



Seneca Valley

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Seneca Valley Pony Club

February 2008

2007 AWARD WINNERS!

Our Annual Awards Dinner was held on January 20th and proved to be a wonderful evening of great food and a chance to catch up with all our Pony Clubbers. Special thanks to Mike Kearney and Nancy Jones for all their work putting it together, Kimmie MacNamee for her annual slide show and to all the many other parent and pony club helpers who set up, stayed to clean up, and in general got many, many things done!

Pony Clubber of the Year	Andrea Jones
D Pony Clubber of the Year	Addie Thornley
Ladd Sr. Boy Award	Derek Alvey
Ladd Jr. Boy Award	Corbin Blumberg
Archie Award	Andrea Jones
DC Award	Donna Willems and Ann Adams
Hercules Award	Sandy McNamee
Sunshine Award	Pam Blumberg and Kathy Flynn
Rouse D Sportsmanship Award	Corbin Blumberg and Kenny Freeman
Wheeler Manners Award	Jennifer Price
Corse Helpfulness Award	Rebecca Goodman and Daniel Herbick
Applejack Show Jumping Award	Julia Norwind
Welles Stable Management Award	Lela Hanagan

Dressage Award	Andrea Jones
Mr. Chips D Dressage Award	Addie Spencer
Knowdown (Quiz) Award	Jenny Barnhard
Eventing Award	Erika Gonzalez
Games Award	Sara Tilley, Daniel Herbick, Catherine Hanagan, Rebecca Goodman, Charlotte Goodman
Polocrosse Award	Kayla Pavlick, Andrew Alvey, Derek Alvey
Strawberry Award (Pony of the Year)	Marley Davidson (Addie Thornley)
Royal Courier Horse of the Year Award	Ambassador from Paris (Andrea Jones)
Heart of Gold Award	Marley Davidson (Addie Thornley)
New Member Awards	Bridget Bigelow, Gabriella Catrett, Maggie Jackson, Cayla Nolder, Dru Corbeille, Meredith Kearney, Coltin McBain, Eliza McBain, Hannah McSween, Katrina Wetzel

QUIZ RALLY

Quiz rally, a fun, unmounted competition where knowledge of all things horses racks up points, is coming up for our region on March 1st in Hagerstown. Details about quiz rally were emailed last month, and unmounted quiz sessions have been ongoing since then. If you have questions, or need the rally forms mailed to you, don't hesitate to email or call our club's Quiz rally coordinator, Cathy Mattax, at cathy.mattax@finra.org; 301-947-7877.

Entry form, check, medical release and rally release forms are due to Cathy no later than February 12.

TRY TETRATHLON

Tetrathlon is a two-day rally that tests your ability to ride, swim, run and shoot an air pistol. The four tests make up the four phases of the rally.

Last year we had two SVPC members participate in the Maryland Regional Tetrathlon. They had so much fun, we'd like to encourage more members to try it in 2008. This year the Tetrathlon will be held on July 5th and 6th at the nearby Shawan Downs equestrian center in Hunt Valley, MD. It's close enough that you can commute both days.

On Saturday morning, you and your mount will ride a jumper course. For beginners, the jumps can be as low as 18" or even ground poles. There are divisions that qualify for Nationals that start higher. The advanced divisions include a gate that you must open while mounted, and another gate called a slip rail fence that you must dismount, open and walk your horse through. Your score is based on time and faults. After the riding phase, your horse is done with the rally. The rest is for you to do.

On Saturday afternoon, you will commute to a nearby indoor pool at Goucher College for the swimming phase. You will swim freestyle against competitors in your division. Beginners swim 1 length of the pool, and the advanced divisions swim 4 or 8. Your score is based on time. Then you're done for the day.

On Sunday morning, you'll shoot an air pistol at a paper target to determine your score. No, you don't shoot from your horse, your horse gets to stay home on Sunday! Beginners shoot 10 shots, and intermediate and advanced shoot 20. You can have a helper cock and load the air pistol for you. Your score is based on where your shot hits on the target.

On Sunday afternoon you run a cross country race on foot. It's an individual start so you can do your best without a crowd of runners. Beginners run one-third mile, and intermediate and advanced run between 1 and 2 miles.

Then they hold the awards ceremony, with ribbons for the four phases and overall points. Advanced divisions are eligible to qualify for Nationals.

The best thing about the Tet rally is the Wild Card division. You can pick the height of your jumper course, and the distance you run and swim. It makes it easy for the new Tetrathlete to experience this great USPC tradition.

Our SVPC Tetrathlon coordinator is **Mike Kearney**. Feel free to contact him with questions. Look for a Tetrathlon prep day during D camp in June!

UPPER LEVEL UNMOUNTED PREPS

Any pony club members planning on doing an upper level rating (C2 and up) at any point during 2008 needs to know that the regional preps (the ones you paid \$ for) WILL ONLY HAPPEN THIS WINTER (two remaining are February 24 and March 30th.) The club may be able to hold additional preps for those rating in the Fall, but this has not been determined as of yet. So take advantage of these important sessions and participate!

CONGRATULATIONS

Two of our club members have been selected to represent pony club. **Kimmie McNamee** was chosen to attend the National Youth Congress for our region at the USPC National

Meeting, and **Lela Hanagan** was selected as one of only four riders in the United States to represent our national USPC as part of the USPC International Foxhunting Exchange, this year held in England and Ireland. The club is very proud of these remarkable achievements -- look for articles in an upcoming newsletter where Lela and Kimmie will talk about their experiences.

SHOW OUR TRUE COLORS AND SUPPORT SVPC!

The club has purchased stunning black windbreaker **jackets** for all SVPC members! They sport SVPC's orange logo on the back, with room to embroider a pony's or rider's name on the front. Contact Donna Willems djwillems@aol.com as she has all the goods.

PONY CLUB MEMBER: FREE!!! ANYONE ELSE: \$30

In addition, SVPC is selling large (6") **magnets** with our beautiful logo. These can be used on trucks, trailers, cars, refrigerators, metal tack trunks, school lockers, dressage mirrors, and on and on. A STEAL AT: \$4 for one; \$10 for three

ASSIGNMENTS 2008

2008 volunteers have stepped forward! Please feel free to contact any of these officers, advisory council members, and sponsor volunteers at any time.

Membership Secretary: Donna Willems

Financial Management: Judy Barnhart, Sheila Jackson, Maureen Bigelow

Bittersweet Field Manager: Debby Price

Ratings: Cathy Mattax, Carla Macleod

Quiz sessions: D, Ann Adams; C, Pam Blumberg

Mounted lessons coordinator: Nellie Hanagan

Games coordinator: Joe Freeman

Rally coordinator: Nancy Jones

Quiz Rally : Cathy Mattax

Games Rally: Joe Freeman

Show Jumping Rally: Nellie Hanagan

Eventing Rally: Erika Gonzalez and Lesllie Sherman

Dressage Rally: Karrie Recknor

Tet Rally: Mike Kearney

Newsletter: Tanya Herbick

CALENDAR

February 9	D Quiz session, 2 pm, Southwinds Farm
February 15	D Quiz session, 7 pm, Ann Adams' farm
February 16	Games lesson, 11 am
February 18	Quiz session, 2 pm, Ann Adams' farm
February 22	D Quiz session, 7 pm, Ann Adams' farm
February 24	Non-mounted upper level rating prep
March 1	Capital Region Quiz Rally, Hagerstown
March 8	Snow Date for Quiz Rally
March 9	Horse Management Clinic
March 30	Non-mounted upper level rating prep and Ratings & Standards Clinic
April 5-6	H/B Rating
April 12-13	Mounted upper level rating prep session(s)
April 13	Mounted D3/C1 prep session
April 25-27	USPC Prince Philip Cup Games Competition
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 14-15	Capital Region Eventing Rally and SVPC Spring Horse Trials
June 16-20	SVPC D Camp, Bittersweet Field
June 27-29	Show Jumping Rally
Early July	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	Capital Region Non-Qualifying Eventing Day
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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