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Dear Member

The evenings are drawing in and all the ponies are getting their winter coats, so although we are having some lovely autumn weather, I feel winter is just around the corner. Please remember when riding in the winter to wear some form of high visibility clothing – the winter days can be very dull. Winter signifies the end of the Pony Club year ... we have had a very successful year whereby we have offered a varied programme of events, so that every member has been able to take part in something. Due to Alyson Parker's sterling work of updating the website (www.ehnpc.org) with all our activities and results of competitions, everybody is regularly kept up to date with events, so thank you, Alyson.

Our latest success has been the winning of the Wilkinson Sword. This is a Hunter Trial whereby the best three scores are taken from two classes – a 3'4 open and a 2'9 intermediate – you have to have at least two competitors in each class and we were very fortunate to have two teams:

Red: Gabi Darlington on JP Ben (1st in the open) (and 2nd on Henry as an individual); Becky Ryan on Gemswood Podge (2nd in the intermediate); Poppy Miller on Prince Aladdin (3rd in the intermediate) Steven Parker on his new horse, Moloko, in the Open.

Blue: Anna Stonham on Leroy in the Open; Daisy Dobbs on Matilda (3rd in the Open); Anna Giles on Samson (8th in the Intermediate); Camilla Jerram on Simply Done (10th in the Intermediate)

The Blue team won the Wilkinson Sword – they were more surprised that anyone, thinking the Red Team had done better with their Individual Results but like at any competition, the judges' decision is final! But well done to everyone who took part.

I would like to thank everyone who helped with the running of our Hunter Trial in September – it was marvellous and made it such a successful day. We owe a lot to Mr John Pearl because he provides a wonderful venue for our One Day Event, Rallies and Hunter Trial, so please do try to thank people when you go to various venues.



If you have enjoyed playing polocrosse at our summer rallies and would like to do more of this, Oscar Harding, who was a member of Essex North, and who is now very involved with Polocrosse, and who has been instructing you at our rallies, would like to coach our members with a view to forming a branch team (or two!!). This is a very exciting sport and it would be wonderful to be able to enter a team from our branch, so if you would like to know more and be involved in further training, please ring Oscar on 01279 420009.

In this mailing, we have already planned various clinics and half day rallies to keep everybody in touch and our ponies ticking over during the winter, so please apply in plenty of time so we can be organised. Also enclosed is an invite to the Prize Giving – please do all come to a new venue at Ashfields Polo Club. There are a lot of prizes and cups – not just for competitions. Also this year we are offering you members an opportunity to ask any questions about anything you would like to know and also if you have any suggestions of what you would like to see us doing so please come and share your ideas with us.

Look forward to seeing you all soon.

Yours sincerely

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