



# Seneca Valley Pony Express



News from the  
Seneca Valley Pony Club  
April, 2009

## *2009 SVPC Calendar*

### APRIL

- 18 HB NATIONAL RATING
- 18 FUN DAY AT BITTERSWEET
- 23 EVENTING RALLY ENTRY FORMS DUE (to Leslie Sherman)
- 25 TETRATHLON RALLY ENTRY FORMS DUE (to Mike Kearney)
- 25 REGIONAL C2 RATING

### MAY

- 1 REGIONAL MEETING (Tilley's)
- 2 C3 PREP, MOUNTED
- 3 SVPC SHOW JUMPING/DRESSAGE DAY/SPRING SPONSORS MEETING
- 7 ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING (Thornley's)
- 9/10 CAPITAL REGION TETRATHLON RALLY
- 17 CAPITAL REGION GAMES RALLY
- 17 POTOMAC HUNT RACES AT BITTERSWEET
- 23-24 C3 NATIONAL RATING
- 30 WAKEFIELD VALLEY PC FUN DAY, WAKEFIELD
- 31 WAKEFIELD VALLEY PC COMBINED TEST

### JUNE

- 4 ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING (MacLeod's)
- 5 REGIONAL MEETING (Tilley's)
- 13-14 QUALIFYING EVENTING RALLY  
SVPC HORSE TRIALS
- 17-21 **D CAMP AT BITTERSWEET!!**
- 26-27-28 CAPITAL REGION SHOW JUMPING RALLY, LOCH MOY

### JULY

- 11-12 C3 NATIONAL RATING
- 18 DRESSAGE FIX-A-TEST AT BITTERSWEET
- 22-26 USPC CHAMPIONSHIPS, LEXINGTON VA

### AUGUST

- 6 HORSE TRIALS ORGANIZING COMMITTEE MEETING/ADVISORY COUNCIL
- 7 REGIONAL MEETING, TILLEY'S
- 8-9 A AND B NATIONAL RATINGS

14-15	H AND H/A NATIONAL RATINGS
<b><u>SEPTEMBER</u></b>	
3	ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING (Bittersweet)
4	REGIONAL MEETING, TILLEY
5-6	SVPC FALL HORSE TRIALS
13	NON QUALIFYING EVENTING RALLY
<b><u>OCTOBER</u></b>	
2	REGIONAL MEETING, TILLEY
4	CAPITAL REGION POLOCROSS RALLY
8	ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING (Adams/Pancrazio)
18	CAPITAL REGION DRESSAGE RALLY
25	SVPC ANNUAL SPONSORS' MEETING
<b><u>NOVEMBER</u></b>	
5	ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING (MacLeod)
<b><u>DECEMBER</u></b>	
11 or 12	SVPC HOLIDAY PARTY

## **SVPC Announces New "Flexible" Lessons Program**

As you all know, this Spring we have kicked off our lesson series by providing: dressage, jumping, games and polox (with Potomac) lessons. More series are being planned throughout the year. In addition, thanks to all who answered our survey on "what you need from our lesson program" e-mailed to the club earlier this year, we have put together a **flexible lesson series** to try to accommodate different schedules, distances, and requests for particular trainers. At first glance, you may have reservations and concerns about this new program, but I urge all of you to see how it can benefit your pony clubber. Also remember that this is something new and may take a couple of revisions before it is finalized.

In order to make it accessible and equitable to all 50+ members of the club, the amount of "flexible subsidy" per pony clubber has to be small. Depending on how many members need this program, it may be more or less per member. Below are the rules and requirements of this program:

- Every Pony Clubber, starting now, has the option to use a subsidy for 3 lessons of his/her choice, to a maximum of \$20.00 per lesson. For each of these 3 lessons, the pony clubber has up to \$20 from SVPC that can be used to help with the costs of the lessons.
- This subsidy will expire on July 15th. Therefore these funds must be used by then -- they will not 'carry' past the 15th.
- You must use a trainer/instructor from our approved list of instructors. This list is will be made available to all members shortly. If there is someone that you would like to use that is not on the list, then please forward to Carla MacLeod the name of the instructor and it will be reviewed by the Advisory Council for approval

- This lesson money **MUST** be paid directly to the instructor. Therefore, please pay your instructor the fee they request minus the \$20.
- You must submit a request from your flexible fund to pay your instructor, which again will be made available to all members. Be sure that the instructor signs the form and that he/she is aware that payments from SVPC are done monthly.
- The person coordinating payments is Carla MacLeod. Therefore, please communicate with her (via e-mail or cell phone) when and with what trainer you have taken the lessons, so that she can coordinate payment to the trainer each month, and submit the completed form to her. SVPC will use your form submissions as a record too.

Remember that this is an initial trial period to provide a flexible lessons program to the members. At the end of the period, your comments and suggestions will be appreciated.

## **2009 Show Jumping Day and Dressage Day** **Information and Entry**

Show Jumping Day will be held on Sunday, May 3, 2009 at Bittersweet Field (And Moms, please take note: it's not on Mother's Day this year!!!!!!). A (very) brief Sponsors' Meeting will also take place.

For club members who are not familiar with Show Jumping Day, it is a wonderful opportunity for club members (and only club members) to start off (or further) their show season at an official but low stress stadium jumping course. This activity is open to all SVPC members whether or not they plan to ride in the Regional Rally. There will be safety checks only and no formal inspection. The jacket rule is waived; appropriate attire includes polo shirts, belts, gloves, helmets, and, of course, the Pony Club pin.

Please review the divisions and sections set forth below and enter as appropriate. Also, please make sure your Coggins is up to date with SVPC prior to entry as a current Coggins is required for all who participate. Please include a Coggins with the entry.

### 1 QUALIFYING DIVISION

Horse IV: Fences 3'3" - 4' , spread to 4'6"

Horse III: Fences 3' - 3'9" , spread to 4'

Horse II: Fences 2'9" -3'6" , spread to 3'9"

Horse I: Fences 2'6" - 3'3" , spread to 3'6"

Developing Horse/Rider: Fences 2'9" -3', 2 double combinations and no triple combinations. Please note this is a new Qualifying Division this year, open to D3's.

### 2 NON-QUALIFYING DIVISION

Section C: Fences 2'9"

Section B: Fences 2'6"

Section A: Fences 2'3"



# CAPITAL REGION EVENTING RALLY



Saturday / Sunday, June 13 - 14, 2009  
Seneca Valley Horse Trials  
Bittersweet Field, Poolesville, MD

ORGANIZER: Leslie Sherman, SVPC  
12521 Carry Back Place  
North Potomac, MD 20878  
301-869-1670  
Lesliesherman@verizon.net

RALLY SIGNUP DEADLINE:  
**April 23, 2008**

**ALL ENTRIES MUST BE TO THE  
RALLY ORGANIZER**

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>DRESSAGE TEST</u> (Small Arenas)	<u>CROSS- COUNTRY</u>
Prelim	2006 USEF Prelim Test A	2800 m @520 mpm
Training	2006 USEF Training Test A	2400 m @470 mpm
Novice	2006 USEF Novice Test A	2000 m @ 400 mpm
Beg Novice	2006 USEF BN Test A	1600 m @350 mpm

**Important Information:** This rally is open to any pony clubber who is at least a D-3 and 12 years or older. For Nationals Qualifiers only: please see the information from the Spring Eventing Newsletter in the News from Nationals section on the USPC website. The Rally will be two One-Day rallies, with Beginner Novice and Novice on Sunday, while Training and Prelim will be on Saturday. Those riders that qualify and choose to participate in Eventing at Championships will be required to pay a regional coaching fee. Preliminary riders must meet the new USEA criteria to compete at the Preliminary level.

**DRESSAGE JUDGES:** Jack Leary, Catherine Tucker-Slaterbeck, Gina LaCroix, Karen Adams.

**TD:** Cindy DePorter

**CHIEF HORSE MANAGEMENT JUDGE:** Elizabeth Young

**COST:**

<b>Prelim:</b>	<b>\$179</b>	(\$82 Seneca Entry, USEA/USEF Fee: \$19; USEA Admin Fee: \$8, Rally Fee: \$45 per rider; Coaching Fee: \$25)
<b>Training:</b>	<b>\$166</b>	(\$77 Seneca Entry, USEA Fees: \$19, Rally Fee: \$45 per rider; Coaching Fee: \$25)
<b>Novice:</b>	<b>\$161</b>	(\$72 Seneca Entry, USEA Fees: \$19, Rally Fee: \$45 per rider; Coaching Fee: \$25)
<b>Beg Nov.:</b>	<b>\$156</b>	(\$67 Seneca Entry, USEA Fees: \$19, Rally Fee: \$45 per rider; Coaching Fee: \$25)

**Please Note:** All Prelim riders who are *not* USEF Members must pay a \$20 non-member fee in addition to the above fees. Prelim riders **MUST** include a copy of both the rider's and owner's USEF cards. The Beginner Novice USEA non-member fee is waived for rally participants; additionally, rally participants at the Novice level are not required to be USEA members and their mounts do not need to be registered with USEA.

**HORSE MANAGEMENT:** Will consist of formal inspections, required equipment checks, turn backs, and other HM announced by the HM Chief. The event will be run according to the rules specified by USEA. Additionally, of particular importance will be the requirement for 2009 Medical Arm bands to be worn at all times and during all competition phases for rally participants and this is to include a copy of the 2009 USPC Medical Release. Protective vests must be worn for cross country. We will be using the following rule books:

- USPC Rules for Eventing (most current plus addendums)
- USPC Guide to Horse Management (most current plus addendums)

**SCHEDULE (estimate only):**

**Friday:** Cross country course open @ 3pm for course walk

**Saturday:** All Training and Prelim

**Sunday:** All Beginner Novice and Novice

Final schedule will be determined after the starting times are available on-line at [www.senecavalleyponyclub.org](http://www.senecavalleyponyclub.org). See Omnibus for further details.

**Entry forms MUST be submitted by April 23, 2009.** The opening date for Seneca is April 28, 2009. All entries must be checked before sending to Seneca Organizers. Rally organizer will verify entries and send all entries with a regional check together in one packet on the opening day.

**Each entry must include:**

- USEA Horse Trials Entry Form (2009) for each rider (available on-line at the USEA website)
- Regional Rally entry form including name, rating, class, horse name, entry fees
- 2009 USPC medical release
- 2009 USPC rally release
- Coggins test results for your horse (make sure the names match the entry form).
- Club check made out to Seneca Valley Pony Club for the total entry fees. Your preferred volunteer job

**Parents must volunteer at this rally:**

We will need cross-country judges, formals inspection scribes, vet scribe

**FOOD:** There will be food available on the grounds.

**WATER:** There is water on the grounds.

**PARKING:** Capital Region will have a separate parking area on the grounds. Parking Attendant will direct.

**CAPITAL REGION EVENTING RALLY ENTRY FORM**

**Checklist for Entries:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Coggins
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2009 USPC Medical Release
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2009 USPC Rally Release
- \_\_\_\_\_ USEA Entry Form
- \_\_\_\_\_ Entry Form
- \_\_\_\_\_ Check for appropriate amount payable to SENECA VALLEY PONY CLUB (or SVPC)\*\*

Mail Entries to: Leslie Sherman  
12521 Carry Back Place  
North Potomac, MD 20878

<b>Name</b>	<b>Rating</b>	<b>Age as of Jan 1, 2009</b>

<b>Horse's Name</b>	<b>Division</b>

**Volunteer Sign Up**

We need volunteers for cross-country judges, formals inspection scribes, vet scribe. Please circle your choice. Every competitor needs to provide one volunteer.

Name of Volunteer: \_\_\_\_\_

**2009 Capital Region Tetrathlon Rally**  
**May 9 & 10, 2009**

Seneca Valley Pony Club  
 Bittersweet Field  
 14401-B Partnership Road  
 Poolesville, MD 20837

Opening Date: April 1, 2009  
 Closing Date: Postmarked by April 25, 2009  
 Entry fee: \$25.00

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Organizer & Secretary: Averil Nicewarner (301) 253-9115  
 Email: avsnowflake@yahoo.com

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Competitor Coordinator: Bridget McCullough (301) 829-7442  
 Email: smwandmbm@aol.com

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TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 9	8:00 AM	Registration, turn in pistols and stadium course walk.
	8:45	Briefing
	9:30	First Turnout
	10:15	Riding phase begins
	12:30 PM	Lunch Break
	2:30	Shooting phase begins. Course walk of the running course.
	6:00	Caravan to Germantown Indoor Swim Center, 18000 Central Park Circle, Boyds MD 20841
	7:00 PM	Swimming phase begins
Sunday, May 10	8:00 AM	Arrive, course walk of the running course.
	9:00	Running phase begins.
	12:00 PM	Awards

ENTRIES: Space is limited. Only the first 40 complete entries will be accepted. To avoid disappointment, do not wait for the closing date to send in your entry. No phone entries, please. Incomplete entries will not be accepted.

DIVISIONS

Non-Qualifying Divisions	
8 and Under Boy or Girl	8 years and under; unrated or D1
10 and Under Boy or Girl	10 years and under; a strong D1, or D2
Pre-Novice Boy or Girl	11 years and under; a strong D2
Qualifying Divisions	

Novice Boy or Girl	11 years and under; must be at least D3
Intermediate Boy or Girl	12 years and older; must be at least D3
Junior Boy or Girl	12-14 years old; must be at least D3
Senior Boy or Girl	15 years and older; must be at least C1

**HORSE SHARING:** Horses may be shared; a horse may only be ridden 3 (three) times.

**ELIGIBILITY:**

- All divisions may take a 200 point penalty for each level an individual jumps down. For example, an Intermediate competitor may chose to jump at a 10 and under height, resulting in a 400 point penalty. In addition, Juniors and Seniors that jump down more than one level will be ineligible for Nationals. Intermediate and Novice competitors that jump down any level will be ineligible for Nationals.
- Note that Juniors and Seniors who jump down one level and qualify for championships must jump down one level at championships.

If you require assistance in determining your division, please contact the Competitor Coordinator, Bridget McCullough (301) 829-7442

**NOTE:** The competition will follow the USPC Handbook and Rules for Tetrathlon Competition 2006, with Addenda A through G, and 2009 Tetrathlon Committee Newsletter.

**GENERAL INFORMATION:** Water for horses is available on the grounds. Food and drink should be available on grounds and is available at restaurants/carry-outs in nearby Poolesville, MD. There will be a vet, farrier and physician on call. Safety glasses are required for the Shooting Phase. Novice, Pre-Novice, 10 and Under, and 8 and Under competitors are required to have a loader for the Shooting Phase of the Tetrathlon. Please make arrangements in advance; the Shooting Phase is run on a very tight schedule and we cannot wait for your child to find a loader. If your child is sharing a gun or loader please indicate this on the entry. Dress for the Riding Phase of Tetrathlon must be in compliance with Pony Club standards except that a polo shirt may be worn instead of a riding shirt. Medical armbands containing a completed 2009 Emergency Medical Release form are required to be worn by all participants except in the swim phase.

**VOLUNTEERS:** Volunteers are needed for all phases of the Rally. Each competitor will be required to provide a volunteer.

**OPTIONS FOR TAKING CARE OF PONIES:** Riding will be completed in the morning and ponies will be taken care of before moving on to the next phase of competition. Following the completion of the Riding Phase, you may:

- Take your pony home and return for the shooting phase,
- Take your pony to off-site stabling which you have arranged (see below).

<b>LOCAL</b>	Fairfield Inn-Germantown	(301) 916-0750
<b>ACCOMODATIONS</b>	Hampton Inn Germantown/Gaithersburg	(301) 428-1300
	Courtyard by Marriott - Rockville	(301) 670-6700
	Sheraton Rockville Hotel	(240) 912-8200

Division	Shooting	Swimming	Running	Riding
Senior Boy or Girl (15 years and older; must be at least C1)	20 shots slow fire 1 hand	200 meters (8 lengths)	3000 meters	Show jumping at 325 m/min Max 3'7"
Junior Boy or Girl (12-14 years old; must be at least D3)	20 shots slow fire 1 hand	200 meters (8 lengths)	2000 meters	Show jumping at 325 m/min Max 3'3"
Intermediate Boy or Girl (12 years and older; must be at least D3)	20 shots slow fire 1 hand	100 meters (4 lengths)	1000 meters	Show jumping at 300 m/min Max 2'9"
Novice Boy or Girl (11 years and under; must be at least D3)	20 shots slow fire 2 hands, stand	100 meters (4 lengths)	1000 meters	Show jumping at 300 m/min Max 2'9"
Pre-Novice Boy or Girl (11 years and under; a strong D2)	10 shots slow fire 2 hands, stand	50 meters (2 lengths)	500 meters	Show jumping Untimed Max 2'3"
10 and Under Boy or Girl (10 years and under; a strong D1, or D2)	10 shots slow fire 2 hands, resting	50 meters (2 lengths)	500 meters	Show jumping Untimed Max 18"
8 and Under Boy or Girl (8 years and under; unrated or D1)	10 shots slow fire 2 hands, resting	25 meters (1 length)	500 meters	Show jumping Untimed Ground poles

**STABLING:** Limited stabling available off-site at Two Sisters Farm. Bring your own shavings, no initial bedding provided. Muck your own stall at completion. Stall doors provided. \$20/night, check made payable to Nellie Hanagan. Include stabling check with rally entry form. For further info call Nellie Hanagan at (301) 407-1005.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at (301) 253-9115. Thank you and we hope to see you all at the Tetrathlon!

Averil Nicewarner

Mail entries to: Mike Kearney

3926 Skyview Drive

Mt. Airy, Md. 21771

**For you entry to be complete, you must include the following:**

- Signed entry form (2 signatures)
- Signed 2009 USPC Rally Release form
- 2009 Emergency Medical Release Form
- 12 month negative Coggins test (as of date of Tetrathlon rally)
- Check made payable to Seneca Valley Pony Club for \$25 entry fee.
- (Optional) Check for \$20/night for off-site stabling, payable to Nellie Hanagan.

2009 Capital Region Tetrathlon Rally Entry Form  
May 9 & 10, 2009

Closing Date: Postmarked by April 25, 2009

2009 Capital Region Tetrathlon Rally Entry Form

Entries must be postmarked by the closing date and must be complete. Refunds only issued with Medical or VET scratches.

Competitor:			
Date of birth:		Rating:	
Address:			
Email: Print clearly!		Phone:	
Division Entered:		Pony Club:	
Horse/Pony:			
Volunteer name:			
Sharing mount with:			

Check the appropriate boxes:

- Jumping  with your division  
 Jumping down to \_\_\_\_\_ division.  
Jr, Int, Nov, Pre, 10&U, 8&U,  
 taking a 200 point penalty for each  
 level a competitor jumps down.
- Stabling  Friday night  Saturday night  
 Sharing a gun  No  Yes, with \_\_\_\_\_ (names)

I agree to hold harmless Seneca Valley Pony Club, Capital Region Pony Club, USPC and the organizers from all liability for accidents, illness or death suffered during or in connection with this competition.

Signature of Competitor: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent or Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_