

## SENECA VALLEY PONY CLUB



# SVPC News

March/April 2015

### SAVE THE DATES

**HM Seminar: April  
26th**

**Games Rally: May  
17**

**May Fun Day: May  
17 at the Potomac  
Hunt Races**

**SVPC Spring  
Horse Trials: June  
13-14, 2015**

**ABC and D  
Camps: July 6-10,  
2015**

**SVPC Fall Horse  
Trials: September  
5-6, 2015**

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## SVPC Rocks Quiz Rally

Congratulations to all of the Seneca Valley Pony Club teams who competed at quiz rally on Saturday, March 28. Too Hot to Trot took

first place with Abby, Piper, Katie and Lexie. Our Fire Breathing Unicorns with Ariana, Jenna, Gretel and Kristin placed second. The only senior C team of the day was Seneca's Carolina/Capital Case Closed team with Shannon, Audrey, Kevin and returning SVPCer Marilyn.

Congratulations to Shannon and Piper for winning the high point



award for the C Division and the Junior D Division.

SVPC won the perpetual trophy for the team/club high point per member average.

Our teams not only displayed amazing quiz knowledge, they also entertained the Capital Region with their dancing and singing ability as they waited for the awards ceremony. SVPC quiz teams

have talent.

SVPC's quiz team members and parents were quick to point out the club's success is because of the

hard work of parent volunteers who arranged the winter quiz prep series and weekly team bonding activities. Thank you to Lisa Wagner and Lisa Rowe, with special thanks to Yvonneke Weitzel who organized the entire knowledge series and gave our members the chance to succeed and have fun in the process.

Way to go SVPC!!

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.

## Easy Money

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

## Rallies Approaching

Get ready to rally! Quiz rally kicked off the 2015 rally season on March 28th. Marie Sheppard is assisting SVPC members interested in polocrosse rally that will take place on April 19. Games rally will take place on May 17. Annette Chong is organizing the rally for SVPC participants. Eventing Rally will take place on Saturday, June 13 (training and preliminary) and Sunday, June 14 (novice and beginner novice). SVPC is hosting the rally and Tyler Stewart is organizing for the region and for our club. Lisa Rowe is gathering interest from SVPC members who might like to attend

the Virginia Region Dressage Rally the last weekend of June. This overnight rally is a great preparation for stable management at Championships. SVPC is hosting the Capital Region non-qualifying eventing rally at our starter horse trials on September 27. In the fall the Capital Region will hold it's Qualifying Dressage Rally for 2016 on October 4.

Communication about rallies and preps will be emailed to members. Watch your email for information on how to sign up for rallies and for lessons to prepare. You can also check

our website for an up to date calendar and to sign up and even pay for lessons and rallies.

Thank you to our rally coordinators and to Candace Gerrety for keeping our lessons website up to date.

Please feel free to contact rally coordinators or Leslie Case or Debby Price with any questions you may have on upcoming events.



**New Policy:** If you plan on riding at Bittersweet, please contact Leslie and Debby via email before heading to the field. SVPC must be notified 24 hours in advance in order to make sure insurance is in place. Thank you!

# Parents Needed to Run Activities

Congratulations to Gretel for getting her D1 Certification!

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.

Last month's newsletter detailed the jobs parents do to run our club. We're always looking for new volunteers to work with us throughout the year.

Please contact Leslie Case if you'd like to get more involved in helping to run activities for SVPC members. We need help in all



areas.

In addition to running activities for our members, SVPC families are instrumen-

tal in running our recognized horse trials in the spring and the fall. Yvonneke Weitzel will be in contacting each family to find out about availability and to sign up volunteers for the horse trials.

You can reach Leslie at [lesliecase@aol.com](mailto:lesliecase@aol.com) and Yvonneke at [yvonnekeweitzel@gmail.com](mailto:yvonnekeweitzel@gmail.com).



Look at Ema's smile at Morven Park as she and Ben compete! Yes, that's ice in the water jump.

SVPC is looking forward to warm days of competition ahead.

**All SVPC members are encouraged to attend the seminar on horse management on Sunday, April 26 at Blaven Riding Center. Flyer attached to this newsletter.**

# Capital Region News



The Standards and Certification Clinic was held at Rockwell Elementary School on Saturday, March 21. National Examiner Cathy Frederickson presented to the regional members in attendance. Leslie Case and Debby Price represented SVPC at the clinic.

Some important notes from the presentation include that whenever a member is going for a certification, they should carefully study the test sheet prior to the testing. The test sheets are online on the USPC website. An-

other note Cathy made was that many pony club members do not warm up by stretching before riding. Cathy said she sees a remarkable difference in riding when riders stretch before their rides.

April 26 is the date for our 2015 Horse Management Seminar hosted by Blaven Riding Center in Union Bridge, MD. All members of CRPC are invited and encouraged to attend this valuable learning opportunity. Ms. Dawn Dougherty, our Horse Management Organizer (HMO) will teach, explain,

demonstrate and give terrific tips on how to shine at all pony club competitions and certifications. See the attached flyer with specific details.

The Upper Level Certification Preparation Schedule has been sent to the region. Please check the Capital Region Website <http://capitalregionponyclub.homestead.com/> for details.

## Welcome New Members

SVPC would like to welcome its new members. Gretel F, Piper F and Katie B are new to our club this year.

Candace Gerrety is our membership chair

and has done an incredible job of getting our club renewed and making sure our members are ready for 2015. If you know of anyone interested in joining our club, please have them

contact Leslie Case at [lesliecase@aol.com](mailto:lesliecase@aol.com) with any questions. When they are ready to sign up, Candace can forward them the appropriate paperwork.

*USPC has posted the Gold Book online. Be sure to review if you plan to attend Championships in July.*

# Council Meeting Recap

Financial Report – Sheila presented the financial statements as of the end of February.

Membership Report – Candace said we have 43 members. This includes 3 members who have not completed payment and 3 new members.

Lessons Committee – Candace said lessons are running smoothly and there are a lot of options available to members. Leslie mentioned that the lesson committee would like a policy for facility fees as to whether they are part of the subsidized cost of the lessons or if the fees should be paid separately by the members. Council discussed how to incorporate the fees and the overall cost of the lessons. If the subsidy is applied, the amount paid by SVPC is 40% of lesson cost up to \$30, so the cap needs to be kept in mind when a lesson is approved and pricing publicized to the club. Tricia motioned that facility fees be included in subsidized lesson cost and Leslie added that any facility may propose a facility fee before lessons are voted on by the lesson committee, Nancy seconded and all approved. Candace is still working on the lessons website to streamline everything. Rallies are coming up so we are getting ready for lots more activities.

Certifications Update – Leslie reported that Maureen is working on 1 member for HM certification for quiz and 1 member for a full CI.

Region Meeting Update – New

RIC stepped down, so Capital Region asked if we could include region members in our lessons, especially the National Examiners program. National Examiners program is already open to region.

Bittersweet Field – Debby mentioned that Potomac Hunt has exclusive use of the field April 1 through Hunt Races mid-May. They cover much of the spring mowing and trimming for us, so if we fence off an area, we will lose their ability to mow it and the club will have to cover that additional expense. After discussing Bittersweet access, Tricia recommended that when members want to use the field, they could email an insurance request to obtain insurance whenever possible. Everyone agreed this would be a good procedure and Leslie will add this to the next newsletter. Debby also mentioned that Dick Hagen will be a Master for Potomac Hunt so that will help continue a good relationship between SVPC and the Hunt.

Horse Trials – Nancy said we have our first meeting next Tuesday. The Omnibus listing should be online at the beginning of April.

Upcoming Events  
Member Dinner – 3/21/15 6

pm at Chong's to introduce new members and talk about rallies.

Mock Quiz Rally and Quiz Rally – Mock is 3/21/15 9-2 pm at Wagner's and Rally is 3/30/15. Standards and Certifications Clinic – 3/21/15 at Rockwell Elementary using videos instead of live demonstrations. Games Rally – 5/17/15  
Potomac Hunt Races – 5/17/15  
Camps – 7/6-10/15

Other Business – Jenn P gave a presentation regarding her participation in the IPE with Ema K.

Junior Board Report – Audrey said they are working on the display for the quiz rally. They have a drawing of the display and just need to get the materials and create it. Junior Board suggested the Chipotle dinner which is occurring 3/21, so they are very excited about it. They plan to also play board games. They also want to make it easier for members to contact them so they have created an email address and twitter account. Coltin listed possible camp instructors. Eliza suggested D Camp crafts. Eliza also said that they suggest scheduling a field work day with a movie night following to encourage members to attend the work day.

The next SVPC Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 14 at 7 pm at Leslie Cas-es at 13311 Drews Lane, Potomac MD.





## Capital Region Horse Management Education

April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015 (9:30 am – 3:30 pm)

Hosted By:

*Blaven Farm Riding Center  
9350 Bessie Clemson Road  
Union Bridge, MD 21791*



Capital Region Pony Club members, D1 through C2 and up, are invited to **Blaven Riding Center** for a day of horse management education and fun! Participants will rotate through 5 different stations to learn and/or fine tune the following Horse Management skills:

**HM 101:** Horse Management Rules & Sheets plus how to appropriately handle protest and inquiries.

**Splish, Splash Your Pony Needs a Bath:** How to get your mount ready for a rally inspection! Bathing “all” parts and nooks and crannies of your horse along with clipping and mane pulling will be covered.

**So You Think Your Tack Is Clean???** How to get your tack so clean you will “exceed standards” every time! Cleaning, conditioning and polishing will be covered.

**Formals, Jog Outs & More:** How to handle jog outs like a champ! How to introduce yourself at formals. What exactly is the role of the Horse Manager plus Stall Cards and Team Signs that are purposeful and reflect your team’s spirit!

**Rally House Keeping:** Set-Up Standards for one day and overnight rallies to include the feed room and tack room. How set-up for Champs is different.

### **Additional Information:**

Participants are asked to bring their own lunch and water bottle. Please remember proper footwear and your armbands/bracelets. Dress for the weather. *Tentative Schedule is attached.*

Registration is by individual and due by April 18<sup>th</sup>. The cost to participate is ***\$10 per member***. This will cover cleaning supplies, lunch for the presenters, and bathroom facilities. Please mail the form and the ***\$10 participation fee*** to: **Blaven Farm, 9350 Bessie Clemson Rd, Union Bridge, MD 21791**

Session presenters needed! Excellent opportunity for upper level Pony Club members! Please email [Dawnmariedougherty@yahoo.com](mailto:Dawnmariedougherty@yahoo.com) with the session you would be willing to lead. Lunch will be provided for all presenters.

Parents are welcome to stay and learn. *Each club or center is required to provide one adult chaperone.*

### **Capital Region Horse Management Education Registration (Due 4/18/15)**

Participants Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Participants Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Rating: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Club Chaperone Who Will Be Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Will your parent(s) also be planning to stay and participate: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail completed form and the ***\$10 participation fee***, made payable to ***Capital Region***, by ***April 18th*** to:

Blaven Farm – HM Education  
9350 Bessie Clemson Road  
Union Bridge, MD 21791



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*April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015 (9:30 am – 3:30 pm)*

	D1	D2	D3	C1	C2 & Up
9:30 – 10:00	*****Check-In For All*****				
10:00 – 10:55	HM 101	Rally House Keeping	Formals, Jog Outs, Horse Managers & More	So you think your tack is clean?	Splish, Splash Your Pony Needs a Bath!
11 – 11:55	Splish, Splash Your Pony Needs a Bath!	HM 101	Rally House Keeping	Formals, Jog Outs, Horse Managers & More	So you think your tack is clean?
11:55- 12:30	*****Lunch For All*****				
12:30-1:25	So you think your tack is clean?	Splish, Splash Your Pony Needs a Bath!	HM 101	Rally House Keeping	Formals, Jog Outs, Horse Managers & More
1:30-2:25	Formals, Jog Outs, Horse Managers & More	So you think your tack is clean?	Splish, Splash Your Pony Needs a Bath!	HM 101	Rally House Keeping
2:30-3:25	Rally House Keeping	Formals, Jog Outs, Horse Managers & More	So you think your tack is clean?	Splish, Splash Your Pony Needs a Bath!	HM 101

## 2015 Championships Qualifying Information

- Age as of January 1, 2015, certification as of closing date of qualifying rally. Entrant must have competed in the qualifying rally at the certification required for that division/discipline.
- All Championships Competitors must be in compliance with USPC Policy #1002, Member in Good Standing.
- Entry Fee includes stabling, pin, and T-shirt for each competitor, and a pin for one chaperone per team; additional pins available to scramble team chaperones.
- B/H-A/A competitors (C3 & up for Tet) are invited to compete with the permission of the RS

Discipline	Division	Age	Certification
Dressage	Training Level	12 yrs. or older	D-3 Flat/DR and D3 HM & up
	First Level & up	12 yrs. or older	D-3 Flat/DR and D3 HM & up
	Stable Manager	As above	D-3 HM & up
	Horsemasters	N/A	D-3 Flat/DR & up
Western Dressage	Basic/Level 1 and Up	12 yrs. or older	D-3 Flat/DR/WST & D3 HM & up
	Stable Manager	As above	D-3 HM and up
	Horsemasters	N/A	D-3 Flat/DR/WST and D3 HM & up
Eventing	Beginner Novice	12 yrs. or older	C-1 Trad/HSE & up
	Novice	12 yrs. or older	C-1 Trad./HSE & up
	Training	13 yrs. or older	C-1 Trad./HSE & up
	Preliminary	14 yrs. or older	C-1 Trad./HSE & up
	Stable Manager	As above	D-3 HM and up C-1 Trad and up
	Horsemasters	N/A	
Games	Junior	10 - 14 yrs.	D-2 Flat and D3 HM & up
	Senior	14 - 18 yrs.	D-3 Flat and D3 HM & up
	Advanced	18 - 25 yrs.	C-1 Flat & up and C1 HM

**Note: See Games Rulebook for clarification, exception and divisional play up guidelines.**

Polocrosse	Novice	11 yrs. or older	D-3 Flat/DR and D3 HM & up
	Intermediate	12 yrs. or older	C-1 Flat & up
	Advanced	13 yrs. or older	C-1 Flat & up
	Stable Manager	As above	D-3 HM & up D-3 Trad/DR & up
	Horsemasters	N/A	
Quiz	Junior D	10 - 12 yrs.	D-2 HM thru D-3 Trad
	Senior D	13 - 21 yrs.	D-2 HM thru D-3 Trad
	Junior C/H-B/B	14 yrs. or less 15 -	C-1 HM & up
	Senior C/H-B/B	21 yrs.	C-1 HM & up B
	B/H/H-A/A	14 - 21 yrs.	HM and up
	HB Educational Division	13-21 yrs	C-2 HM
Show Jumping	Intro	12 yrs. or older	D-3 Trad/HSE & up
	Developing Horse/Rider	12 yrs. or older	D-3 Trad/HSE & up
	Reg./Modified	12 yrs. or older	C-1 Trad/HSE & up
	Stable Manager	As above	D-3 HM & up
	Horsemasters	N/A	D-3 Trad & up
Tetrathlon	Novice	11 - 12 yrs.	D-3 Trad/HSE & up
	Intermediate	13 yrs. or older	D-3 Trad/HSE & up
	Junior	13 - 16 yrs.	D-3 Tra./HSE & up
	Senior	16 yrs. or older	C-1 Trad/HSE & up
	Horsemasters	N/A	D-3 Trad & up