

## SENECA VALLEY PONY CLUB



# SVPC News

Late December 2014

### SAVE THE DATES

**Horse Treat Baking: Friday, December 19th**

**USPC Annual Meeting: January 21-25, 2015**

**SVPC Awards Dinner: Saturday, February 7, 2015 at Potomac Hunt**

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

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

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## SVPC Lessons in 2015

The SVPC google group emails have been full of exciting opportunities for instruction in 2015.

Our knowledge series coordinators have incorporated a **mounted** series of lessons with SVPC's own Ema K. working with members on the mounted knowledge essential for certifications and quiz rally. This series is an ideal way for SVPC members to work on the skills outlined in the USPC standards of proficiency. All levels of rider will benefit from working with Ema on these important skills, and our club is offering the lessons for **FREE!** The first

lesson in the series will take place on December 26th, but even if you are not available that day you can sign up. Please visit [www.svpc-lessons.com](http://www.svpc-lessons.com) for information.

The unmounted knowledge series will begin on Friday, January 2. Friday night knowledge lessons are a wonderful way for members to get together. Our unmounted series is an opportunity for younger members to learn from more experienced members....and have fun with friends at the same time.

Jeni Klugman and Marie Sheppard have been work-

ing to offer lessons with USPC National Examiners for members of all levels. These lessons are being organized now. Our members can ride in front of national examiners who are experts on the USPC standards of proficiency and can help members of any level pinpoint the skills they should be working on with their regular instructors.

Kevin Bowie will kick off the national examiner program on Saturday, January 3 at Snowy River Farm. The lessons will be appropriate for every level pony club member. Sign up today on the lessons site.

*Check out the Annual Meeting Auction Catalog at  
<http://www.senecavalleyponyclub.org/uspc-annual-meeting-silent-auction.html>*

# 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, Ema!

SVPC member Ema K. has been selected by the USPC to represent the United States on the 2015 Inter-Pacific Team to compete in Canada. USPC tells Ema it will be an experience of a lifetime with meeting, competing and spending time with teams from Australia, New Zealand, Hong Kong, and Canada.



New Zealand. The exchange runs July 31 - Aug 17, 2015.

In 2014 Ema achieved both her B and her HA certifications. She also competed in eventing at the Preliminary level on two mounts and took second place at 2nd Place

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 infor-

mation 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

CCI\*Jr at the Virginia Horse Trials.

Don't miss your chance to learn from Ema. Sign up for the SVPC mounted knowledge series today on the SVPC lessons website at [www.svpc-lessons.com](http://www.svpc-lessons.com).

Ema, we know you will represent the USPC with style. Congratulations!

## 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.

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. As of this newsletter only 3 members have submitted the form that Cheryl asked for by 12/15/14. Get yours in ASAP if you plan to rate.



## 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 re-

sponsibility 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](mailto: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](http://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 presenting 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>

Our club is subsidizing day passes for the weekend. Contact Leslie Case or Sheila Jackson if you'd like to attend.

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](mailto: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.

## CHECKLIST FOR SVPC MEMBERS AND FAMILIES

- **Complete a Year End Awards Ballot** (in the forms section of the SVPC website at [senecavalleyponyclub.org](http://senecavalleyponyclub.org)).
- **Complete 2015 Goals Survey** (in the forms section of the SVPC website at [senecavalleyponyclub.org](http://senecavalleyponyclub.org)).
- **Submit a Letter of Intent if you plan on going for a national certification in 2015. These were due on 12/15/14.**
- **Check out the SVPC lessons website for exciting offerings.**
- **Ask your friends and family to submit notes for the awards program with the form attached to this newsletter.**
- **Sign up to attend the annual meeting in Crystal City, Virginia. The USPC has been hard at work planning educational programs for members and parents. SVPC is subsidizing attendance for members, so contact Leslie Case or Sheila Jackson to register online.**
- **Donate to the annual meeting silent auction (check out donations received to date on our website along with a donation form on the Events page) and our junior board silent auction (email Shannon at [awesome@casefamily.co](mailto:awesome@casefamily.co)).**
- **Tell friends interested in SVPC that the knowledge series is beginning and we're accepting new members now!**



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

Name (s): \_\_\_\_\_

In Support of: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Message:  
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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](http://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](mailto:lesliecase@aol.com) and mail your optional donation with this form to Leslie Case, 13311 Drew Lane, Potomac MD 20854 by January 9<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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):  
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**Candidate Self Evaluation**

*Briefly describe how you have been preparing for this requested certification over the last 6-12 months. Also, describe your plans for 2015 leading up to the certification. Include participation in all Pony Club events and information about your horse. Finally, what would you like to see in the region for upper level preparation seminars to help you reach this goal? (attach additional sheet if necessary)*

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*Candidate Signature:* \_\_\_\_\_ *Date:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Parent Signature:* \_\_\_\_\_ *Date:* \_\_\_\_\_

*(If under 18)*

*DC/CA Signature:* \_\_\_\_\_ *Date:* \_\_\_\_\_

*(Alternatively, you may attach an email from your DC/CA for approval)*



## Monumental Experience Auction Donation Form

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Company (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Item Being Donated: \_\_\_\_\_

Description: \_\_\_\_\_

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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](mailto:lesliecase@aol.com), fax at 202-478-1843 or by mail at 13311 Drew Lane, Potomac MD 20854 by January 5, 2015. Thank you!