

September 2005

Dear Boarders and Students:

We are nearing the end of an extremely busy show season and yet the weather still seems like summer! We've had a hot one this year, not just in temperature but in results. There are a lot of new faces out there at the shows as well as some old faces with new horses and the competition was heated to the max.

The Trillium championships proved once again that although we are small in numbers our calibre is strong. A special thanks needs to go out to the parents who pitched in to help load, organize and set up the display stall. It looked super! We've got a really good group of parents and I appreciate all that they do. Our Trillium Championship results are posted in our Results section, have a look to see how we did!

Also, a special mention to Randi-Lynn Anderson, Amanda Dick, Sarah Eder, Caroline Hawson, Renée Montpellier and Candace Punch, all of whom gave very strong performances but with such large numbers in all of the classes finished just out of the money.

The "A" circuit group also had some super results with some new horses and riders getting their feet wet this year. In particular we had Carolynn Michlowski on Christine Treverton's Grand Saluut. They gave very strong performances in both the Children's Hunter and Equitation divisions at every show she participated in. These two looked like they were headed to the Royal with their results (not even in the plans at the beginning), when, injuries to both prevented them from finishing the season and therefore losing valuable points. What a heartbreaker, but just the beginning of a great competitive career for Carolynn. Tiffanie Huard and Captain Oats also gave a few shows a shot. In Ottawa they won every class except one where they were 2nd and therefore champion in the Modified Child Rider Hunter Division. Penny McAlpine-Clayton and Blame It On Rio were also champions in the Modified Adult Rider Division as were Caroline Hawson and Gandalf Greyhaime.

The usuals also had a great year: Anne Fay and U2 (Sully) stepped up to the Regular Adult Hunter Division part way through the year, Christine Treverton and Pelanca place consistently in the Junior/Amateur 3 & 4 division and Kari Bradley with her new horse Niveau stepped up to the Junior/Amateur 3 successfully; the pony jock, Lindsay Rovinelli and Whiskey, Morgan Methé and Summerside, Paige Leclerc and Even Steven, and Marlene Stanley and Maybe Not all brought back ribbons in their few "A" show debuts. Lots to look forward to next year as these guys ripen and new horses and riders get their feet wet at the "A" level.

Don't forget to check out the Events section of our website for a list of what's happening here at Foothills from now until the end of the year. For now that's enough to keep you warm until the new year, which promises more clinics, schooling shows and creative thinking to see you into the show season.

Keep in mind that the Sudbury Pony Club is preparing once again for an exciting year. To be eligible for the activities you must obtain an updated membership. In order to do so you may contact Nicola Munro at 522-4248 or dawn Condon at 897-4005.

Before closing I am sure that everyone joins us in extending our condolences to the McAlpine/Clayton family, in the loss of Greg Clayton, father of Penny McAlpine-Clayton who is a valuable employee and instructor at Foothills farm. Our thoughts are with Penny and her family.

Best wishes to everyone.
See you at the barn.

Sincerely,
Rick, Cathy and Gang