

January 2011

Dear Adult Riders,

Happy New Year! *****Don't forget our annual meeting this weekend, 8 January!*****

The snow has long since covered the ground and the 2010 season is a memory as we all start to get anxious for 2011 begin. (Or even just ride on decent footing !) Once again, I would like to start with a special thanks to the members who have rejoined, the new members and the many venues, trainers, and volunteers who have all worked together to provide us with so many great educational and fun opportunities.

As I said at the end of last year "the program will only get better ..." and it definitely did and all thanks to your help. Our membership was close to 300 by the end of the year and already at the start of the 2011 we have over 100 members!

**WHAT THE ADULT RIDER PROGRAM WAS ABLE TO PROVIDE in 2010,
THANKS TO YOUR SUPPORT.....**

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Chronicle of the Horse Eastern Adult Team Challenge

Millbrook Horse Trails, August 5th - 8th

All entered Area 1 Adult Riders had the opportunity to join teams - once again coordinated by **Katie Murphy**. And as our way of welcoming all team participants to Area 1, we provided logo wear as well as underwriting a welcome cocktail party.

Area I Adult Team Championship at GMHA September 18th and 19th

Seventeen teams participated in this event from BN - Preliminary. Special thanks to GMHA for hosting the Challenge and **Michelle Brochu** for setting up the display and handing out awards. We provided all ribbons/prizes.

EDUCATION We sponsored clinics with grants for: Leslie de Grandmaison at Monk's Stable in April, Tom Davis/Babette Lenna - Safety Clinic @ UNH in May and Scarlett Hill in June, Heidi White @ Town Hill Farm in June and September and in July the UNH Adult Camp . All clinics filled and all offered discounts for ARP members.

The Long Format: at GMHA is perhaps our crowning achievement of the year with the addition of Novice which accounted for half of the entries. Thanks to the generous support of our members in the establishment of the "**Long Format Fund**" we were able to make a nice contribution to GMHA for the cost to run the event. And together with the many corporate and individual sponsors supplied all of the MANY prizes. Also, through the generous efforts of **Michelle Brochu**, each competitor received a goodie bucket upon arrival. Please take a moment to go to the Adult Rider page to read the wonderful comment and review and list of donors and special award winners. This is one event you definitely want on your 2011 competition calendar.

RECOGNITION We provided special prizes and AR Ribbons for low score adult rider in each overall division at 4 events: Hitching Post, GVRDC, UNH and Stoneleigh, The results of these standings can be found on the ARP page. The 2011 events will be posted soon.

What is ahead for 2011? More of what we did in 2010! **Clinics** are already in the works for Tom Davis, Babette Lenna and Heidi White. The **Area I ATC** is going to be held at UNH in September, the **N3D and T3D** will be back at GMHA. We will pick 4 different events for the **ARP Low Score Awards** and will also help to coordinate any teams wishing to go to the **Chrono ATC**. This is just small beginning, many fun and educational programs will be added throughout the year and we are open to suggestion for anything else you think we should add. The program has become what it is, because of your input. It means a lot and we listen.

Please join us.

Kind regards, Heidi Beaumont

Area I Adult Rider Coordinator