

SENECA VALLEY PONY CLUB



SVPC News

January/February 2015

SAVE THE DATES

**Fun Day: Lecture
on "Equine Behavior" March 10**

**Games Clinic:
March 14-15**

**HM Seminar: April
26th**

**Games Rally: May
17**

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

**SVPC Fall Horse
Trials: September
5-6, 2015**

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Games Clinic and Practices

Seneca Valley Pony Club will be hosting a games clinic with Sara Greiling, the weekend of March 14 and 15. Sara Greiling grew up in Pony Club where she got hooked on the sport of mounted games. She has competed in games at Pony Club Nationals and has also represented the United States Mounted Games team all over the world (Australia, England, Ireland, France, Belgium, Sweden, Switzerland, New Zealand, Germany, Denmark, Norway and Canada). She has represented the United States in many World Championships and was also a member of the win-

ning US team at the World Equestrian Games in Lexington, Kentucky. She coached the winning team at the 2012 Pony Club Exchange in Australia and has had great success with many other Pony Club teams. Sara has had five winning Prince Phillip Cup teams and is currently working as a riding instructor at Windhover Farm in LaGrange, Kentucky where she has been for ten years.

SVPC is planning to have 2 sessions on Saturday and one session on Sunday.

The clinic will be hosted at Potomac Riverside Farm in Dickerson, MD. The

estimated cost is \$50 for the weekend.

Potomac Riverside Farm
17224 Elmer School Rd
Dickerson, MD 20842

Please contact Annette Chong at
SVPClub@Verizon.net
to reserve your spot or
with any questions.

Games practices for all levels have begun on Thursdays from 5-7pm at Taylormade in Damascus. See the lessons website for more information if your pony club member is interested in learning more about mounted games. All are welcome.

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.

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

Congratulations, Jenn!

SVPC member Jenn P. has been selected by the USPC to represent the United States on the 2015 Inter-Pacific Team to compete in Canada. Jenn joins SVPC member Ema K. as a member of the team.



USPC describes the exchange as an experience of a lifetime with meeting, competing and spending time with teams from Australia, New Zealand, Hong Kong, and Canada.

To qualify for the USPC Inter-Pacific International Team the competitor must be between 17 and 21 years of age on Jan. 1, 2015 with a minimum certification

of B at time of application. International Teams consist of the top four. The Selection Panel determined the team using information in the applications and recommendations. The Selection Panel considered each candidate's ambassadorial attributes as well as the riding, riding on borrowed horses and teamwork abilities of each candidate. The International Team will join teams from Australia, Canada, Hong Kong, and New Zealand. The exchange runs July 31 - Aug 17, 2015.

Do you plan to participate in Quiz Rally? If so make sure Yvonneke Weitzel knows you'd like to attend.

Parents Needed to Run Activities

Planning to get certified in 2015?

D1-C1 should register online on the SVPC website.

C2-A must complete an intent to rate form on the Capital Region website.

Currently Tricia Tripp is our club insurance coordinator. Whenever a club activity takes place, she gets online on the USPC website and enters the date of the activity into an online form for USPC. She gets requests from lesson coordinators to insure locations through an online form. She asked that our club find someone who would be willing to do this job. It can be done remotely and involves coordination with the lesson committee, certifications chair and other SVPC activity chairs to be sure we have proper insurance. In the past our club could insure locations for a year, but now we must enter individual dates or series of dates into the insurance

form for each location the club uses.



No special computer skills required and you can do the job on your own schedule - you just need internet access. It will be important for the person doing the job to pay attention to details to make sure we are covered. This job requires zero horse knowledge, for those parents new to pony club!

We need all families to be involved to make activities happen for our members. If you are willing

and able but don't know where to begin to help, contact me. We have several experienced committee chairs who would love to work with someone to teach them the ropes for next year.

All members in our club and their families traditionally assist at our recognized horse trials in the spring and fall. These fundraisers allow us to do lessons, certifications and activities. We also have starter trials and a Derby as well as open schooling days when we have volunteer positions available. SVPC rocks because of our members and their dedicated families! Thank you for being a part of our club.

All SVPC members are encouraged to attend the seminar on horse management on Sunday, April 26 at Blaven Riding Center. Watch your email for details!

Capital Region News



February 22 Standards and Certification Clinic has been canceled and will be rescheduled. Please look for information on the new day and time. This is a great learning opportunity for members, parents, and all involved in Pony Club in our region. We hope to see you at this regional educational day which will likely be held in March when things will hopefully warm up a bit!

April 26 is the date for our 2015 Horse Management Seminar hosted by Blaven Riding Center in

Union Bridge, MD. All members of CRPC are invited and encouraged to attend this valuable learning opportunity. Ms. Dawn Dougherty, our Horse Management Organizer (HMO) will teach, explain, demonstrate and give terrific tips on how to shine at all pony club competitions and certifications. Look for a flyer with specific details.

The Upper Level Certification Preparation Schedule will be sent very soon directly to members who have submitted

"Intent to Certify" paperwork. Ms. Kate Byron, our Regional Instruction Coordinator (RIC) will provide details of sessions with dates and times.

Please continue to check the Capital Region Website <http://capitalregionponyclub.homestead.com/> for details about upcoming events and news that you need to know from the Capital Region!

Cheryl Clark, Capital Region Regional Supervisor

Annual Meeting Recap

Many SVPC parents and members attended the USPC Annual Meeting and got the chance to attend workshops, the vendor fair, art and project exhibit, silent auction and banquet.

SVPC's Shannon C attended the Annual Meeting as a member of the National Youth Congress

NYC as a representative for the Capital Region. During the NYC members discussed current issues facing USPC, had intensive leadership training and got to hear from four graduate pony club members with amazing life experiences.

Shannon also entered artwork into the art fair and was awarded the

prize for best sculpture and best in show during the banquet.

Thank you to the SVPC parents, members and alumni who donated and volunteered at the silent auction. With your help both the Virginia and Capital Regions have over \$10,000 to spend on members.

Council Meeting Recaps

January Recap: Financial Report and Bank Signatories— Council reviewed financial reports and voted on bank signatories.

Regional Meeting Report – Leslie and Debby informed us the meeting was cancelled.

Annual Meeting Update – Leslie and Debby discussed SVPC's role in the auction and member attendance subsidies.

Membership Report – Candace reported that we have 42 members for 2015.

Lessons Committee – Candace reported that we have lots of lessons and clinics running right now. She is looking for new committee members. Council approved new lessons guidelines that USPC guidelines, reduce minimum required participation from 4 to 2, offer lessons to all members but can limit participation due to safety.

Certifications Update – Leslie reported that letters of intent for national and C2 certifications are due now. Maureen said she will send an email out to the club to find out who wants to do full ratings in spring and HM rating for Quiz.

Volunteers 2015 – Leslie reported on areas that still need volunteers.

Inter-Pacific Eventing Exchange and Donation Requests – Leslie reported that Ema was selected for this exchange and she is fundraising for the team. Council donated 3 schooling

passes to Ema's auction.

Horse Trials – Debby reported on the field and horse trials.

Awards Dinner - Debby reported that it is scheduled for February 7th at The Potomac Hunt Club with Geppetto Catering.

Other Business: Marie reported that VA Region is running/ hosting the PX rally this year and it will be held April 19th at Great Meadows. Marie also said that The Potomac Pony Club will be hosting a series on show jump course design.

February Recap: Financial Report and Bank Signatories – Sheila presented reports and the Council voted to make Candace Gerrety a signatory on the bank account.

Regional Meeting Report – Leslie and Debby discussed plans for rallies and the regional meeting.

Annual Meeting – Leslie and Debby reported on the silent auction and thanked members who assisted in making the annual meeting a success for the region.

Membership Report – Candace is processing new member forms.

Volunteer Update – Leslie will contact the club about open positions. We really need new volunteers and have some jobs for non-horse people and parents with little time.

Lessons Committee – Candace reported on the committee and Leslie explained a question arose from committee that she is seeking clarification on from USPC and our accountant.

Certifications Update – Maureen needs members to use the online form to register for certifications.

Horsemasters – USPC is working hard on the horsemasters program and at the regional meeting there were several questions. Candace and Tricia will lead SVPC parents who would like to form a chapter within SVPC and prepare a plan for sponsors to vote on at the next sponsors meeting.

Bittersweet Field – Debby discussed the shed repair, temporary ring, XC jumps and Hunt fence replacement

Horse Trials – The omnibus listing is being finalized.

Awards Dinner - Discussed the successful evening.

Junior Board—the Junior Board discussed their activity ideas and thank you's for the auction.

Next meeting: Tuesday, March 10th at Maureen's home.





2014 SVPC Year End Award Winners

- The Royal Courier Horse of the Year:** Champions: Bally Whatnot (ridden by Audrey C) and Isabella (ridden by Natalie H; Reserve: Noah (ridden by Lauren H)
- Strawberry Award – Pony of the Year:** Champion: Tater Tot (ridden by Daniel C) and Cracker Jack (ridden by Alexandra B)
- The Heart of Gold Award:** Gemma ridden by Abby R
- Overall Pony Clubber of the Year:** First Place: Alexandra B; Second Place: Audrey C
- Robert D. Ladd Senior Boys Award:** First Place: Coltyn M, Second Place: Stephen P, Third Place: Kevin C
- Robert D. Ladd Junior Boys Award:** First Place: Daniel , Second Place: James W
- The Archie Award for most improved:** First Place: Izzy , Second Place: Audrey C and Sadie M
- The Sunshine Award:** Annette Chong
- The Hercules Award:** Tricia Tripp and Yvonneke Weitzel
- The District Commissioners Award:** Candace and Jim Gerrety
- Stable Management Award:** First Place: Emily Q, Second Place: Marilyn H, Third Place: Samantha , Fourth Place: Audrey C, Fifth Place: Stephanie C and Sammi L, Sixth Place: Natalie H, Tayler S and Lauren W
- Eventing Rally Award:** First Place: Audrey C, Second Place: Ela R, Third Place: Shannon C, Fourth Place: Eliza M, Fifth Place: Tayler S, Sixth Place: Ellie W
- Horse Trials Award:** First Place: Ema K, Second Place: Coltyn M, Third Place: Molly S, Fourth Place: Eleanor B, Fifth Place: Jennifer P, Sixth Place: Sadie M
- Amadais D Eventing Award:** First Place: Chloe B, Second Place: Lexie W, Third Place: Catherine M, Fifth Place: Kristin W, Sixth Place: Ariana D
- Applejack Show Jumping Award:** First Place: Stephen P, Second Place: Reagan C, Third Place: Natalie H, Fourth Place: Maddison G, Fifth Place: Sadie M, Sixth Place: Lauren H
- Annual Games Award:** First Place: Coltyn M, Second Place: Stephanie C, Mallary G and Sadie M, Third Place: Eliza M and Alexandra B
- Tetrathlon Award:** First Place: Lauren H and Daniel C, Second Place: Marilyn H and Natalie H
- Polocrosse Award:** First Place: Natalie H and Alexandra B
- Dressage Award (C and Above):** First Place: Izzy H, Second Place: Samantha C, Third Place: Katrina R, Fourth Place: Audrey C, Fifth Place: Mallary G, Sixth Place: Kevin C, Shannon C and Maddison G
- Mr. Chips “D” Dressage Award:** First Place: Abby R, Second Place: Ariana D, Third Place: Logyn Be, Fourth Place: Alexandra B, Fifth Place: Kristin W, Sixth Place: Lexie W
- Dancing Horse Award:** Maddison G
- Quiz Award:** First Place: Logyn B, Second Place: Alexandra B, Third Place: Hannah R, Fourth Place: Taylor G, Fifth Place: Shannon C and Lexie W, Sixth Place: Jennifer R, Ariana D and Marilyn H
- Mrs. Rouse Memorial Sportsmanship Award:** First Place: Kristin W, Second Place: Ariana D, Third Place: Chloe B
- The Mrs. Wheeler Good Manners Award:** First Place: Hannah R, Second Place: Eliza M
- The Barbara Corse Memorial Award:** Frist Place: Jenn P, Second Place: Shannon C, Third Place: Audrey C, Fourth Place: Stephanie C
- New Member Awards:** Logyn B, Chloe B, Eleanor B, Saskia B, Gretel F, Natalie H, Catherine M, Charlotte N, Jennifer R, Jessica R, Lexi S, Molly S and James W

