



Seneca Valley Pony Express



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October 2007

2007 Calendar

October 14	Polocrosse Rally
October 21	Dressage Rally
October 28	Sponsors' Meeting
November 3	Regional H/B Rating
November 9	Regional Meeting
December 14	SVPC Holiday Party
December 6	Regional Meeting
January 20	SVPC Awards Dinner

Members Achieve "New" USPC Ratings

Effective August 1st, the USPC revamped several of the upper-level ratings and instituted a new series of "specialized" mounted ratings. Once a member has obtained their C2 rating, they may choose to take either the H/B rating - which consists of the knowledge portions of the previous C3 and B ratings - or their C3 riding test. The C3 is now offered as a "traditional" (eventing-based) mounted rating, or in one of two specialty areas: Dressage and Show Jumping. If the member opts to take the riding portion first, they become known as "C+" members, then earn their full C3 upon successful completion of the H/B test. (The B and A ratings are also divided into traditional or specialized.)

Two of our members successfully passed the revamped tests: in August, **Kimmy McNamee** became Seneca's first H/B member. In early October, **Alex MacLeod** successfully passed the traditional C3 test and thus becomes a C+, until she passes the H/B. Congratulations to both Kimmy and Alex!

AND...Congratulations to **Gabby VanTassel** on passing her C2 rating!

**Please don't forget to attend the Sponsors' Meeting
on October 28th. We need a quorum to conduct
business!!**

IMPORTANT - 2008 Upper Level Ratings Information

If you are thinking about doing an upper-level rating in 2008, **you must send a letter of intent to rate by December 1st** to Laura Ganske, Capital Region RS. This requirement applies to all ratings from C2 and up. The letter of intent is simply that - a brief note stating what rating you are hoping to achieve. The letter must be accompanied by a \$75 fee - this fee will pay for three non-mounted prep sessions; additional mounted preps will cost \$25 each (the fees will be waived for H/A and A candidates who agree to teach at the prep sessions). Please have your letter and fee to Nancy Jones, 18800 Lake Placid Lane, Germantown, MD 20874 no later than December 1st for delivery to Laura Ganske.

Save These Dates!

SVPC's **Holiday Party** will be held on **Friday, December 14th**. The Fortiers have graciously agreed to allow us to hold the party in their home (again!). More details will be forthcoming shortly. For those SVPC members who were awarded trophies at last year's Awards Dinner, please bring them to the Party, so we can get them ready for the next group of recipients!

The **2007 Awards Dinner** has tentatively been set for Sunday, January 20th. Details as to time and location will be forthcoming. Please plan on attending.

Woodstock Equestrian Park News!

Montgomery County Park & Planning has announced the following Woodstock Park closure dates for deer hunting: Oct. 27, Nov. 2, 9, 17 and 30; Dec. 8 and 22, and Jan. 4, 19 and 25. Please note these dates on your calendar so you can avoid riding in Woodstock on those dates. Be careful and safe and have a lovely Fall!

Eventing Recognition Awards

USPC Pony Club members will be recognized for their competition efforts both in USPC and USEA. USPC members will receive a certificate at the end of each year based on the criteria as outlined on the website. It will be the responsibility of the Pony Club member to get all the information together and send it to the National Office by November 15th of each year. All competitions must be done during the current year. Interested Pony Club members should get their applications from the following link: <http://www.ponyclub.org/files/bin/850> or from the forms section of the USPC website. Riders may apply for more than one award each year. Past winners of the Eventing Recognition Awards can be found on the News Page .

USEF Pony Jumper Riders:

Remember that the qualifying period for the USEF 2008 Pony Jumper National Championships in August 2008 runs from **June 2, 2007 through June 1, 2008**. For further information, go to <http://showjumping.ponyclub.org> or contact Wayne Quarles at activities@ponyclub.org.

International Foxhunting Exchange 2008

The International Foxhunting Exchange in England will begin on February 3rd, 2008 and end on February 14th (*the dates have changed from an earlier E-News*). Members from Ireland and the United States are invited and will fly into Manchester Airport to join the Great Britain contingent in York. Participants will embark on their journey home from Heathrow Airport. Hunting will be in Yorkshire, in the North of England and Wiltshire, in the Southwest of the country, with a variety of hunts, all recognized by the Masters of Foxhounds Association. Teams and chaperones will stay with Pony Club host families or hunt members, have meals with them, and be transported to hunt meets with them. Save These Dates: January 23-27, 2008 Horses borrowed for hunting will have been hunted regularly by members of the Pony Club or the local Hunt and will mostly be privately owned. In addition to hunting, there will be a trip to York, for sightseeing and shopping, kennel tours and many opportunities to socialize. Four Pony Club Members from each country aged 16-25 will be eligible. It is essential that candidates are very experienced in hunting and good ambassadors for their Pony Club and country, as well as having a record of active Pony Club involvement and services to their hunt. Applicants must be of at least 'B' level, and used to riding a variety of different horses. Chaperones may be hunting or nonhunting; parents of team members are discouraged from being Chaperones. For more information, contact Wayne Quarles at 859-254-7669 or activities@ponyclub.org.

2008 Regional Planning Calendar

To help you plan ahead for next year, here is the tentative 2008 Calendar set by the Regional Council:

January 23 - 27	USPC Annual Meeting, Boston
January 27	Non-mounted upper level rating prep session(s)
February 24	Non-mounted upper level rating prep session(s)
March 1	Quiz Rally
March 8	Snow Date for Quiz Rally
March 9	Horse Management Clinic
March 30	Non-mounted upper level rating prep session(s) and Ratings & Standards Clinic
April 5-6	H/B Rating
April 12-13	Mounted upper level rating prep session(s)
April 26-27	C2 Rating
May 11	SVPC Show Jumping & Dressage Day
May 18	Games Rally
May 24-25	C3 (Traditional) Rating
June 14-15	Eventing Rally & SVPC Spring Horse Trials
June 27-29	Show Jumping Rally
Early July	Maryland Region Tetrathlon Rally
July 22-27	USPC National Championships
August 8-10	A & B Ratings
August 16-17	C3 (Dressage & Traditional) Rating
September 6-7	SVPC Fall Horse Trials
September 14	Non-Qualifying Eventing Day
October 5	Polocrosse Rally
October 12	C2 Rating
October 19	Dressage Rally

Classifieds

2004 Hawk 2-horse Bumper Pull Trailer for sale. Original owner. Trailer is in excellent condition and easy to pull with most SUV's and 1/2 ton trucks. Aluminum body over steel frame construction. Nice dressing room w/ carpeting, two saddle racks 6-hook bridle rack, built in Abilene tack trunk, sliding bulkhead window (between horses and dressing room), two 20"X24" sliding windows on front of trailer (makes it easy to see horses heads in your rear-view mirror!). Horse area has padded sides, padded butt and breast pars, partial body divider and full head divider. Interior lights in trailer and dressing room, removable mangers, thick rubber mats on the floor and one-person lift on the tailgate (I can lift it with one hand). The fiberglass roof reduces interior heat and center stall divider swings easily from side to side and is helpful for difficult to load horses. Escape doors on both sides and room for two full bales of hay under the mangers. Asking price is \$9000. Please contact Donna Bottner for further information @ 301-503-8549 or e-mail: drbottner@msn.com.



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