

SVPC Newsletter

Pony Club. Where it all begins.

Horse Trials and Eventing Rally Success

Seneca Valley Pony Club hosted the Capital Region Eventing Rally at our spring horse trials. Thank you to parent Tyler Stewart for organizing the rally for the region and our club members. Ema, Chloe and Eliza S. competed on a team at the rally on Sunday of the horse trials.

Thank you to all of the families that helped organize the areas of the event for our club. The spring and fall horse trials are our primary fundraisers. We also raise funds from our open schooling days and friends and family donations.

This year the horse trials organizing committee met with the course designer at the field and made the decision to not run the preliminary and intermediate divisions of the horse trials. Seneca Valley Pony Club shares use of Bittersweet Field with the Potomac Hunt. During their annual Hunt Races the ground conditions were wet and vehicles got stuck in the mud in various areas. Our club and the Hunt are working together to repair the field, but we made the decision to eliminate the top two divisions from our horse trials because the ground conditions were not ideal.

We were able to cut costs by not setting up the preliminary and intermediate courses and reducing the number of officials for the spring horse trials. Our club made money on the horse trials (final bills are still coming in from vendors), but we know we will not meet our budgeted income for the event. Our Council has funds in the bank for budget shortfalls so club activities will not be impacted. We will work on making the fall event a success.

Thank you to Debby Price who has been hard at work at the field to make improvements to the turf and to Nancy Jones and Tricia Tripp for working to make the changes to the event and communicating with competitors.

At the horse trials it's always so amazing to see past SVPC families out volunteering for our event. The SVPC community is one of the unofficial benefits of being a member of our club. Thank you to everyone who donated their time to make the event a success.

Upcoming Events

July 7 Mary Schwentker Lesson

July 22 SVPC Club Day and Sponsors Meeting at Bittersweet Field

July 25-29 USPC Championships at Tryon

September 8-9: SVPC Fall Horse Trials

September 22-23 Capital Region Tet Rally hosted by SVPC

October 7 Capital Region Dressage Rally

Council Recap of May 8 Meeting (in June Council held work day at field)

MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND COUNCIL MEETINGS USUALLY HELD ON THE SECOND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH (next meeting Sunday, July 22 at field)

Financial Report: Annette Chong gave the financial report.

Membership: Debby reported that we had no new members join during the past month.

Regional Meeting: Debby reported on the regional meeting. Members going to Champs interested in shipping for approximately \$500 may contact Kelly Dougherty.

Regarding certifications later this year, Talbot Run plans to host a D1-C2 certification September 13, and SVPC plans to do the same October 13.

Lessons: Lisa reported that the lessons with Mary Schwentker went well. Lauren and Yvonneke reported on Packy and Chris lessons.

Finally, the lesson committee noted that July 22 is club day, and it is working on organizing lessons for that day.

Jenn Nelson updated the council on summer camp. This year, camp lessons will be offered a la carte, and they are open to the region, as well as Horse Masters.

Certifications: Yvonneke reported that certifications were successful and that splitting the horse management and

riding portions worked very well. She noted that SVPC is hosting its next certification for D1-C2 on October 13.

Eventing Rally: Debby reported that a prelim/training team with riders from Blaven and SVPC has registered.

Bittersweet Field: Debby also reported on Bittersweet Field.

Other Business; Marie Sheppard reported that Potomac Pony Club would like to thank SVPC for lending its dressage arena for PPC's combined test, and she said that PPC's jump field is available anytime for SVPC lessons or use.

Lauren noted that a facility under new management in Mount Airy opened recently, and it has a heated and cooled indoor.

For the council meeting in June, the council will meet at Bittersweet Field to prepare equipment for Horse Trials.

Junior Council reported that it has looked into an inflatable pool to purchase for summer camp, and they plan to raise money through selling horse treats and a bake sale. Abby Rowe has also taken the lead on organizing a badge program for the D campers this summer.

Up Next: Tetrathlon and Dressage

During the fall the Capital Region will host the tetrathlon rally on September 22-23 and the dressage rally on October 7. Jacquelyn Dickey will be organizing the SVPC teams for the tet rally and Lisa Rowe will be organizing the teams for the dressage rally. Watch your email for details on preps for the rallies and how to enter.

HOW CAN YOU HELP SVPC EARN MONEY?

Just by doing what you're already doing – giving your horses Southern States® - branded, Legends®, or ProElite® horse feed. Your organization can earn 25¢ for each proof of purchase seal from Southern States and Legends® horse feed bags. Please send your proof of purchases to:

Sheila Jackson, 12227 Galesville Drive Gaithersburg, MD 20878



Sponsors Meeting at Club Day

In July the SVPC Council Meeting will take place at the Sponsors Meeting and Club Day on Sunday, July 22 at noon at Bittersweet Field. Bring a picnic lunch. Stay tuned for details on tet and jumping practice for members, but mark your calendar! We need a quorum of sponsors to approve the nominating committee for 2019's officers and council. If you are interested in being on the nominating committee, contact Leslie Case at lesliecase@aol.com

Camp was Outstanding

Thank you to SVPC camp organizers Jenn Nelson and Ashley Alexander and camp schedule master Shelley Heron. Our members had an incredible week at Bittersweet Field.

Instructors for camp included Heather Achen, Andy Armstrong, Stephen Bradley, Siobhan Byrne, Jacquelyn Dickey, Chris Donovan, Lillian Heard, Hannah Irons, Ema Klugman, Dr. Mende, Aviva Nebesky and Mary Schwentker. Campers had fun as they rode and learned horse management skills.

Weather didn't cooperate for the planned bonfire and sleepover at the field, but we're working on another activity for members. Watch the website and your emails for details.

Show Jumping Rally: It was HOT

SVPC had three teams compete at the overnight show jumping rally at Swan Lake on June 29-July 1. Daniel, Izzy and Reagan were three members of the "Scrambled Eggs" team and competed with a member of another region. Katie, Gretel, Jenna, Peri and stable manager Abby were on SVPC's second team and all members of the team qualified for USPC Championships at the rally. The final SVPC team nicknamed themselves O'Henry in honor of Olivia's pony. Olivia, Lexie, Ariana and Shannon rode and Kevin stable managed for the team.

On Friday afternoon teams moved into the barns and set up their tack rooms and attended briefing. Over the weekend there was a heat advisory and members and their mounts stayed hydrated and managed strong rides. During the rally, members of one SVPC team were often seen helping a member of another SVPC team or cheering on their club mates beside the ring.

Before the awards ceremony on Sunday, SVPC member Ema gave a riding demonstration to show jumpers in the region. Thank you to Ema for volunteering your time and making the trip to Swan Lake.

Sign up for lessons at
www.senecavalleyponyclub.org

Seneca Valley Pony Club Members have been busy!





Please send photos for the newsletter to Leslie Case at lesliecase@aol.com

Best of luck to SVPC members attending the USPC East Coast Championships in Tryon later this month:

Ariana, Katrina, Lexie, Abby, Jenna, Gretel, Katie and Peri

Have fun with tet, dressage and show jumping! Go SVPC! Go Capital Region!