

Seneca Valley

Pony Express

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February 2007

2007 Calendar

February 8	"Ground School" for C's at Monocacy Equine
February 10	D Quiz Prep
February 10	Awards Dinner
February 11	Horse Trials Organizing Meeting at Pam Blumberg's
February 15	"Ground School" for C's
February 16	D Quiz Prep
February 16	Regional Meeting
February 17	Regional C2 & up unmounted prep
February 24	D Quiz Prep
February 25	Schooling Jumper Show to benefit Capital Region
February 25	Regional Horse Management Seminar
March 1	"Ground School" for C's
March 3	Quiz Rally and Regional Meeting (Snow date March 11)
March 5	Council Meeting at Nancy Jones'
March 18	Schooling Jumper Show
March 24	D2, D3 & C1 mounted prep
March 24	Regional C2 & up unmounted prep
March 31	Regional C2 mounted prep
April 1	Applications due for Summer C3/B/H/H-A ratings
April 3	Council Meeting
April 5	Regional Meeting
April 14	D2, D3 & C1 Spring Rating
April 14	Spring Sponsor's Meeting
April 22	Regional Spring C2 rating
April 28	Regional C3 mounted prep

Spring Trials Are Just Around the Corner

Yes, it's freezing outside, but it's time to start the detailed planning for our Spring Horse Trials. Organizing and running the horse trials takes an incredible amount of volunteer work and energy, and we need every member and parent to participate in order to pull this off! (Reminder: the proceeds from the horse trials pays for half the cost of rallies and lessons, and helps to finance our Club ratings). If you'd like to be in on the planning - or are interested in taking on one of many leadership roles, please plan on attending the organizing committee meeting on February 11th, 7 p.m., at the Blumbergs, 14527 Partnership Road, Poolesville.

Changes to USPC Standards

USPC has adopted many changes to the ratings standards in addition to the advent of specialized ratings at C3 and above. A new rating - the H/B - has also been added effective August 1 2007. The H/B will cover knowledge for the C3 and B ratings which will become purely riding and horse management ratings. The H/B can be taken anytime after the C2 has been achieved. Each pony clubber should become familiar with the new standards - all are available on the USPC web site. Additionally land conservation knowledge will be tested at every rating.

USPC has also produced a DVD showing the riding expectations for each rating level. If any one wants to borrow the DVD to visually understand the expectations, please contact Nancy Jones at 301-972-3806.

Capital Region Quiz Rally 2007

Date: Saturday, March 3, 2007

Snow Date: Sunday, March 10, 2007 at Harpers Ferry Middle School, Harpers Ferry

Place: C.W. Shipley School, Harpers Ferry, WV

Time: 9:00 AM, doors open at 8:00AM. All participants must be on site by 8:45 AM or they will be disqualified from the competition

Directions: I-70 or I-279 to Frederick. Exit onto RT. 340 west towards Harpers Ferry/Charlestown, WV. Continue on Rt. 340 into West Virginia where it becomes two lanes. You will cross two bridges (the Potomac River and the Shenandoah River). On Rt. 340 at the top of the hill there will be a stoplight. Continue on Rt. 340 down the hill. You will see a sign for the school and then the school itself on your right just past the Bakerton Rd. Exit. Turn right into the school parking lot.

Lunch: Shenandoah Valley Pony Club will be selling food items as a fundraiser, or you may bring a bag lunch.

Volunteers: All parents are expected to volunteer.

Required Dress: Participants must wear Seneca Valley polo shirt, pin and paddock boots. Please bring a warm coat and hat with you as parts of Quiz may be outside in a horse trailer.

Entry Fee: \$7.50 per participant

Deadline: All entries must be received by February 12, 2007, please obtain current medical release and rally release forms from USPC web site.

Mail Entries: Cathy Mattax 13601 Query Mill Rd. Gaithersburg, Md. 20878

Inquiries: Call Cathy Mattax
301-947-7877

Quiz Rally 2007 Entry Form

Name: _____

Rating: _____

Age: _____

Birth date _____

All entries must be received by February 12, 2007

Mail to:

Cathy Mattax

_____ **13601 Query Mill Rd.**

Gaithersburg, Md. 20878

Checklist

Entry Form _____

Check for \$7.50 _____

USPC Medical Release Form _____

USPC Rally Release Form _____

Camp Opportunity for C's

Fran Ichijo will be holding a four day C camp from June 25 - 28 and has space for just 3 more kids.

Campers will stay overnight in Fran's house (sleeping bags in a large basement) and keep their horses at a barn nearby. They will cover bandaging, all the riding standards for the traditional C-3 and cover the standard for the new "HB". C-1's are welcome but the camp is mainly geared for C-2's. Camp will include a cross country school, watching videos, learning to build a stadium course, as well as have fun while doing all of this. We will do knowledge as well. We will have access to an indoor arena.

Fran is a long-time pony club instructor and examiner and she recently attended the USPC National Examiners' seminar in Lexington where all the new standards were gone over with a fine tooth (mane) comb!

The cost is \$100 a day which covers staying at Fran's house, the food, the lessons and transport to and from the barn. The barn fee will be additional but not much. Campers should prepare their own grain and buckets, etc., as for a rally. If you are interested in attending this camp, please contact Fran at ichijoy@aol.com.

Winter Schooling Jumper Shows **at Bascule Farm to Benefit Capital Region**

There will be two jumper shows on February 25th and March 17th at Bascule Farm in Poolesville, with half of the proceeds benefiting the Capital Region Pony Clubs. This is a great chance to have some fun with your pony and help out the Region. One of the main goals of this fundraiser is to help defray the costs associated with sending our kids and their ponies/horses to the USPC National Championships this summer. *Indoor warm-up open during entire show.*

SUNDAY, FEB 25th
SUNDAY, MARCH 18th

CLASS LIST

First class starts 9:00 am

Puddle Jumpers- 8 jumps on simple 18"-2' course with just cross rails and verticals. Wings will be decorated but no jumping over barrels/boxes/flowers or combinations

- 1- PUDDLE JUMPERS timed first round
- 2- PUDDLE JUMPERS timed jump off Table 2 sec 2(A)
- 3- PUDDLE JUMPERS timed jump off Table 2 sec 2 (A)

Beginner Novice- 9-12 fences, 2'6" with flowers, gates, barrels and oxers.

- 4- BEG. NOV. JUMPERS timed first round
- 5- BEG NOV. JUMPERS timed jump off Table 2 sec 2 (A)
- 6- BEG NOV. JUMPERS timed jump off Table 2 sec 2 (A)

not to begin before 12:30

Novice- 9-12 fences, 2'9" with oxer, fan, triple bar, etc..

- 7- NOVICE JUMPERS timed first round
- 8- NOVICE JUMPERS timed jump off Table 2 sec 2 (A)
- 9- NOVICE JUMPERS timed jump off Table 2 sec 2 (B)

Training- 9-12 fences, 3'3" max with the above plus a Liverpool.

- 10- TRAIN. JUMPERS timed first round
- 11- TRAINING JUMPERS timed jump off Table 2 sec 2 (A)
- 12- TRAINING JUMPERS timed jump off Table 2 sec 2 (B)

Preliminary- 9-12 fences, 3'6" max with above plus skinny.

- 13-PRELIM JUMPERS timed first round
- 14- PRELIM JUMPERS timed jump off Table 2 sec 2 (A)
- 15- PRELIM JUMPERS timed jump off Table 2 sec 2 (B)

ENTRIES: Entry desk opens at 7:45 am.

- + \$15 per class, \$12 for pony club members.
- + A current negative coggins test within 12 months is required.
- + Ribbons awarded to 8th place each class
- + Champions & Reserve Ribbons for each division
(points awarded to ch/res: 1st 5, 2nd 3, 3rd 2, 4th 1.)
- + Jump order will be posted during 5 minute course walks between classes.
- + ATTIRE: Casual attire with approved helmet. Full chaps prohibited.
- +FOOD will be available on grounds.

It's Time for Spring Ratings!

We are now in the process of planning the **Spring Ratings** for our club. This entails having a head count of the number of unrated kids that want to rate this spring, as well as the D-3 or C-1 kids who need to rate.

Julie Priddy needs to hear from every pony clubber (or parent) - within a week, who thinks they will be rating this spring and a rating application (available on our web site) must be submitted

to Julie. We need to know the number of participants so that we can account for the number of examiners we will need to hire on these rating days.

As a reminder, here is the Club's policy for rating up:

Advancement from one rating level to the next is based upon rider skill, horse management knowledge, and participation at Club events as outlined in Section 1 of Article IV. Local ratings are held twice a year (spring and fall, as noted with particularity in the Club calendar) for D1 through C1. The C2 rating is conducted at the Regional level using a Regional examiner. The C3, B, H-A and A ratings are conducted at the National level using a National examiner.

As dictated in the USPC flow charts, each member will document proficiency in horse management and riding standards using the USPC proficiency checklist. Upon completion of the proficiency checklist/flowchart, a member must submit a written Ratings Application to the Ratings Coordinator. Upon review of the Application and, with the consent of the DC(s), the member may then be recommended to pursue that level rating (a member's participation in various Club activities throughout the year may be considered in determining whether a recommendation will be issued for that member). A copy of the Ratings Application is included as Attachment V.

In order for a Member to be successful at a rating, the following guidelines apply:

- A. Members should participate in a minimum of one rally at their present rating before attempting to rate up to the next rating level.
- B. Absent exigent circumstances, it is recommended that Members attempt no more than one rating level per calendar year.
- C. Members who wish to attend a rating should attend a rating prep recommended by the Club or the Region and be approved by the prep instructor to proceed to the rating. If there is a scheduling problem in attending the rating prep, a qualified Pony Club instructor, recommended by the District Commissioner or Regional Supervisor, may be hired to do the required skill assessment for the Member.

Please respond to Julie Priddy at accolades@erols.com if you wish to rate this spring. The rating prep is scheduled for Saturday, March 24th and the rating date is scheduled for Saturday, April 14th. A parent volunteer must be on hand for the rating process and may be called upon to help with parking, getting coffee &/or donuts, and getting a lunch for the rater.

Jumper Clinic

Tally-Ho Pony Club is hosting a gymnastic jumping clinic with Cheryl Longreen on Monday, February 19th. The clinic will not start before 11 AM. Riders will be grouped by height. The clinic is at Evonly Equestrian Center just 20 minutes from the Breezewood exit at route 70. The fee is \$20 per rider. Contact Lori Shoemake (equinepovrty@pennswoods.net) if you are interested by February 12th so ride times can be scheduled

THE KIM AND KELLY SUPPORT FUND

Maryland upper-level eventer Kim Meier Morani – who has ridden at our horse trials on many occasions -- had a bad accident in Florida recently while she was schooling with Ralph Hill. Apparently, the horse tripped, fell, and kicked her in the neck. She has bad spinal cord damage and is currently paralyzed from the neck down. The cord is not severed, however. She has had one surgery so far, to stabilize the front of the cord, and needs another to stabilize the back. Prognosis is guarded. She is at Orlando Regional Medical Center, 1414 Kuhl Avenue, Orlando, FL 32806. Two separate funds to help m and her family have been set up: MCTA has opened an account at the Bank of America; “The Kim and Kelly Support Fund.” Donations can be made at any branch of the bank to account #4469271641. Or checks can be mailed to Bank of America 2340 West Joppa Road, Lutherville, MD 21093. att: Gail Winn. A separate fund to raise money to cover the costs for transporting Kim back up to Maryland to begin her rehab here: The Kim Meier Transportation Fund, c/o Peoples Bank, PO Box 210, Chestertown, MD 21620 Account # 01684112-20.

New USEF Horse ID Application

The form used to get a USEF horse ID has changed. The pre-numbered form is no longer used. The new form for Horse ID is the USEF Horse Application. When a horse ID is requested on this form, no signatures from the steward or competition secretary are required as the Horse ID cannot be used for points. There will be no charge for Horse ID numbers that are issued via the internet to members of USEF or its affiliates for: 1) horses that are life recorded, registered or otherwise identified or listed with a USEF discipline affiliate, or 2) horses registered with a USEF breed affiliate. Horses not meeting the above criteria must have a completed USEF Horse application indicating on the application the request for a Horse ID before a number will be issued. This form can be completed on the internet, free of charge, at www.usef.org or via mail for a fee. Requests for Horse ID numbers using the paper format of the Horse application will be charged a \$10 non-refundable fee. If you have any questions regarding Horse ID, please contact Lisa Owens at lowens@usef.org.

Future Planning Calendar (changes/addition in bold)

May 1	Council Meeting
May 3	Regional Meeting
May 13	Show Jumping/Combined Training Day
May 20	Games Rally
May 26-28	Regional Spring C3 rating
June 1	Fall C2 Applications due to Nancy Jones
June 5	Council Meeting
June 7	Regional Meeting
June 16-17	Spring Horse Trials/Eventing Rally
June 29-July 1	Show Jumping Rally
July 1	Nationals entry forms due to Laura Ganske
July 3	Council Meeting
July 5	Regional Meeting
July 9 (week)	D Camp
July 24 - 31	USPC Championships, Lexington, KY
August 2	Regional Meeting
August 7	Council Meeting
August 11	B Rating (Traditional & SJ)
August 15	H/B Rating Applications due to Nancy Jones
August 18	Fall C3 & H/H-A rating (Traditional & SJ)
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

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