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Dear Boarders and Students

It's just about that time of year when you start to think about shedding off a few layers and putting your trusty steed back to steady work.

While Rick, Penny, Christine, Anne, Janet, (the gang from the south) and I are working away in that awful Florida sunshine, we have a few plans for you lucky guys back home in the balmy minus double digits! But first let us bring you up to date on our local barn gossip: Let's see, oh yeah! Rick's trip to Germany was very educational, super connections and a great experience that I am sure he's shared with a few of you! Royal results: Miranda was the most consistent finishing with 3, 9, 6, and 7. Christine managed a few good ribbons, 8, 4, and 9 - first time for Randy (Grand Saluut) who actually was well behaved (for Randy). Morgan and Mystic (Dam Mar): Mystic was very green and very nervous but Morgan was her usual calm and cool and pulled off a great trip, no ribbons but a big step for a very green pony! Slim (Finn McCool) and Cathy were 7th the first day out and too casual Saturday night with a few rails dropping him to 9th. Oh well, Slim is new to this height and has never shown indoors so expectations were met! Natalie's young horse, Spotless, acted like a young horse jumping around with a few rails and a very spooky finish. All in all, we hung a few ribbons on our tack room and did ourselves proud.

Cal (Kildegan) gave us a huge scare, as in early December he suffered from a severe colic and was sent to Guelph for surgery. Once inside, the vets at Guelph realized he had a fatty tumor which was obstructing the small intestine and they removed the tumor along with a portion of the bowel. This surgery is very serious and still quite risky. Although Cal is not out of the woods, he is home with us in good spirits and really trying to get better. The barn has been rooting for him, as he is such a sweet, good natured horse. Cal represented us with his former owner, Anne Fay at the Royal in 2002, and has brought home many ribbons and trophies from shows throughout Canada. Now owned by Janet Bradly, Cal had a very successful Trillium season winning the N.E. Region year end Low Hunter Division and Adult Hunter Division trophies with Kari Bradley and the Hack Division trophy with Janet. On that note Cal was retired from jumping and was enjoying life as a flat/hack horse and we know he will again! Best of luck to Janet and Cal, our fingers are crossed.

There are a lot of new horses and riders in the barn. Congratulations to all of the new horse owners! It is really exciting to look around the barn at the super quality and great compatibility that is ever changing here. Best of luck to everyone in 2005!

And finally, a new executive is ready to roll for the Sudbury Pony Club this year, so hurry and get your memberships. Call Nicola Munro at 522-4284 for more information and keep your eyes on the bulletin board.

Keep on ridin' gang, and we will keep providin'. Here's to 2005.

Sincerely,
Rick, Cathy & Team Foothills