SIGN UP NOW FOR DRESSAGE RALLY

Sign up now for the upcoming dressage rally on Sunday, April 14th at Bascule Farm Riding Center. Members are asked to register on the google form from Capital Region. Lisa Rowe from SVPC will be coordinating the SVPC entries and teams. For the dressage rally, SVPC will pay for 50% of the registration fee, so instead of sending a check to the region for rally entry you will send a check for 50% of your entry fee payable to SVPC to Lisa Rowe at 18235 White Ground Rd, Boyds, MD 20841 and our club will pay for the remainder. On the form you should check that you’re sending payment. It would be really helpful if you clicked on the option to send you a copy of the registration and then forwarding your registration to Lisa Rowe. Her email is windbrookfarmdressage@gmail.com. Please submit registrations to the region and get Lisa a copy of the information by April 1.

Members will ride two tests at the dressage rally. Members considering championships in dressage should choose the tests to qualify them for championships and prepare a musical freestyle as well. Qualifications for championships in various disciplines and the new modified division qualification requirements are attached to this newsletter. Please contact Leslie Case with any questions you may have.

For the dressage rally, members are allowed to have coaches at the rally. Coaches are not provided by the club and members may choose a coach they are currently taking lessons with or if they do not have someone available, Lisa may have ideas on potential coaches. Coaches are not required, but if your pony club member is new to rallying they may feel more comfortable having someone who is authorized to speak to them during the warm up.
The timeline for rallies typically involves an arrival time usually between 6 am and 7 am with set up taking place upon arrival. Parents assist in the unloading of equipment and team members are required to do the set up for the rally themselves. After the morning briefing, parents must leave the rally area and members are judged on their horse management throughout the day and must do formal inspections and safety checks before riding their dressage tests. The competition usually winds down in the late afternoon with awards taking place after all of the riding is complete. Each competitor is asked to provide a volunteer who has a job at the rally. There will be a rising stars division where younger members can sign up for the rally and participate in an abbreviated version of the rally and receive assistance.

I encourage all members attending the rally to review the horse management rulebook for 2019 (copies given out at the awards dinner and available online for download) and the dressage rulebook for 2019. These documents provide an abundance of information on how a rally is run and what members are being evaluated on during horse management and in the riding phase.

Once the registrations are complete teams for the rally will be formed and Lisa will communicate with members planning to rally about who is on their team. SVPC is here to help guide you through the registration process so don’t hesitate to contact Lisa Rowe or Leslie Case with any questions. We’re asking for all registrations to be completed by April 1.

Go SVPC!

YOU CAN SUPPORT SVPC

You can earn money for SVPC just by doing what you’re already doing – giving your horses Southern States®-branded, Legends®, or ProElite® horse feed. Your organization can earn 25¢ for each proof of purchase seal from Southern States and Legends® horse feed bags. Please send your proof of purchases to: Sheila Jackson, 12227 Galesville Drive Gaithersburg, MD 20878

You can also support SVPC when you shop at amazon.com. Visit https://smile.amazon.com/ch/52-6079190 and .05% of your eligible purchases will go to Seneca Valley Pony Club. Our club has completed the registration process and if you shop through the link above you’ll be supporting SVPC.

LESSONS: SIGN UP TODAY

Lessons committee member Lisa Rowe has organized a lesson with national examiner Mary Schwentker on Friday, April 19th. In addition to being a USPC national examiner, Mary is an international 3-day event rider and trainer. This is a free lesson and all level SVPC members are encouraged to sign up for a lesson online on the SVPC website. The deadline for registering is on April 12.

On Sunday, April 7 National Examiner Deb Willson will be giving group lessons at Good Choice Riding Center beginning at 9:00 AM. Each group lesson will be 60 minutes. These lessons are open to
Capital Region members. Lessons will be offered for flat and jumping. Individuals will be grouped based on age and certification levels. Please contact Kevin Bowie for scheduling: Kevin Bowie, (301) 788-4224, kb1951@verizon.net These are lessons organized by the Capital Region and the fee is $40 payable at the lesson. Contact Kevin ASAP if you’d like to participate.

Watch the SVPC website for details on the upcoming lesson series to prepare for show jumping and eventing rallies.

**ALL C1 AND UP MEMBERS ENCOURAGED TO APPLY BY MARCH 31**

The Austin Kiplinger Memorial Award Program Application for 2019 is on the SVPC website forms page. The application is for members C1 and up and is due by March 31, 2019. 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 2019. All applications are due to the DC by March 31. 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, so for instance a member asks for college tuition, the check will be written to the college. 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. Please contact Leslie Case at 203-247-5098 with any questions.

**GOOD LUCK TO SVPC’S QUIZ TEAMS**

SVPC is wishing its 2 quiz teams the best of luck at the upcoming March 30 quiz rally. The teams consist of the Junior Jumpers: Sarah, Hannah, Isabelle and Shayna and Let’s Get Quizzical: Kristin, Grace, Vivienne and Camille – Go SVPC!!

**NEW DIVISIONS FOR PONY CLUB**

As reported in the last newsletter, at the annual meeting USPC announced new divisions for pony club activities. There will now be a junior division (members up to age 18) and senior division (members over 18) for all rallies and USPC championships.

At USPC championships there will be a modified division in each discipline that will allow members who are not within the age or certification level for a discipline to qualify and compete at Championships. Each discipline has it’s own qualification rules - the qualification requirements are attached to this newsletter.
FEBRUARY COUNCIL MEETING RECAP

The SVPC Council and Junior Comcil meet on the **third Tuesday of the month** – all parents and interested members are invited to attend. Let Leslie Case (203-247-5098) know if you’re interested in attending. Below is a recap of the February meeting.

Nancy Jones reviewed the financial report noting that there were a few expenses from 2018 that are coming through in 2019.

Leslie reported on the USPC Annual meeting that was attended by herself and Lisa Rowe. Lisa attended the RIC meeting and reported the following information for members to take note of;

* Members that have met and passed the HM requirements may register for all three Upper Level Certifications and if they do not pass, or are not permitted to take the test, USPC will refund. With fewer Upper Level Certifications being offered USPC wants to encourage members to test with the tests are being offered.

* Changes have been made to the HB so members should review the new criteria.

* Standards and Certification clinics may be combined with rallies or other events to take advantage of the captive audience

* Tentative dates for Upper level testing near us are; 8/2-4 Eastern Pennsylvania Region HB & HA, 8/14 & 15 Traditional C3; 8/16-18 Capital Region Dressage & SJ Specialty; 8/24 & 25 Old Dominion Region HB

Leslie reviewed the changes to rally qualifications and how teams will compete. The biggest change is dividing into Jr (under 18) and Sr (over 18) divisions. These divisions can be on the same team at rallies, but for the awards they will not compete against each other.

USPC has added modified divisions for USPC championships. The criteria to qualify for the modified divisions and the age and certification requirements will be easier to qualify and there will be educational sessions at championships.

Leslie also reviewed USPC changes that eliminate individual club policies and have all clubs operating under USPC Policies. The impact this change has on SVPC is that our Council is advisory.

Nancy Jones reported that the club needs to pay dues to the Capital Region for the members we’ve signed up for 2019.

Shelley and Lisa not present but both sent a recap of lessons. Yvonneke mentioned the Unmounted lessons she is organizing are going well with good turnout.

Leslie reviewed the guidelines of the Lesson Committee with the Council. The group discussed possible changes to the frequency of committee meetings and members present felt the lessons committee should meet 3-4 times per year rather than monthly to review the lessons plan the committee set up for the year.

Bittersweet Field – Debby noted the group of members that came to the field clean up on 2/17 did a great job. Looking forward to scheduling another one soon. She also noted that the Potomac Hunt is changing their policy for cars to park at the Potomac Hunt Races which will result in much fewer cars and hopefully less damage to the grounds.
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Championship Divisions Offered and Competition Eligibility Requirements by Discipline

USPC Championships has expanded by offering new divisions in every discipline at certain competition levels. Minimum age and certification requirements for ALL disciplines. There are NO exceptions for age or certification for Championships.

**DRESSAGE**

Championship Divisions:
- Jr Training Level
- Sr Training Level
- Jr First Level & Up
- Sr First Level & Up

Modified Championship Divisions:
- Jr Training Level
- Sr Training Level
- Jr First Level & Up
- Sr First Level & Up

**Dressage Eligibility Requirements of Divisions**

**Age and Certification minimum requirements:**

**Championship Divisions:**
- Must be 12 years old by Jan. 1, 2019
- Mounted: C-1 DR/EV/Flat/HSE
- Stable Manager: D-3 HM

**Modified Championship Divisions:**
- Must be 10 years old by Jan. 1, 2019
- Mounted: D-2 DR/EV/Flat/HSE
- Stable Manager: D-2 HM

**Competition minimum requirements:**

**All Levels:** (12 months preceding closing date)

**Championship Divisions:**
- A. Complete a standard regional Dressage rally.
  - Complete test 2, 3 and musical ride at the competition level. Earn a minimum score of 60% on Test 3.

**EVENTING**

Championship Division
- Jr. Beginner Novice
- Sr. Beginner Novice
- Jr. Novice
- Sr. Novice
- Jr. Training
- Sr. Training
- Jr. Preliminary
- Sr. Preliminary

Modified Championship Division:
- Jr. Beginner Novice
- Sr. Beginner Novice
- Jr. Novice
- Sr. Novice
- Jr. Training
- Sr. Training
**Eventing Eligibility Requirements of Divisions**

**Age and Certification minimum requirements:**

**Championship Divisions:**
- Must be 12 years old by Jan. 1, 2019
- *Mounted:* C-1 EV/HSE
- *Stable Manager:* D-3 HM

**Modified Championship Divisions:**
- Must be 10 years old by Jan. 1, 2019
- *Mounted:* D-2 EV/HSE
- *Stable Manager:* D-2 HM

**Competition minimum requirements:**

**Beginner Novice and Novice:** *(12 months preceding closing date)*

**Championship Divisions:**
- A. Complete a standard regional Eventing rally and one USEA or comparable event with no more than 20 XC penalty points at the competition level.
- **B. If no standard regional rally is available in discipline.**
  - Complete two USEA or comparable events with no more than 20 XC penalty points at the competition level and complete a mounted Standard Regional Rally as a rider at the minimum HM certification level and prove Vet Box knowledge.

**Training:** *(18 months preceding closing date)*

**Championship Division:**
- A. Complete standard regional Eventing rally at the competition level and two USEA or comparable event with no more than 20 XC penalty points.
- **B. If no standard regional rally is available in discipline.**
  - Complete three USEA or comparable events with no more than 20 XC penalty points at the competition level and complete a mounted standard regional rally as a rider at the minimum HM certification level and prove Vet Box knowledge.

**Preliminary:** *(18 months preceding closing date)*

**Championship Division:**
- A. Complete standard regional Eventing rally and two USEA or comparable event with no more than 20 XC penalty points at the competition level.
- **B. If no standard regional rally is available in discipline.**
  - Complete three USEA or comparable events with no more than 20 XC penalty points at the competition level and participate in another mounted standard rally as a rider at the minimum HM certification level and prove Vet Box knowledge.

**Modified Championship Division:**
- Not Available
**GAMES**

**Championship Divisions:**
- Junior Team: 12-17
- Advanced Pairs: 18+

**Modified Championship Divisions:**
- Junior Team: 10-17
- Senior Pairs: 18+

Games Eligibility Requirements of Divisions

Age and Certification minimum requirements:

**Championship Divisions**
- Must be 12 years old by Jan. 1, 2019
- Mounted: C-1 DR/EV/Flat/HSE

**Modified Championship Divisions**
- Must be 10 years old by Jan. 1, 2019
- Mounted: D-2 DR/EV/Flat/HSE

Competition minimum requirements:

**All Levels:** (12 months preceding closing date)

**Championship Divisions:**
- A. Complete a standard regional Games rally at the competition level

**POLOCROSSE**

**Championship Divisions:**
- Novice
- Intermediate
- Advanced

**Polocrosse Eligibility Requirements of Divisions**

Age and Certification minimum requirements:

**Championship Divisions**
- Must be 12 years old by Jan. 1, 2019
- Mounted: C-1 DR/EV/Flat/HSE
- Stable Manager: D-3 HM

**Modified Championship Divisions**
- Must be 10 years old by Jan. 1, 2019
- Mounted: D-2 DR/EV/Flat/HSE
- Stable Manager: D-2 HM

Competition minimum requirements:

**All Levels:** (12 months preceding closing date)

**Championship Divisions:**
- A. Must compete in a standard regional Polocrosse rally at the competition level.
- B. *If no standard regional rally is available in discipline*, compete in an APA sanctioned tournament at the competition level and participate in a mounted standard regional rally as a rider or stable manager at the minimum HM certification the level.

**Modified Championship Divisions:**
- A. Participate in a standard regional Polocrosse rally at the competition level.
- B. *If no standard regional rally is available in discipline*, participate in a modified regional Polocrosse rally at the competition level.
- C. *If no modified region rally available in discipline*, participate in an APA play-day or tournament at the competition level and participate in a mounted regional rally as a rider or stable manager at the minimum HM certification the level.
QUIZ

**Championship Divisions:**
- Junior D 12-17
- Junior C/H-B 12-17
- Senior D 18+
- Senior C/H-B 18+
- H-B/H/H-A 14+ (two man teams)

**Modified Championship Divisions:**
- Novice D 10-11
- Novice C 10-11
- Junior D 12-17
- Senior D 18+

**Quiz Eligibility Requirements of Divisions**

**Age and Certification minimum requirements:**

**Championship Divisions:**
- Must be 12 years old by Jan. 1, 2019
- D-3 HM

**Competition minimum requirements:**

**All Levels:** *(12 months preceding closing date)*

**Championship Divisions:**
- A. Complete a standard regional Quiz rally at the competition level.

**SHOW JUMPING**

**Championship Divisions:**
- Jr. Introductory
- Sr. Introductory
- Jr. Developing Horse/Rider
- Sr. Developing Horse/Rider
- Jr. Advanced
- Sr. Advanced

**Show Jumping Eligibility Requirements of Divisions**

**Age and Certification minimum requirements:**

**Championships:**
- Must be 12 years old by Jan. 1, 2019
- Mounted: C-1 EV/HSE
- Stable Manager: D-3 HM

**Competition minimum requirements:**

**All Levels:** *(12 months preceding closing date)*

**Championship Divisions:**
- A. Complete a standard regional Show Jumping rally.
  - Complete 3 rounds at the competition level with 12 or fewer jumping faults and no eliminations in the designated qualifying rounds.
- Modified Championship Divisions:
  - Jr. Introductory
  - Sr. Introductory
  - Jr. Developing Horse/Rider
  - Sr. Developing Horse/Rider

**Modified Championships:**
- Must be 10 years old by Jan. 1, 2019
- Mounted: D-2 EV/HSE
- Stable Manager: D-2 HM

**Modified Championship Divisions:**
- A. Participate in a standard regional SJ rally and complete (without elimination) a minimum of 2 rounds at the competition level with 24 or fewer jumping faults.
- B. *If no standard regional rally is available in discipline.*
  - Participate in a modified regional Show Jumping rally and complete (without elimination) a minimum of 2 rounds at the competition level with 24 or fewer jumping faults.
TETRATHLON

Championship Divisions:
Novice  12-13
Intermediate  14-15
Junior  16-17
Senior  18+

Modified Championship Divisions:
Pre-Novice Team  10-11
Novice  12-13
Intermediate  14-15
Junior  16-17
Senior  18+

Tetrathlon Eligibility Requirements of Divisions

Age and Certification minimum requirements:

Championship Divisions:
Must be 12 years old by Jan. 1, 2019
Mounted: C-1 EV/HSE
Stable Manager: D-3 HM

Modified Championship Divisions:
Must be 10 years old by Jan. 1, 2019
Mounted: D-2 EV/HSE
Stable Manager: D-2 HM

Competition minimum requirements:

Pre - Novice: (12 months preceding closing date)
Championship Divisions:
Not Available

Novice and Intermediate: (12 months preceding closing date)
Championship Divisions:
A. Complete a standard regional Tetrathlon rally at the competition level; earn a total minimum score of 2600 and a minimum score of 550 in the riding phase.

Junior and Senior: (12 months preceding closing date)
Championship Divisions:
A. Complete a standard regional Tetrathlon rally at the competition level; earn a total minimum score of 2800 and a minimum score of 550 in the riding phase.

Modified Championship Divisions:
A. Participate in a standard regional Tetrathlon rally at the competition level.
B. If no standard regional rally is available in discipline.
Participate in a modified regional Tetrathlon rally at the competition level.

Modified Championship Divisions:
A. Participate in a standard regional Tetrathlon rally at the competition level.
B. If no standard regional rally is available in discipline.
Participate in a modified regional Tetrathlon rally at the competition level.
WESTERN DRESSAGE

Championship Divisions:
Jr Basic Level
Sr Basic Level
Jr Level 1 & Up
Sr Level 1 & Up

Western Dressage Eligibility Requirements of Divisions
Age and Certification minimum requirements:

Championship Divisions:
Must be 12 years old by Jan. 1, 2019
Mounted: C-1 DR/EV/Flat/HSE/WST
Stable Manager: D-3 HM

Competition minimum requirements:
All Levels: (12 months preceding closing date)

Championship Divisions:
A. Complete a standard regional Dressage rally.
   Complete Test 2, 3 and Musical Ride at the competition level. Earn a minimum score of 60% on Test 3.

Modified Championship Divisions:
Must be 10 years old by Jan. 1, 2019
Mounted: D-2 DR/EV/Flat/HSE/WST
Stable Manager: D-2 HM

Modified Championship Divisions:
A. Participate in a standard regional Dressage rally. Earn a minimum score of 55% on Test 2 at the competition level.
B. If no standard regional rally is available in discipline.
   Participate in a modified regional Dressage rally. Earn a minimum score of 55% on Test 2 at the competition level.