



Seneca Valley Pony Express



**Newsletter of the
Seneca Valley Pony Club
April 2008**

Congratulations to our New H-B's

Catherine Hanagan, Emily LaFave, and Jennifer Price all passed the Regional H-B Test on Saturday, April 5th, with flying colors! Way to go, ladies!

SVPC Spring Sponsors' Meeting – May 11th

In conjunction with Show Jumping/Dressage Day, the Club's Spring Sponsors' Meeting will be held on May 11th at Bittersweet Field. The main business to be voted on is for sponsors to approve the Nominating Committee, who will be charged with seeking out and nominating next year's officers. The proposed Nominating Committee consists of the following Advisory Council officers: Nellie Hanagan, Carla MacLeod, Sandy McNamee and Debby Price.

Show Jumping & Dressage Day

As noted above, our Show Jumping and Dressage Day will be held on May 11th at Bittersweet. Members will be able to do two jumping rounds at both qualifying and non-qualifying heights as well as ride a dressage test of your choice (either USDF or USEA). Details and entry information will be sent out by email shortly. Because bad weather forced the cancellation of our Fun at the Field Day on April 6th, we will also be offering a trail ride and XC practice time following the completion of the jumping and dressage rounds for both members and parents!

Don't Forget Your Rally Entries

Entries for Games Rally and Eventing Rally are due soon. Please get them in on time!

**Three Days in the Life of
Kimmy McNamee as she Represents Capital Region at
USPC National Youth Congress**

Every year at the Annual Meeting something known as the National Youth Congress is held. Representatives from every region come together to talk about different policies that we like and don't like. However, we also talked about being a role model and what that meant to us. All in all it was loads of fun. I arrived at about noon on Wednesday, January 23 and took my stuff to my room. Neither one of my two roommates were there so I decided to walk around outside the hotel for a little bit and see what Boston was like. When I got back to the hotel one of my roommates was just arriving. Her name is Ginny and she is from Colorado and the Rocky Mountain Region. We talked for a while we waited for our other roommate, Jessie from Carolina Region, to arrive. Once we were all there a few of us went out for some dinner. We went to a local restaurant. The food was so good and expensive. When we got back we had to all the Youth Delegates got together and did a couple of ice breaker activities to get to know one another. Then we went back to our rooms for a good nights sleep before we drove into things. The next day we started at about 8 in the morning. We were in one room the entire time we were there. We listened to the Alums talk about their Pony Club experiences and how Pony Club helped them to get to where they are now. It was really amazing getting to hear what they had to say because they were each in different fields but Pony Club helped all of them. We also learned what personality we had. We were grouped by different animals with each animal having different attributes. This really helped us learn new things about ourselves and how we can maybe even break free of our animal. After about ten hours of sitting in the same room we were all ready to get out. So that evening we went to the Quincy Market and had dinner there. The food was so good. And once we were done we went on a scavenger hunt in that little area of Boston. We ran around looking for all sorts of little things, and by the end we were all laughing so hard we could barely make the walk back to the hotel. But we made it back and went to our rooms for the night. Friday, our third and final day was upon us. Once again we started at about 8, however, there were several stragglers who came in a little late. Today was the fun day. We got to talk about our Regional Project Ideas and the policies. It was a little more interactive and we were able to get up and move around more than the day before. It took a lot of debating but we finally decided on what policy we want to take to the Board of Governors. Then we were released to get ready for the dinner to be held that night. The dinner was to honor the Alums. Then all the delegates were recognized. This was the last thing we all did as a group. Some people left on Saturday while others stayed for the Annual Meeting. All in all it was so much fun. If I could I would go back in a heartbeat.

PONY EXPRESS CLASSIFIEDS

Super Quiet Young Horse For Sale Toby is a 4 year old, 16.2 hand, TB/QH cross, dark bay gelding. He is a very fancy mover and just started showing in the fall of 2007. He has completed a baby novice level event and was very willing to try new things. He loves to hack and is an easy keeper. His sire is Aberjack and his dam is Front Page. Both are upper level event horses competing above the Intermediate level with excellent track records. Toby is green but extremely quiet and sweet. I have had him since the day he was born and he is a puppy dog. He has no vices and is an excellent prospect. Please contact Allison Wendling at 301-461-1640. Asking \$15,000.

For Sale: COWBOY, 14.2, Appaloosa/Arabian cross gelding. Cowboy is a beautiful 10-year-old who specializes in building confidence in young riders. He is the perfect first pony for beginner Pony Clubbers wanting to learn how to jump but who are not quite ready for that all-too-forward horse. He is very forgiving and most recently has provided walk/trot lessons for an eight-year-old and was a star! Sadly, my 13-year-old D2 daughter has outgrown him. \$7,000 negotiable to loving home. Call Lorraine at 301-926-9248 evenings or e-mail lmottola@comcast.net, subject line: Cowboy

For Sale: Payroll, 17.1 hand gelding, 14 yrs. old, Chestnut w/four white socks, talented show hunter, 1st. level Dressage, great mover, easy keeper. Heather Arnold moving must sell, call 410-848-6597. reasonable \$\$.

CALENDAR

April 13	Mounted D3/C1 prep session
April 26-27	C2 Rating
April 27	C1 and D3 Rating (combined)
May 11	SVPC Sponsors' Meeting
May 11	SVPC Show Jumping & Dressage Day
May 18	Capital Region Games Rally
May 24-25	C3 (Traditional) Rating
June 8	Non-Qualifying Eventing Rally, organized by Marlborough Pony Club, in conjunction with the MCTA Starter Horse Trials
June 14-15	Capital Region Eventing Rally and SVPC Spring Horse Trials, Bittersweet Field
June 16-20	SVPC D Camp, Bittersweet Field
June 27-29	Capital Region Show Jumping Rally
July 5 & 6	Maryland Region Tetrathlon Rally
July 22-27	USPC National Championships, Lexington, VA
August 8-10	A & B Ratings
August 16-17	C3 (Dressage & Traditional) Rating
September 6-7	SVPC Fall Horse Trials
September 14	D1 - D3 Eventing Fun Day, Bittersweet Field
October 5	Capital Region Polocrosse Rally
October 12	C2 Rating
October 19	Capital Region Dressage Rally
October 26	SVPC Sponsors' Meeting



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