

SVPC Newsletter

Pony Club. Where it all begins.

Austin Kiplinger Memorial Award Introduced

The Seneca Valley Pony Club is pleased to announce the establishment of the Austin Kiplinger Memorial Award. "Mr. Kip" co-founded, with his friend and neighbor Jesse Smith, Seneca Valley Pony Club in 1961, to provide youth in the upcounty area with the opportunity to learn horsemanship, team-building and all the other aspects of the USPC programs.

And through all the 50+ years since we began, Mr. Kip was an incredibly staunch supporter of our members. He allowed us the use of his farm, Montevideo, for all club activities and supported us throughout the building of our cross-country course and the establishment of our recognized horse trials. The portion of the farm used by the Club became known as Bittersweet Field, named after Austin's bittersweet-orange 1953 Mercury convertible with white leather interior that he piloted around the farm. Mr. Kip would always stop by during the horse trials to encourage our members and support our fundraising efforts for the Club.

Of course, Seneca was but a small part of Austin's world. He was a world-renowned economic journalist and publisher, a veteran of World War II as a Navy bomber pilot off carriers, a champion of civil rights, and a proud alumnus of Cornell University, which he served as a trustee and board chair for many years. He served as chairman of the Washington International Horse Show, hosted the Potomac Hunt's Thanksgiving Hunt, was a president of the National Symphony Orchestra, and was an early and ardent advocate for Montgomery County's Agricultural Reserve – truly, a Renaissance Man! We are honored to have known him and to have had his support for Seneca Valley Pony Club.

Our club voted to set aside \$2,000 annually (as funds allow) for the Austin Kiplinger Memorial Award. A committee consisting of the District Commissioner, joint-DCs and treasurer will review applications for the award and determine recipients and the amount of the awards (up to \$500). The goal of the award is to honor the memory of our founder and recognize the dedication of SVPC members with a C1 and higher certification who give back to the club. (continued on next page)

Upcoming Events

May 28 SVPC Fix-A-Test

June 3-4 Capital Region Show
Jumping Rally at Swan Lake

June 17-18 SVPC Spring Horse Trials

June 26-30 SVPC Camp

June 28 Capital Region Championships Meeting at Ridge Road Rec Park

September 2-3 SVPC Fall Horse Trials

September 16-17 Capital Region Tet Rally

October 1 Capital Region Dressage Rally

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Please contact Leslie Case at lesliecase@aol.com or (203) 247-5098 with any questions on the Austin Kiplinger Memorial Award. An application for 2017 is attached to this newsletter.

Calling all SVPC members and families, we need your help at the upcoming SVPC horse trials. Please contact Yvonneke Weitzel or sign up at www.eventingvolunteers.com. Your support helps make our lessons, rallies, championships and activities possible.

Alternative jobs available if you are unable to make it to the horse trials. We need schooling day assistance and horse trials set up help.

Thank you for making our club a success with your volunteer efforts.

EASY WAY TO EARN CASH FOR SVPC

There's an easy way to make money for the club. Please send your proof of purchases for Legends, Triple Crown and Southern States horse feed to:

Sheila Jackson, 12227 Galesville Drive Gaithersburg, MD 20878

or give them to Sheila or Maggie when you see them. Each label generates \$.25 for the club!

Thanks! Sheila

May Council Recap

MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND COUNCIL MEETINGS USUALLY
HELD ON THE SECOND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH

Financial Report – Annette submitted the financial reports to Council electronically and there was no discussion. Debby reported that the old stadium jumps were sold for \$2,000 to several SVPC members, as well as a former member who served as horse trials stadium steward.

CRPC Regional Meeting Update – Overnight Show Jumping Rally is scheduled for the weekend of June 2. SVPC has two teams registered. All upper level certification applications are due 12 weeks prior to the date of testing.

Membership Report – Two new families have joined; welcome to the Wagner and SanNichols families!

Lessons Update – Shelly reported that 14 members have registered for the Friday night Show Jumping series with Jacquelyn Dickey. The series will take place at PPC field, weather permitting. Other indoor rings are being secured in the event of bad weather. Lisa reported that 13 riders are registered for the Fix A Test on May 28 and inquired about non-member insurance. Lisa also reported that 9 members had registered for the lesson with NE Karen Nutt scheduled for May 13 at Woodstock. Lisa is also working on organizing three consecutive days of dressage lessons at her farm, taught by Hannah Irons, a pony club member from the Eastern shore. Shelly reported that 10 D's are registered for camp and 11 registered for ABC camp. We have one unmounted D member registered.

Horse Trials/Eventing Rally – Deadline to register is May 16. Tyler Stewart has volunteered to run registration with Denise Graham shadowing him. Nancy reported that registration has been open for one week and there are 26 entries. Sponsorship and advertising is available.

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Bittersweet Field – New jumps will need painting and Debby is working on finding the right mobile watering system.

Other Business – On behalf of PPC, Marie thanked SVPC for the use of their dressage ring. She also invited SVPC members to join PPC's Friday night jump club which starts June 2 and runs from about 5 – 8:00 pm. SVPC invited PPC to advertise their jump club in the Horse Trials program and competitor packets.

Our next Council meeting will be on June 6, not June 13.

Junior Council – The junior council did not meet in May due to AP exams.

Congratulations SVPC Members

Congratulations to SVPC's Ariana and joint-SVPC/Loudoun Hunt Pony Club members James and Kristin for being a part of the first place quiz team at the Capital Region Quiz Rally and to SVPC's Mallary and Mitch for being on the first place overall and first place horse management games team at the Maryland Region Games Rally.

Way to go Ariana, James, Kristin, Mallary and Mitch!!



Austin Kiplinger Memorial Award Program Application

The Austin Kiplinger Memorial Award Program was established in 2017 by the SVPC Sponsors. The goal of the program is to recognize members with a “C” level and above certification for their participation in pony club. Current SVPC members may complete the application below to be considered for an award of up to \$500. A total of \$2,000 has been put aside for awards in 2017. All applications are due to the DC by June 30. A committee consisting of the DC, Joint DC(s) and Treasurer will review applications and determine awards. Awards will be distributed directly to organizations and not the individual applicant.

Funds may be applied to the following:

- College Tuition
- CPR/First Aid training or certification
- International Exchanges or National Competitions – USPC or other
- Attending the USPC Annual Meeting
- Equine related educational opportunities

Name of Member Applying:

Certification of Member:

Years in SVPC:

Please tell us what SVPC activities you have participated in during the past year:

Please list any Capital Region or USPC activities you have participated in during the past year:

What is the amount of the award you are applying for (not to exceed \$500)?

What organization will checks be payable to should you receive an award from SVPC?

Please tell us what has most impacted you by being a member of SVPC:

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____