



Seneca Valley Pony Express



News from the
Seneca Valley Pony Club
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A NEW YEAR

Belated Happy New Year to everybody! This New Year brings new hope and new difficulties for the world, the country and each family. At SVPC we closed 2008 with great accomplishments, as was mentioned by Nancy Jones at the Awards Dinner. We have a very active advisory council, and as of now we have created a games panel, chaired by Sheri Thornley, with Debby Price and Anne Adams. Together they will take care of all aspects of the games' program, from coaches to teams to practice, to any concerns. Ann Adams will be heading the lessons program, with assistance from Sandy McNamee (dressage) and Sheri (games). This year, the Region will be sponsoring its own Tetrathlon Rally, and Mike Kearney will be heading up the Club's participation in that discipline, as well as taking over responsibility for our web site. Donna Willems will continue as our Membership Secretary and Debby Price as Bittersweet Field Coordinator. Lauren McBain will coordinate polocrosse practices with Potomac; Leslie Sherman and Karrie Recknor will be the volunteer coordinators. Please answer them promptly and offer as much help as you can, the club needs everybody's input in order to function for the kids. Other positions will follow in the next newsletter.

We hope the year will bring fun and learning for the kids, work but also fun and camaraderie for the parents. Cheers to the kids, the ponies, the horses...and the parents!

2009 SVPC Calendar

JAN

22-25 USPC NATIONAL CONVENTION, SOUTH CAROLINA
31 ELECTRONIC ENTRY DEADLINE FOR QUIZ

FEB

6 REGIONAL MEETING, TILLEY
HARD COPY ENTRY FORMS FOR QUIZ DUE
19 ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING - TRAGER/SHERMAN
21 REGIONAL UNMOUNTED RATINGS PREP/TBA
28 CPR TRAINING (required for H-A/A candidates)

MARCH

7 QUIZ RALLY, HAGERSTOWN, MD
14 QUIZ RALLY, SNOW DATE
21 CAPITAL REGION UNMOUNTED RATINGS PREP/TBA

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2008 Awards Winners!

The Annual Awards Dinner was held on January 11th at That's Amore Restaurant in Rockville and proved to be a wonderful evening of really great food and a chance to catch up with all our Pony Clubbers.

The following awards were presented:

Pony Clubber of the Year	Meredith Kearney
D Pony Clubber of the Year	Hannah Recknor
Ladd Sr. Boy Award	Andrew Alvey
Ladd Jr. Boy Award	Stephen Pancrazio
Archie Award	Hannah Recknor
DC Award	Lorraine Mottola and Karrie Recknor
Hercules Award	Nellie Hanagan and Debby Price
Sunshine Award	Anne Corbeille and Cathy Mattax
Rouse D Sportsmanship Award	Stephen Pancrazio and Eliza McBain
Wheeler Manners Award	Meredith Kearney
Corse Helpfulness Award	Maggie Jackson and Addie Thornley
Applejack Show Jumping Award	Andrew Alvey
Welles Stable Management Award	Maggie Jackson
Dressage Award	Gabbie VanTassel
Mr. Chips D Dressage Award	Meredith Kearney
Knowdown (Quiz) Award	Jenny Barnhard and Hannah Recknor
Eventing Award	Alex MacLeod
Amadais D Eventing Award	Josh Klugman
Horse Trials Recognition	Julia Ward
Games Award	Sara Tilley, Julia Norwind, Catherine Hanagan, Lela Hanagan, Kenny Freeman
Polocrosse Award	Not Awarded
Strawberry Award (Pony of the Year)	Stateman's Tamara (Ema Klugman)
Royal Courier Horse of the Year Award	Bob (Meredith Kearney)
Heart of Gold Award	Truffles (owned by Alex MacLeod, ridden by Coltin McBain)
New Members	Meredith Blumberg, Sadie McBain, Taylor Ramirez, Chaney Taggart

New Members

Please welcome all our new members for 2009:

Caitlin Hooper and Paige Hooper, Kemper Jenkins and Claudia Jenkins, Sarah Stayer, Tayler Stewart, Shannen Sullivan, Taylor Ramirez, and Chaney Taggart.

We would like to have a mentor for each family, and include them in as many activities as they are willing to participate...but for that they must be informed, there go the mentors!

Mentor families:

Hooper/Boogard - Recknor
Jenkins/Thrasher - Klugman
Ramirez - Jones
Stayer - Trager/Sherman
Stewart - McBain
Sullivan - MacLeod
Taggart - Recknor

LESSONS AND CLINICS - PLEASE RESPOND

As one of the main purposes of Pony Club is the education of its members, our lesson program is evolving to accommodate a wide variety of needs, from a young D1-D2, to C3, B and H/A candidates. Obviously the level of instruction, the type of instruction and the available time is very different for a 6 than for a 20 year old, with everybody in between...For these reasons we have asked our entire membership via e-mail to let us know of individual needs and preferences. It is up to you individually to communicate how SVPC can help meet your goals as a horseperson and as a pony clubber, be it just for fun, competition or ratings. We will discuss all your needs to put together a suitable lesson program in our next advisory meeting. We may not meet everybody's needs to perfection, but we will sure try to do the best for a majority, and we'll be flexible as PC bylaws and policies, common sense and our budget allow.

Ongoing Lessons

The unmounted lesson program is very successful, with weekly lessons at Ann Adams', a trip to the Maryland Horse Expo, and more. Quiz rally is coming up fast! And the knowledge gained helps with the ratings. We encourage upper level pony clubbers to share their knowledge and participate in at least one of the sessions to teach their younger friends.

A six session lesson series with Fran Ichijo began on January 11th - the next session will be on January 25th. These are "pre-eventing" lessons, combining flat work and jumping. If you are interested in joining up with these lessons, please call Nancy Jones at 301-972-3806.

Lessons with Natalie Hollis at Bascule Farm will be on Sunday afternoons (3 pm and 4:30 pm slots), beginning **February 8th**. We are opening these lessons to include experienced BN and Novice riders, as well as Training and up.

Natalie is a well-known eventer, a graduate B Pony Clubber, former participant in the Young Rider championships, and is a Level 3 USEA-ICP certified instructor. Natalie joined forces with Bascule earlier this year, after running her own business at Waters Edge Farm. Cost of the lesson series will be \$110, paid in advance. The sessions are currently scheduled for the following dates: February 8th and 22nd; and March 15th and 22nd and two other dates to be determined (Bascule Jumper Shows are scheduled for February 1st and March 1st).

Natalie Hollis Lessons Registration

Name: _____ Rating: _____

Level: _____ Move Up or Experienced? _____

Complete and return this form with your **check** payable to SVPC to: Nancy Jones, 18800 Lake Placid La., Germantown, MD 20874. Please bring a current coggins to the 1st lesson.

2009 Calendar (cont'd.)

APRIL

3 REGIONAL MEETING
4 CAPITAL REGION MOUNTED PREP/TBA
18 HB NATIONAL RATING
21-22 LUCINDA GREEN X-COUNTRY CLINIC (MARLBOROUGH PC)

MAY

2/3 or 9/10 CAPITAL REGION TETRATHLON RALLY
10 SVPC SHOW JUMPING/DRESSAGE DAY/SPRING SPONSORS MEETING
17 CAPITAL REGION GAMES RALLY
23-24 C3 NATIONAL RATING
30 WAKEFIELD VALLEY PC FUN DAY, WAKEFIELD
31 WAKEFIELD VALLEY PC COMBINED TEST

JUNE

13-14 QUALIFYING EVENTING RALLY
SVPC HORSE TRIALS
20 ERIC SMILEY CLINIC, MARLBOROUGH PC
26-27 CAPITAL REGION SHOW JUMPING RALLY, MORVEN PARK

JULY

11-12 C3 & HB RATINGS, PA
22-26 USPC CHAMPIONSHIPS, LEXINGTON VA

AUGUST

7 REGIONAL MEETING, TILLEY
8-9 H/HA/A AND B RATINGS
15-16 C3 RATING, POSSIBLE C3 DRESSAGE RATING

SEPT

4 REGIONAL MEETING, TILLEY
5-6 SVPC FALL HORSE TRIALS
13 NON QUALIFYING EVENTING FUN DAY

OCTOBER

2 REGIONAL MEETING, TILLEY
4 CAPITAL REGION POLOCROSS RALLY
18 CAPITAL REGION DRESSAGE RALLY

Ratings

If you are hoping to do a Club rating this year (D1 through C1), please complete the following form and return it to: Cathy Mattax, 13601 Query Mill Rd., Gaithersburg, MD 20878.

SVPC Rating Application

Your name & parent who will stay with you at the rating:

Address:

Phone Number:

Cell Number:

E-mail:

Emergency Contact Name:

Emergency Contact Phone:

Rating you are applying for:

When did you last attend a rating?

Have you taken this rating before?

Who was your rater?

Veterinarian Name:

Phone Number:

Does your horse have any vices or special needs?

Does the candidate have any special needs that we should be aware of?

Do you have a trailer to get to the prep and the rating?

Do you keep your horse at home or board it?

If you board your horse, which barn do you board it at?

Would you like a mentor/ partner to help you prepare for the rating? List several preferences:

Are you a new pony club member- when did you join? Did you transfer from a different club?

What are your short term goals for rating?

What are your long term goals for rating?

Please describe in detail your participation in Club activities, including lessons, rallies, and volunteer jobs, since your last rating:

Trainer(s) name:

phone number:

How many lessons per week do you take?

How many days a week do you ride?

All parents are expected to volunteer to help with the rating process. For example, provide food for raters, move jumps, put equipment away, park trailers, etc. What job would you prefer?

Candidates for rating will be called upon to volunteer at future ratings as scribes, assistants, ring crew, etc. Please make sure to be available to help at other ratings!

C1 Candidates:

What rallies did you attend last year?

Please describe your participation?

What were your other pony club activities (what activities did you assist with)?

Have you assisted in un-mounted and/or mounted lessons? What were the dates? With whom did you assist?

IF YOU HAVE HORSES, PONIES, SUPPLIES OR SERVICES TO ADVERTISE, PLEASE SEND AN E-MAIL TO NANCY JONES OR TO CARLA MACLEOD.