

SVPC Newsletter

Pony Club. Where it all begins.

Membership Drive Underway

It's time to renew your membership for 2017. SVPC membership renewal has two parts. The first part is completing the online registration with USPC for existing members. USPC emailed all current members a link to renew membership online. You must renew with USPC to be a member of pony club. Please contact Leslie Case at lesliecase@aol.com if you need this email from USPC resent to you.



The second phase of renewing membership is to complete the member packet emailed to you by Candace Gerrety. The packet includes a 2017 SVPC membership form, Bittersweet Field release, committee volunteer form and a sponsor form. The forms were emailed on October 6. Please contact Candace Gerrety at cgerrety@verizon.net if you have questions or need the email resent to you. The forms in this packet are to sign members up for SVPC and the Capital Region. Without these forms and payment to SVPC and Capital Region, members cannot participate in SVPC or Capital Region activities. The deadline on the membership forms is Friday, November 4.

This year we are again asking all members to complete a survey with goals for 2017. The survey asks what rallies members are interested in, if the member would like to do any certifications and if the member has specific instructor or discipline requests. SVPC uses this information to plan activities for members and encourages every member to complete the survey. A link to the survey can be found online on the SVPC website on the forms page.

If you have friends interested in joining pony club, this is the perfect time to join. We are in the process of planning our unmounted activities for 2017 and new members have the opportunity to participate in the unmounted knowledge series and learn about horse management and the disciplines offered by USPC. Please have members interested in pony club contact Leslie Case at lesliecase@aol.com.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, October 30
SVPC Annual
Sponsors Meeting

Friday, November 4
SVPC Membership
Packets due to
Candace Gerrety

November 19-20
Julie Hagen Clinic

Friday, December 2
Holiday Party

Sunday, December
4 Lillian Heard
Clinic

October Council Recap

MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND COUNCIL MEETINGS HELD ON THE SECOND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH.

Financial Report – The Council reviewed the current financials for SVPC and discussed a proposed budget to present at the sponsors meeting on October 30th.

Regional Meeting Update – Leslie relayed the tentative CRPC rally schedule for 2017: June 3 – 4 overnight Show Jumping rally at Swan Lake, Eventing rally at the Spring Horse Trials, Games rally at end of June, Tetrathlon in September after Fall Horse Trials, and Dressage rally in the Fall. Leslie also said that each club within CRPC was asked to submit names of people who love doing certain jobs, perhaps in an effort to ask all clubs to participate in organizing every rally.

Membership Report – Renewals from USPC and SVPC have been sent to members by e-mail. There is also a survey linked to the email, asking for member feedback regarding certifications.

Horsemaster's Membership – Three scenarios are possible: 1) The Horsemaster's group would be adult members of SVPC with full benefits and access to funds for lessons, clinics, etc 2) SVPC adults form their own 501c (3), and 3) Potomac Pony Club would like to recruit Horsemasters so anyone interested would be directed to PPC. Marie has said PPC would be willing to waive volunteer responsibilities. The group looking at the options does not recommend SVPC having Horsemaster members in our existing Club due to USPC rules.

Lessons Update – Planned lessons include: Jaquelyn Dickey for Show Jumping on October 16, Julie Hagen on November 19 – 20 at Bascule and Bittersweet for Jumping and Dressage, and

Lillian Heard, December 4 at Bittersweet or Bascule for both Jumping and Dressage.

The Council spent time discussing lesson options for 2017 and the preliminary results of the lessons survey.

Upcoming Rallies – Leslie is collecting entries for the upcoming NQ Show Jumping Rally.

Rally Recaps – Over 20 competitors participated at Tet rally and Leslie thanked the many volunteers from SVPC for helping organize and run the rally. Feedback from Dressage rally was that members enjoyed the riding part but not horse management.

Nominating Committee – The Committee recommended supplementing SVPC policies to include specificity regarding the role of the Nominating Committee.

Other Business – The Council discussed allowing access for schooling to SVPC graduates and insurance issues.

Junior Board – Members provided feedback on Dressage rally, affirming that they enjoyed the riding part but that HM could have been better. They requested more certification preps, suggested more Club socials, including a camp fire at Bittersweet, mounted scavenger hunt and capture the flag. For 2017, they suggested adding a starter horse trial and more jumper shows. In an effort to recruit new members, they suggested setting up a SVPC informational table at the Horse Trials.

Lessons

Yvonneke Weitzel continues to organize weekly lessons for SVPC members. Contact Yvonneke at yvonnekeweitzel@gmail.com if you would like information on the ongoing lessons with **Chris Donovan**. Chris offers lessons focused on member needs and USPC standards of proficiency. Members pay Chris directly for these lessons.

Seneca Valley Pony Club will also be hosting a **Julie Hagen** clinic on **Saturday 19th November & Sunday 20th November**. Saturday Afternoon 19th November - Flat lesson or Gymnastics lesson and/or Sunday Morning 20th November – Flat lesson or Course Jumping lesson. Venue: Depending on weather, Saturday's lesson will be at Bittersweet and Sunday at Bascule Farm - 20800 Whites Ferry Road, Poolesville, MD 20837 Bascule Farm has excellent indoor and outdoor riding facilities to cater for all weather conditions. Lessons are NO COST to SVPC members. Lessons will be scheduled between 12pm and 4pm on Saturday and 9am and 1pm Sunday. Riders can do one lesson on Saturday & one lesson on Sunday or just one lesson on either day. Signup before the 4th of November via <http://www.senecavalleyponyclub.org/lesson-registration-julie-hagen.html>

Please contact Shelley Heron if you have any questions: shelleyheron@me.com. Julie also does weekly pony club lessons at Bascule Farm and SVPC members can pay to participate. Contact Shelley for information.

Julie's lessons are always fun and informative! All levels of riders will be catered for and grouped according to experience.

Mark your calendar for **Sunday, December 4** when Lillian Heard will be doing a free SVPC lesson for members. Members who attended ABC camp gave Lillian phenomenal reviews and SVPC is excited to have her teaching members again this winter. Watch our website for details and sign up information, but in the meantime, mark your calendar!

EASY WAY TO EARN CASH FOR SVPC

There's an easy way to make money for the club. Please send your proof of purchases for Legends, Triple Crown and Southern States horse feed to:

Sheila Jackson, 12227 Galesville Drive Gaithersburg, MD 20878

or give them to Sheila or Maggie when you see them. Each label generates \$.25 for the club!

Thanks! Sheila

Congratulations to our SVPC Members

SVPC's Kevin got his C2 HM certification, Katrina got her C2 dressage specialty and Mitch got his C2 traditional certification on October 8. Thank you to Nicole Potter for organizing the certification for the Capital Region.

SVPC members planning for certifications in 2017 should complete their member surveys (linked on the forms page of the SVPC website) so our club can plan for preps and report to the region.



Way to go Abby, Ariana, Jenna, Gretel and Lexie!
Your hard work made SVPC proud.



SVPC had three members at the Capital Region C2 - congratulations to Katrina, Kevin and Mitch.

At the Capital Region Dressage Rally, SVPC's Katie, Piper, Ella and Katrina rode with Chloe as stable manager. Gretel, Jenna, and Lexie rode with Abby as stable manager. Kevin scrambled onto a team with Wakefield Pony Club and horsemaster Yvette Seger.