

# Seneca Valley Pony Express

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April 2007

## 2007 Calendar

April 14	D2 and D3 Spring Rating
April 15	Regional C3 and up non-mounted prep
April 15	Standards and Ratings Clinic
April 21	C3 mounted Prep at Good Choice Farm (Kevin Bowie)
April 21-22	Field Work Days
April 22	Regional Spring C2 rating
April 28	Regional C3 mounted prep
April 28-29	Field Work Days
May 3	Regional Meeting
May 5-6	Field Work Days
May 7	Council Meeting at Pam Blumberg's
May 12	Field Work Day
May 13	Show Jumping/Combined Training Day
May 13	Spring Sponsor's Meeting
May 20	Games Rally
May 26-28	Regional Spring C3 rating
June 1	Fall C2 Applications due to Nancy Jones
June 2-3	Field Work Days
June 4	Council Meeting
June 7	Regional Meeting
June 9-10	Field Work Days
June 15	Field Work Day
June 16-17	Spring Horse Trials/Eventing Rally
June 18	Field Work Day
June 29-July 1	Show Jumping Rally
July 1	Nationals entry forms due to Laura Ganske
July 2	Council Meeting
July 5	Regional Meeting
July 9 (week)	D Camp
July 24 - 31	USPC Championships, Lexington, KY

## CORRECTIONS

Thank you to the C pony clubbers who taught sessions at the D Quiz preps: Elizabeth Brigham, Michelle Corbeille, Jennifer Price, Arden Copeland, Elisa Willems and **Stephanie Trager**. Sorry Stephanie for omitting your name in the March newsletter!.

**Quiz Rally Results Correction:** There was a mix-up in the scoring at Quiz Rally for the Junior C Division: the **Howard/Seneca Double Trouble** with Gabby VanTassel and Jennifer Price took 1<sup>st</sup> place in their Division and **Jen Price** received the **High Junior C Award**.  
**CONGRATULATIONS!**

## BITTERSWEET FIELD USAGE RULES

Now that the weather is (trying to become) nicer, we are all anxious to get out and ride at the field. Before you go, please review the rules, summarized below:

- The field is open to members and parents on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays.
- You must wear a current field pinney at all times while riding at Bittersweet. We are in the process of revamping the field pinneys; we will be collecting your current pinney on May 13<sup>th</sup> and issue you a new one. Beginning May 14<sup>th</sup>, you must have the new pinney to ride at the field.
- No one can ride at the field alone - you must have a groundsperson or another rider with you.
- The banks at Kip's Corner and the Intermediate obstacles cannot be schooled.
- Guests are allowed to ride only on weekends, must complete a hold harmless agreement before riding, and must obtain a guest pinney from the Membership Chair, Donna Willems.
- Use common sense - if the ground where you are riding is muddy or overly soft, don't ride there! The same goes for your trailer - park only on the graveled areas or on hard ground. You do not want to have to get towed out!
- You must wear an approved helmet and a safety vest is strongly recommended.
- The competition course (the area that is generally used for the Horse Trials) will be closed on May 17<sup>th</sup> until after the Trials. The back practice field will remain open and a number of our portable jumps will be moved to that location. Obviously, we cannot police the field every minute, but be aware that anyone found violating this rule (following USEA rules) will both lose their field privileges and will not be allowed to compete at the Horse Trials.

## EVENTING RALLY

It is officially Spring and time to start thinking about Eventing Rally!. All paperwork is due back **NO LATER than April 27th**. It is very important that everyone gets their paperwork in on time! Please note that SVPC picks up half the cost of members participation in this rally, not just the rally fee, but the entry fee as well! If you have any questions please feel free to email me or give me a call; home: 301-972-0852 or cell: 301-980-9937. - Nancy Jones

### **CAPITAL REGION EVENTING RALLY**



Saturday / Sunday, June 16-17, 2007  
Seneca Valley Horse Trials  
Bittersweet Field, Poolesville, MD

ORGANIZER: Lisa Gonzalez, SVPC  
12007 Scovell Terrace  
Germantown, MD 20874  
(301) 972-0852  
Lisa\_Gonzalez@urscorp.com

RALLY SIGNUP DEADLINE:  
April 27, 2007

ALL ENTRIES MUST BE TO THE  
RALLY ORGANIZER

CLASS	DRESSAGE TEST (Small Arenas)	CROSS-COUNTRY
Prelim	2006 USEF Prelim Test A	2800 m @520 mpm
Training	2006 USEF Training Test A	2400 m @420 mpm
Novice	2006 USEF Novice Test A	2000 m @ 350 mpm
Beg Novice	2006 USEF BN Test A	2000 m @300 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 split . . . Beg Novice and Novice will be on Saturday, while Training and Prelim will be on Sunday.

DRESSAGE JUDGES: Catherine Tucker-Slaterbeck (Pres.), Peggy Pariso, Ginna LaCroix, Celia Vonholt. TD: Mary Coldren



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.

DIRECTIONS: See Omnibus for details. Bittersweet Field is at the intersection of River Rd. and Partnership Rd in Poolesville, MD.

**CAPITAL REGION EVENTING RALLY ENTRY FORM**

Checklist for Entries:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Coggins
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2007 USPC Medical Release
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2007 USPC Rally Release
- \_\_\_\_\_ USEA Entry Form
- \_\_\_\_\_ Entry Form
- \_\_\_\_\_ Check for appropriate amount payable to SENECA VALLEY PONY CLUB (or SVPC)\*\*

Mail Entries to: Lisa Gonzalez  
12007 Scovell Terrace  
Germantown, MD 20874

_____	_____	
Name	Rating	Age as of Jan
1, 2007		
_____	_____	
Horse's Name	Division	

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

## Hunter Paces

Several local hunts host a series of Hunter Paces in April. These are a very inexpensive, FUN way to school your horses Cross Country. Get a team of 2-4 riders together and go out around a course. It is pinned on an optimum time (predetermined by a rider riding at a "fair hunting pace"), so if you have a problem with a fence - school it- if it is too big - go around. Get your parents to ride with you for a laugh. \$15 per ride. Here are the remaining dates: Potomac Hunt - April 14; Marlborough Hunt - April 22; and Goshen Hounds - April 29. Contact Nellie Hanagan if you want more info.

## LESSONS AND MORE LESSONS!

**Dressage:** **Judy McGaughan** will again teach C 1 's and up at both private and semi- private lessons. Start date is April 23 through the week of May 28 for a total of 6 weeks. Private \$306 for series; Semi Private \$153 for series. The second session starts June 4 and goes for 7 weeks until week of July 16 (the week before Nationals). Private - \$357; Semi-private \$178.50.

Lesson times available are:

Mon,	5-6	Tues	5-6	Thurs	5-6
	6-7		6-7		6-7
	7-8		7-8		7-8

For those of you who don't know Judy, she is located on Haines Road in Clarksburg, and has been teaching our kids for several years now. Judy competes, teaches and is continuously taking instruction herself. She used to be a Pony Club Mom and is quite familiar with Pony Club.

For the D's and any C's that want to take lessons from her, **Miki Erricker** will again teach a series of flat/Dressage lessons on Monday evenings. The series will run for six (6) weeks - from April 16 to May 21. The lessons will be at Two Sisters Farm, 21121 Beallsville Road. Miki will teach in groups of 3/4 or semi -private, or private. Lessons will be on Mondays between 5 and 8pm. We need to know who is interested and in what sort of a lesson. Miki is a Dressage judge and has been in the area and very familiar with Pony Club for many, many years. The price of Miki's lessons will depend on the size of the group: Private \$180, Semi-Private \$90 and Group of 3 \$60.

**Jumping lessons:** **Liza Horan** will teach a series of lessons at Bittersweet Field for all levels and ages. Liza is an upper level Eventer with much experience in show jumping as well. She was a working student for Philip Dutton for several years and has been working with Darren Chiacchia in recent months. She has also worked with several Grand Prix jump riders over the past couple of years. Liza will teach beginning April 19 Thursdays, at the field. The series will be for 8 weeks ending June 7. Again, it will be in groups of 3 -4 separated by level. The cost for the series is \$120.

Liza will also teach our **Event College** this year. The event we will go to is Waredaca on June 2 and 3. The Event College consists of a Dressage lesson, a Cross Country lesson, a Show Jump lesson, and coaching on the day of the Event. Cost is \$50 for the College. You must also enter Waredaca and pay that entry fee. We will have the entries filled out and will send them in as

a group to ensure that all Pony Clubbers get into this event. We will need to have a better idea of how many and what levels of competition before we decide on when the lessons will be. Waredaca offers BN through I, so anyone can take advantage of Liza's teaching. The lessons will be at Bittersweet if possible, based primarily on the weather.

**Show Jumping Lessons:** Nancy Tomlinson will be our Show Jumping Rally coach this year. Nancy has been in the Hunter/ Jumper world for a long time and is a fun, lively instructor. Nancy will not only coach at the Rally, but will teach a series of lessons beforehand so that she may become familiar with all the competitors and therefore, may be able to help each horse and rider combination more at the rally. The lessons will be a series of 6 lessons starting May 21 or 22 and going until the week of Rally. Lessons will be in groups and the larger the group the longer the lesson. Again, we will do the lessons at Two Sisters Farm and then at Bittersweet after the Horse Trials. Nancy is open to either Monday or Tuesday night. I need to hear back from you ASAP as to your preferences so that we can make sure all Rally participants can attend the lessons. Cost of the series is \$125

I know this is a lot of information in one sitting. PLEASE read carefully, decide about your participation and get back to me promptly so that all Pony Clubbers can be involved. I will need checks in advance of the start of the lesson series for participation - NO exceptions. All checks are made out to SVPC and mailed to: Nellie Hanagan, 21121 Beallsville Road, Dickerson, MD 20842

## **Potomac Pony Club Fundraiser**

### **SPRING HORSE SHOW**

**Open to the Public—All Ages and Skill Levels**

**"Three Rings of Family Fun," Sunday, April 29th, 2007**

**9:00 am to 3:00 pm**

**At the Potomac Pony Club Field, 19301 Bucklodge Road, Boyds MD**

#### **RING 1**

**Jumping Classes from 6" Leadline to 3' 3"**

*Gambler's Choice (cash prize)*

#### **RING 3**

**Trail Class with Obstacles**

#### **RING 2**

**Mounted Games and Races**

*Bending Poles*

*Bareback dollar*

*And much more...*

**Safety helmet and safe footwear required. Negative Coggins required. For details of classes, visit [www.Potomac.ponyclub.org](http://www.Potomac.ponyclub.org) or email [rkbalogh@comcast.net](mailto:rkbalogh@comcast.net) or call 301-972-9252**

## Capitol Polo Club Summer work

My name is Marisa and I'm the General Manager of the Capitol Polo Club located in Poolesville, MD. I'm writing to see if any pony clubbers are looking for summer work with horses. We have a few members of Capitol Polo Club who are looking for individuals to exercise their horses and help out with tacking, etc during games and practices.

Ideally those interested would be 15+ years old and comfortable working around a few different horses. This is not an ideal position for new riders.

We are also in need of volunteers to help out during our matches with things including goal flagging, score-keeping, etc. This is a great way to watch some polo, be around horses, be more visible in the community and promote your club. Let me know if you are interested in helping out during games or possibly putting on a half time exhibition (polocrosse, games, etc).

Thanks and I look forward to hearing from you! - Marisa C. Bianchi

## Future Planning Calendar

August 2	Regional Meeting
August 7	Council Meeting
August 11	B Rating (Traditional)
August 15	H/B Rating Applications due to Nancy Jones
August 18	Fall C3 & H/H-A rating (Traditional)
September 4	Council Meeting
September 6	Regional Meeting
September 8-9	Fall Horse Trials
September 16	Non-Qualifying Eventing Rally
October 2	Council Meeting
October 4	Regional Meeting
October 7	Fall C2 Rating (note: new date)
October 21	Dressage Rally
October 28	Polocrosse Rally (note: new date)
November 1	Regional Meeting
November 3	Regional H/B Rating
November 6	Council Meeting
December 4	Council Meeting
December 6	Regional Meeting

## Classifieds

For Sale: Size 6 1/2 - 7 tall dress boots, used but lots of wear left \$65  
Youth Size Large Tipperary Protective Vest Purple Needs a new zipper.... \$50  
301-972-8105

For sale: Ladies' Breeches - Like new, Private Edition - Lightweight cotton with a little stretch.  
Sueded side calf. Khaki 32L. \$45.00 - Contact Audrie Whitney@301-762-5162

For sale: **16" British made brown Symphony A/P** saddle in well-loved condition. Wide tree. Asking \$300.00/OBO. **17" older brown Kieffer** dressage saddle in well-loved condition. Wide tree. Asking \$300.00/OBO. **17.5" black Bates A/P** saddle in excellent condition. Bates saddle fitting is adjustable. Asking \$1,200.00/OBO. Contact Lisa Gonzalez@301-972-0852.

For sale: 9 year-old, 14 3 hh palomino **Chincoteague gelding** - Prince would make a versatile and fun pony club horse. He excels at polo, dressage, trails, and is learning to jump. Wonderful disposition with horses and humans alike - very willing - no vices, and beginner friendly. \$9,000.00. Contact Tracy Donatelli @ 301-801-0515

**For Pete Sake THE games pony is for sale.** Pete is a solid JR games pony. He is 12.3 hands (medium) with a great personality and tons of experience (he is 17 after all!). He's been to Nationals every year since 1999, at least, playing as an Adv. Pair, a SR team member, or a JR team member. He has been to Prince Phillip Cup competitions at least twice. He is also just a wonderful pony and has many years of training in him for the JR games player who wants to learn it all. He is offered at \$1000 but he will negotiate just to be able to play games again! Call Anne Fortier at 301-349-2404.

**FAST GAMES PONY FOR SR OR ADVANCED PAIR FOR SALE.** Tootsie is for sale but not to the faint of heart! She is fast! But, she is good. She is approx. 15 years old and also a medium (13 h). If interested, priced at \$2500, call Anne Fortier 301-349-2404.