



## SAVE THE DATES

### SVPC Fall Sponsor's Meeting:

**Saturday, October 25th at 6 pm at the Chong Home**

### CI Certification:

**Sunday, October 26th at Woodstock**

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## Sponsors Meeting

Every member of SVPC should have received an electronic invitation to the Saturday, October 25 sponsors meeting at the Chong home, 18624 Black Kettle Drive, Boyds, MD 20841, beginning at 6 pm. Our club will provide the main dish and families will

bring side dishes and desserts to the sponsor's meeting. At the meeting sponsors will vote on the proposed slate of officers for 2015, proposed policy revisions, a calendar for 2015 and on the operating budget for the club.

We hope to see everyone at the meeting to enjoy some food, fun and friends and to celebrate a successful year of pony club.

If you haven't received the online invitation, please contact Annette at [annette@rentone.com](mailto:annette@rentone.com).

*Join us at the Sponsors Meeting on  
Saturday, October 25th!*

## Membership Renewals

Check your email for details on how to sign up for pony club in 2015. USPC has emailed club members with links to renew online for USPC. SVPC members will receive packets to renew regional and club

membership. If you are not planning to renew your membership or if you have friends who are interested in joining SVPC, please contact Candace Gerrerty at [cgerrerty@verizon.net](mailto:cgerrerty@verizon.net) as soon as possible.

USPC membership should be completed online and SVPC membership forms should be returned via mail to Candace.

## Easy Money

Easy 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

## Thank You SVPC Volunteers

As a member of SVPC, opportunities to volunteer come up frequently. Our club hosts two recognized horse trials, two starter trials, a derby, club fun days and certifications. We participate in rallies and hold lessons and clinics for members.

Volunteering is not mandatory, but the dedication and hard work of our members and their families are the foundations of our club. Volunteers

plan and execute all activities for our members. Thank you to everyone for their efforts to make our club strong.

At the recent horse trials, the father of an international professional rider told me when his daughter looks for people to work for her, she seeks out former pony club members because of their attention to detail, ability to be on time and understanding of presentation. She sees

lots of good riders, but riders who have competed in pony club have practiced valuable skills in their pony club activities.

Your volunteer efforts provide opportunities for SVPC members to develop character, leadership, confidence and a sense of community. Choose areas you would like to help run in 2015 on the form in your membership packet.

## 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 – Sheila presented reports through August 31. She said the profit is higher than budgeted so the financial outlook is positive year to date.

Budget Items for 2015 Budget Planning – Leslie mentioned that the scoring shed is leaking in several spots, so need to have structure evaluated and determine cost to repair roof. The Council discussed possible capital improvements to the field.

Nancy would like a good site map to post on the website, add to the horse trials programs, and post at horse trials.

Nancy suggested looking into the purchase or rental of bleachers.

Judy mentioned that not enough room on stadium judges stand, and Debby is working on a solution for the judges stand.

Other ideas are brochures and a riding mower.

Membership Report – Candace sent out a notice to members that renewal information will be forthcoming.

Lessons Committee – We have a bit of a lull with rallies wrapping up. She is working on revamping the lesson program for 2015 and will provide information as the program develops.

Regional Meeting Report – Leslie reported that neither

she nor Debby were able to attend the region meeting this month. Next month's regional meeting will be an officers only meeting, so no SVPC officers will be present.

Certifications Update – Leslie reported that Maureen said she has only had 1 person interested in a fall rating, so opening it up to the region to see if can get more people. Debby is working on finding a rater and date tentative for 10/25. Once get people signed up, Maureen will schedule a mock prep. [Note after the meeting the date was changed to 10/26].

Horse Trials & Starter Update – Nancy said we had a high number of professionals competing. Also had a record number of Prelim riders this year. Nancy and Debby feel we had a great group of volunteers that work well together. Paul and Pam Heemskerk are a great addition in dressage. Pam Blumberg helped this year and will continue to help as long as not involved in setup/cleanup, but really need to find replacement for her. Everything ran smoothly and SVPC got lots of compliments.

Field Use – Discussed the schooling XC jumps purchased by the club. Leslie said that she has been asked about these

jumps and if they can be set out for use. Debby said they can be put in tree lines and some in the field, but will need to mow. Lauren said she will look into getting someone to mow. Lauren said she could also talk to Sheri Thornley about creating course.

Rally Updates:

Dressage Rally – SVPC had 3 teams and everything ran well. NQ Rally – SVPC has 1 team of young Ds with experienced guardian angel and stable manager.

Nominating Committee – Candace said they have a slate. Going to ask 1-2 more members if want to be on council.

SVPC Policy Revision – Possible revisions to be voted on at the Sponsor's Meeting.

Other Business – SVPC needs to find out the timing of a peer audit.

Junior Board Report – The Jr Board recommend having the vet presentation mid-day on a Saturday to try to get more participation. They would like to have more non-horse activities like a movie night, paint ball/laser tag, ice cream social, eat at Chipotle. Members asked for more xc jumps at Bittersweet so can use them more often. They would like jumps set with BN, N, T.

The next Council meeting will take place on Tuesday, October 14th.



Congratulations to Ema K on getting her HA Certification.

Reagan C received her C2 jumping certification.

Way to go Ema and Reagan!

Interested in a D1-C1 Certification, contact Maureen Bigelow at [maureenbigelow@yahoo.com](mailto:maureenbigelow@yahoo.com).

## Certifications

Please sign up on the lessons website if you're interested in a D1-C1 certification. Maureen Bigelow organizes the D1 to C1 certifications for SVPC.

C2 certifications are organized by the region and the members interested in participating must complete an intent form. Forms are posted on the Capital Region website.

Anyone wishing to take a C3 and higher certification must sign up on the USPC website at [www.ponyclub.org](http://www.ponyclub.org) at

**least 12 weeks prior to the certification.** Members that sign up late pay a late fee if they are able to register late for a certification.

Capital region will be hosting an HA, HB and C3 certification this fall. Registration is online at [www.ponyclub.org](http://www.ponyclub.org) and you must contact Sheila Jackson to arrange for payment.

Do you have questions on certifications? If you are unrated-D3, please contact Maureen Bigelow at

[maureenbigelow@yahoo.com](mailto:maureenbigelow@yahoo.com).

For C2 certifications, Nicole Potter [pottenic@wcps.k12.md.us](mailto:pottenic@wcps.k12.md.us) is the contact for questions. Members interested in C3 and up should review the USPC website and contact Leslie Case [leslie-case@aol.com](mailto:leslie-case@aol.com) with questions.

Watch the lessons website and google group emails for details on preps offered by SVPC to prepare members for certifications.

## Rally Season Complete

The 2014 rally season is officially complete, and we've even participated in the 2015 qualifying dressage rally.

SVPC had three full teams at the dressage rally and a complete team at the non-qualifying eventing rally. At the dressage rally Madison, Mallory, Sammi and Kristin took first place in horse management without the benefit of having a stable manager! Their preparation for the rally was evident. They placed second in division 2. Seneca's Salute the Chocolate

with Ema, Lexi, Kevin and Katrina took third place in division I and had stable manager Tayler working hard throughout the day. Shannon, Audrey, Ariana and Abbey placed third in division 3. The team was supported by Ela as stable manager. Ema took 2nd place in the musical freestyles and Shannon took 6th place. Audrey and Kevin got a blue ribbon for their pas de deux.

The day at Bascule was a wonderful experience for horses, riders and their families.

For the 2014 non-qualifying eventing rally, SVPC's Pony Pals with Ariana, Kristin, Catherine and Lexi placed first in riding and second in horse management. Stable manager Audrey celebrated her 16th birthday by working with the team of new eventers and Shannon volunteered as a guardian angel for the day.

Thank you to the parent volunteers at these rallies and to the SVPC organizers Karrie Recknor and Tricia Tripp for your hard work.

# JUMPS AT THE FIELD FOR SVPC MEMBERS

XC AND STADIUM WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SCHOOLING OVER THE NEXT FEW WEEKS!



Please send photos you'd like in the newsletter to [lesliecase@aol.com](mailto:lesliecase@aol.com).

Members say one of their favorite parts of the newsletter is seeing members and their families in the photos.

