

## SENECA VALLEY PONY CLUB



# SVPC News

May 2015

### SAVE THE DATES

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

**Capital Region  
Show Jumping Rally: June 28, 2015**

**Mandatory Meeting for Champs  
Competitors:**

**July 1, 2015**

**ABC and D  
Camps: July 6-10,  
2015**

**Sponsors Meeting:  
July 18, 2015**

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

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## Games Rally Recap

Seneca Valley Pony Club had two teams compete at

Mitch W. played well together and had a great day. They took first



place in horse management and second in riding (first for Capital Region

of Stephanie C., Coltin M., Eliza M. and Sadie M. was successful in riding and loved playing together as a team.

SVPC offers ongoing lessons in games and encourages members who would like to give games a try to attend a lesson. Check the lessons website for details.

the joint Maryland and Capital Region Games Rally on May 17th at the Carroll County Equestrian Center.

The Red Hot Chili Peppers junior games team of Chloe B., Piper F., Mallary G. and Howard Pony Club's

teams). The team was honored to win the chance to represent Capital Region at the USPC Championships East in July.

The senior games team



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 Leg-ends, 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

## Rallies Approaching

On June 13 and June 14 the Capital Region will have their Eventing Rally at the SVPC Spring Horse Trials.

Capital Region's Show Jumping Rally will take place at Bascule Farm on Sunday, June 28th. The entry forms are due to Leslie Case by June 3 for

any SVPC members planning to attend the rally.

For show jumping rally all participants are required to have a coach. This year SVPC is asking members to arrange for their own coach at the rally. Any SVPC member who would

like the club to arrange for coaching at the rally should contact Leslie Case.

In the fall Capital Region will be hosting the non-qualifying eventing rally and dressage rally. The region is also hoping to host a Tetrathlon Rally in the fall as well.

## Welcome New Members

SVPC would like to welcome new members who have joined in the past month. Jenny B., Alexandra B., and Charlotte N. rejoined SVPC. In addition,

welcome to Emily P. It's not too late to join SVPC and participate in subsidized lessons, rallies and fun days. Contact

our membership chair Candace Gerrety (cgerrety@verizon.net) if you know of someone interested in joining SVPC.

If you haven't signed up for a job at the upcoming spring horse trials, contact Yvonneke Weitzel. SVPC is able to offer subsidized lessons, rallies and activities to members based on the success of our fundraisers. Her email is yvonnekeweitzel@gmail.com.

# Certification Secrets Revealed

Congratulations to Piper F and Jenna R for getting their D3 Certification!

Are you 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.

Members register for national certifications on the USPC website after consulting with Leslie Case and Sheila Jackson.

The cliché “Practice makes perfect” applies to pony club certifications.

As new members take their D1 certification, they are introduced to the structure of a pony club rating. During the certification, pony club examiners evaluate candidates on very specific knowledge and skills.

All pony club certification test sheets are available online on the USPC website. USPC also provides flow charts and there are study guides online available to help members organize the information needed for the certification.

Before a test, candidates at every level should study the test sheet raters will be using to eval-

uate them.

Some clubs and centers in the region do not allow candidates to attempt a test if they haven't demonstrated the skills and knowledge. Because our club doesn't have a single instructor or the ability to evaluate each candidate as they ask to be certified, members must take responsibility to make sure they are prepared for their certification. Members who are older and been through the certification process are excellent resources for younger members. Reach out by phone or email to other members in the club and ask them to help you prepare for your certification. This year the National Examiner lessons have been an incredible opportunity

for members to ride in front of National Examiners who test pony club members at every level and in many cases who help write the standards of proficiency that riders are being tested on during their certifications.

Cathy Frederickson encouraged riders to stretch themselves to warm up before mounting and said she sees a noticeable improvement in riders when they take the time to stretch.

Be sure to review the attire for your certification, required materials such as record books, bandages or lunge lines, and be confident in the information and your skills.

Take your time and ask for help as you prepare.

**USPC has posted the Gold Book online. If you're planning to go to Championships, please download the Gold Book and review the rules and information.**

# Council April Meeting Recap

**Financial Report** – Sheila felt expenses running in line for the year so far.

**Regional Meeting Report** – Most of the regional meeting was spent recapping the Quiz Rally.

**Membership Report** – Candace continues to work on membership — thank you, Candace for all of your hard work!!

**Lessons Committee** – Candace reported everything seems to be running smoothly.

**Certifications Update** – Maureen reported on D-C1 certifications. Leslie mentioned that Nicole Potter is handling C2 certifications for the region. Above C2 is handled by Nationals. Members interested in C2 and above certifications are responsible for submitting their own paperwork to the region.

**Bittersweet Field** – Debby reported that the temporary ring will be put up by Kip's Corner after the Hunt Races and will stay in place the rest of the year. The new schooling standards will be set up in the ring. Debby mentioned that the 8 portables SVPC purchased in 2009 for BBN have been used for the starter trials. Members have asked about those being left out year

round. Debby said that if those portables were left out year round, we would need to purchase new ones for the starter because it would be too much work to move them around for the starter and they wouldn't hold up well if used for both everyday use and competition use. The cost to replace would be approximately \$6,000.

**Horse Trials** – Nancy reported that she had the first organizing meeting and planning is moving forward for this year. However, for 2016 the fall horse trials date will now conflict with the AECs on an every other year basis. This will have a huge impact on the horse trials for competitors, volunteers, officials, vendors, etc.

**Quiz Rally Recap** – Yvonneke reported that the kids were fantastic and the presenters really prepared the kids well. SVPC went home with the high point trophy. Goal for next year is to get more SVPC kids involved as competitors and presenters.

**Camps** –ABC and D camps are July 6th-10th. Price for ABC Camp would be \$400 for SVPC and \$450 for non-SVPC and D Camp would be \$125 for SVPC and \$150 for non-SVPC.

**Set Date for Summer Sponsors Meeting** – Saturday, July 18th will be the Sponsors Meeting.

**Junior Board Report** – Coltin presented his campaign video to run for president of junior board. Junior board will advertise the elections to the club and then hold elections at their next meeting. Tonight they called members to try to convince members to attend the HM clinic. They would really like a clinic with Phillip Dutton. He is not available on a date that works for camp so they will look into another date for a stand-alone clinic. Discussed having a cupcake war at the horse trials with SVPC vs. PPC. Shannon mentioned inviting other clubs to participate as well. They will work on this idea. For camp, they are interested in a nutrition seminar, show jump with Ray Wheeler, dressage with Aviva or Sioban, lunging, show jumping with Jacquelyn, show jumping with Packy, shooting, vaulting.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:00 pm.







Water jump during the Potomac Hunt Races



Mallary at the Games Rally capturing a flag.

# SVPC PHOTOS

Members, submit your photos to Leslie Case for the newsletter. We love to hear your news and feature photos of you in the newsletter.



Congratulations to SVPC's Maggie for completing the PATH International Approved Instructor Training Course.



SVPC Membership Chair and Lesson Coordinator Candace participated in the reenactment of Abraham Lincoln's final ride from the White House to his cottage 3.5 miles through downtown DC. (Candace far right)



Coltin, Sadie and Stephanie (minus Eliza) smiling for the camera.



## Individual Rider Registration Sheet- Show Jumping

Your Club or Center: \_\_\_\_\_

Rider's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Certification: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you intend to participate in Championships for Show Jumping if you qualify? No \_\_\_ Yes\* \_\_\_

\*If yes, complete and include "Intent to Qualify for Show Jumping Championships~ 2015" form

Name of Mount: \_\_\_\_\_ (Attach negative coggins)

SVPC Subsidized Rally Fees

\$42.50 per Rider

\$12.50 per Rising Star

Qualifying Divisions: Choose one

Must be 12 years old and a D-3:

\_\_\_ Introductory Division (2' 6")

\_\_\_ Developing Horse / Rider (DHR) (3')

Must be 12 years old and a C-1:

Modified Division

\_\_\_ Horse 1 or Large Pony (3' 3")

Check one: \_\_\_ horse \_\_\_ large pony

Regular Division

\_\_\_ Horse 2 (3' 6") \_\_\_ Horse 3 (3' 9")

\_\_\_ Horse 4 (4')

Non-Qualifying Division:  
Choose one

Any age and any certification:

\_\_\_ 18 inches

\_\_\_ 2'-2'3"



Rising Star Division

Any age and any certification

Parent/Guardian/Adult Volunteer for the rally: (One is required for each rider)

Volunteer's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Experience Level: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone at rally: \_\_\_\_\_

Volunteer job preferences (not guaranteed): \_\_\_ Timer \_\_\_ Gatekeeper \_\_\_ Formals Scribe \_\_\_ Ring Crew  
\_\_\_ Parking \_\_\_ HM Kits \_\_\_ Scribe for Judges \_\_\_ wherever needed!

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_ We will create shifts as long as we have enough help.

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

Return to Leslie Case at 1331 Drew Lane, Potomac MD 20854  
by June 3, 2015.



## Information and Registration Instructions for 2015 Show Jumping Rally

June 28, 2015

Bascule Farm

20800 Whites Ferry Rd. ~ Poolesville, MD 20837

### We can't wait to see everyone for this year's Show Jumping Rally!

Please read all instructions carefully and turn in *complete* club or center packets.

Each competitor will need to complete the following forms:

- Individual Rider Registration Sheet- Show Jumping
- Intent to Qualify for Show Jumping Championships- 2015 sheet (if this applies to you)

*Rally Fees SVAC: 142.50 (12.50 Rising Star)*

Each club/center must designate a Show Jumping Rally Registration Preparer. The Preparer will complete the following forms and turn in the entire packet with payment for his/her club or center to the Rally Secretary by the due date which is **May 31, 2015**

- Team Registration Sheet- Show Jumping (one for each team)
- Club/Center Entry Packet Checklist & Cover Sheet

Rally Organizer/Coordinator: Good Choice Riding Center & Wakefield Valley Pony Club

Rally Secretary: Nichole Ballard, Wakefield Valley Pony Club  
1001 Gullo Rd. New Windsor, MD 21776  
[nballard@yasevents.com](mailto:nballard@yasevents.com)

#### Tentative Rally Day Schedule

- |   |    |   |
|---|----|---|
| 6 | AM | Grounds Open  |
| 7 | AM | Briefings Begin at the HM Tent area for Competitors,<br>Parent & Adult Volunteers and Coaches |

A more detailed Rally Schedule will be available on Rally Day!

#### Rising Stars Info:

Rising Stars will be notified after schedule is completed what time they should arrive at rally.  
The Rising Stars come with parents/trainer to be handed off at HM area at time TBA by e-mail.

#### Rising Stars Preparation:

1. Mount with rider dressed to ride with hair ready to put adjusted helmet on.
2. Tack with good fit (do not put on mount)
3. Hay net with hay for 1 hour standing time
4. Full water bucket for drinking
5. Grooming kit
6. A filled wash bucket, sponge and sweat scraper
7. All items well labeled with riders name

All clubs/centers:  
Please plan to send  
some parents and  
volunteers to Bascule  
Farm on Saturday,  
June 27th to set up  
for the rally. Look for  
details about timing.  
Thank you!

### Championship East in Lexington, Virginia July 22-26, 2015

The Capital Region Show Jumping Championship Team will be created based on our regional rally results which will be posted following the rally.

The estimated costs associated with competing at Championships East in Lexington, VA include:

Entry Fee: \$1620/4 rider team; \$405 per individual	Lodging: 3-night minimum
Mandatory Coaching Fee: \$100/rider	Hotel: \$73-179/night
Travel: 200 miles (one way)	Camping: \$34-120/night

If you intend to compete in Championships should you qualify, please complete Intent to Qualify for Show Jumping Championships- 2015 form and include this sheet with your rally paperwork. Thank you!

Contact [LeslieCase@aol.com](mailto:LeslieCase@aol.com)  
with questions.





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## D-CAMP 2015 SVPC MEMBERS

We have another exciting week planned for D-Camp this year! D Camp is a trailer-in half-day camp for current USPC members in the Capital Region. D Camp is hosted by Seneca Valley Pony Club at Bittersweet Field - 14401B Partnership Road, Poolesville, MD 20837. It is a daily program from Monday, July 6, 2015 to Friday, July 10, 2015 from 9a.m.-1p.m.

Monday – Thursday will be a combination of mounted instructed lessons (flat and jumping), mounted fun lessons (games, trail rides, etc.), and unmounted lessons in Horse Management. The lessons will focus on the USPC Standards of Proficiency.

Friday will be a mini-horse trails offering Intro – BN levels.

We will also have daily crafts!

The cost per Camper for the week is \$125.00 for SVPC members. Campers should bring a lunch, snacks, & drinks each day. Please bring lots of hay and water for your horses.

To participate, please complete and mail the attached registration form, a check made payable to SVPC, and a copy of your horse's current coggins to be received no later than June 1, 2015 to Shelley Heron, 19720 Bucklodge Road, Boyds, MD 20841. Registration is limited. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please email or call me.

Thanks!

Shelley Heron  
shelleyheron@me.com  
(240) 480-7383





## D-CAMP

### 2015 SVPC MEMBER REGISTRATION

D-Camp will be daily from Monday July 6, 2015 to Friday, July 10, 2015 from 9a.m.-1p.m. at Bittersweet Field.

The cost per SVPC Member is \$125.00. Campers to bring a lunch, snacks, & drinks each day.

Please mail this completed registration form, your payment for \$125.00, and a copy of your pony's current coggins no later than June 1, 2015. Please make your check payable to SVPC and mail to: Shelley Heron, 19720 Bucklodge Road, Boyds, MD 20841.

Camper Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Rating or Riding Ability if Unrated: \_\_\_\_\_

Pony/Horse Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Pony/Horse Size: \_\_\_\_\_ Rider Shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian: (must be available during camp hours) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/ Guardian Contact Numbers: Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Work: \_\_\_\_\_ Home: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Camper E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Camper Allergies/Health/Food Issues: \_\_\_\_\_

Pony/Horse Allergies/Health Issues: \_\_\_\_\_

1 Volunteer per Rider is requested, please provide Volunteer Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Volunteer Cell Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Volunteer E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Does Camper want to participate in mini-horse trials on Friday? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Desired Level: Intro \_\_\_\_\_ (poles) Elem \_\_\_\_\_ (cross rails 18"-2') BBN \_\_\_\_\_ (2'3") BN \_\_\_\_\_ (2'6")

Does Camper want to Rate after camp? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Level: D-1 \_\_\_\_\_ D-2 \_\_\_\_\_ D-3 \_\_\_\_\_ C-1 \_\_\_\_\_



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## ABC CAMP 2015 FOR SVPC MEMBERS

We are offering a one week daily trailer-in Camp for current SVPC members rated as A, B, or C. ABC Camp is hosted by Seneca Valley Pony Club at Bittersweet Field (14401B Partnership Road, Poolesville, MD 20837) from Monday, July 6 – Friday, July 10.

Monday (12 – 5 pm) will be group mounted and unmounted lessons.

Tuesday-Thursday (9 am – 5 pm) will be two mounted and one unmounted lesson each day. Instruction includes National Examiners Cathy Frederickson and Richard Lamb, private dressage lessons with Aviva Nebesky and group show jump lessons with Ray Wheeler.

Friday (9 am – 5 pm) will be two mounted and one unmounted lesson, including a cross-country lesson with Jacquelyn Dickey.

This will be an intensive week of riding and a great prep for Champs!

We will also have special presentations on many topics. Campers should bring a lunch, snacks, & drinks each day. Please also bring lots of hay and water for your horses!

The participation options for current SVPC members are as follows:

Monday-Friday HM only is \$150 per participant

Monday-Friday Flat & HM only is \$250 per participant

Monday-Friday Complete Experience is \$400 per participant

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Thanks!

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## ABC CAMP 2015 REGISTRATION SVPC MEMBERS

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Camper Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Current Rating: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Horse Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Horse Height: \_\_\_\_\_

Camper E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Camper Shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian: (must be available during camp hours) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Contact Numbers: Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_

Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Camper Allergies/Health/Food Issues: \_\_\_\_\_

Horse Allergies/Health Issues: \_\_\_\_\_

1 Volunteer per Rider is requested, please provide Volunteer Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Volunteer Cell Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Volunteer E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Participation Option:

\_\_\_\_\_ Monday - Friday HM only \$150 per participant

\_\_\_\_\_ Monday - Friday Flat & HM only \$250 per participant

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