weather was beautiful at Clay Hill in Sheffield Mills again great attendance by our branches Avon, Annapolis, Tantramar, and West Valley & Five Fires. A great time was had by all in attendance. Thank you to Tantramar & Annapolis for hosting these two events.

NS Regional Dressage was hosted this fall by the Five Fires branch at Five Fires Equestrian Center in Brookfield with 16 competitors coming from all over the province representing Tantramar, Annapolis, West Valley & Five Fires. It was a great day, the weather was beautiful and our thanks to our judge Roz Moskovits for giving her time to NSPC club and progressing this sport. And to Carol Macomber & Doug Lynch for constructing such a great facility and giving a new branch of pony club a home.

Team NS was selected from our regional division champions for the 2014 National Dressage to be held in SLOV, host branch has still to be decided.

As a region please extend our congratulations to

Emily Baltzer (WV) Second Level  
Lianna Jacquard (WV) First Level

Delaney McKenzie (Ann) Pre Training Level  
Hannah Gertridge (Ann) Training Level

As a wrap up to our dressage season in NS, funding was approved thru EC & NSEF for a Dressage clinic with Susan Fraser on Oct 27<sup>th</sup> at Five Fires. The clinic was opened to pony club members first then any spots remaining were opened to non-members. 12 riders took part and had a great time learning new ways to improve upon their dressage tests in a show or testing situation.

Respectfully submitted,  
Valerie McDermott  
Dressage Chair

### **Fundraising 2013 Annual Report**

Oct 16, 2013

The 2013 Fiske's fundraiser is coming to a close with the Five Fires branch as the only club actively participating. FF represented our region at the Atl. Horse Fair, Color Classic, Riders Dressage show, Various Clinics & NSPC Dressage with products and promotional material about NSPC available.

Sunsweep tickets were run twice this year with E.Shore, Evangeline, FF & WV taking part thru NSEF.

A Nova Coffee fundraiser was circulated to the Regional chair as a possible avenue of fundraising for the various branches. Five Fires has run the first fundraiser with the first full order of 100 bags. \$10/bag of coffee with \$5/bag remaining with the branch.

Many branches do individual fundraisers in many shapes and forms from EC shows, clinics to tickets sales on lobsters, goody baskets. Remember when you are running these fundraisers in your communities to also have the promotional material about NSPC on hand to distribute and promote your branch.

Respectfully submitted,  
Valerie McDermott  
Fundraising Chair

### **Membership/Promotional 2013 Annual Report**

We finished off 2013 with 151 Members. For the first time in a number of years, membership has increased. Branches are encouraged to hold registration days early in the fall when youth are getting back to school and looking for groups to join. Each branch is encouraged to share any promotional activities they use. Word of mouth seems to be quite effective, however all opportunities to promote Canadian Pony Club are encouraged.

Our effort to be accepted into the Nova Scotia Department of Education's 'personal development credits' to the high school curriculum was unsuccessful. The next opportunity will be in two years time. Use of the banners designed at the National level for promotion is encouraged as well as placing the promotional leaflets in local tack shops/feed stores/high traffic areas in our rural communities. Our Communications Chair is always looking for stories/opportunities to get pictures into local papers and positive stories to attract others to our program.

Respectfully Submitted by  
Margie Johnson

### **PPG 2013 Annual Report**

Nova Scotia enjoyed a successful PPG season. In the early Spring, Rohan Wood hosted a number of PPG clinics and each were well attended. PPG Championships were held on Victoria Day in May. We saw our largest C Division to date with 4 teams competing. We had members attend from: Five Fires, West Valley, Opportunity and Evangeline Pony Clubs and a great day was had by all.

In August, we had a Masters Team travel to Toronto for the National competition. This team consisted of: Taylor Creaser, Ashley Spicer, Conor Cairns, Cailey Chevalier and Jessica Van Nostrand. This was a very exciting competition as Canada was hosting International Exchange at the same time and at the same venue. As a result, our members were able to watch the International members compete. All of our members found the skills of the International riders to be impressive. Our team placed 5th overall.

Unfortunately, we did not have enough members to assemble a National A team this year, however, both A members and Masters members were invited to Annapolis Valley Exhibition to demonstrate PPG. Following the demonstration, there appeared quite a bit of interest in Pony Club and the teams received a lot of positive feedback.

We hope to have a clinician from Ontario before Christmas as well as again in the New Year. Stay tuned for dates for our in-house clinics.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Alissa Cue  
PPG Chair

### **Quiz 2013 Annual Report**

National Quiz - Nova Scotia had an exciting time in Victoria. I need to congratulate all of the NS team members. The C team of Delaney McKenzie of Annapolis, Emily Cameron and Melissa Wile of Opportunity, and Christina Backhouse of Evangeline returned home with a placing 11<sup>th</sup>. This is an excellent placing for their first National quiz. Christina and Emily were also selected to represent Canada on North American Challenge where two United States members plus two Canadian members compete together. They placed 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> respectively. Halie Sproul and Jessica van Nostrand of Evangeline scrambled with Kate Henderson from Central Ontario for the A/B competition. This scramble team came home with a 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish, a great job for their first time at the A/B level. We had two great chaperones responsible for the team, Tina Sproul chaperoned the A/B team and Laura Wile traveled with the C team.

The quiz was very well organized with plenty of activities that the team enjoyed. Saturday evening the group had a chance to participate in a ghost walk around Victoria downtown. Sunday the group had a special trip whale watching where they had the opportunity to see several whales.

Two new policies have been accepted for National Quiz. The first policy places a time limit on the captain review. As a result of the 2012 quiz in Toronto, where the captain's review for the A/B was 8 hours long, it was decided to have only one hour for the captain's review. The second policy is a result of the first where there is a list of resources in which the captains can use to challenge. The feed back from the new policy is that the captain review only gives enough time to recheck the addition and not to challenge any questions.

Evangeline will be hosting an E/D/C Level quiz in late March or early April. The date and location is to be confirmed. The region will be looking for another club who would be willing to host a C qualifier. Fire Fires is considering hosting another quiz.

Submitted by  
Andrea Cutcliffe

### **Rally 2013 Annual Report**

A one day Regional Rally was held on August 28, 2013 at Hobby Horse farm. There were 4 teams with a total of 25 participants. Clubs represented were: West Valley, Annapolis, Five Fires and Opportunity.

Cost per team was \$250 to encourage participation. Although the budget predicted a deficit there was a profit of \$114.84 as fewer judges were needed. From a quick survey of participants, members enjoyed the day and were glad to have Rally but would prefer a 2 day event.

Lessons learned:

- For a 1 day Rally 4 teams is max. given time available and demands on SM judge
- Allow time in schedule for riders to walk x-country course
- Having participants bring a packed lunch worked well
- Test walkie talkie's in advance

Respectfully Submitted by:

Darlene Stevenson

October 29, 2013

### **Regional Camp 2013 Annual Report**

Regional Camp information was also included in the T& E Committee Report.

The camp was a great deal of fun. Pictures were posted on FB, thanks to Val McDermott. A great deal was learned so the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual camp should be even better. 19 members attended and the parent volunteers were AWESOME

The kids were AWESOME The 19 who participated were well behaved, eager to socialize and learn, and had great attitudes. It was great to get to know some of the kids and parents. Everyone helped out and made the camp go smoothly. The FOOD was great. Two WVPC dads did the cooking all but one night when we went to Frank and Gino's where the kids were respectful, polite and patient. The meal took almost 2 1/2 hours from start to finish because there were about 30 of us.

I think it was about \$200 per member to run so next year if we had one we would probably need to charge about \$200 or \$250 depending on where it was held and who the instructors were. Rachel Foote did a TERRIFIC job, as did our older pony clubber, Jessica vanNostrand, and aged out pony clubbers, Inga Hansen and Erin Sloan. You will see we have them honorariums too because they all travelled and took time off work. We appreciated their help. Some of Alex's fee and Julia's fee was paid through the

education budget so we did well with instruction. I think cross country and LeTrec were the highlights of the camp

Thanks to you Margie for doing a lot of prep work for us I would like all DCs to remind their youth rep (if you don't have one please try to get one) to check in with the other members of their club to make sure they know what the members like and don't like and pass it on to Lianna (or Emily Baltzer). Then the youth will pass it on to us at the meeting in the Fall.

Respectfully Submitted by  
Sheila Bower-Jacquard, Chair

### **Testing and Education 2013 Annual Report**

#### **Testing and Examiner's Workshop:**

The T&E workshop was held on April 27 at the Coldbrook School. Six Examiners, 3 Examiners in Training and two new EITs attended the Examiner's session led by Julia Young. DCs and/or Test reps from seven branches attended the Information session on conducting branch tests lead by Gay Hansen. Testing procedures (new and old), the NSPC T&E web page and regional issues were discussed. □ □

**Branch pretest clinics:** The NSPC region has agreed to reimburse each branch holding a pretest clinic in preparation for branch tests during 2013. To date one branch has done this, and possibly more □ □

**Branch testing:** As of this date, branch tests have been held by Tantramar, Annapolis and Avon clubs. A note to branches planning a practical test in 2013, please remember to submit an "Application to Test" at least one month prior to your test date. Also please submit branch test results to the Testing Committee ASAP. □

**Open Branch Test:** This was held at CNHP on July 19. Nine candidates from Opportunity, Annapolis and Five Fires clubs attended. This seems like a useful and cost effective opportunity to assist our branches with testing and the T&E Committee recommends that we should continue to hold this open branch test.

**Regional C2/B pretest clinic:** This was held on June 15 and 16 at Killeavy Stable. Clinician was Jackie Allen. Six C2 candidates and 4 B candidates attended the 2[day clinic. □ □



**Regional C2 and B testing:** Test dates were August 10 and 11 at Killeavy Stable. Examiners were Christina Barnes, Alexandra Beaton, Sara McLellan and Erin Sloan. Seven NSPC members tested C2 level. Four candidates passed their full C2, one passed C2 flat, one passed C2 Stable Management and one completed the over fences phase to complete a C2 test that was initiated the previous year. Four NSPC members tested B level. Two candidates achieved their full B, one the B flat and one B stable management. □

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Congratulations to the following candidates:

**Full C2:**

Hannah Foote (Annapolis Branch)  
Hannah Gertridge (Annapolis Branch)  
Joecy Peters (Opportunity Branch)  
Hayleigh Stewart (Opportunity Branch)

**C2 Flat**

Melissa Wile (Opportunity Branch)

**C2 Over Fences**

Jessica VanNostrand (Evangeline Branch)

**C2 SM**

Kasey McDermott (Five Fires Branch)

**Full B:**

Katelynn Marshall (Evangeline Branch)  
Ashley Spicer (Evangeline Branch)  
**B Flat** Jessica VanNostrand (Evangeline Branch)  
**B SM** Taylor Creaser (Evangeline Branch)

**Examiner Annual Reports:**

These were completed by almost all of our regional examiners and were very useful in updating the regional examiner records. The T&E Committee plans to use this again in 2014. □

**Development of EITs:**

NSPC decided to cover the cost of using regional EITs at branch tests during the 2013 testing season. This is the second year of this program. The region reimburses each branch for up to 2 EITs/test day (@ \$50/EIT/day). This season to date, six EITs have participated in 3 branch tests. \*

### **Branch Pretest Clinics:**

NSPC offers a \$100 incentive to any branch that holds a branch pretest clinic using a qualified examiner to prepare their members (and their families) for testing. This is the second year for this program. Two branch pretests were held this summer. \*

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□ □\* Several more branch tests are planned for later in the fall so hopefully, we will have the opportunity to use more of our Examiners in Training. There may be more branch pretests held as well. □ □ □ □ □

### **Examiner's list:**

This list was extensively updated in 2013, with contact information updated and those who have retired from testing have been removed from the list. To date, seven examiners have moved up a full level, one senior C examiner has rejoined the list of testers after a period away from testing, 3 EITs have completed their requirements and joined the ranks of Junior D examiners and, 2 more volunteers have become EITs. In short, our examiner list is looking great

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The Testing and Education Committee is happy to assist any branch to secure examiners for testing. This allows the committee to move examiners through the ranks if they are close to completing the requirements for moving on to the next test level.

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### **EDUCATION:□**

**Regional Camp:** This year the NSPC region ran a three day Regional Camp at CNHP. The camp was attended by 19 members from the West Valley, Five Fires and Evangeline clubs and provided a variety of education opportunities. □ [ Rachael Foote gave daily mounted lessons to those members who brought horses. [ Julia Young presented a discussion on "Conformation" and gave a mounted dressage clinic. [ Alex Beaton presented a lecture on "Feeding" and conducted a mounted cross country clinic. [ Jessica VanNostrand ran an unmounted "Introduction to Prince Philip Games" clinic. □ [ Erin Sloan and Inga Hansen ran a "Run and Shoot [ Tetrathlon" clinic. [ Valerie McDermott introduced camp participants to the fun and challenge of "LeTrek". □ All in all, this was an excellent learning opportunity for the members who attended and a chance to introduce them to many Pony Club activities and disciplines that they may not experience in their home branch. Our members made many friends from other branches, which will help unify our members and encourage future participation in regional events. The T&E

Committee think it would be good to run the regional camp again in 2014 and put it on the Regional calendar early in the year so that more of our members can plan in advance to attend. □ □ □ □ □ □

**COST:**□□

**TESTING**□

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**T&E Workshop:**

School rental	No Charge (Thanks Luanne)
Mileage	\$15
Photocopy	\$25.46
Total =	\$40.46

**Open Branch test:**      **Test fees were \$40/half test. No cost to the region.**

**Regional C2/B pretest clinic:**

Income:

B written tests (5 @ \$50/test) = \$250□  
Pretest clinic fees (10 @ \$75) = \$750□  
Non refundable pretest fee (Emma Foote) \$25  
National testing Grant for 2013 = \$360.58  
Total = \$1385.58□ □

Expenses: □

Facility rental (@ \$200/day)	\$400	
Clinician (@ \$300/day)	\$600	
Food, Photocopy, Mileage	\$120.12	
Test marking honourarium	\$150	
Total = \$1270.12	□ □ □	Net \$115.46

**Regional C2/B testing:**□

Testing Income - □10 candidates @ \$175	□	\$1750
1 candidate @ \$100	□	\$100
Total	□ □	\$1850

Expenses: □

Facility rental (@ \$200/day)	\$400
Examiners (@ \$150/day x 7)	\$1050

Chief examiner, airfare	\$806.47	
Chief examiner accommodation	\$170	
Food (ingredients only - I cooked)	\$75.83	
Photocopy	\$6.78	
Mileage		
(Sara)	\$194.56	
(Christy) □	\$139.40	
(Gay 862.60 km plus toll \$8)	NC	
Total	\$2843.04	NET -\$993.04

### Support of EITs:

6 EITs at 2 branch tests (@ \$50) = \$300 reimbursed to branches (so far)  
 Branch pretest clinics (@ \$100 each) = \$100 reimbursed (so far)

### EDUCATION □

#### Regional Camp: □

Income: □19 members @ \$50 □ \$950

Expenses: □

Facility \$225

Lectures (\$200x2) \$400

Discipline clinics (\$100x3) \$300

Mounted clinics (3 coaches) \$800

Groceries and supplies \$961.16

Accommodation □ \$1527.20

Total □ □ \$4213.35

Net = \$3262.36 National

Education Grant = unknown

Respectfully Submitted by:

Gay Hansen, Testing and Education Chair

### Show Jumping 2013 Annual Report

Regional show jumping was hosted by Avon pony Club again this year. It was held at Windsor Exhibition grounds on July 28<sup>th</sup>. 24 members participated competing at heights from 2 foot up to 3'6".

Riders did 2 classes. First a welcome class with a jump off for those who went clean. Then had a medal round (60 ) followed by a flat phase(40 ) that were combined for their medal score.

Those who competed at 3 foot or higher in the last 2 years will be eligible to apply for nationals for 2014. In 2014 we are co hosting nationals with NB/PEI region. It will be held at Windsor Ex grounds on July 24-27<sup>th</sup>. Host regions are allowed to send more than 1 competitor. All local competitors must bring a mount suitable for use by another competitor. No competitor rides their own mount in the competition. We will be looking to both regions for horses to be loaned who are safe at 3 foot and to be ridden by riders who have earned their C1 level. Please let me or Alissa Cue know if you have a mount that could be loaned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Diana Locke NSPC Reg Show Jumping Chair

### **Tetrathalon 2013 Annual Report**

This was my first year as Tetrathalon Chair. Erin Sloan and Inga Hansen were very helpful in training me and facilitating a clinic during our regional camp. The activities were enjoyed by all members who attended camp. We hope to have a full clinic in 2014 camp as we did not have time to do a swim session during the 2013 camp. I look forward to the upcoming year.

Respectfully Submitted by:  
Rhonda Baltzer, Tetrathalon Chair

### **Regional Youth Rep 2013 Annual Report**

West Valley, Five Fires, Evangeline, Annapolis and Opportunity all had youth reps for this year. The youth reps were active and held two meetings. During the first meeting, which was well attended, the youth proposed the idea of a regional camp to the board. The board moved to provide \$5000 funding for the camp. The youth put forth ideas and Margie Johnson, Assistant Chair, agreed to be a mentor for us as we developed the camp ideas. The second meeting, which was not as well attended but good progress was made to provide the board with a list of activities and a letter of intent results were provided to go to board. Then we developed a camp registration form. The camp was well attended for a first year and the camp was enjoyed and described as awesome by some. Members indicated that they would like to see another camp next year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lianna Jacquard, Regional Youth Rep

## **ANNUAL BRANCH REPORTS 2013**

## **Annapolis Pony Club 2013 Annual Branch Report**

This was my first year as District Commissioner of the club and I couldn't have gone through this new role without the support of our past DC – Sue Foote, our dedicated executive committee and all of our members and parent volunteers. We started off our year with stable management, designed a new club logo thanks to Anna Rand-Smith, lesson program, camp, hosted D Challenge, and ran several very successful fundraising events throughout our club year; the Barn Dance we worked is still the most successful Barn Dance of the year!

For testing this year we saw our members write and ride tests at various levels and were successful in achieving those levels; this would be a testament to our amazing instructors, mentors and dedicated members. I want to take this opportunity to thank Julia young for her years of dedication to the club, horsemanship and most of all to our members and look forward to having her back for next year.

We also had members attend National events, National Dressage and National Quiz who represented Nova Scotia and we were very proud of their accomplishments.

We have members who are moving on and want to wish them all the very best in their endeavours and look forward to the 2014 Pony Club year with returning members and new members. Have a safe happy and healthy fall, Christmas and New year. Keep watching our Annapolis Pony Club Facebook page for club updates, new parent orientation meeting (usually planned for early December) and Stable Management.

Respectfully submitted,

Denyse Doherty  
District Commissioner  
[Annapolisponyclub13@gmail.com](mailto:Annapolisponyclub13@gmail.com)

## **Avon Pony Club 2013 Annual Branch Report**

Avon Pony Club Branch membership for 2013 held steady at 23 members, with some new members replacing those that have graduated or moved on.

Stable management lectures took place during January and February. Spring Lessons took place during March and April. March Break Camp was attended by 11 members taking part in riding lessons and stable management activities.

Unfortunately, only 1 member was able to attend Regional Quiz this year.

Members of Eastern Shore joined Avon members for Summer Camp during the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of July. The days included lots of riding, with some members able to take part in jumping lessons with Jen Hamilton and dressage lessons with Alex Beaton. Lectures and

demonstrations included tack cleaning, feeding and confirmation. Members were able to complete written tests to prepare for fall testing.

Avon was pleased to host Regional Show Jumping on July 28<sup>th</sup>. Eight teams with 28 riders competed, including 2 teams from Avon.

Branch fundraisers included 2 EC horse shows in May and June, parking lot duty for both weekends of the Hants County Exhibition and canteen sales.

Avon was able to send a team to D-challenge this year, hosted by the Annapolis branch.

Regional Testing took place October 19<sup>th</sup> with 10 members and 1 guest testing levels from D to C. All candidates were successful.

Members are now involved in the fall lesson program.

Our parent meeting, registration and AGM was held October 28. There were 47 people in the room and 5 new members already signed up. Members are looking forward to a busier year of lessons and regional events.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kim Pitman  
DC, Avon Pony Club

### **Eastern Shore 2013 Annual Branch Report**

We had a late start this season getting the club up and running in April. We have 14 members which are mostly brand new to pony club. We started stable management lectures in April going every second Tuesday until August. We participated in the Sport Nova Scotia fundraiser and this helped get the club a financial base. Many of our kids do not have their own ponies so it was hard to get a team together for the various pony club events. We did get a team together for the fall d challenge and they really enjoyed themselves and came out with a 5<sup>th</sup> place. Our members are having their testing the weekend of Nov. 2 and 3<sup>rd</sup> at Owl Ridge Farm. We are hoping to do our registration in the beginning of December.

Respectfully submitted,  
Merilee Kalyta  
Eastern Shore Pony Club DC

## **Evangeline 2013 Annual Branch Report**

Evangeline has had a very busy year. We kicked off the year with our Badge weekend at Kingswood Camp with twenty-five of our members attending. We worked on a number of stable management badges and despite poor weather, had a great time.

We had our annual fundraiser in October, selling SunSweep tickets. We then began our stable management lessons, which occurred every Monday night from October through to the end of April.

Our Christmas party was held in December with most of our club attending.

Early Spring saw some in-house PPG clinics and 20 members from the club participated. In March, Evangeline held its annual quiz and there were members from every branch in attendance. This was also the time that our club conducted our annual cookie dough fundraiser. In May, our club hosted the PPG Regional Championships at Rohan Wood Stables.

In June, we had 5 members attend the B pre-test clinic.

In July, we held our annual summer camp and 25 members attended.

At the end of July, Katelyn Marshall flew to BC where she competed at the National Medal Finals. We were excited to note that she placed 6th overall and won the Prestigious Overall Sportsmanship Award. Congratulations Katelyn

Evangeline was also represented at National PPG in Toronto and National Quiz in Victoria BC. Our members, Ashley Spicer, Taylor Creaser, Jessica Van Nostrand, Cailey Chevalier and Conor Cairns represented us well. Christina Backhouse, Halie Sproul and Jessica Van Nostrand also did very well.

We would like to congratulate our 2 new B Level members: Ashley Spicer and Jessica Van Nostrand. Great job, girls

Evangeline is now busy with kicking off a new year. Our membership will be approximately 40 members. We're looking forward to another fun filled year

Respectfully Submitted,

Alissa Cue

Evangeline Pony Club DC

## **Five Fires 2013 Annual Branch Report**

16 October 2013



Five Fires has had a very eventful year, membership grew from the initial 10 last Nov to 19 members.

Our program for the year consisted of SM lectures from November thru to May. Lessons and practices were scheduled for our members participating at the various Regional events held throughout the season:

Evangeline's Quiz & PPG, Tantramar's D challenge, Avon's Show Jumping, D/C Rally, Regional Camp, Annapolis's D Challenge & Dressage.

Our branch shared a week long summer camp with OPC in July and had a great time with clinicians and built new friendships.

July also saw two of our members attend the Regional testing in Salmon River to much success. Camryn Carter completing her D level and Carson McKim-Doiron completing his D2 riding.

September came along quickly; the construction on the facility progressed to a workable arena with 21 stalls. In late September we hosted the Regional Dressage show and were very pleased with being able to host our first event with 4 branches in attendance.

We have successfully obtained the funding from EC to hold a Give It A Go dressage clinic with Susan Fraser scheduled for Oct 27<sup>th</sup>.

Our SM lectures have resumed and we have started our mounted lesson program running lessons on Saturdays or Sundays in keeping with instructor and facility availability.

During the first year, starting a new branch from scratch can be very difficult, I am very pleased and honored with the level of effort that our members, parents and executive have put forth. We have run several fundraisers to great success, supporting our other branches by attending their events and providing the volunteer support to other clubs and the FFEC.

Our next executive meeting is Oct 19<sup>th</sup>, with a new member registration, parents meeting and AGM to follow the date is still TBD for late October so a new executive can be struck before the NSPC AGM on Nov 3<sup>rd</sup>

At Five Fires we are ready to challenge the year ahead and look forward to many more as part of NSPC.

Respectively submitted,  
Valerie A. McDermott  
DC, FFPC

### **Friendly Breezes 2013 Annual Branch Report**

They were not active during the 2013 year.  
Submitted by NSPC Chair, Sheila Bower-Jacquard

### **Opportunity 2013 Annual Branch Report**

We ran our stable management lectures through the winter months Oct to April. Members focused on working on their levels as well as had fun earning several of their badges

Several members attended the Evangeline Quiz and 2 of our C's- Emily Cameron and Melissa Wile, went onto National Quiz in Victoria BC on the Thanksgiving weekend.

In April we hosted a Fun and fitness weekend at Mt Traber Bible camp. Members from Tantramar and Five Fires clubs attended as well. Activities included campfire, capture the flag, tug of war, yoga, healthy eating in training and competition, and how positive thoughts affect our performance and self worth.

Members attended most of the regional competitions including PPG, D challenge, Show Jumping, and Rally.

In July we held our annual camp at CNHP where we had instructors Suzanne Perry for show jumping, Alex Beaton for x-country and Roz Moskovitz for dressage. We were joined by Five Fires and a great time was had by all especially playing the amazing race at the end of each day.

In August we held our Annual Jumper Show fundraiser. Most members were able to participate as classes started at poles on the ground and progressed to 3'6". Lots of money raised but most importantly lots of members gained experience in the jumper ring.

Our club took advantage of 2 regional testing - THANKS GAY - several members were able to earn their levels .D full- Alexa Locke, Mya Digout, and Stacey Shaddick,  
D-D2 full and C-C1 SM- Michael Congdon  
C1-riding, C2SM and C2Flat- Melissa Wile  
C2 full- Hayleigh Stewart and Joecy Peters

Finally in Sept. several members attended the Atlantic Vet College open house and had an overnight trip to PEI.

Sign up has started and we are looking forward to a new year.

Respectfully submitted, Diana Locke OPC

### **Tantramar Pony Club 2013 Annual Branch Report**

**October 6, 2013**

Winter program: We were fortunate in having Erin Sloan for stable management sessions and Dawn Helm to give mounted lessons, bimonthly during the winter.

Regional Quiz: This was organized by the Evangeline branch and held in Middelton, NS in March. Alexandra, Gracie, Zoe and Sara attended.

The Fitness and Fun weekend organized by Opportunity and Five Fires clubs was attended by Maggie Dewar.

Badges: Our members worked on badges both on their own during the winter and at a badge day held in April. Each member received a badge banner to display their badges.

Tantramar Horse Show: This was held on May 11 at Galloway Stable. It was a very successful day - good weather, lots of competitors and no falls. This was our fundraiser for the year with money raised through entry fees and sponsor donations. This money is used for club operating expenses, coaching fees, entry fees and assistance with travel costs for our members and their ponies.

Written Pony Club tests were completed in May.

D Challenge: Tantramar branch organized a D Challenge competition in early June at CNHP in Salmon River. Six of our members entered this competition and Maggie helped coach. In September, six members attended the D Challenge in Sheffield Mills at Clay Hill Stable organized by Annapolis Pony Club. Our members rode very well at both events and everyone took home ribbons.

Camp: Our annual 4-day Camp was held 9 - 12 July. The first day included a Prince Philip Games clinic by Alissa Cue. Dawn and Erin gave daily riding and stable management lessons

and held PPG practices for all members. Inga Hansen conducted a pre-test clinic on the last day, which was also the day before testing.

Branch testing: This was held on July 13. Examiners were Anne Irwin and Merilee Kalyta with EITs Erin McDermott and Emma Foote. It was a very successful day with all candidates achieving their levels. Maggie Dewar - C, Grace Reynolds - D/D1/D2, Gracie Field - D1, Brooklyn Hibbert - D1/riding, Zoe Smith and Hailey MacRae - D.

Prince Philip Games practice: PPG proved to be a very popular activity, so popular that our members wanted to continue the games throughout the summer. Club members met every second week at Galloway Stable to practice games. We were fortunate to have the loan of the Regional PPG equipment for the month of July while we made our own games props. Our last practice was on Labour day and there seems to be interest in continuing during the winter season.

Regional Dressage Championships: Maggie and Sara travelled to Brookfield to the new Five Fires Dressage facility for the regional Dressage Championship on September 28. The girls did very well with Maggie winning the Training division and Sara getting a 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> for her two pre-training rides.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gay Hansen  
DC, Tantramar Pony Club

### **West Valley 2013 Annual Branch Report**

#### **REGION: NOVA SCOTIA**

West Valley has had a busy year with our eight members. Our program for the year consisted of SM lectures from November thru to May. Nicole MacHattie volunteered her time for this and the members loved her.

Lessons were held for our younger members. A camp at Hobby Horse on a weekend in October 2012. Some of our members enjoyed a PPG clinic, quiz, regional dressage, regional rally, regional show jumping, and the first annual regional camp.

Emily Baltzer was our youth rep and attended regional meetings and helped the regional youth rep, Lianna Jacquard. The camp at Killeavy Stables in the summer was well attended and a fun learning experience for our members.

Our members were successful in their testing early in our year. Our parents and volunteers have been wonderful this year and it show in how active our club was and how much fun our members had. Our AGM for 2014 was held Oct 16<sup>th</sup>, 2013 and the new executive is ready to plan and organize the upcoming year.

Respectively submitted,  
Sheila Bower-Jacquard  
DC WVPC

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