



Seneca Valley Pony Express

March, 2011



Celebrating Our 50th Year!

2011 SVPC Calendar

MARCH

- 6 Unmounted Lesson for C's & up - Farrier
- 8 Advisory Council Meeting (Adams-Pancrazio) *Open to all interested parents!*
- 12 REGIONAL QUIZ RALLY
- 13 Virginia Region H/H-A/H-M Prep
- 19 QUIZ RALLY - SNOW DATE
- 20 REGIONAL STANDARDS & RATINGS CLINIC
- 20 Virginia Region Mock HB (must register by 3/5)

APRIL

- 10 Regional C2 Rating (HM and flat)
- 10 Wakefield Valley Pony Club Combined Test (closing date: March 31)
- 11-12 Marlborough Pony Club Lucinda Green Cross Country Clinic
- 12 Advisory Council Meeting (Widmayer) *Open to all interested parents!*
- 17 Marlborough Pony Club Hunter Pace

MAY

- 1 Marlborough Pony Club Guided Trail Ride
- 8 SVPC Dressage Day/Show Jumping Day (Bittersweet)
- 10 Advisory Council Meeting (Jones) *Open to all interested parents!*
- 14-15 REGIONAL TETRATHLON RALLY
- 15 Potomac Hunt Club Races
- 22 REGIONAL GAMES RALLY
- 29 REGIONAL POLOCROSSE RALLY

JUNE

- 14 Advisory Council Meeting *Open to all interested parents!*
- 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

JULY

12	Advisory Council Meeting
18-22	USPC National Championships (Lexington, KY)
24-26	USPC Educational Festival (Lexington, KY)

We Need You!

Want to get more involved and learn the nitty-gritty of how the Club works? Have we got an opportunity for you! We are in need of a Secretary for the Club. The main responsibilities are taking minutes at monthly Advisory Council meetings and sending out twice-yearly "official" notices to the Sponsors. This is a great way to broaden your understanding of everything Pony Club. Want to learn more without committing to a position? Our monthly Advisory Council meetings are open to all interested parents/sponsors.

We also need a few new folks to become more involved in planning and organizing our annual horse trials. We are looking for people who are interested in learning the ropes for dressage and parking and who would be willing to work with the current stewards with the intent of taking over these responsibilities in the future.

If you are interested in any of these opportunities, please contact Nancy Jones at 301-253-4514.

Kudos to our Members

We've just learned that **Colleen K.** 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. She will be joining Jenn P., who is one of the other interns selected. We look forward to hearing about their veterinary adventures next fall!

Did everyone check out the February Equiery? **Erika G.** was included in the Who's Who in Eventing in Maryland, while **Hannah R.**'s accomplishments in dressage were highlighted. And our Annual Award winners were recognized!

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

Quiz Kids

Good luck to the following members, who will be representing Seneca at the Regional Quiz Rally: **Lauren H., Hannah R., Ema K., Reagan C., Lexi W., Marilyn H., Chaney T., Stephen P., Josh K., Lauren W., Tayler S., Jenn P., Mallory G., and Madison G.**

Lessons/Flowcharts News

We will be starting a new lessons series this month that will be based on the USPC Standards of Proficiency for the various rating levels. Watch for an e-mail from Pam Blumberg with all the details, but basically we will be offering twice-monthly lessons with a USPC National Examiner that will cover all aspects of the Standards. These will not be rating preps, although they

will be helpful to those of you who are considering rating up. Rather, this is an effort by the Club to make sure that our members have the opportunity for instruction in accordance with USPC standards. The instructors will also be introducing the students to the use of **USPC Flowcharts**, which serve as an aid in determining readiness for ratings. And the Club will begin implementing the use of the Flowcharts, whether completed in conjunction with these lessons or with your own trainer, in approving ratings requests.

Regional Standards & Ratings Clinic

The Region will be hosting a Standards & Ratings Clinic on the afternoon of March 20th at Breezy Ridge Stables in Hagerstown, MD. These clinics are invaluable to Pony Clubbers, parents and trainers in developing an understanding of what examiners are looking for at ratings. If you are currently working with a trainer who is not familiar with the rating requirements, you should invite them to this clinic. Keep a watch on your e-mail for more details!

Bittersweet Field Upgrades

At the February meeting, the Advisory Council approved the purchase of a number of cross-country jumps for our practice field, as well as physical upgrades to the field itself including a galloping track around the perimeter. We are very excited about making the practice field more usable for our members and hope to have at least some of the upgrades in place by early spring.

And with spring coming, we will be starting our field work weekends and will need lots of help from our members and parents.

USPC Awards

USPC offers awards in various disciplines and breeds to Pony Club members. Check out the categories on the USPC website: <http://www.ponyclub.org/?page=OppAwards> and start gathering any information you need to apply.

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 for more information.

Calling All Games Players

We're still looking for a few good players for the Games demonstration between the races at the Potomac Hunt's Annual Hunt Races on May 15th. We would need at least eight players to field two teams for the demonstration. If you are interested, please contact either Lauren McBain at 301-252-3524.

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Classified Ads

Boarding - Stall available in 9 stall barn located near Peachtree and Comus: Please come join the Widmayers and the Weitzels in a rare opportunity. A stall is available in a wonderful 9 stall barn with attached indoor ring. Wash rack with hot and cold water, level rubber matting in stalls and aisle, cross ties, small group turn out in an assortment of large paddocks and small fields. Meticulous and personal care, deep shavings in the stalls, will give your meds and supplements exactly as directed. Stable help is the same wonderful and experienced couple every day except Sunday when owners pitch in and help the property owner when we can. Owner lives on premises. Access to trails and power lines. Stall board with full care (blanketing included) is \$425/month plus you pay for your own feed (hay is included with board). You can supply feed or if you are using one of the several feeds we are all using, owner will get it for you and bill you back. Owner would prefer a gelding. If interested, contact Sharon Libby at 301-972-2753.

For lease: 14.2H fine-boned, 5 1/2 year-old dark bay Welsh/Arab gelding- personable and quite cute under saddle! Able to take a solid D2 rider to lower C level(s). Rounds easily and nicely onto a snaffle bit at the trot and canter; has smooth, on cue, upward and downward transitions, always on the correct lead, auto flying lead changes. Reliable tight, clean jumper with proper leg aides (he relies on your support). Easy to maintain: exceptional hooves- no shoes, nice quality hay supplemented with quality pelleted feed maintains healthy weight; field board (with run-in) or stall board. Available for lease to approved home or boarding facility only. Lessee must maintain at least two lessons per month with a SVPC-approved instructor. You may email Denise @ MidatMLC@aol.com or call 301-972-7356

For lease: 14'3H medium-boned, 19 year-old chestnut, Welsh/TB mare- very flashy in the show ring and she knows how to show herself off! Able to take a solid D2 rider to D3 level. Ultimate "point and shoot" 2'6" jumper- never refuses a jump; she is uncomplicated. Has smooth, on cue, upward and downward transitions. Easy to maintain: exceptional hooves- never in shoes, nice quality hay supplemented with quality pelleted feed maintains healthy weight (no sweet feed for her, please). Stall board requested (at 19 years of excellent service to her rider, she deserves it). Available for lease to approved home or boarding facility only. Would prefer that lessee maintain no less than one-two lessons per month with a SVPC-approved instructor. You may email Denise @ MidatMLC@aol.com or call 301-972-7356

Saddle for Sale: This is an original well-maintained Dominus Bruce Davidson Event saddle in pristine condition. The Bruce Davidson Dominus saddle was designed by Peter Menet and was made in England (during the era Dominus saddles were made in England). This is a 17 1/2" well-balanced, forward seat saddle, oak bark in color and comes with two sets of removable knee/thigh blocks for a "customized," properly balanced seat for any rider. The billets are short and the panels are ultra soft suppled leather; the seat is well-cushioned for ultimate impact absorption. This saddle has short billets and a medium tree. \$550. You may email Denise @ MidatMLC@aol.com or call 301-972-7356

Eventing Pony for Sale: Glory is a Welsh/Anglo- Arab cross, 7 yo, and 14h of pony perfection. She just finished a successful novice season and has both the athletic ability and temperament to move up to training with the right rider. Consistently scores in the low-mid 30s in dressage and a complete packer on XC. A real joy to be around, she's very tolerant of some rather inaccurate riding on my part and is incredibly honest to the fences. Super cute and child-safe, she's also foxhunted for a season, given beginner lessons, and done a bit of everything in between. Glory would be the perfect all-around mount for a Pony Clubber or smaller adult amateur. Photos from her first recognized Novice HT: <http://www.photoreference.com/store/ThumbPage.aspx?e=7052376&q=08JQ017731>. Located in Centreville, VA and priced to sell at \$8500. Contact Elyse at egonyo@gmail.com or 540-327-3051.

For sale: 15 year old dark bay (black with small star) TB fox hunter. Just under 16 hands. Has hunted for ten years in both first and second flights all over Maryland and Virginia including Potomac, Bull Run, Keswick, Farmington, Howard County-Iron Bridge, Goshen, Marlborough, Middlebrook, Rockbridge, Casanova, Oak Ridge and more.....Ideal for someone who no longer wants to deal with the uncertainties that come with a green horse for themselves or their up and coming young rider. Best suited to fox hunting (*none* better), hunters or jumpers up to 3 feet (judges *love* him), or lower level eventing. (Has done 3 novice events and quite a bit of XC schooling, up to training level, at both Frying Pan Park and Gordonsdale in Virginia.) Perfect for someone that wants a horse to take care of them and teach them the ropes. Beautifully balanced gaits, automatic changes, never hits a jump wrong. Extremely laid back and well mannered. Very easy keeper. Has been field boarded almost the entire time I've had him. Only fault is that he cribs. Will go only to the best of homes with written guarantees on his future being the deciding factor. Will also consider a lease. \$9000. Contact Mary Jayne McGinnis in Frederick, MD: mjmcgin@aol.com (301) 514-6264.

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.