



# Seneca Valley Pony Express



*Celebrating Our 50<sup>th</sup> Year!*

## 2011 SVPC Calendar

### JANUARY

15	"D" Unmounted Lesson (Adams-Pancrazio)
16	"C" Unmounted Lesson (Recknor)
17	"D" Unmounted Lesson (Adams-Pancrazio)
23	"D" Unmounted Lesson (Adams-Pancrazio)
26-30	USPC ANNUAL MEETING (Nashville, TN)
28	"D" Unmounted Lesson (Adams-Pancrazio)
29	C2/HB Regional Prep Session - Unmounted

### FEBRUARY

6	"D" Unmounted Lesson (Adams-Pancrazio)
8	Advisory Council Meeting (Yvonneke Weitzel hosting)
12	C2/HB Regional Prep Session - Unmounted
13	SVPC PARENTS' MEETING (watch for an e-mail with time & location!)
13	"D" Unmounted Lesson (Adams-Pancrazio)
18	"D" Unmounted Lesson (Adams-Pancrazio)
20	C2/HB Regional Prep Session - Unmounted
21	"D" Unmounted Lesson (Adams-Pancrazio)
25	"D" Unmounted Lesson (Adams-Pancrazio)
27	"D" Unmounted Lesson (Adams-Pancrazio)

### MARCH

8	Advisory Council Meeting
12	REGIONAL QUIZ RALLY
19	QUIZ RALLY - SNOW DATE
26-27	Regional C2 Rating (Knowledge only)

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## 2010 Awards Dinner

The 2010 Awards Dinner was held on January 9<sup>th</sup> at That's Amore Restaurant in Rockville. We had a great turn-out and enjoyed catching up with our members and their families. Here are the Awards recipients:

### New Member Awards

Marguerite Bandeian	Abigail B
Reagan Crowley	Taylor G
Hannah Harrelson	Lauren H
Marilyn Hazlett	Colleen K
Tess Lee	Alana M
Megan Reeve	Catherine R
Sydney Schermerhorn	Gabriella S
Madison Warner	Caitlyn W

### National Ratings

Erika G (B)	Catherine H (B)
Josh K (C+)	Jennifer P (B)

### The SVPC Knowdown Award

5<sup>th</sup> place: Marguerite B, Marilyn H, Lauren H, Caitlyn H, Paige H, Eliza M, Sadie, Taylor R, Catherine R, Madison W. 4<sup>th</sup> place: Lauren T, Jennifer P, Colleen K, Stephanie T. 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Abigail B, Alana M, Megan R, Gabriella S. 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Hannah R, Stephen P  
1<sup>st</sup> place: Kim M

### The Mr. Chips "D" Dressage Award

4<sup>th</sup> place: Lauren H. 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Marilyn H. 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Taylor R  
1<sup>st</sup> place: Tayler S

### The SVPC Annual Dressage Award

5<sup>th</sup> place: Shayna A, 4<sup>th</sup> place: Chaney T, 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Stephen P,  
2<sup>nd</sup> place: Andrea J, 1<sup>st</sup> place: Hannah R

### The Dancing Horse Award

1<sup>st</sup> place: Hannah R

### The SVPC Annual Games Award

6<sup>th</sup> place: Taylor G; 5<sup>th</sup> place: Eliza M, Sadie M; 4<sup>th</sup> Place: Hannah H, Sydney S; 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Jennifer P, Colleen K, Claudia J, Kemper J;  
2<sup>nd</sup> place: Stephen P, Coltin M;  
1<sup>st</sup> place: Addie T.

### The SVPC Applejack Show Jumping Award

6<sup>th</sup> place: Bridget B, Andrea J, Chaney T, Shayna A; 5<sup>th</sup> place: Stephen P, Hannah R, Marilyn H, Lauren H; 4<sup>th</sup> place: Sadie M; 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Sarah S, Eliza M, Maggie J; 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Tayler S;  
1<sup>st</sup> place: Jennifer B.

### SVPC Best Combined Training Rider

5<sup>th</sup> place: Hannah R; 4<sup>th</sup> place: Jennifer B; 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Chaney T; 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Erika G;  
1<sup>st</sup> place: Andrea J.

### The Amadais Award (D Eventing)

1<sup>st</sup> place: Tayler S.

### Horse Trials Recognition

6<sup>th</sup> place: Sarah S, Lela H, Michelle C; 5<sup>th</sup> place: Sara T; 4<sup>th</sup> place: Catherine H; 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Charlotte G; 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Addie T  
1<sup>st</sup> place: Jennifer P

### The SVPC Tetrathalon Award

6<sup>th</sup> place: Addie T, Sadie M, Coltin M; 5<sup>th</sup> place: Stephen P;  
4<sup>th</sup> place: Eliza M; 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Caitlin H; 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Lauren H  
1<sup>st</sup> place: Marilyn H.

### The SVPC Polocrosse Award

1<sup>st</sup> place: Catherine H.

### Gretchen Wells Stable Management Award

3<sup>rd</sup> place: Bridget B, Hannah R; 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Sara T; 1<sup>st</sup> place: Stephen P.

### Elected Awards

**The Mrs. Rouse Award** -- 6<sup>th</sup> place: Colette R, Simone R; 5<sup>th</sup> place: Caitlin H;  
4<sup>th</sup> place: Eliza M, Sadie M; 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Taylor R; 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Lexi W;  
1<sup>st</sup> place: Tayler S.

**The Mrs. Wheeler Award** -- 6<sup>th</sup> place: Sarah S; 5<sup>th</sup> place: Maggie J; 4<sup>th</sup> place: Charlotte G, Rebecca G; 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Jennifer B; 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Ema K;  
1<sup>st</sup> place: Hannah R.

**The Barbara Corse Memorial Award** -- 6<sup>th</sup> place: Stephanie T, Bridget B; 5<sup>th</sup> place: Kim M; 4<sup>th</sup> place: Stephen P; 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Addie T; 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Hannah R;  
1<sup>st</sup> place: Jennifer P.

### Special Awards

**The Sunshine Award:** Judy Barnhard, Karrie Recknor

**The Hercules Award:** The McBain Family and The Goodman Family

**The District Commissioner's Award:** Pam Blumberg; Donna Willems; Tom Gutierrez

**The Archie Award:** Jennifer P

### Overall Awards

**The Ladd Jr. Boys Award:** 1<sup>st</sup> place: Corbin B

**The Ladd Sr. Boys Award:** 5<sup>th</sup> place: Josh K; 4<sup>th</sup> place: Derek A; 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Kemper J; 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Coltin M; 1<sup>st</sup> place: Stephen P

### SVPC Best Overall "D" Pony Clubber

6<sup>th</sup> place: Taylor R, Taylor G, Paige H; 5<sup>th</sup> place: Hannah H, Caitlin H, Sydney S, Abigail B, Gabriella S, Megan R, Alana M; 4<sup>th</sup> place: Lauren H; 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Sadie M, Marilyn H; 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Tayler S; 1<sup>st</sup> place: Eliza M

### The John Wells Pony Clubber of the Year Award

6<sup>th</sup> place: Coltin M, Andrea J, Jenny B, Bridget B, Colleen K; 5<sup>th</sup> place: Catherine H; 4<sup>th</sup> place: Jennifer P; 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Addie T; 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Hannah R; 1<sup>st</sup> place: Stephen P

### The Strawberry Award

**Reserve:** Cobweb (Stephen P); **Champion:** Jump for Joy (Hannah R)

### The Royal Courier Horse of the Year Award

**Reserve:** Ambassador from Paris (Andrea J); **Champion:** Maverick (Jenny B)

### The Heart of Gold Award

Buddy (McB Family)

### *2011 - Here We Come!*

As you can see from the 2011 Calendar, it's going to be a busy year and we will soon be gearing up for Rallies and ratings. 2011 will also be a very special year for our Club - it's our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary! We are planning a special celebration - to be held this summer - in honor of this achievement and hope to track down previous members and leaders to join in (if you know any alumni, please have them get in touch with us). 2011 is also a Festival year for USPC, with a truly national Championship in Lexington, KY, along with a number of educational opportunities. We'd love to see our members participate in each of the Pony Club disciplines at Championships - what a great way to celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup>! Get ready!

## ***Kudos to our Members***

**Jennifer P** has been selected as one of three interns for the coming school year at the Marion duPont Scott Equine Medical Center, part of the Virginia-Maryland Regional Veterinary College, in Leesburg.

**Alex M** and her horse Arrow are the USEF Reserve Champions in the Performance Horse Registry, Silver Stirrup Awards, for Intermediate Level Eventing.

**Caitlyn H** and her pony Silver received a slew of year-end awards in the hunter world: 6th in MHSA children's pony medal finals; 8th in the H and H medal finals; 6th for CPHJSA for the small/medium children's ponies; 6th over fences at WIHS zone finals; and 6th overall in the zone for small/medium children's pony hunters.

**Paige H** and My Day also had a great year: 4th in the MHSA year-end standing for Pony Pleasure; Meriting for MHSA short stirrup; 4th in CPJHSA in Pony Pleasure; and 4th for MSA in short stirrup.

This year's Tulip Pond IEA (Interscholastic Equestrian Association) team was made up of several pony clubbers: **Taylor S, Chaney T, Marilyn H, and Hannah R.** IEA is a nationally recognized equitation league made up of middle school and high school riders, who compete at a chance for Regionals, zones and even National competition. We are finishing up this year but we will be looking for new participants for next year's team. Competitions for next year start in September 2011 and the team is finalized in November of 2011. For more information, get in touch with Daphne at [Tulippond@aol.com](mailto:Tulippond@aol.com) or see their website at [RideIEA.com](http://RideIEA.com).

Please send us your news - we'd love to include your accomplishments here.

## ***Indoor Arena Available***

Don't forget that we have use of the Butler School indoor arena on Saturdays from 2:00 PM until 6:00 PM and Sundays from 9:00 AM until 6:00 PM from now until the end of March. Contact Pam Blumberg at [poniesrwe@yahoo.com](mailto:poniesrwe@yahoo.com) for more information.

## ***2011 Honorary Members***

At its November meeting, the Advisory Council awarded Honorary Memberships to Tom Gutierrez and Bob Wherley. Tom and his wife Ann make their Eminence Farm available to the Club for ratings, lessons, and most anything else we need. Tom is also Carla MacLeod's lieutenant for the stadium phase at horse trials. Bob helps set up our cross-country courses with our course designer and is a fixture at the horse trials start box. When you see them, please make sure to thank them for their loyalty to the Club (long after their kids were active members).

## ***Calling All Games Players***

The Potomac Hunt has asked us to put on a Games demonstration between the races at their Annual Hunt Races on May 15<sup>th</sup>. We would need at least eight players to field two teams for the demonstration. The only drawback is that the date conflicts with the Regional Tetrathlon rally (although it would be great practice for the Games Rally on the 22<sup>nd</sup>), so we are looking for players who are not planning to participate at Tet. If you are interested, please contact either Nancy Jones or Lauren McBain.

## ***Member Submissions***

We'd love to publish articles or other submissions from our members! Here is a lovely poem submitted by Ema:

### Dreaming

*By Ema K*

Whistling from across the paddock  
I see her  
Floating down the hillside.

Rubbing her under the forelock  
I press my cheek to hers  
Gazing into those big, brown eyes,  
Eyes who've seen the world.

Vaulting on to her dusty back  
I clutch a fistful of wiry mane.

Closing my legs round her belly  
Leaning down her woolly neck  
Whispering into her tilted ear

I feel her haunches  
Reach forward  
And her front end climb the sky.

Feeling the wind  
Whipping at my smile.

Feeling the great surge of energy,

Feeling like  
This is a dream,  
Or maybe I'm just living one.

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### **Good Reading**

Make sure you check out the most recent issue of USPC News for some great articles. You'll find articles from two of our members - Ema Kn and Addie T - as well as safety updates, information on the ratings progression and a link to the Quadrille performances by Pony Clubbers at the WEGs. Check it out at <http://digital.olivesoftware.com/Olive/ODE/USPCNews/>.

### **Calendar (continued from page 1)**

#### **APRIL**

10 Wakefield Pony Club Combined Test  
12 Advisory Council Meeting

#### **MAY**

8 SVPC Dressage Day/Show Jumping Day (Bittersweet)  
10 Advisory Council Meeting  
14-15 Regional Tetrathlon Rally  
15 Potomac Hunt Club Races

22	Regional Games Rally
29	Regional Polocrosse Rally
<b>JUNE</b>	
14	Advisory Council Meeting
18-19	SVPC Spring Horse Trials & Regional Eventing Rally
22	Open Schooling Day at Bittersweet
25-26	Regional Show Jumping Rally
25	Open Schooling Day at Bittersweet
30	Intent to Try Out for International Games Deadline
<b>JULY</b>	
12	Advisory Council Meeting
18-22	USPC National Championships (Lexington, KY)
24-26	USPC Educational Festival (Lexington, KY)

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### *Classified Ads*

**Boarding - Ride Inside this Winter!** Large indoor with dust control system & refurbished footing. Heated tack rooms & restroom. Large matted stalls. Small group turnout with round bales in field. Lessons available or bring your own trainer! All disciplines welcome - competitor and Pony Club friendly! Damascus, with easy access to I-270 & I-70. Call Sheri at 301-253-9417 for more information.

**Have a Pony You've Outgrown?** We're looking for a free or free-lease of a small to medium older pony for beginners. Small Pony Club family farm - will get wonderful care and lots of attention. Call Nancy at 301-253-4514.

**Finley -- 15yr.old 15h Morgan/QH cross Chestnut w/ a blaze and 4 white socks, Gelding.** He's dead quiet and done just about everything, jumpers, eventing thru BN and schooled thru Novice, foxhunted, etc.. He would make a perfect first horse for a kid and a great pony club mount. Super easy keeper, sound, healthy, lives out, no shoes. \$7500. Contact: Chelsea Eldridge, [chelsea.eldridge@comcast.net](mailto:chelsea.eldridge@comcast.net), 301-639-2176.

**81" Rambo med wug for sale.** Excellent condition, double snap tail strap, double capture velcro chest assembly snaps to ring chest assembly. Already cleaned and waterproofed. Too large for horse. Asking \$210 - negotiable. Willing to trade for Rambo 78" same style, condition, brand - color not important.  
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