

# Seneca Valley

## Pony Express

Seneca Valley Pony Club

January 2007

### 2007 Calendar

|               |   |
|---------------|---|
| January 13    | D Quiz Prep                                       |
| January 18    | "Ground School" for C's                           |
| January 19    | Regional Meeting                                  |
| January 19    | D Quiz Prep                                       |
| January 20    | Regional C2 & up unmounted prep                   |
| January 21    | SVPC Annual Awards Dinner                         |
| January 27    | D Quiz Prep                                       |
| January 25-29 | USPC Annual Meeting                               |
| February 1    | Regional Meeting                                  |
| February 1    | "Ground School" for C's                           |
| February 2    | D Quiz Prep                                       |
| February 5    | Council Meeting at Pam Blumberg's                 |
| February 10   | D Quiz Prep                                       |
| February 11   | Horse Trials Organizing Meeting at Pam Blumberg's |
| February 15   | "Ground School" for C's                           |
| February 16   | D Quiz Prep                                       |
| 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       | Regional Meeting                                  |
| March 1       | "Ground School" for C's                           |
| March 3       | Quiz Rally (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 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                          |

## Welcome to 2007!

As you can see from our calendar, it's going to be a busy year! The Advisory Council is very excited about the events we have planned and hope you all are too. A listing of the Officers follows, along with an indication of the functional areas for which each Officer has agreed to take responsibility. Please feel free to contact any of the Officers with questions or concerns.

|               |                          |
|---------------|--------------------------|
| Nancy Jones   | District Commissioner    |
| Lisa Gonzalez | Co-District Commissioner |
| Cathy Mattax  | Secretary                |
| Anne Fortier  | Treasurer                |

| <u>Functional Areas</u>          | <u>Responsible Officer(s)</u>         |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Membership                       | Donna Willems                         |
| Ratings                          | Julie Priddy and Cathy Mattax         |
| Lesson Program                   | Nellie Hanagan                        |
| Field Coordinator                | Debby Price                           |
| Horse Trials                     | Pam Blumberg and Nancy Jones          |
| Newsletter                       | Carla MacLeod                         |
| Volunteer Coordinator            | Sandy McNamee                         |
| Quiz Rally/Unmounted Instruction | Cathy Mattax, Kelly Nolder, Ann Adams |
| Games Rally                      | Anne Fortier                          |
| Eventing Rallies                 | Lisa Gonzalez and Nancy Jones         |
| Show Jumping Rally/CT Day        | Nellie Hanagan                        |
| Polocrosse Rally                 | Monica Bowers                         |
| Dressage Rally                   | Open                                  |
| D Coordinator                    | Ann Adams                             |
| C Coordinator                    | Open                                  |
| D Camp                           | Open                                  |

As noted, there are several jobs left unfilled. We are also looking for additional help with horse trials – in particular, we need a Parking Steward to try and fill the loss of Dave Hall. Anyone interested in becoming more involved should come to one of the Advisory Council meetings or the February Horse Trials organizing meeting or contact Nancy Jones or Lisa Gonzalez.

## Jumper Shows to Benefit Capital Region

Bascule Farm in Poolesville will be hosting two jumper shows in February and March, with proceeds to benefit Capital Region Pony Club, thereby helping to cover some of the costs for ratings, rallies, and participation at Nationals. Levels will go from 18" puddle-jumpers (cross-rails) to 3'6" – something for everyone! Details will be posted on the Regional web site, as well as the Bascule web site ([www.basculefarm.com](http://www.basculefarm.com)). Entry fees will be \$12 per class for pony clubbers, \$15 for all others. Ribbons to 8<sup>th</sup> place and Division prizes. So come out, support the Region, have some fun and get your horse ready for the spring show season.

## C Level Ground School

On Thursday January 4<sup>th</sup> we kicked off the C Knowledge Sessions (a/k/a "Ground School"). Unfortunately, it was a bit disappointing as only 5 pony clubbers showed up. Big thanks to Andrea Jones, Jennifer Price, Kallan Ludder, Anna Benitez and Brittney Nolder for coming. We may be modifying our schedule if possible to include some Friday sessions. **These lessons are not just "Quiz Preps."**

We have structured these lessons so that each session has a professional/expert guest speaker, who is waiting for us to provide an outline of what we want them to cover. This is your chance to get the best training for your rating, and for that reason it is important for you to give us feedback on the topics you want covered. So please contact Kelly Nolder and let her know if you will be participating in these lessons and any areas you would like covered. Below is the list of the guests and their bio's.

Our next session is scheduled for 1/18 with Bill Taylor, for our Hoof Session. We have asked two of our members who have horses with hoof issues to bring them along so you can all see first-hand different kinds of hoof problems that impact performance. Are you just getting into eventing and need to know more about studs and how to manage them? Do you have a horse that is having hoof issues, disease, off, etc? If you have something you want Bill to cover send Kelly Nolder a note, please!

List of Special Guests:

1/18 -- Farrier Guest: Bill Taylor, Taylored Shoeing, BWFA Certified Farrier, specializes in hoof rebuilding, balanced trimming, corrective and normal shoeing, does boarding and horse management sessions.

2/1 -- Dr. Rachel Davis, DVM Monocacy Equine Vet. Dr. Davis comes to us from NW Pennsylvania where she grew up competing horses in eventing and as a member of Pony Club. She is still an avid event rider. Rachael is a recent graduate of the University of Tennessee College of Veterinary Medicine and also has a BS in Biochemistry from Western Kentucky University. Her professional interests include reproduction and sports medicine.

2/15 -- Erin Peterson: University of Maryland - Lecturer/Extension Horse Specialist Institute of Applied Agriculture. Ms. Petersen was born and raised in Loveland, Colorado. She earned a BA degree in Political Science from the University of Colorado in 1994. She also holds a BS degree in Equine Science from Colorado State University (2000). Petersen remained at Colorado State University, earning an MS degree in Animal Science in 2001. Her research focus was aimed at investigating nutrition of the growing horse as it relates to bone development. Ms. Petersen is a state Extension Horse Specialist and the Program Coordinator for the 2-year Equine Business Management Program at the Institute of Applied Agriculture. She teaches courses in Equine Nutrition, Health Management, Reproduction, Behavior and Pasture Management. Erin is owned by

three cats, one dog (who thinks she's a person) and three horses that like to occasionally take her on trail rides or practice Dressage.

3/1 -- Dr. Amy Burke: University of Maryland - Assistant Professor/Extension Horse Specialist, Department of Animal and Avian Sciences. Dr. Amy Burke grew up in Anne Arundel County, MD, riding and competing horses while a member of the Maryland 4-H and U.S. Pony Club. She received a B.S. in Biology from James Madison University in 1995. She completed her graduate work in Animal and Poultry Sciences as a Pratt Fellow in Animal Nutrition at Virginia Tech, earning an M.S. in 1998 and a Ph.D. in 2001. The main areas of her equine nutrition research were digestibility of hay and pasture species by horses, and folate status and supplementation in the horse. Dr. Burke joined the faculty of the Animal and Avian Sciences Department at the University of Maryland in August 2001. She teaches equine science and horse management courses, coordinates the graduate training program and equine nutrition and physiology research, and provides statewide educational leadership to the Maryland 4-H Horse Program. Dr. Burke dabbles in eventing with her 7-year-old Thoroughbred gelding named Chief.

C Ground School will also be sponsoring a contest that will be presented at the next session. This contest is to come up with a game that you can pass to the D pony clubbers to help them learn the ins and outs of the various disciplines. They are covering their disciplines on Feb 16 and Feb 24.

The Contest Rules:

1. Game must provide education regarding the way the discipline is played and the rules of play. (pick one discipline only)
2. Games must be able to be played by as few as 4 players.
3. Game pieces/parts must be durable for repetitive uses and easily transported. (i.e., fit in typical game board size box)
4. Game does NOT need to utilize a board, but must be able to be played in a confined, indoor space.
5. Game must be FUN!
6. You can do it on your own, or with a friend.
7. There will be a prize for each winner.

Disciplines: Polocrosse, Games, Fox Hunting, Dressage, Show Jumping, Tetrathlon, Vaulting, Eventing. The games are due on February 1

Lastly we are trying to arrange for a visit to Apex Equine Center on Saturday, 2/24. This is a large facility that specializes in Acupuncture, Foaling, Reproduction, and Wellness Care. Getting a specialist to host a visit on a Saturday is a large effort, we need to have a list of who is interested. We need a minimum of 20 guests for this visit, so **parents and D pony clubbers are invited as well.**

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call Kelly Nolder 703-509-7308 (cell) 304-728-0846 (home) or e-mail: [kellymn@frontiernet.net](mailto:kellymn@frontiernet.net).

## **Horse Management Seminar Set**

The Capital Region will be sponsoring a Horse Management Seminar on February 25<sup>th</sup>. If you are new to Pony Club or to rallies – or if you have had issues with HM at previous rallies (and you know who you are!) – this seminar will be a great way to learn how to please those HM judges! Additional details will be provided shortly via e-mal.

## **College Scholarships**

With college hunting in high gear, this is a great time for older members to investigate colleges and begin the application process. There are many schools offering Pony Club Scholarships, as well as scholarships available through USPC. You can view all of the information on USPC's web site under "Opportunities and Events."

USPC has recently added two new scholarships for use at any college or university. The Anson W.H. Taylor Jr. Memorial Scholarship and the Farnam Equine Pharmaceutical Scholarship. The Taylor Scholarship is funded through USPC and The Equestrian Land Conservation Resource, and is to reward Pony Club members who have been active in land conservation efforts. The Farnam Companies, who also offer the Vita Flex Scholarship, fund the Farnam Equine Pharmaceutical Scholarship. Please note: The scholarships offered by a particular college or university are administered through the school. If you have questions about any of those scholarships, contact the school directly.

## **Bittersweet Field News**

We will shortly begin collecting your Bittersweet Field pinneys, in order to change the numbering format and design. The current color combination makes it very hard to identify the pinney number from a distance, so they will be color blocked over the existing numbers and new numbers added in high visibility white. We also have some pinneys that have been issued over the years and never returned, so the renumbering will allow us to easily identify unauthorized pinneys. The renumbering will be done in two phases: we will renumber our extra pinneys first, then collect your current pinney and re-issue you a new one. Watch this space for additional details.

## **News from USPC**

There are several new publications of interest available on the USPC web site, including the new Quiz Rulebook and the rating sheets for the H/B and specialized ratings. Check it out!

## Future Planning Calendar

|                |   |
|----------------|---|
| 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 & C3 Applications due             |
| June 5         | Council Meeting                           |
| June 7         | Regional Meeting                          |
| June 16-17     | Spring Horse Trials/Eventing Rally        |
| June 29-July 1 | Show Jumping Rally                        |
| 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 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      | Polocrosse Rally                          |
| October 14     | Fall C2 Rating                            |
| October 21     | Dressage Rally                            |
| November 1     | Regional Meeting                          |
| November 6     | Council Meeting                           |
| December 4     | Council Meeting                           |
| December 6     | Regional Meeting                          |

## Classifieds

For Sale: Children's 15 inch Pessoa Rodrigo Pony Saddle. Medium Tree. Excellent condition. Vegetable tanned, printed leather, self padded flaps. Designed to help children achieve a more balanced, effective seat. \$500 (list price new is \$895).

**Horses for Sale:** Carol Ferrara, a FPC graduate, decided to head to Florida this winter and work with jumpers. She has two horses she would like to sell. Both are advertised on Dreamhorse.com.

Princess Buttercup (Abby) (DreamHorse ID: 918865) 5 yr old, 16.3hh, bay, TB mare. Never raced. 3 lovely gaits, tons of personality! Scores consistently in the high 60s and 70s at Training and First Level Dressage. Won her first 2 Novice horse trials this year. In the ribbons no matter where you take her! Lots of show experience. Hacks out alone or in group- loves the trails. Easy enough for Jr/YR, but fancy enough for aspiring amateur. Could easily do the hunters too! Excellent TB bloodlines- has papers.

Trooper (Dream Horse ID: 900957 8 yr off-the-track TB, gelding. Ridden by junior this past year, showed very successfully at local hunter shows, jumping 2'6" courses very quietly with tons of ability to do more, cute mover, sweet personality. Very capable guy who needs someone with time and TLC to help him reach his potential. Would be great all around horse for junior/young rider or adult. Take him where you want to go!

Owner: Carol Ferrara

Contact Phone: 585-721-1757

Alternate Phone: 301-253-3663

email: cferrara739@hotmail.com



Seneca Valley Pony Express  
3905 Bradley Lane  
Chevy Chase, MD 20815