

SENECA VALLEY PONY CLUB



SVPC News

December 2014

SAVE THE DATES

SVPC Holiday Party:
Friday, December
5th at the Chong
Home

**December 15: Intent
to Rate Forms Due;
USPC Project Fair
Registration Deadline**

Horse Treat Baking:
Friday, December
19th

**SVPC Awards Din-
ner: Saturday, Febru-
ary 7, 2015 at Poto-
mac Hunt**

**SVPC Spring Horse
Trials: June 13-14,
2015**

**SVPC Fall Horse Tri-
als: September 5-6,
2015**

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Pony Club Project Fair

Register online for the upcoming Pony Club Project Fair at the Annual Meeting. Please take a look at the categories below and consider showcasing your talent!

Research Projects:

Competitors use experimental design to test a hypothesis. The subject of research can be anything related to horses and/or Pony Club. Research results should be presented on a poster board or tri-fold presentation board and may include samples of materials used in the experiment. The posters will be displayed at the annual meeting.

There will be two competition categories: oral presentation (competitors must be present) and visual presentations.

Video Projects:

Competitors create an educational or promotional video. The video should be 10 minutes or less and may cover any topic related to Pony Club. For example, a competitor might create an educational video on making equine first aid kits or a promotional video on the value of joining a Regional Youth Board. Videos may be submitted via flash drive or DVD and will be presented at the annual meeting on a

laptop computer for public viewing.

Fine Arts Projects:

Competitors submit horse or Pony Club related art projects, poetry or short stories. Depending on the number of submissions in each age group, sub-categories may be created for prose, poetry, painting/drawing and/or sculpture. All submissions will be displayed for view at the annual meeting.

More information and an online registration form due by December 15th can be found at: <http://www.ponyclub.org/general/custom.asp?page=AMProjectFair>

***SVPC Holiday Party will take place on Friday,
December 5th at the Chong home.***

Easy Money

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

Knowledge Series: Register Now



The first mounted knowledge lesson is Friday, December 26. Registration for the mounted lesson closes on Friday, December 19. The first un-mounted knowledge lesson is Friday, January 2.

Please go to the lesson website for further information and to register at www.svpc-lessons.com. The knowledge series is offered to all unrated – C members of pony club. Join us for the pursuit of knowledge. This year **mounted lessons** will be offered. The first mounted knowledge session will be held on Friday, December 26th at Snowy River Farm.

Unmounted lessons

will be held on Friday evenings at 6:30 pm beginning on January 2, 2015. The location will be determined upon development of agenda. However, most sessions will be held at the Weitzel home. The series will continue until the Quiz Rally tentatively scheduled for March 28, 2015. There is **no cost for members to participate**, with the exception of donations for the pizza dinner that will be offered each session. Members are not obligated to rate or attend quiz rally to attend the knowledge series. Mounted times will be sent out prior to the first mounted session.

The purpose of the series is to:

- gain knowledge for the health and safety of the horse and rider
- prepare for certifications
- prepare for quiz rally

C and above pony club members will present knowledge at sessions. Presenters develop a lesson plan and receive feedback on their plans. This is invaluable experience!

Visit the SVPC lessons website at www.svpc-lessons.com for more information and to register. Contact Yvonneke Weitzel with any questions.

USPC Mission Statement

The United States Pony Clubs, Inc., develops character, leadership, confidence and a sense of community in youth through a program that teaches the care of horses and ponies, riding and mounted sports.

Council Meeting Recap

Financial Report – The Council discussed expenses from our reserves and plans for the winter.

Regional Meeting Report – Leslie and Debby attended the regional meeting. 2015 officers were voted on and approved by the board. Discussed peer review every three years and when then club Treasurer changes. Eventing Rally will be at SVPC HTs in June. Show Jumping Rally will be an overnight rally at Swan Lake. Planning to have a separate non-qualifying show jump rally.

Membership Report – Leslie reported that renewals are slowly trickling in. The online renewals have been more work than anticipated. We had 1 new member join, but we have lost several members due to members moving out of area and aging out.

Lessons Committee – Leslie reported that three lesson series are running at this time. Lessons committee is working on ideas to increase participation. Also trying to get clarification on participation requirements to run club sponsored lessons. Lessons committee is planning to schedule 6-10 clinics in 2015 with National Examiners. Ema submitted a proposal to teach Ds. Yvonneke suggested incorporating these lessons as mounted knowledge prep as that piece is missing from the unmounted series. She will talk to Ema about this. The committee also discussed having a member oversee clinic

scheduling for the year, but when they looked at the calendar there are not a lot of free weekends, so probably not necessary. Candace reported that we have not used the additional funds allocated at the summer sponsor meeting since lesson participation has decreased. Tricia and Yvonneke are working on a holiday club day to make horse treats. For 2015, the Weigands and Crowleys have agreed to run the club days.

Certifications Update – Maureen was not able to attend the meeting. Leslie reported that D3 and C1 certifications were completed in October. The certifications were held in conjunction with Bascule. SVPC will run HM certifications before quiz and wait until spring certifications for anyone wishing to complete a full certification.

Website – Leslie and Tyler are working on improving the SVPC website. Nancy will work with Tyler and Steve Symansky for the horse trials linking. Leslie reported that Paypal is up and running for payments.

Horse Trials Advertising – Nancy and Debby reported that they would like to place an ad in the January Equiry to thank volunteers/participants

and list 2015 competition dates. Tricia suggested also running in April as well. Council approved of running the ads. Nancy and Debby are asking competitors their preference for footing in dressage or show jumping. If we can move forward at a reasonable price and can fundraise for it, we would be looking at doing this after the September 2015 horse trials.

Date for Awards Dinner - Debby asked if we want to have it at The Potomac Hunt Club again and use Geppetto Catering again. Debby suggested Saturday, February 7th. Council approved so Debby will see if that date works for The Hunt and Geppetto.

Fundraising – The Council agreed to try a memory book for the awards dinner as a fundraiser.

Leslie reminded everyone to register for the national meeting. We also need volunteers for running the silent auction.

Junior Board Report – Shannon reported that they discussed fundraiser ideas for the field. Liza reported that they would like to have eventing fun days with paint your ponies and costumes so fun day will be geared toward the older kids with prizes of tack shop gift certificates. Sadie reported that she is creating a website for SVPC members, not parents.



If you are planning to go for a national certification in 2015, Capital Region requires an Intent to Rate form be completed and returned to Regional Supervisor Cheryl Clark. A blank form is attached to this newsletter.



Friends and Family Campaign

Seneca Valley Pony Club is winding down 2014 and planning for the upcoming year. One of the most exciting upcoming events is the annual Awards Dinner where we celebrate accomplishments of each member. Both the club members and the horses are anxious to enjoy a new season filled with the challenges and activities that the club presents. Our club offers ongoing riding lessons, specialty clinics, competitive experiences, stable management training, summer camp - and more. Our goal is to provide these marvelous experiences for all interested children, regardless of their means.

Riding well, however, is only one part of Seneca Valley Pony Club. Through the care of horses our members learn about responsibility and discipline.

Participating in Pony Club Rallies encourages and develops leadership and teamwork. The Club also fosters a generous spirit of giving back as each older, more experienced member mentors and helps the younger members with the patience and kindness they were shown from members before them. This summer we were able to send members to participate in Pony Club Championships in Lexington, Kentucky. Members qualified in the disciplines of quiz, games, dressage, eventing, show jumping and tetrathlon.

We need and count on the generous support of people like you. We thank you very much for your support in the past. This year we ask you to consider contributing to our club. To show our appreciation, you will be listed in the

“Friends” section of our Memory Book distributed to all Pony Club families and friends, including you. Even if you cannot contribute, feel free to add a note to a pony clubber! Certainly all cherish a message from a loyal supporter about their hard work and pride in their riding. Please email your special note to Leslie Case at leslie-case@aol.com and return the response form attached to this newsletter with your optional donation by Friday, January 9th so we are sure to have your message in the Memory Book. SVPC also accepts credit cards online at www.senecavalleyponyclub.org.

Thank you for your continued support.

Annual Meeting

From January 21-25th, Capital and Virginia Regions will be hosting the USPC Annual Meeting and Educational Symposium in Crystal City, Virginia. SVPC parents and pony club members are encouraged to register for this event. There will be educational and fun activities for pony club members and parents alike. Top notch facilitators will be present-

ing on equine topics. There will be a vendor fair, art and project exhibit, silent auction and LOTS to do. This is your chance to interact with pony club members and enthusiasts from across the US. You can register at <http://www.ponyclub.org/?page=AnnualMeeting>

SVPC is also in charge of the silent auction with

Loudoun Hunt Pony Club. We need silent auction donations and volunteers for the annual meeting. Contact Leslie Case at lesliecase@aol.com with any questions or to volunteer at the auction.

Don't miss this chance to attend USPC's meeting so close to home.



Seneca Valley Pony Club
Memory Book 2014
Friends & Family Support Form

Name (s): _____

In Support of: _____

Address: _____

City, State Zip: _____

E-mail: _____ Phone: _____

Message:

Optional Donation: \$ _____

Seneca Valley Pony Club is a not for profit 501(c) 3 organization:

\$25 \$50 \$100 \$150 (Half Page) \$300 (Full Page)

Checks should be made payable to SVPC. Our club can also accept credit card donations on our website at www.senecavalleyponyclub.org.

Please, even if you cannot contribute at this time, feel free to send a short message to the important pony clubber(s) in your life! Email messages to Leslie Case at lesliecase@aol.com and mail your optional donation with this form to Leslie Case, 13311 Drew Lane, Potomac MD 20854 by January 9th to be included in the memory book.

**Thank you for supporting
Seneca Valley Pony Club!**



Regional Intent To Certify for HB and Above

This form is for regional planning purposes. You must register for all HB and above certifications on the USPC Website. There is a separate form for the C-2 test.

Candidates Full Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age on January 1, 2015: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ (home) _____ (cell)

Email Address: _____

Parents' Name(s): _____

Please complete and return
this form to Cheryl Clark
(rscapitalregion@aol.com) by
December 15, 2014.

Requested Certifications:

___ HB

___ C-3

___ B

___ H/HA

___ A

Pony Club/Center Information

Pony Club/Center Name: _____ Year joined: _____

Present Certification Level: ___ Traditional ___ Dressage ___ Show Jumping

Have you tested previously for your requested certification? ___ No ___ Yes - When? _____

If yes, explain the steps you took to correct problems from previous testing: (attach additional sheet if necessary):



Monumental Experience Auction Donation Form

Contact Name:

Company (if applicable):

Address:

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Item Being Donated:

Description:

Value of Item: _____ (retail value - if unknown please estimate)

Restrictions:

(please list black out dates/expiration/etc above)

Pick up of Item:

- Please contact me to arrange pick up of the item.
- I will mail the item to you at: _____
- Please create a certificate to give the winner so they can contact me.

Please return this form to Leslie Case via email at lesliecase@aol.com, fax at 202-478-1843 or by mail at 13311 Drew Lane, Potomac MD 20854 by December 15, 2014. Thank you!