

SENECA VALLEY PONY CLUB



SVPC News

July/August 2015

SAVE THE DATES

**Capital Region
Show Jumping Rally: Sunday, August
16**

**SVPC Fall Horse
Trials: September 5
-6**

**Capital Region Non-
Qualifying Eventing
Rally: September 27**

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Show Jumping Coordinator Needed

The Capital Region show jumping rally that took place in June was modified due to weather prior to the rally. Only Capital Region members hoping to qualify for Championships were invited to attend the rally. Because of this change, the region has re-scheduled a show jumping rally to take place at Bascule Farm on Sunday, August 16th. This rally will feature both non-qualifying divisions and qualifying divisions. Members who hope to qualify for Championships for 2016 are invited to participate. Cur-

rently, SVPC has no volunteer to coordinate this rally that was not on the original schedule for the year. **Please contact Leslie Case immediately if you are a parent with a child participating in the rally and would be willing to collect entries from SVPC members and compile the paperwork for the region.**

Without a volunteer, our members will not be able to participate in the rally. There will be a second qualifying show jumping rally in 2016, but the date

has not been determined.

The paperwork for the rally has not been distributed by the region.

At the modified show jumping rally, SVPC members Sadie, Daniel, Reagan, Ema and Izzy did a tremendous job. Shannon stable managed for the only team at the rally completing horse management. Congratulations to all of the SVPC members who participated.



Ema on Ben at Champs.

The United States Pony Clubs, Inc., develops character, leadership, confidence and a sense of community in youth through a program that teaches the care of horses and ponies, riding and mounted sports.

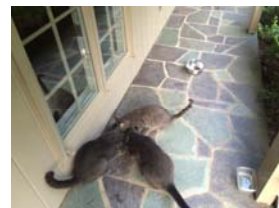
Reunited!!!

After weeks away from home, O'Malley the cat made his way from Bittersweet to the Boyle's home (across from the

Potomac PC field)! The smart kitty was a stow-away on the trailer and escaped when the Boyle's arrived at the field for a

lesson.

Here is a photo of O'Malley reunited with his brother Sherlock and sister Marie.



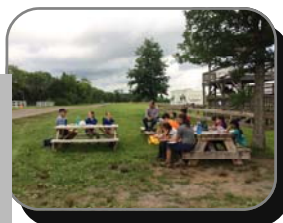
SVPC Camps a Great Success

SVPC members enjoyed a wonderful week at Bittersweet Field at the beginning of July. Camp featured national examiners Richard Lamb and Cathy Frederickson, dressage judge Aviva Nebesky, instructor Ray Wheeler and cross country with Jacquelyn Dickey.

Current SVPC members Jenny B and Jenn P also worked with both our D's and C's at camp. Our club had 4 D's participate in the camp and 6 C's. We welcomed 2 Frederick PC members at camp as well. Campers got the chance

to work with sports psychologist Paul Haefner and vet Lisa Wagner.

Special thanks to SVPC parents Jacquelyn Dickey and Shelley Boyle for working with Tricia Tripp and Leslie Case to organize a memorable week for SVPC's members.



Check out Ema's pony club series online:

<http://eventingconnect.today/2015/07/22/chronicling-pony-club-part-1-catching-the-horse-bug/>

Congratulations to Gretel on her D2 Certification and to Lexie W on her D3 HM and Flat.

Are you planning to get certified in 2015?

D1-C1 should register online on the SVPC website.

C2-A must complete an intent to rate form on the Capital Region website.

Members register for national certifications on the USPC website after consulting with Leslie Case and Sheila Jackson.



Volunteers Run Our Club

In the next couple of months our nominating committee of Annette Chong, Nancy Jones and Debby Price will be contacting all parents asking about how they would like to be involved in helping to run our club. We have opportunities for parents with horse knowledge and who know nothing about horses. We need parents

with a lot of time to give and parents who can only work on a sporadic basis. We've got jobs big and small and need everyone's help to run our club so our members have the opportunity to take lessons, attend rallies, participate in certifications and qualify for championships and other USPC activities.

SVPC has a diverse

group of riders and parent volunteers. Without the help of all of our SVPC families, we would not be able to function. Start thinking now about how you might want to be involved in 2016 and please contact any of the nominating committee members or Leslie Case with questions.

Thank you to all of the sponsors who made it to the meeting on July 18th. We voted in a nominating committee to begin working on a 2016 slate of officers. Parents interested in joining the Council should contact Annette Chong, Nancy Jones or Debby Price.

Council July Meeting Recap

Financial Report – Sheila discussed the financial position of the club.

Membership Report – There are no new members at this time, but we have had a couple of inquiries.

Lessons Committee – Leslie reported that she is still working on revamping the lesson program. Due to the diversity in the lessons committee and the internal difficulties of the program, Candace has decided to step down as the Lessons Committee Chair. Leslie reported that the executive committee met and decided not to replace the Chair currently and that the executive committee will run the lessons committee in the interim until the program has been revamped for next year. The existing lesson series and clinics will continue to run the remainder of this year and new lessons teaching the USPC SOPs will be able to be added, but no other non-pony club SOP lessons will be added. For August, the proposals for Judy, Packy, Rose, and new D certification prep series have all been approved. Aviva and NE clinics have also been approved for August. Insurance will be obtained based on the proposal submitted at the time the series or clinic is approved, but if there are changes to dates

during the month, new insurance requests still need to be submitted. Leslie is planning to present the new lesson program for approval at the fall sponsors meeting.

Certifications Update – Leslie reported that camp certifications were successful. The timing of the camp certification is being evaluated. Maureen is starting to work on fall certifications.

Camps Recap – Leslie & Jacquelyn reported that camp was very successful. We had 8 Cs and 4 Ds. Participation was low, so camp would have had a financial loss if one of the NE's fees were not donated, but instructors were high caliber and worth the additional expense. We will look at ways to increase attendance next year. The kids had fun and feedback was very positive.

Championships Update – The region planning has been very good this year and there has been a lot of participation in getting organized in advance.

Nominating Committee

– Leslie reported that Annette, Debby and Nancy have expressed interest in being on the nominating committee

Upcoming Events: Sponsors Meeting

– Leslie reported that she is getting a list of sponsors from Candace in order to know what number of attendees are needed to have quorum.

Show Jumping Rally

– The rally will be August 16th. There is a possibility that it will be qualifying for 2016 and non-qualifying for 2015. SVPC needs a volunteer to organize the club for this rally, so Leslie asked if anyone is interested to let her know. **Tet Rally** is potentially October 17-18. Sheila and Jacquelyn are working on it.

Non-qualifying Rally is Sept 27 in conjunction with the starter. Yvonneke is organizing our club for this rally.

Dressage Rally is October 4. Lisa Rowe is organizing our club for this rally.

Other Business – Nancy mentioned that there is a starter organizational meeting 7/18 and they are planning to make changes to the starter to improve its efficiency.



The next Council meeting is scheduled for September 8, 2015 at 7 pm at Leslie Case's home.









SVPC Members have been busy this summer with camp, lessons, starter trials, certifications and USPC Championships. Go SVPC!!



