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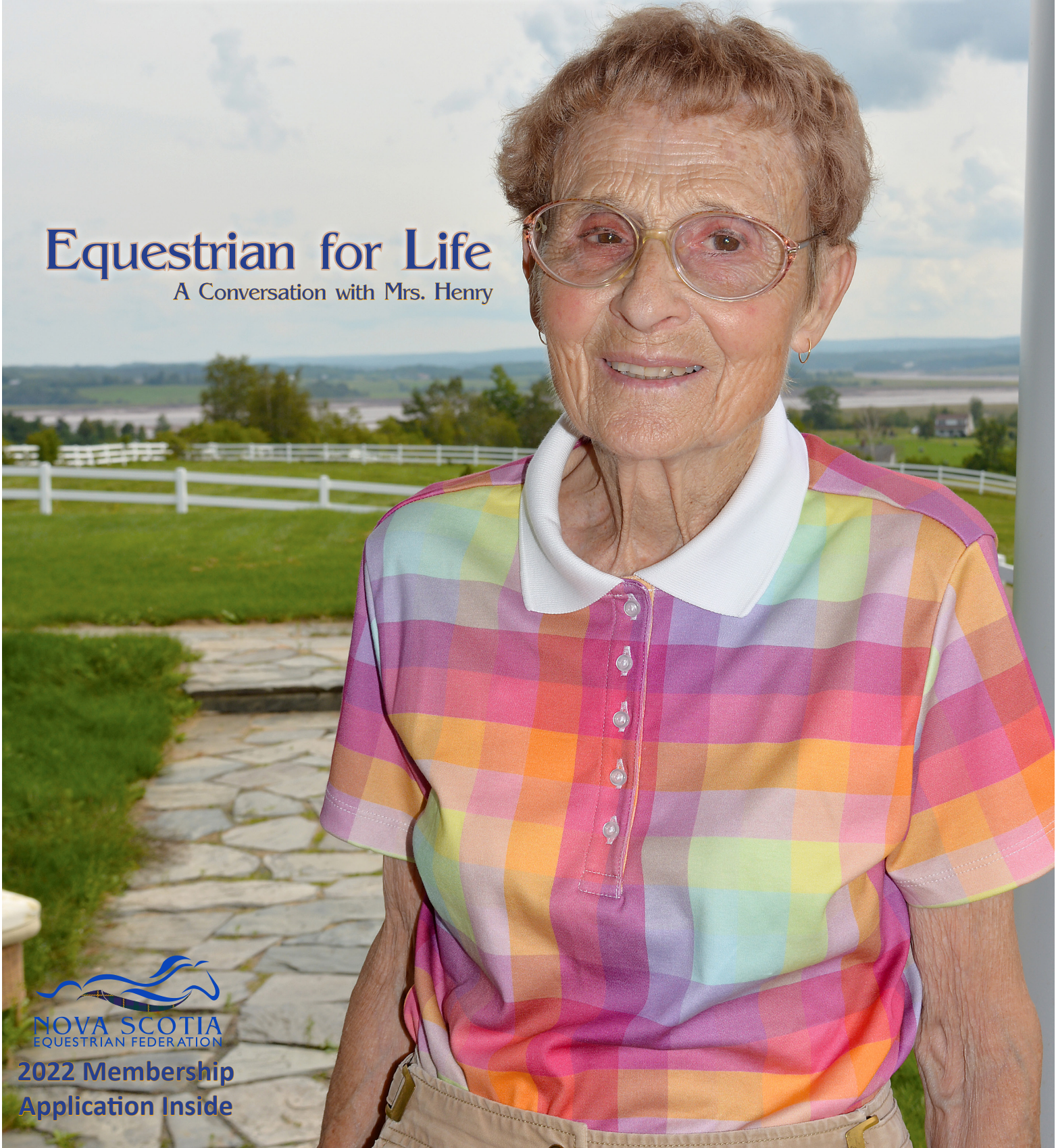
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To the hundreds of volunteers,
coaches, officials, athletes
and parents who
made this year possible,
Thank you!

A Message from our President

2021 has been another year of pandemic challenges and phases of return to normal activities!

The last 18 months have been a hardship for most and I couldn't be prouder of our equestrian community. Whether it was through online learning or adapting to our new competition protocols, you took these changes in stride. Your hard work demonstrates how resilient our community is.

You supported each other during unprecedented times, took the care and safety of your equine partners into consideration and worked together with guidance from us, our Government and Health leaders to find our best practices to return to recreational sport and competition. As we round out the season and the pandemic restrictions ease with phase 5, we return to a new normal. Please be safe and remain diligent in your safety practices. This season has shown we can return to sport safely.

My continued thanks to our Staff, Board of Directors, and Competition/Event Organizers who have put in the extra efforts and long hours, collaborated as a team in order to make our return to sport safe and enjoyable for all involved.



A Message From our ED

As 2021 is nearing its end, it is with cautious optimism that we are "returning to normal" after such a tumultuous past two years. Zoom became a household name; Friday evening member-updates were the usual; return to activity, then lessons, and finally competitions and events, became our new pathway. Resiliency and patience took on a new meaning. One thing is certain though, we truly were in this together. There are no words to express our appreciation for your support and diligence as we maneuvered our collective way through the many waves of Covid-19.

As you read through this newsletter and our Annual Report, please take note of the programs and services we were able to continue to offer and the efforts put forth by our hard-working staff and committees, led by our volunteer directors and chairs. Using our strategic vision as a guide, we have been able to improve our governance, align our athlete development programs and improve our competition structure. We have taken a keen step forward in education and equine health and welfare by joining forces with EC and the Horse Welfare Alliance of Canada. Take advantage of the initiatives we offer in your area!

Mark your calendar for the NSEF Awards Reception and AGM slated for the weekend of November 20th and 21st at the Heatherton Community Centre In Heatherton (Antigonish County).

In closing, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our staff for another challenging year of on-the-fly changes and adaptations. Regardless of the past two years of adversity, we take great pride in what we do, and we always strive to provide the best quality programs and services to you, our member.

Our NSEF Board, especially President Val McDermott, deserves special recognition for its direction and support throughout the year.

Have a great fall and I look forward to working with you in 2022.



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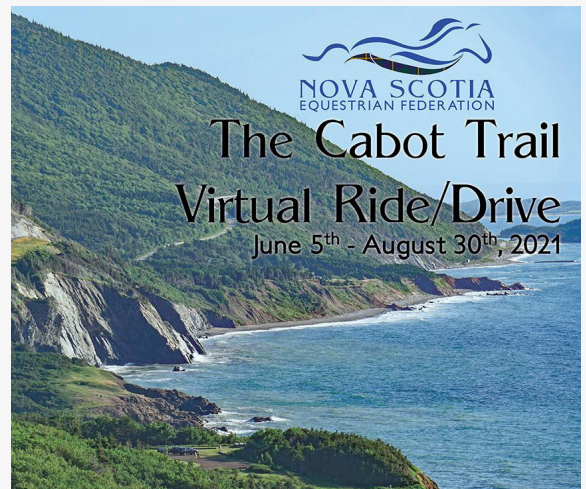
On the Cover: Mrs. Mary Henry, on the terrace of Albro Creek Farm, Falmouth, Nova Scotia

The Nova Scotia Equestrian Federation gratefully acknowledges support from:



2021 Trail Ride/Drive Goes Virtual

The 14th Annual NSEF Trail Ride/Drive was celebrated in a unique and fun way this year. Starting this past June and all throughout the summer, we challenged you to virtually ride/drive your way around the beautiful Cabot Trail. Participants from all over the province logged the many hours they rode/drove “along the rustic shoreline of CB coast”, but actually enjoying the beauty of their own area. Participants were entered into mini prize draws throughout the summer, and those who submitted their log sheet were entered into a grand prize draw at the end of our tour. We are pleased to announce that Shelley Rector of Bridgetown will receive our grand prize! Many thanks to all of you who participated.



Interested in continuing your journey on the trails?

The Nova Scotia Equestrian Federation (NSEF) Ride & Drive is designed to provide recreational riders/drivers an extra incentive to spend more hours in the saddle for practice, exercise, therapy or just plain fun. This reward program recognizes NSEF members for hours spent riding/driving a horse/pony. Current NSEF membership is required to participate. Just ride/drive for your reward! One time fee per participant. For more information, visit: horsenovascotia.ca/Ride-and-Drive-Rewards-Program or sign up when you renew in 2022.

NSEF Partners with Horse & Pony Magazine

This year we began a partnership with DVL's Horse & Pony magazine for their new kid's section, Ponies & Pals. The content is geared towards younger riders, and we have taken the opportunity to highlight some of the members of our Athlete Performance Program. The athletes take the time to provide advice to young riders and share their equestrian journey. Interested in adding a Horse & Pony subscription to your NSEF membership? Contact our office.

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Are you new to riding and interested in learning more about safety around horses and in the barn?

Check out Danger Detective, an educational resource with fun online activities including quizzes, match games, and much more!

To learn more about Danger Detective and to view the full list of interactive activities, go to equinamania.ca

Athlete Performance Program Spotlight: Abigail Moir

We spoke to Abigail Moir, a recent halter from Trinity County. Abigail discussed her journey as an equestrian athlete, sharing tips and tricks she has learned along the way.

Q: What drew you to equestrian sports?
A: I have been told my first word was horse. I was very lucky to have people around me at a young age who also loved horses. At the age of 5 I started taking lessons and at the age of 10 I found my coach Travis Smith. That was when I became hooked on the sport of riding. I have been showing competitively since the age of 13.

Q: Where is your favorite place to ride?
A: My favourite place to ride at home (Sennac Farms) is on the trail with mine and Travis' horse Spook. My favourite place to drive is Sorel, Quebec, as it has a very welcoming and open atmosphere.

Q: What was your favourite lesson?
A: My favourite lesson that horses have taught me is that it takes a lot of time and hard work to accomplish your goals and to never give up if you don't succeed the first time.

Q: Do you have any tips for those who are new to the sport?
A: My number one suggestion would be to find a coach that you enjoy working with, you first, and to never be afraid to ask questions. Another thing would be that everyone you come across in the horse industry has something to teach you.

Q: You've had a lot of success while competing. How do you prepare for a competition?
A: Lots and lots of practice, which means focusing on the small details after you have the basics to the maneuvers. As an example, my horse being able to look at crabs and then my horse being able to look in while toting a disk.

Q: Are you planning on pursuing a career involving horses?
A: I have always planned to work with horses but at this time I am unsure as to what my future career with horses would look like. I have always been interested in the reproduction and genetics involving horses so hopefully something along that line of work.

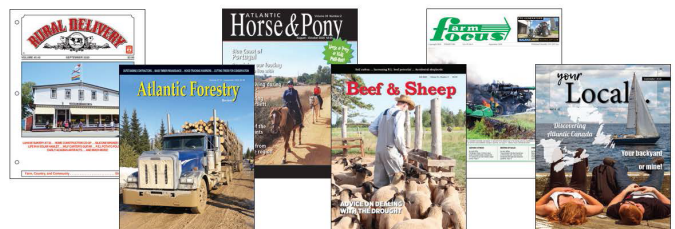
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What's up, Doc?

Lancers Pay Tribute to Chief Medical Officer

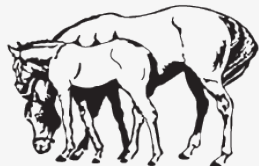


Earlier this year, the Halifax Bengal Lancers ran a contest entitled *Name Your New "Neigh-bour"*. The club took submissions for the name of their new horse, and Doc (competition name Dr. Strang) was the winner!

This was a great way to honor a man who has served our province for many years and lead us through the past two years during the pandemic. Dr. Strang took his namesake for a ride at the stable and met with Ella MacDonald, the young woman who submitted the name that was selected by popular vote.

You can find Doc frolicking in the paddock at the Halifax Junior Bengal Lancers on Bell Road, Halifax.

Check out the many educational resources and online courses offered through our partnership



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On-Demand: Horse Behaviour & Safety – Youth Course (ages 13-17)

On Demand: Equine Business 101

Sickness Prevention in Horses – Fall '21

Equine First Aid – Fall '21

Horse Behaviour & Safety – Fall '21

Fire & Emergency Preparedness – Fall '21

Rookie Riders and P'tit Trot Return to Action



Two exciting and engaging introductory programs for children who love horses and want to learn about riding are now back in action.

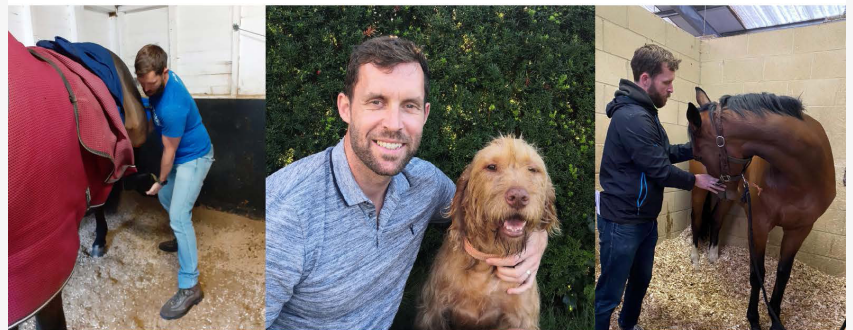
Rookie Riders is a fun and comprehensive program that teaches activities and skills that are fundamental to success in horseback riding; includes games, basic gymnastics on mats and movements on a barrel; it can even include riding a horse.

P'tit Trot is an exciting program for children 5 years old and up who love horses and want to learn more about the equestrian world. This program is devoted solely to the initiation of equitation and general horsemanship, allowing children to discover the pleasures of English & Western disciplines as well as an introduction to trail riding and developing proper knowledge on how to care for the horse. The beautifully illustrated and interactive P'tit Trot book introduces familiar characters to follow and from whom children can learn.

These programs offer a fun way to discover the wonderful world of horses, contributing to acquiring various motor and technical skills while encouraging children to be physically active, gain confidence & self-esteem.



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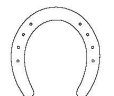
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Athlete Performance Program

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In spite of our constraints for meeting in person, this past year saw athletes participate in strength and conditioning sessions led by trainers at the Canadian Sport Centre Atlantic in Halifax and Antigonish, nutrition and mental performance sessions, high performance athlete session with Brittany Fraser-Beaulieu and Hyde Moffat, training camps with Equine Conditioning and high-performance coaches Jen Hamilton and Jane Fraser. Needless to say, our APP athletes were busy this year! Currently, there are 16 athletes in the program competing in reining, hunter/jumper, dressage, barrel racing, and eventing.



Interested in becoming a part of the program? Watch for the 2022-2023 program application deadline in the spring of 2022.

Safe Sport & Coach Status Programs

2021 was a year of moving forward on important government-legislated safe sport mandates.

As such, we introduced safe sport standards within our programs. Ongoing education and awareness sessions will be held throughout the coming months on the importance of these standards. Check out www.horsenovascotia.ca/SafeSport for more information.



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Nationally, Equestrian Canada (EC) implemented the Coach Status program with 2 different statuses: Registered or Licensed. Coaches are encouraged to begin the process towards certification as EC's goal is to have all licensed coaches certified by 2025. To learn more about the new Coach Status Program, visit www.equestrian.ca/programs-services/coaches/coach-status-program

Find a Coach Page

Active NCCP Certified Coaches are listed on our NSEF Find A Coach page. www.horsenovascotia.ca/Find-a-Certified-Coach-Instructor

New for 2021, coaches are provided an extended profile for free! You are encouraged to complete your profile to provide more information for athletes and parents seeking a coach in their area. This is a great spot to highlight your credentials such as certification and safe sport training.



Horsesport.pro

This new competition management system provides many benefits for competition organizers and athletes. Scotia Series and EC competitions have free access to this program. Other competitions can contact us for more information on accessing it.

Athletes are encouraged to add their competition horses to their membership account on horsenovascotia.ca. This will allow easy access to the information when entering online for competitions.

Organizers can save many hours of volunteer time as competitors will enter and sign waivers online. They will have access to score cards or labels, assist with scheduling directly in the online system, provide immediate results, and much more.

Interested in learning more? Check out our Scotia Series page on our website or contact the NSEF Office at 902-425-4540 or nsefprograms@sportnovascotia.ca

Membership has its Benefits

There are so many benefits for which you can take advantage throughout the calendar year, including automatic insurance coverage and the option to purchase exceptional insurance coverages for you and your equine partner. We are proud to offer you educational seminars and on-line access to resources and courses; funding and fundraising initiatives; partner discounts; EC registered participant status; athlete, coach and officials training and development opportunities. Browse our website to find our full list of benefits and services - horsenovascotia.ca



Extended Membership and Refer a Friend

Many of your riding and horse owning friends may be going without an NSEF Membership this year **that is leaving them unprotected if a horse they are riding or handling should cause damage or injury.** Let them know that our extended membership is now available where they will get the remainder of this year and all of 2022 membership at a discounted rate. Don't forget to give them your NSEF number so you can receive a \$5 Referral credit to go towards your membership. Refer your friend or neighbour.

Sometimes they need a little
help getting into the saddle.



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Equestrian for Life

My Conversation with Mary Henry by Heather Myrer

I recently had the wonderful opportunity to visit with the well-known and beloved Mrs. Mary Henry who was gracious enough to share with me so many of her memories and experiences as a life-long horse lover and teacher.

“My aunt came to King’s-Edgehill during the war with her daughter as part of the evacuation and they rode there. When they returned to England, my cousin continued to ride. Naturally, I wanted to ride too. I was six, so that’s when I began.” Mrs. Henry continued to ride through boarding school, and at 18 years old, she travelled to Scotland and received her BHS certificate at the Edinburgh Barracks. “At 20, I came to Canada to work at King’s-Edgehill. They knew I rode and that is when I began to teach. All the kids in town who wanted ponies were told that they could have their ponies at Edgehill barn if the Edgehill girls could use them. They paid \$3.50 a week to keep them there and Edgehill would use them. That’s when bales of hay were 25 cents each. And then we went from there.”

In 1963, Mrs. Henry helped form the provisional pony club for Annapolis and Fundy region. The following year, the group became known as the Annapolis Pony Club. Thus began Mrs. Henry’s influence on hundreds of students over three generations. Raising her family throughout the years was made somewhat easier as they were all involved in pony club right along with her.

Mrs. Henry worked with many instructors across the province and was always willing to share and learn information in equal parts. “I learned everything I had to do because I did it,” recalled Mrs. Henry. “I came over from England and I could teach people how to walk trot and canter, jump over jumps, dressage, eventing and pony club.” An accomplished rider in her own right, Mrs. Henry had great success with Sonny Boy. She trained him wherever and whenever she could and rode him to many ribbons, including a first-place finish at the Atlantic Winter Fair.

Mrs. Henry’s influence is far and wide. She has passed a wealth of knowledge onto many Nova Scotia coaches over the years. But she is quick to add that she learned as much from people like Jane and Susan Fraser, Alex Beaton and Jen Hamilton over the years. “As much as I have taught over the years, I have learned a lot too,” said Mrs. Henry. “I think that there are great people in our province who have a lot of knowledge. I have learned so much from people like Sue and Jane Fraser and Jenn Hamilton. If hadn’t been for Jen (Hamilton), I wouldn’t have done the pony hunter stuff that I do today. When she came, I was putting up two jumps for (her daughter) Sarah to practice and there was Jen shaking her head no. ‘So I said, what should I do then?’” From that moment on, a lasting bond was forged between the two instructors. And also a respect for the depth of knowledgeable coaches in the province. “They are as good as anyone anywhere else. Learning from other instructors is important too,” said Mrs. Henry. “When students are old enough to learn from another instructor it is important. I brought in instructors to our camps all of the time.”



Inaugural Inductee of the NSHJ Hall of Fame

Affectionally known as Mother Hen, Mrs. Henry has instilled in her students the importance of riding several times a week so that horses are fit, ready for the show ring and a lasting bond is developed. “The most important thing, I think, is to look after your horse. If it’s looked after properly and ridden, it’ll stay sound. If you do those things you’re going to ride. She went on to add, “I keep saying that you DO have to ride. I often think to myself, I did more telling people we had to do two and three lessons a week. We went to camp and had two lessons a day. Ponies had to be fit. If you ride your horses, they won’t go lame.” Students also had to learn how to fall so they will get back on their pony she said. “That’s the most important part, that they get back on next time”

Mrs. Henry said so many things have changed over the years, especially travelling to and from events. “I remember we would take all the kids to the first show in Lawrencetown. They rode in the top of the open truck with twelve horses in the back, head to tail. The kids sat in the top part waving to folks as they went by. Would you see that happening today?” “When I taught, we did everything,” she recalled. “All summer I had it set up that (the students) would have a lesson at their own place, then went to Hobby Horse, Truro for practices (on cross country), Hardy’s and down to Sarsfields, all over. Then when we had the Rally, the kids could do it. I never had them practice show jumping because because they were always jumping, but needed to practice cross country and those distances. You’ve got to practise those distances!”

I asked Mrs. Henry what life lessons she thought were learned over her many years of instruction. Mother Hen said, “Well they did what they were told. They learned to listen which I think is very important. Even today with my leadline kids, they never let out a peep when I’m teaching. If they start to talk, ‘I say I’m talking so you must listen.’ And listen they do and it’s great. They are safe and learning at the same time.” Recognizing that things are different from the days when kids had no grooms and did everything from morning till night to look after their horse, Mrs. Henry offered, “All I say to people now is, ‘that if you



Mrs. Henry's Wall of Fame

are going to do it (ride), do it for your own enjoyment and look after your horse properly.”

Melissa Roy and Jennifer Lindsay, who hosted us on the terrace of scenic Albro Creek Farm in Falmouth, agreed that Mrs. Henry was and still is to them their Mother Hen. “Our mothers sent us to her to learn to ride and they also did as they were told. The way our barn ran was like an education for the parents as well. They learned about Pony Club through Mrs. Henry as much as her students did,” said Jennifer.

Still dabbling in teaching, Mrs. Henry uses her life-long instincts to make up for some vision loss and continues to pass on the skills for the next generation of pony clubbers. Those lucky riders!

Not one to seek out attention, Mrs. Henry said, “OK, that’s enough. Nobody wants to read more about me!” Maybe that’s the case, Mrs. Henry but perhaps Melissa and Jennifer best summed up your legacy and the impact you have had on over three generations of riders when they both agreed that “We don’t know where we’d be without Mrs. Henry!”



Mrs. Henry,
with Melissa & Jennifer

Horses of Halifax Celebrating 85 Years



It’s hard to miss the iconic stable and ring on Bell Road in Halifax. Most cities don’t have a barn in the middle of their downtown core! This historical location is home to the Halifax Lancers (formerly known as the Halifax Junior Bengal Lancers), and they have a lot to celebrate this year—the non-profit equestrian school is celebrating its 85th anniversary!

Throughout their history, the Lancers have provided lessons to both children and adults, and have run a therapeutic riding program for the community. Their famous Lancer Musical Ride (the only mounted youth performance of its kind in Canada) was established in 1936. Inspired by the RCMP Musical Ride,

it displays tradition, power, finesse and comradery. This tradition, carried on to this day, is a warm nod to their history and the performance is an exciting way to engage with both the equestrian community and the community at large.

We want to offer our thanks to the Lancers for giving those living in the city the opportunity to experience what it is to be an equestrian. Here’s to another 85 years!

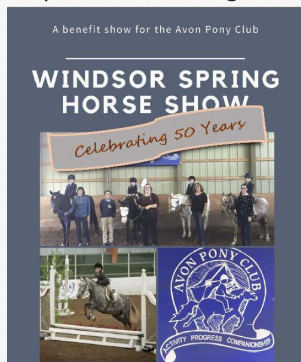
Photos courtesy of the Halifax Lancers’ archive.



50 Years of Windsor Spring Horse Shows

Celebrating a Remarkable Milestone

This year marks an important milestone for Windsor Spring Horse Show, celebrating 50 years of equine excellence in competition. Originally founded by Harry and Ann Ainsworth in support of the Lion’s Club, the show was donated shortly thereafter to the Avon Pony Club in 1972, the year of the club’s inception. Prior to the Avon Pony Club’s involvement, the Windsor Spring Horse Show was a different show than what it has developed into over the last 50 years. In the early years of competition both English and Western disciplines were represented.



In 1972, the Avon Pony Club formed when the Annapolis Pony Club split into three separate clubs: Annapolis Pony Club, Fundy Pony Club, and Avon Pony Club. Historically, Windsor Spring Horse Show signaled the opening of the competition season in the Maritimes. To this day, many of the names that graced the entries/Prize List in days past are still a part of the Windsor Spring Horse Show and the current Maritime equine culture: Willowbank Farms, Mary Henry, Jill Barker, Kevin Crosby, Sandra West Conrad, Judy Covert and many more who have helped shape and sustain the equine industry in Nova Scotia as we know it today. Over the years, Windsor Spring has always tried to maintain the traditions set in the early years (like the Maritime Bred class) while also managing to adapt to current standards of the industry all while keeping the spirit and values of Avon Pony Club: Loyalty, Sportsmanship, and Character alive.

Due to the unprecedented times over the past two years, Avon Pony Club made the decision to reschedule the show from its usual date of the May long weekend, to October 14-17, 2021 in an effort to comply with public health directives and provide a safe competition for all to enjoy. Plans are well underway, and thanks to our generous sponsors and supporters, we are excited to welcome all competitors back to Windsor Spring in the Fall. We hope to see you all there!

Submitted by: Melissa Roy (Avon Pony Club Alum) and Jennifer Lindsay (Avon Pony Club Alum)

Content Provided by: A serious history lesson from Mrs. Mary Henry



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Rewarding Long-Term Equestrian Development

Each year we select four NSEF members to receive our Long-Term Equestrian Development bursary. This bursary is awarded to athletes who best demonstrate a continuing commitment towards skill development. Up to four bursaries of \$250 each are awarded annually to NSEF members who exemplify a commitment to personal long-term equestrian athlete development.

Each year, the decision becomes more and more difficult as our community has shown true commitment towards your development and setting long-term goals. Annual Deadline is March 1st.

Congratulations to this year's recipients:

- Elise Lutwick-Campbell - Hunter/Jumper
- Heather Gunning - Western General Performance
- Kim Elliott-Foster - Horse Trials
- Margie Corkum Abando - Para Dressage

2021 Educational Bursary Recipients

We are proud to support the post-secondary educational endeavors of our young members with our Educational Bursary Program, providing up to six \$500 bursaries. Every year it gets harder and harder to award only six as the accomplishments of our young members are impressive! With a deadline of May 1st each year, we encourage all members attending post-secondary education each fall to apply, including those of you who were not selected previously.



Port William's Lauren Golding, will be joining Emilee at Saint Mary's University. She will be pursuing her Bachelor of Commerce.

Hailing from Cambridge Station, Emilee Hirtle is enrolled in the Bachelor of Arts program at Saint Mary's University. She hopes to join the RCMP in the future.



Lenee Sampson from Sydney will be commencing her studies at St. FX University in September, where she will pursue her BSC in Nursing.

Molly O'Grady, from North Sydney, will be attending Cape Breton University. After she completes her Bachelor of Science degree, she plans to attend medical school and become a Neonatologist.



Zoe Girard from Halifax will be heading to Queen's University. She will be studying Sciences and wants to become a doctor.



Rachael Murphy, from Halifax, is off to Dalhousie University in September, where she will study for her Bachelor of Health Sciences.



NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NOVA SCOTIA EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Sunday, November 21st, 2021

Heatherton Community Centre, 42 Summerside Rd. , Heatherton (Antigonish County), NS

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Nova Scotia Equestrian Federation will be held on Sunday, November 21st, 2021.

TIME: 10:30AM – Registration
11:00AM – Meeting

AGENDA:

1. Call to Order, including declaration of quorum.
2. Approval of Agenda.
3. Consideration and Approval of Minutes of 2020 AGM
4. Business arising/action items from 2020 AGM Minutes
5. New Business, including:
 - A) Reports of Officers and Committees
(included in Annual Report, on NSEF website at www.horsenovascotia.ca and available day of meeting)
 - B) Consideration and Approval of 2020/21 NSEF Financial Statements – Financial Summary included in Annual Report. The Financial Report in its entirety will be available at the AGM and on the NSEF website at www.horsenovascotia.ca upon member approval.
 - C) Proposed By-Law Amendments (To be distributed to the membership via email and website)
 - D) 2021/2022 Strategic Plan Review
 - E) Election of Directors
6. Adjournment

NSEF AWARDS RECEPTION

Please join us for our annual NSEF Awards Reception, located at the Heatherton Community Centre in Antigonish County on Saturday, November 20th. (Exact time has not been finalized by print deadline and will be communicated to you via email. If you are interested in attending and do not receive details from us, please contact us at 902-425-5450 or nsefprograms@sportnovascotia.ca) All are welcome to attend!



Award Recognitions include:
Ride and Drive Reward- Level 9
Volunteer, Coach and Sponsor Award
Good Sport Award
NSEF Service Awards
Scotia Series Competition Awards



Do you want to nominate someone for an award? Please see page 20 of this newsletter.

ANNUAL REPORT

2020 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING UNAPPROVED MINUTES



Annual General Meeting

October 25, 2020

Brightwood Golf and Country Club, Dartmouth, NS

1. Call to Order and Roll Call/Welcome

- Called to order at 11:02am by President Valerie McDermott.

Present: Voting Members: Adrienne Smith, Andy Woolaver, Katarin MacLeod, Barbie Lewis, Donna Sears, Elizabeth Braid, Gillian Allan, Helen Smith, Jennifer MacNeil, Julia Young, Kate Howarth, Kris Foley, Mary-Clare McLaren, Melissa MacDonald, Nicole Hamilton, Samantha Napier, Sandra Conrad, Sandra Symonds, Scott Roberts, Sheila McLellan, Sheri Morehouse, Valerie McDermott

Non-Voting Members: Alinta MacLeod, Anya MacLeod, Ariel Boesener, Dave Scott

Staff: Heather Myrer, Sheila Currie

2. Declaration of Quorum:

- ✓ Based on registration: 22 members present.

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion made to approve the agenda by Mary-Clare McLaren, seconded by Barbie Lewis. No contrary minded, motion carried.

4. Approval of Minutes of the 2019 Annual General Meeting

Motion made to approve the Minutes by Barbie Lewis, seconded by Adrienne Smith. No contrary minded, motion carried.

5. Business arising/action items from the minutes (old business)

- None

6. Reports from Officers and Committees – as submitted and presented.

Director of Education Norma Graham /Heather Myrer: No questions

Director of Recreation Suzanne Killen: No questions

Director of Industry Katarin MacLeod: No questions

Director of Competitions Helen Smith: No questions

Director of Clubs Valerie McDermott: No questions

Motion to approve all committee reports Helen Smith,

seconded by Sandra Conrad. No contrary minded, motion carried.

Finance – 2019/20 Financial Statements Annual Review completed by Shellnutt Accountants and presented by Treasurer Barbie Lewis and Executive Director Heather Myrer: No questions

Motion to approve the 2019/20 Financial Statements Annual Review by Jennifer MacNeil, seconded by Mary-Clare McLaren. No contrary minded, motion carried.

7. New Business

- NSEF Strategic Vision Year 1 overview/successes to date presentation by Heather Myrer.

Motion to accept the NSEF Strategic Vision Update, as presented made by Barbie Lewis, seconded by Elizabeth Braid. No contrary minded, motion carried.

- Election of Directors - The NSEF Nominations Committee Chairperson, Krista Foley, presided over the Election of Directors.

Melissa MacDonald elected as Director of Clubs was completed in October as per NSEF By-Laws;

Katarin MacLeod elected as Directory of Equine Industry;

Kate Howarth elected as Director of Education;

Jennifer MacNeil elected as Director-at-Large, 3-year term;

Adrienne Smith elected as Director-at-Large, 3-year term;

Andy Woolaver elected as Director-at-Large, 1-year vacancy term

Motion to accept the Directors as elected and presented to the membership was made by Krista Foley, seconded by Sandra Conrad. No contrary minded, motion carried.

8. Termination of Meeting

Addressed the business of the 2020 NSEF AGM. Motion to terminate the meeting as of 12:21pm made by Barbie Lewis.

Submitted by,
Katarin MacLeod, NSEF Volunteer Secretary

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT – By Valerie McDermott

This year demonstrated that things don't always go according to plan. Some situations cannot be avoided, however, if we adapt, we are able to persevere. The Covid-19 pandemic has taught us that learning can happen wherever we are.

Learning does not only take place on the back of a horse or in a classroom, but anywhere the student chooses to grow. This pandemic has allowed us to create new, unique learning opportunities that would not have previously been offered. For this, I am thankful.

Our staff and board have worked diligently since last March to exemplify NS equestrians as leaders in the sport community and to bring us back to our sport quickly and safely during the ongoing pandemic restrictions. Daily and weekly sessions and calls with EC, the NS Government and Dept of Health and other Sport NS leaders collaborating on your behalf.

We transitioned our staff safely to working from home and our board has held virtual planning sessions to complete our strategic plan. It has been a new way of adapting how we do business in support of our members.

We look forward to a return to our in-person annual awards ceremony and reception as we will be heading to the beautiful Antigonish area. I cannot thank our office staff and our board members enough for their tireless work since last March when we went into lockdown and the collaborative efforts within our community to keep our members and communities safe for the return to sport and competition.

It has been another challenging year of Covid-protocols and phasing of return to sport and activities. We have an exceptional NSEF team working with equestrians all across the province. I couldn't be prouder to call Nova Scotia home.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – By Heather Myrer

I doubt anyone would have been able to predict the past year's life-changing events as Covid-19 continued to impact our lives. With this in mind, it seemed that we were busier than ever. Membership rebounded after the 2020 shutdown and the 2021 spring and summer calendar was populated with many events/clinics/competitions all over the province once again! So great to see! Many, many updates and revisions were made to our return to plans; lots of emails to members and zoom sessions galore were the new norm.

The Board of Directors and staff continue to work from our Five-Year Strategic Vision and targeted Year-Two priorities. The collaborative efforts of volunteers, staff and members have allowed us to continue progress in delivering many of some of our initiatives and a few news ones, in spite of Covid-19. Others have been postponed with the anticipation that they will resume in 2022.

We continue to benefit from financial support from the *Support4Sport* Program and the Government of NS. We received funding that assisted us with athlete development, technical support, coach symposium, clinics and educational seminars. NSEF acknowledges and appreciates the funding it has received from the Province of Nova Scotia via its Amateur Sport Fund and *Support4Sport* Funding. We are always excited when we are able to offer new programs and services to you, our member. We also work hard in facilitating the necessary courses and seminars that afford our members the opportunity to advance professionally within the sport of equestrian. Further to direct funding to the NSEF, many of our members have successfully applied for athlete, coach, official and club development funding. To date we have had a 90% funding approval rate and have seen many members take advantage of this funding. You are encouraged to utilize this opportunity by contacting a staff member as there are time-sensitive deadlines that may affect the programs for you which you may be eligible. We were thrilled to be able to provide six deserving young members a \$500 bursary this year. This program continues to be a popular one amongst members. We are equally thrilled to award four members with a Long-Term Equestrian Development Bursary of \$250 each. Our plan is to offer several new bursary-type initiatives in 2022 that will impact equine health and welfare and inclusion.

Competitions continue to play an important role in our athlete development, as does our relatively new athlete performance

program. We developed a new online competition management system that will provide organisers a platform to manage everything from date notification approval to entries and scheduling. We introduced this on a small scale this year to work out the challenges. This system will play a significant role in safe sport standards and compliance for coaches and officials as well.

We were very pleased with the virtual member engagement and educational opportunities that became the "silver-lining" this past year. We had the most successful in numbers hybrid Coach Symposium this past spring and have further developed our provincial officials' program. We have been so fortunate to partner with some of our clubs to further enhance our programs as well. Our partnership with Equine Guelph to offer The Horse Portal is seeing a lot of growth. The online Large Animal Rescue Course was such a huge success that it was offered twice. The educational and professional opportunities offered on The Portal is second to none! If you haven't taken advantage of the courses offered, don't hesitate and sign up today at <https://thehorseportal.ca/partner/nsef>.

Our insurance partner, CapriCMW has and continues to play an integral part in the development of our Optional Insurance Program for members. You are encouraged to review these "optionals" at time of membership renewal. I would like to acknowledge the support from Mike King and CapriCMW for his support of so many NSEF initiatives namely, Scotia Series Title Sponsor; draw prizes, educational and promotional products not to mention his untiring support and expertise he offers!

I see a bright future ahead for the Nova Scotia equestrian community! As we head into the fall and winter months, take good care of you and your equine friend; take advantage of all our membership benefits and don't forget to renew before the end of December.

In closing would like to take this opportunity to thank the NSEF Board of Directors, especially President Val McDermott, for their direction and support throughout this past year. I equally wish to thank my team in the office. Meredith has moved on to another job at Dalhousie University and she will be missed. Sheila continues to dedicate herself in her role as Director of Technical Development and we look forward to growing the team in the coming months to better serve you, our amazing member! Take very good care and see you soon!

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DIRECTOR OF RECREATION REPORT – By Valerie McDermott

The Cabot Trail Virtual Ride and Drive event was the first ever virtual trail ride/drive and was met with wonderful member engagement. Many of you have joined us on a virtual tour of the trail starting on June 5th and continued all summer and into September. Members signed up for the virtual tour, received a tracking log, then toured themselves in the areas of interest, all the while following the NS Dept of Health regulations for travel and social distancing. I look forward to hearing of the adventures had on the trail this summer once the virtual event wraps up.

NSEF is a member of the Nova Scotia Trails Federation as a trail user group. As we enter the Fall season of beautiful foliage, please take the time to enjoy our sport and recreational

activities. NS Trails has been working diligently for their trail users during the pandemic and the NS Gov restrictions. Take advantage of the beautiful weather and the picturesque trails near you.

There are many recreational programs available to NSEF members, including Ride & Drive, and the Learn to Ride/Drive Program.

In addition to this, NSEF members can access the Horse Welfare & Safety information, and a directory of equine-friendly trails around the province. Visit the NSEF website for more detailed information about all of the amazing programs we offer.

For more information feel free to contact , nsefservices@sportnovascotia.ca (902) 425-5450.

DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY REPORT – By Katarin MacLeod

Over the past year, we continue to make great strides in connecting industry partners with NSEF. We continue our discussions with the Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture and continue to promote the Premise ID program, endorsed by Equestrian Canada (EC), is available on our website. This is a free program and in the event of a natural disaster or emergency could help save your animals. Further, NSEF has developed a partnership with Horse Welfare Alliance of Canada (HWAC) and though this partnership also has a connection with the Canadian Animal Health Surveillance System (CAHSS). The Canadian Animal Health Surveillance System (CAHSS) is comprised of several caring professionals from Canada and elsewhere with a mission dedicated to informing Canadian livestock industry participants, including equine, respecting issues, updates and information directed to animal health and welfare. These are important steps as we focus on the health and welfare of horses within NS and the horse industry overall both within and outside our province.

Our relationship with Equine Guelph and The Horse Portal is as strong as ever! If you haven't taken a course, please don't hesitate this fall.

In keeping with the theme of partnerships and communication, NSEF, through EC, maintains a close relationship with the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA). When notices are received from the CFIA regarding national and infectious diseases affecting horses, EC notifies the equestrian community and the media. I attend the monthly National Equine Disease & Welfare Surveillance meetings that are meant to facilitate timely updates and collaborative communication across Canada regarding equine disease and welfare, links to these can be found on our website. As well, we have links to free webinars from HWAC and links to the Equine Code of Practice along with a host of other resources which focus specifically on industry.

We are committed to the social contracts we have with our horses, to take care of them both physically, mentally, socially, etc. We will offer educational seminars that cover subjects that are requested by our membership that connect to industry both specifically and broadly so that the health and welfare of our horses remains at the core of who we are as equestrians. If you would like more information about education seminars or have an idea of a topic, please contact the office at 902-425-5450 or nsefservices@sportnovascotia.ca

DIRECTOR OF CLUBS REPORT – By Melissa MacDonald

Well, we started 2021 not knowing if we would be able to have any equestrian activities such as trail rides, clinics or horse competitions. However, with lots of hard work from the equestrian community, we were able to and still are having equestrian activities for all to enjoy. We have had many new clubs joining NSEF this year and with some help, clubs across the province were able to have successful competitions with Covid restrictions. I want to thank everyone who is involved in clubs across the province for all of your hard work and dedication to your club and your horse community. Without and your hard work, these horse competitions would never happen, especially during a pandemic.

NSEF club members have the opportunity to select a

representative to sit on the NSEF Board of Directors. This individual is there to voice your concerns and come up with solutions to make your club achieve aspired goals. If you ever have a question or concern, please do not hesitate to contact me.

We also recognize the financial burden places on clubs during Covid. Please make sure you take full advantage of funding available through the NS *Support4Sport* Fund, which provides support to help offset some of the costs for clinics and facility upgrades. For more information on this funding opportunity, please contact our staff at the NSEF office.

Again, if there are any questions or concerns that I can help you with, do not hesitate to contact me.

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DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION REPORT – By Kate Howarth

This year was another adjustment in ever changing times for athletes, coaches and their equine partners. The third wave heavily impacted what was everyone's preparation time for the upcoming summer season. Organizers and participants had to be flexible as we all continue to navigate our new normal. In this time of uncertainty participants have scaled back. NSEF is here to be a support for its members and strives to be up to date on continuously changing regulations to help keep everyone safe and healthy. Adapting through these changes may bring about positive transformation that we never would have thought of! I cannot think of a more resilient population than those involved in the equine industry.

The more you adapt,
the more interesting
you are.

Martha Stewart

Congratulations – 2020 Coach of the Year, Julia Young

Julia was described by her nominators as demonstrating a knack for pairing aspiring riders with mounts who have plenty to offer them, creating beautiful symbiotic relationships akin to watching skillful dance partners execute the complex steps of a tango. She is a lifelong supporter of Pony Club and Dressage but is open-minded about learning from other equestrian disciplines. Her constant quest to learn more keeps her communication skills fresh. By doing so, she finds new ways to express fundamental concepts and includes detailed descriptions. She shows patience and flexibility in working with both her adult amateur and junior students who often come with a variety of constraints including time. She consistently and effectively balances the needs for the riders to feel both challenged and safe.

In sum, Julia is a hard-working, talented and dedicated coach. Her students count themselves very fortunate to learn with her and firmly believe that she is deserving of this award.

In addition to the Coach of the Year award, I would like to highlight the 2020 Volunteer of the Year because events cannot happen without volunteers. Building events and a volunteer community base will only increase learning opportunities. Please join me in congratulating the president of Central Nova Horse and Pony Association and the 2020 NSEF Volunteer of the Year, Sheri Morehouse.

Athlete Performance Program

This is a great opportunity provided by NSEF, thank you to the participants this year. Don't hesitate to look into this program and invest in your pathway to High Performance Competition.

Coach Development and Certification

We had great participation from coaches in our coach development opportunities over the last year. We took advantage of the opportunities available through technology and the restrictions through the year. We hosted several online seminars including: Coach Information Session, Coach Readiness Session, Athlete Performance Program Athlete and Coach Sessions on Nutrition, Mental Skills and more. In an effort to make it easier for coaches to maintain their certification, we

had a Standard First Aid recertification as part of our coach symposium weekend. This recertification course is well received by our coaches. In addition to the learning component of the coach development sessions, they are also a great opportunities for coaches to maintain their certification.

We are looking forward to coach events through the fall and winter. Check out our calendar of events for more information. www.horsenovascotia.ca/Calendar

Learn To Ride & Drive Programs

Due to multiple shutdowns over the year, participation numbers in the early part of the year decreased for our Learn to Ride/ Drive, Rookie Riders and P'tit Trot programs. However, many coaches prepared their participants for upcoming opportunities this fall. Looking forward, we are all a bit older and wiser and will continue to adapt to changes to pursue what we enjoy.

"Learn to" programs are available to all members. These programs are a great standard for goal setting. Now that sport and recreation has opened up, assessments are able to take place. With this, numbers have begun to increase. These Learn to programs not only stress the importance of riding/driving skills but of stable management. More information can be found at www.horsenovascotia.ca/LearnToRideDrive or by contacting the NSEF Office.

Professional Development and Learning Opportunities

We had excellent turnout to our 2021 coaching symposium. This year we had a hybrid model allowing participants to attend virtually or in person. An opportunity for first aid certification was also provided during the symposium for coaches and instructors to help maintain certified status. Speakers included Dr. Jeannine DeLuca, Equine First Aid; Environmental Farm Plan Coordinator, Dr. Trevor Lawson, Lameness and a second session on Premise ID and environmental farm practices; Clinical Social Worker Kathleen Murphy, Emotional Support of the Equestrian Athlete. Overall, this Professional Development opportunity covered topics for the Horse, Athlete, and Business along with provincial and national administrative updates.

Future learning opportunities include Coaching Clinics (Analyze Performance, Coach Readiness, Multi-sport opportunities) and official clinics.



Going forward these past 16 months have taught me that if the opportunity is there - go for it! You never know what will change. I want to thank organizers, volunteers and community members in their continued efforts to adapt and move forward. The equine community is a small but mighty and we never stop learning.

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DIRECTOR OF COMPETITIONS REPORT – By Samantha Sharpe

2021 has been a great season towards returning to competitions! As we settled back into our new “normal” several competitions early in the season had to shift their dates and it was exciting to once again have Equestrian Canada and Scotia Series competitions scheduled all summer and into the fall. We look forward to the return of NRHA and Breed sport competitions next season when travel from across the country and internationally opens further.

Thank you to NSEF Staff who advocated for our events as well as provided information and support to competition organizers. We would like to thank all of our members and fellow horse community for following health guidelines and being creative with their program planning.

Most of our winter was filled with skill development and building confidence. It really showed in the results! Our athletes came back with a fantastic display of accomplishments from their hard work. Job well done!

Scotia Series District and Provincial Year End Awards will be presented November 20th in Antigonish. Details and Invitations will be sent to award winners in October. We were disappointed that the Scotia Series Provincial Championships were cancelled in 2021 but we are looking forward to a larger event in 2022. Keep an eye on the Competitions section of the NSEF website for more information!

NSEF launched the new competition system Horsesport.pro this year and thanks organizers, competitors, and supporters for their contributions to working with the new system. We have learned a lot and look forward to the benefits for organizers and competitors as the system grows.

We are eagerly looking forward to the ability to host more competitions in the upcoming months and into next year as restrictions relax. Whether you chose to compete this season or take a summer to reconnect, we are so glad you chose to share it with us! We are looking forward to 2022!

FINANCE REPORT

NOVA SCOTIA EQUESTRIAN FEDERATION STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2021

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
REVENUE		
Technical/Competitive Programs	\$ 33,983	\$ 77,228
Organization operations (Note 7)	370,040	263,883
Participatory Programs	18,860	15,957
Investment revenue (loss)	16,888	(2,617)
	<u>439,771</u>	<u>354,451</u>
EXPENSES (Note 9)		
Technical/Competitive Programs	61,676	74,864
Organization operations (Note 4, 7)	223,750	237,607
Participatory Programs	41,883	42,772
	<u>327,309</u>	<u>355,243</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	<u>\$ 112,462</u>	<u>\$ (792)</u>
Net assets, beginning of year	<u>249,776</u>	<u>250,568</u>
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 362,238</u>	<u>\$ 249,776</u>

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements
Shellnutt Professional Accountants

The Formal Review of the 2020/2021 NSEF Financial Statements will be presented at the AGM.

NSEF BOARD OF DIRECTORS' NOMINATIONS PROCESS



The Nova Scotia Equestrian Federation (NSEF) is recruiting new volunteer Board members with varying professional backgrounds and skill sets.

Our organization and its Board are committed to a culture of inclusion. We would like to welcome Board members with skills, competencies, talents, identities, backgrounds, and perspectives across a broad and diverse range of leaders to enable us to achieve our goals and broaden our impact.

One of the goals of the NSEF's Strategic Priorities - ORGANIZATIONAL EXCELLENCE AND SUSTAINABILITY is to have a strong and effective Board with a defined governance structure and succession plan. One of the ways we support this priority is to recruit members to serve in the various Board of Director (BOD) positions. Developed by the BOD, a robust application process is led by the NSEF Nominations Committee ("the Committee"). The NSEF Board-approved process allows for the Committee to seek out members with a specific skill-set and interest in serving on our BOD. Once the Committee completes its role, a slate of successful candidates is presented for vote at the Annual General Meeting (AGM). This process is considered critical for organizations to fulfill their moral, legal, and ethical responsibilities to all those they reach, including members, employees, and volunteers. The benefits of a pre-determined slate of nominees include:

- Ensuring that the candidate skills and experience are aligned with the needs of the organization and BOD;
- Ensuring that conflicts of interest do not affect the quality and safety of programs and services offered by the NSEF;
- Reducing the risks and liability for members, employees and volunteers.

As a result of this nomination process, the Committee is able to ensure that all candidates presented to the membership are qualified and evaluated using a consistent criteria and process as outlined in the Candidate Application Package.

Vacancies

In 2021, there will be five (5) Directors elected, as per Bylaw Article 33:

Position	Term
Director of Club	1-Year Term
Director of Competitions	2-Year Term
Director of Recreation	2-Year Term
Director-at-Large	3-Year Term
Director-at-Large	3-Year Term

Term Limits: Per Bylaw Article 33

The BOD shall be comprised of Adult Individual Members of the NSEF, elected by the membership as follows:

To preside for a two-year staggered term, not exceeding two consecutive terms, a) Director of Competitions; b) Director of Education; c) Director of Recreation; d) Director of Equine Industry.

To preside for a three-year term, six (6) Directors at Large – whereby, at each AGM, two (2) Directors- at Large are elected.

At a club meeting prior to the Annual General Meeting (either in person or via conference call) a director representing Member Clubs will be nominated to serve on the NSEF Board of Directors. The Nominee must first be endorsed by his/her representative club. The newly nominated Director will be on the slate of Nominees for Election by the members at the AGM and will preside in this position for a one-year term.

Competency of Nominees

All nominations shall be reviewed by the Committee. The Committee shall provide the Members with a list of candidate Directors, taking into consideration the required skills and diverse needs of NSEF and the community it serves and a balance of new and experienced directors. If possible, the list of candidate directors shall exceed the number of vacant positions by at least one and at most double the number of vacant positions. No candidate may be eligible for election as a director unless such candidate has been reviewed by the Committee.

Eligibility: Per Bylaw Article 34

Any Voting Adult Member in Good Standing of the Federation shall be eligible to be elected a Director of the Federation.

Nominations

Nomination of an individual for election as a Director shall be submitted to the Committee by a current NSEF member in good-standing, in accordance with NSEF's Nomination policy, procedures and timelines. The Nomination shall include a written confirmation by the candidate expressing a willingness to stand for office, including a detailed profile of the candidate. Please note that portions of each successful candidate application may be used by the BOD to promote an applicant to the general membership. All applications will be destroyed following the presentation of the slate of candidates to the membership.

Candidate Application Package

Candidate application packages must include the following items to be considered by the Nominations Committee:

1. Letter of Interest (max. 1500 words) including why you would like to serve on the NSEF Board, and the value you would bring to the Board and organization;
2. CV (maximum five (5) pages) must include contact information, education, work experience, volunteer/community service experience, language skills; CVs will be publicly circulated to the Nominations Committee. Please consider personal/confidential information within your CV before submitting with your Candidate Application Package;
3. Social Media profiles (optional);
4. Completed Director Nomination and Acceptance Form
5. Photograph (to be used in candidate package)

Please submit your completed Candidate Application Package by 4:00 p.m. Friday October 15th, 2021 to:

Nova Scotia Equestrian Federation
5516 Spring Garden Rd, Halifax NS B3J 1G5
ATTN: Kris Foley, Chair, Nominations Committee
or via email: nsef@sportnovascotia.ca

2021 BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINATION APPLICATION

NOMINATION AND ACCEPTANCE FORM

Name of Nominee

NSEF#

Nominated By

NSEF#

Dear Nominations Committee,

I hereby apply as a candidate for Director on the Nova Scotia Equestrian Federation Board. I certify that I support the Vision and Mission of Nova Scotia Equestrian Federation. I will accept nomination, will serve if elected, and agree to support and be bound by Nova Scotia Equestrian Federation's policies.

I wish to be considered a candidate for the NSEF Board position _____

I understand and agree that all election results will be made public.

I certify that I satisfy all requirements for directors of non-profit corporations, including those under the Canada

Not-for-Profit Corporations Act. I authorize Nova Scotia Equestrian Federation to verify the accuracy of my application and agree to cooperate and complete such documents as may be reasonably requested by Nova Scotia Equestrian Federation to confirm the accuracy of any information contained herein.

I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the information I have provided in this application is true, accurate, and complete.

Signature

Print Name

Date

Deadline to submit to Nominations Chair, Kris Foley is 4:00pm Friday, October 15th, 2021.

nsef@sportnovascotia.ca

AWARDS NOMINATIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED

NSEF members are encouraged to nominate deserving individuals/organizations for the following awards:

NSEF Volunteer Award

The NSEF Volunteer of the Year award recognizes an outstanding volunteer who has made a special and significant contribution to equestrian sport. Volunteer services may include years of participation, administration, contribution, innovation, or the advancement of equestrian. This Individual has also worked tirelessly for the improvement of the Federation and who has had a notable impact on the sport.

NSEF Service Award

The NSEF Service Award recognizes an individual for a minimum of 10 years of service to the equestrian sport of NS. This individual gives tirelessly and has made a significant difference to the equestrian community.

NSEF Coach Award

The NSEF Coach of the Year Award recognizes an outstanding coach who has contributed to equestrian sport as a coach throughout the year and whose accomplishments are considered exceptional.

NSEF Official Award

The NSEF Official of the Year Award recognizes an outstanding official who has contributed to equestrian sport as an official throughout the year and whose accomplishments are considered exceptional.

NSEF Sponsor Award

The NSEF Sponsor of the Year Award recognizes an outstanding company who has given generously to the sport of equestrian through monetary or product sponsorship. The company can sponsor local, regional or national events throughout the calendar year.

NSEF Youth “Good Sport” Award

The NSEF Youth “Good Sport” Award recognizes a junior-aged NSEF member who exhibited exemplary conduct while participating and interacting with other participants/competitors and volunteers, working in the stabling area, etc. at a 2021 event/clinic or competition.

ALL NOMINATIONS SHOULD INCLUDE A COMPLETE LIST OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND RECOGNITIONS THAT WOULD MAKE YOUR NOMINEE WORTHY OF THE AWARD.

*Award recipients will be recognized at the NSEF Awards Reception on Saturday, **November 20th at the Heatherton Community Centre in Heatherton, NS (Antigonish County)***

2021 NSEF AWARDS NOMINATION FORM

Name of Nominee: _____ Phone (H) _____ (W) _____

Address: _____

Postal Code: _____

Nominee’s NSEF Number: _____

Nominated for the Following Award:

10 Year Service Award

Coach Award

Youth “Good Sport” Award

Volunteer Award

Official Award

Sponsor Award

Information about nominee and why they deserve this award (attach another page if necessary):

Nominated by: _____

Deadline: Friday, October 15, 2021 to Nova Scotia Equestrian Federation – 5516 Spring Garden Road, Halifax, NS, B3J 1G6. Fax: 902-425-5606. Email: nsef@sportnovascotia.ca



2022 NSEF Membership Application

Available beginning January 1st, 2022. Membership Expires December 31st, 2022.
APPLICATIONS CANNOT BE PROCESSED WITHOUT MANDATORY SIGNATURES ON PAGE 2
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Office Use Only
Date Received:
Payment Type:
Payment Amount:

PRIMARY Member Name: First		Middle or Initial	Last
Date of Birth(required):		Gender: <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Non-binary	
Address:		Primary Phone # : Please specify contact name if different from above	
City/Town:		Secondary Phone # : Please specify contact name, if different from above	
Province:	Postal Code:	Fax:	
County (e.g. HRM, Hants, Richmond)		Email:	

NEW Members - Did Someone Refer You to the NSEF? This member may be eligible for a referral credit. To apply the credit, please provide the referring member's full name: _____ NSEF# _____

Family Members List only those who wish to become NSEF members. Description of a family membership can be found below.

Member's Name	Date of Birth	Relation to primary member	Gender
2)			
3)			
4)			
5)			

For additional "Family Members", please use a blank piece of paper.

PAYMENT Details - NSEF Membership (including liability insurance program & EC registered participant)

<input type="checkbox"/> Individual Membership	\$50.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Family Membership Available to spouses and/or their junior-aged children born in 2004 or later. If the child/sibling is born in 2003 or before an individual membership is required by submitting a separate application. Spouses may include those who are co-habiting, but not married by law; legal guardian(s) of a junior aged member.	
First two Family Members - \$75.00	
Additional Junior-aged Members ___ x \$20.00	

2022 OPTIONAL INSURANCE PROGRAM

Descriptions available on page 3. Unless otherwise indicated, the purchased optional insurance will be applied to the primary member.

<input type="checkbox"/> \$50,000 Optional Accidental Death & Dismemberment (ADD) with fracture & dental benefits	___ x \$45.00
<input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000 Members Named Perils	___ x \$30.00
<input type="checkbox"/> \$2,500 Emergency Medical Surgical (must purchase MNP to be eligible)	___ x \$55.00
<input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000 Members Tack and Equipment	___ x \$60.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Weekly Accident Indemnity (WAI) – form must be completed (contact NSEF)	___ x \$195.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Travel Coverage – out of province and country coverage options available via CapriCMW at 1-888-394-3330	

OPTIONAL PROGRAMS/MEMBERSHIPS

<input type="checkbox"/> NSEF Ride & Drive Program A Reward program recognizing NSEF members for hours spent Riding/Driving a horse. You MUST be an NSEF member to participate. Just Ride/Drive for your reward! One-time fee per member. (Optional)	\$20.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Horse and Pony Magazine Subscription through NSEF Affiliate Program (4 issues) (Optional)	\$13.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Canadian Horse Journal Magazine Subscription through NSEF Affiliate Program (6 issues) (Optional)	\$24.15

2022 Affiliate Club Memberships –See Page 2 for rates and details

<input type="checkbox"/> Cape Breton Western Riders Assoc. (CBWRA) CBWRA Show Package	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Central Nova Horse and Pony Assoc. (CNHP) <input type="checkbox"/> Horse Trials Nova Scotia (HTNS) <input type="checkbox"/> NS Hunter Jumper Assoc. (NSHJ)	

CNHP MEMBER ONLY WAIVER –It is here recognized that all equestrian sports and activities involve inherent risk and that no helmet or protective equipment can protect against all foreseeable injuries. I hereby accept this risk and will not hold the Central Nova Horse and Pony Assoc. (CNHP), the competition, their officials, organizers, agents, employees, and their representatives responsible for any damage or injuries sustained to myself and/or my animal(s) while either attending a show or using the CNHP facilities.

Signature Acknowledging Waiver (Guardian if under 19): _____ **Date:** _____

TOTAL:

PAYMENT TYPE: -Visa -MasterCard -Cheque -Money Order -Cash (in office by appointment)

VISA/MASTERCARD PAYMENT INFORMATION: Credit Card Admin Fee \$3.00 Total Credit Card Payment Enclosed: _____

Credit Cardholder Name:	Signature:
Credit Card #:	Expiry Date:
	Verification Code (located on back of card):

PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR CONSENT BY CHECKING APPLICABLE BOXES.

PRIVACY POLICY- The NSEF recognizes the privacy of individuals with respect to their personal information and is committed to ensuring the privacy of its members. The NSEF does not offer our mailing lists to any outside organizations. Information will be forwarded to the appropriate organization for optional programs i.e. optional insurance, magazine publishers or club memberships.

Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	NSEF CODE OF Ethics and Conduct	By making application to the NSEF, I agree to abide by all Policies, Rules and Regulations, and the Code of Conduct of the Nova Scotia Equestrian Federation. Click here to read NSEF Code of Ethics and Conduct.
Yes No <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION CONSENT	I give my expressed consent to NSEF to send me communications using my email addresses on file. If you do not consent, the NSEF may send you notice of Annual/Special General Meetings and membership renewals or information regarding your membership by email.
Yes No <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	PARENT/ GUARDIAN CONSENT	If one or more applicant(s) named in this application are under the age of 19 I DECLARE I am the parent or legal guardian for said minor applicant(s) and I hereby give my consent for the named minor applicant(s) to become a member of the NSEF.
Yes No <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	MEDIA CONSENT	I give my expressed consent for the NSEF to use photos/media of myself/my family for promotional content, including, but not limited to, social media, weekly e-news, and the NSEF Annual Newsletter.
Yes No <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	VOLUNTEER	Please contact me regarding volunteer opportunities with the NSEF. (You are giving permission for NSEF/NSEF Volunteer to contact you.)

On behalf of the Applicant(s), I, the undersigned, hereby declare the information provided in this application to be true and accurate and is endorsed by the Applicant. Falsifying information could possibly nullify insurance coverage.

PRINT NAME OF APPLICANT or PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN, if under 19	SIGNATURE REQUIRED APPLICANT or Parent/Legal Guardian, if under 19
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My reason for joining the NSEF (check all that apply)	Member 1	Member 2	Member 3	Member 4	Member 5
Program Participation/Enrollment (i.e. Learn to Ride/Drive)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Competitive Athlete	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Para-Equestrian Athlete	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Coach/Trainer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Official	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Requirement for EC Sport License	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Requirement of my Boarding Barn	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Requirement of my Coach	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Insurance Coverage	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other: _____ (please specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

PRIMARY DISCIPLINE (please specify) _____

HORSE OWNERSHIP INFORMATION # of Horses: _____ Breed: _____ Own Lease Board Elsewhere Own Stable/Farm

OPTIONAL DECLARATIONS – providing this information is voluntary and will be used to direct opportunities (program or funding) to identified members. **These statistics assist us with our government funding reporting (numbers only).**

Check any that apply:

	Member 1	Member 2	Member 3	Member 4	Member 5
Indigenous Descent	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Impairment Declaration – Physical, Hearing, Visual, Intellectual	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Citizenship – I am a Newcomer to Canada in the last three years	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

INTEREST AREA(S) (check all that apply)	Member 1	Member 2	Member 3	Member 4	Member 5
Breed Sport	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Therapeutic Riding	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Endurance/Competitive Trail	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trail Riding	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Driving/Pleasure Driving	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dressage	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Eventing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hack & Equitation	<input type="checkbox"/> Hack <input type="checkbox"/> Equitation	<input type="checkbox"/> Hack <input type="checkbox"/> Equitation	<input type="checkbox"/> Hack <input type="checkbox"/> Equitation	<input type="checkbox"/> Hack <input type="checkbox"/> Equitation	<input type="checkbox"/> Hack <input type="checkbox"/> Equitation
Hunt Club/Field Hunting	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hunter/Jumper	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunter <input type="checkbox"/> Jumper	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunter <input type="checkbox"/> Jumper	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunter <input type="checkbox"/> Jumper	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunter <input type="checkbox"/> Jumper	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunter <input type="checkbox"/> Jumper
Pleasure Classes	<input type="checkbox"/> English <input type="checkbox"/> Western	<input type="checkbox"/> English <input type="checkbox"/> Western	<input type="checkbox"/> English <input type="checkbox"/> Western	<input type="checkbox"/> English <input type="checkbox"/> Western	<input type="checkbox"/> English <input type="checkbox"/> Western
Rider Levels	<input type="checkbox"/> English <input type="checkbox"/> Western	<input type="checkbox"/> English <input type="checkbox"/> Western	<input type="checkbox"/> English <input type="checkbox"/> Western	<input type="checkbox"/> English <input type="checkbox"/> Western	<input type="checkbox"/> English <input type="checkbox"/> Western
General Performance (Horsemanship, Trail, Pleasure)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reining	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Speed events (Barrels & Poles)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Team Penning & Cutting	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

INDUSTRY PARTICIPATION (check all that apply)

Breeder Breed: _____ Trainer Farrier Veterinarian Provide Lessons Own/Operate Boarding Facility Other: Please Specify _____

2022 AFFILIATE CLUB MEMBERSHIP RATES (subject to change)

NSEF processes memberships on behalf of clubs. Please enter the appropriate fee as outlined below, in the "Optional Club Membership" section under Payment Details on Page 1.

Cape Breton Western Riders (CBWR)	Before May 1 st : Individual Membership \$15.00	Before May 1 st : Family Membership \$30.00	After May 1 st : Individual Membership \$20.00	After May 1 st : Family Membership \$35.00
Central Nova Horse & Pony (CNHP)	Individual Membership: \$30.00	Family Membership: \$50.00		
Horse Trials Nova Scotia (HTNS)	Senior Individual \$25.00	Junior Individual \$20.00	Family Membership \$45.00	Associate Individual \$10.00
Nova Scotia Hunter Jumper Association (NSHJ)	Membership \$15.00 (No family rate available – Multiply family members by \$15)			

Please keep a copy of this page for reference.

INSURANCE PRODUCT DESCRIPTIONS

The Descriptions of coverage have been prepared for information purposes only. The insuring agreements, general terms, conditions and exclusions of the actual policy will govern specific application of the various coverages referred to herein. In all cases the actual policy documents will supersede these descriptions. Please be advised a nominal administrative fee is collected by the NSEF for all optional insurance purchased.

The insurance coverage included and / or available as an option with your Nova Scotia Equestrian Federation (NSEF) Membership is provided to you by CapriCMW. The NSEF is not licensed to sell or provide counsel on the insurance coverage. Please contact CapriCMW directly for any questions regarding coverage, limitations or exclusions at 1-888-394-3330 (Equine Department). Please view the Summary of Insurance at the following link on our website: <http://www.horsenovascotia.ca/Memberships-Insurance>

AUTOMATIC INSURANCE PRODUCT DESCRIPTIONS

\$5,000,000 Personal Liability Insurance (\$1000 Property Damage Deductible)

Protects you, the member, if you are sued by a third party because a horse that you own or lease, ride or handle non-commercially, causes property damage or bodily injury to a third party. **Liability coverage is for non-commercial equine related activities. Some limitations and exclusions apply. Coverage is in force 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and covers the member (Canadian resident) anywhere in the world. (Exclusions apply for members who are non-Canadian residents).

\$30,000 Accidental Death & Dismemberment Coverage

Covering you, the member, should you suffer a catastrophic injury, dismemberment or death arising from equine related activities. (Under the age of 90 and only available to Canadian Residents)

OPTIONAL INSURANCE PRODUCT DESCRIPTIONS (2022 ONLY)

NSEF Optional Accidental Death & Dismemberment INCLUDES Fracture and Dental Benefits (ADD)

\$50,000 - Enhanced Accident, Death and Dismemberment for injuries sustained by you, the member related to horses, including coverage when you are en route to and from an equine activity in a vehicle. This policy will pay regardless of any other insurance that may be in force at the time of the incident. *Enhanced AD&D is restricted to members who have not reached the age of 75 years

NSEF Members Named Perils

\$10,000 – Horse Mortality (Named Perils). Horse(s) you own are covered for death arising from Fire, lightning, transportation, earthquake or flood, attack by dogs or wild animals. Limit of \$10,000 any one loss and any one term. Includes compensation for government ordered destruction of horse. This policy must be purchased by the owner of the horse(s).

NSEF Emergency Life Saving Surgery (Must be purchased with Members Named Perils)

\$2,500 Emergency Life Saving Surgery – This policy covers Emergency Life Saving Surgery *necessitated* by accident or sickness, including colic surgery and fracture surgery, to a maximum limit of \$2,500.00 for expenses incurred (\$250 deductible). PLEASE NOTE: This is NOT a life insurance policy; NO DEATH BENEFIT is payable under this policy. This policy is restricted to one claim per year and must be purchased by the member who is the owner of horse(s). Members Named Perils 2022 must be purchased in order to purchase this product.

NSEF Members Tack

\$10,000 – Tack and Equipment - Insurers tack and equipment from loss or damage anywhere in Continental US/Canada. Tack and horse equipment you own, excluding rider clothing and protective equipment is insured against loss or damage from "all risks". Limit of coverage is \$10,000 for any one loss, total limit per term. Losses subject to deductible of \$500.00

Travel (out of Province/Country) Coverage - Member Only

Covid-19 restrictions have impacted coverages available to you, our member. As a result, out of province/country travel insurance coverage at an NSEF member rate may be obtained by contacting our provider directly. Please call our partners, CapriCMW, at 1-888-394-3330 to discuss options available to you.

Weekly Accident Indemnity (WAI) (Please contact the NSEF office for additional paperwork before purchasing this coverage)

Provides **income replacement** in the event you are unable to work due to an accident. Coverage is in force 24 hours a day/ 7 days a week and includes (but is not limited to), injuries arising from an equine related incident. There is a 7 day waiting period. The policy will provide **up to \$500.00/week** in income replacement for **up to 26 weeks** (some restrictions apply). **The combined benefit from this policy and all other benefits available to you (WCB/WSIB/ CPP/ Employer Group Programs, etc.) cannot exceed 75% of reported gross income to Canadian Revenue Agency in the most recent taxation year.** To qualify for this special program and be eligible for benefits, you must meet the following minimum requirements:

- 1) Be a resident of Canada.
- 2) Be a member in good standing of your provincial equine association;
- 3) Be employed full time (minimum of 25 hours a week with a single employer);
- 4) Be under the age of 70 years old; and
- 5) Filed an income tax return to Canada Revenue Agency in the most recent year.



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