

Comox Valley Pony Club Regional Rally Event Report

To explain Rally to our new members, it is a team competition, although there are individual awards. Each team is made up of a captain, two or three riders and one or two grooms. The event lasts over a weekend and consists of three riding competitions, dressage, stadium jumping and cross-country jumping. There is a strong emphasis on stable management and horse care. Each team is evaluated on horse care, tack care and team work. Each individual is evaluated on knowing their own job and keeping themselves groomed.

This year we ended up with two 'D' teams, each short a rider, so that we could accommodate everyone who wanted to participate. The two teams got on very well with each other even though they were competing against each other. It was one big happy group. They joined together to do the skit on the Saturday night, and really had fun. Everyone had a good time.

There were 5 'D' teams participating and since we had a lot of newer members in Rally this year, it was more of a learning experience.

One of our teams got: 5th for stable management and riding combined because one of the riders was disqualified for the stadium portion (went off course) and 4th for stable management

The other team got: 4th for stable management and riding combined 5th for stable management
Individual awards were:

Mallory Lawrence came fourth for riding 'Starter' out of 14.

Rachel Harrison got a third for riding 'Pre-entry' out of 6.

Kayli Weinstein got a fifth as a 'D' captain.

Kyla Carswell got a second as a 'D' captain.

Brittany Davis-Johnson got a sportsmanship award.

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