



Seneca Valley Pony Express



July, 2011

Celebrating Our 50th Year!

Congratulations to our Champs

Seneca Valley will be well-represented at USPC Championships at Lexington, KY later this month, with members participating in every discipline except Dressage. Congratulations and good luck to the following:

Quiz: Lauren H.
Marilyn H.

Games: Coltin M.
Eliza M.
Stephen P.

Tetrathlon: Maggie J.
Tayler S.

Polocrosse: Josh K.

Eventing: Jenn P.

Show Jumping: Maddie G.
Ema K.

Save The Date - September 3rd . . .

. . . for our 50th Anniversary Party! The Party will be held immediately following the completion of Saturday's Fall Horse Trials competition and the Kiplinger family has graciously offered us the use of their "Party Barn" for the occasion. We will be trying to track down previous members and parents, so if you know anyone who fits that bill, please let us know.

The Unsung Heroes of Horse Trials

We had an absolutely smashing Spring Horse Trials and it's thanks to you all. I know everyone pitched in and worked hard to help make our show an astounding success. There are some folks out there who deserve special thanks for all their very hard work, out of the spotlight. First on the list are the **Goodman family**: Mom Sandy, Becca and Charlotte spent many days beforehand installing all the flags on the cross-country obstacles - an extremely hard job - then Dad Jeff helped teach a new parking crew the details of the job. To **Judy Barnhard and Tom Gutierrez** for stepping in and running stadium in Carla MacLeod's absence. And we can't forget **Kathy Flynn**, who suffered with entering about 200 competitors in the last two weeks before the show, and **Steve Symansky**, who somehow managed to get everyone scheduled. I'm sure I've forgotten to include many of you; please know, however, that all of your hard work is greatly appreciated.

Kudos to our Members

Maddie G. is our newest C1 Classic. **Sadie M., Marilyn and Lauren H.** all passed their D3 rating at D Camp, while **Lauren W.** earned her D2. Over this past weekend, **Hannah R., Josh K., and Ema K.** all passed their HB Rating. Josh now becomes a C3 Traditional, having passed his C3 riding rating last year. Congratulations to all.

Eventing Rally

The Capital Region Eventing Rally was held in conjunction with our Spring Horse Trials and we had a great turn-out for the Novice, Beginner Novice and Starter Divisions (unfortunately, there were not enough Training/Prelim riders to justify extending the rally to Saturday). Seneca fielded three teams on Sunday; here are the results:

No Name Necessary, with Josh K. (Captain), Maddie G., Bridget B. and Heather J. (Potomac), took **2nd Place, Division A.**

Seneca Dominating Divas, with Tayler S. (Captain), Eliza M., Reagan C. and Rachel C., took **2nd Place, Division B.**

Seneca/Good Choice Hoofbeats, with Ema K. (Captain), Coltin M. and Sadie M., took **3rd Place, Division B.**

A big thanks goes out to Tyler and Laurie Stewart for organizing the Rally.

Please be kind . . .

If you are planning on entering our Fall Horse Trials (and we hope to see many of you out there), **please** get your entries in to our Secretary Kathy Flynn promptly after Opening Day. Nothing makes her feel worse than telling one of our members that we are full and can't accept their entry.

We Need You!

We are in need of a few good folks to help out in extremely important positions for our Horse Trials, which funds lessons, rallies, ratings, and Championships for our members. In particular, we need someone to be the **In-Club Volunteer Coordinator** and another person to be **Dressage Steward**.

The volunteer position involves contacting club parents to schedule their participation at both field work days and the Trials themselves. This position requires a lot of telephone and e-mail contact, and works closely with Karen Widmayer, who arranges non-member volunteers for the Horse Trials, and with Debby Price, who coordinates the field work tasks.

The Dressage Steward tasks the Trials, modifying the rings as following the competition, coordinating up personnel, judges, scribes, and in dressage stays on schedule. This pretty much all day, both days. this job. Sarah Daken, who has done this whoever takes over.



include setting up the rings prior to needed during the show, take down a staff including bit check, warm-general making sure that position requires you to be on site, Alternatively, two people could share job in the past, is willing to help train

Also, as discussed in our last newsletter, we would like to put together a Club history before our 50th Anniversary Party in September and need someone to work with Yvonneke Weitzel and Nancy Jones to pull this project together (Pony Clubbers' participation would be welcomed).

Anyone willing to help out should contact Nancy at 301-253-4514 or 2011svpcdc@gmail.com and if possible, attend a meeting on July 12th. Thanks!

2011 SVPC Calendar

JULY

12 Advisory Council/Horse Trials Meeting (Nancy Jones)
18-22 USPC National Championships (Lexington, KY)
24-26 USPC Educational Festival (Lexington, KY)

AUGUST

9 Advisory Council Meeting
20-21 Regional C2 Rating

SEPTEMBER

3-4 Fall Horse Trials
3 Seneca's 50th Anniversary Party
11 Regional Dressage Rally
13 Advisory Council Meeting

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