

SENECA VALLEY PONY CLUB NEWSLETTER

October 2020

UPCOMING DATES

October 18 Jump Show at PPC

October 21 XC Lesson with Stephen Bradley at Bittersweet

October 25 Capital Region Quiz Rally

October 30 SVPC Annual Sponsors Meeting via Zoom at 7 pm

November 7 Socially Distanced SVPC Club Day at Bittersweet

July 19-26, 2021 USPC Festival

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL UNDERWAY

Membership renewal for 2021 is underway. Current members who have SVPC as their primary club should have received an email from USPC with details on how to renew national USPC membership. Once a member renews with USPC, they must also complete renewal of their Capital Region/SVPC membership.

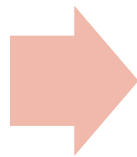
Membership renewal paperwork for SVPC and Capital Region is on our website. **SVPC has decided to waive the 2021 SVPC \$50 per family membership fee for returning 2020 members that are in good standing.** Capital Region has dropped their membership fee from \$35 per member to \$15 per member for returning members.

If your Pony Clubber is 18 or older, they will need to sign on and renew themselves. Parents, you can still pay for them of course, but they must sign their own forms.

Renewal packets for SVPC can be completed electronically this year. We have links on our website at <http://www.senecavalleyponyclub.org/2021-membership-information.html>

If you have any questions or are having difficulties, please do not hesitate to contact Lisa Bromley at maxbo22@comcast.net. She will be happy to help walk you through the process! If you plan not to renew in 2021, please let Lisa know so we can make sure we don't bombard you with reminder to renew emails.

USPC Renewal
Online



SVPC and Capital
Region Renewal

NOMINATING COMMITTEE HAS LOTS OF POSITIONS TO FILL FOR 2021

SVPC's nominating committee of Lauren McBain, Jacquelyn Dickey and Terry LaMotte is working to fill positions for 2021. Our club is run by volunteers consisting of parents of members and past members. Every volunteer is valuable and we appreciate all of the time and effort our club gives to bring benefits to our SVPC members. Please take a look at the list below and see if any of the positions are ones you might be able to fill in 2021. Here are some of the positions that are open that need SVPC parents to volunteer for:

Joint-DC: Assisting the DC is running the club and organizing volunteers. This volunteer can choose what areas they are interested in focusing on. We currently have a joint-DC in charge of membership and are looking for a second joint-DC to assist the DC. The joint-DC is an officer of the club and helps make club decisions.

Treasurer: Using Quickbooks to track the club's finances and update the USPC financial tracking system. This job typically takes about an hour a week and is busier around the horse trials. The treasurer is an officer of the club and helps make club decisions.

Certifications: Volunteer to organize a spring and fall certification for SVPC members wanting a D1-C2 certification. This volunteer coordinates with members to select a date for certifications and schedules the examiner for the certification. They communicate with candidates and parents to make sure the venue is set up for the certification and that we have an independent observer on site during the certification.

Lessons Committee Chair: Shelley Heron has been a phenomenal lessons committee chair and has organized her committee of parent volunteers to organize lessons for the club and make sure we are adhering to the financial plan and offering a variety of lessons for our members. She is willing to mentor the new person taking on this position. We also need parents willing to organize lessons to be a part of this committee.

Dressage Rally Coordinator: This person coordinates SVPC members planning to attend the regional dressage rally and makes sure payments are made to the region and club subsidies are applied for members. The rally organizer suggests teams to the DC for the rally, but the region reserves the right to make changes to teams with their goal of allowing as many regional members to participate as possible. We also need a Quiz rally coordinator, but the region may not do an additional Quiz rally in 2021 with the Quiz rally they are hosting in October of 2020.

Website Coordinator: Our club website is currently hosted on Weebly. The user-friendly site is easy to update. We need a website coordinator who makes sure the information on the site is updated regularly and creates sign ups for club activities.

Horse Trials Dressage Phase Steward: The dressage steward at the horse trials organizes ring set up and tests prior to the rally and coordinates the dressage judges, scribes and volunteers during the rally. This position can be shared and the nominating committee has one SVPC parent interested who is looking to share the position. Lisa Rowe has been our incredible dressage steward the past several years and has done an incredible job.

Parking Steward: We need a parent willing to coordinate the parking team at the horse trials. This position involves setting up cones and signage prior to the horse trials and overseeing the parking volunteers. Early morning volunteering both days of the horse trials. Drake Weitzel would love it if we have a new parent to take on this role for the club and he can meet with the new volunteer and train them.

If you are interested in learning more about these positions, please feel free to reach out to [Lauren McBain](#), [Jacquelyn Dickey](#) or [Terry LaMotte](#) for details on how to sign up to help.

Please contact any SVPC officers or committee chairs with questions. We are here to help navigate the pony club world and opportunities.

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If you need anything, please don't hesitate to reach out.

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.

QUIZ RALLY SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 25

The Capital Region has announced they plan to run a socially distant, outdoor quiz rally on October 25 at Good Choice Riding Center. Watch your email for details on the rally.

SVPC is looking for a parent willing to assist with Mega Room for the rally. Yvonneke Weitzel who has done this job for several years is willing to train. The region asks each club to contribute to the rally to make sure that the region is able to offer the rally to members. We are also looking for a parent willing to coordinate SVPC's team members attending the rally and their registration with the region. Please contact Leslie Case at lesliecase@aol.com if you're able to assist.

WATCH SVPC WEBSITE FOR LESSON SIGN UPS

SVPC's lessons committee is hard at work planning lessons for this fall. Lessons will be socially distanced and we will ask members to wear masks when not mounted and be sure to follow safe practices.

We have **Stephen Bradley on Wednesday, October 21** at Bittersweet teaching elementary levels of cross country jumping and up. Sign up on our website by October 7. Stephen Bradley is one of the most recognized eventers in the world, holding titles shared by only a select group of American riders. This Olympian won England's prestigious Land Rover Burghley CCI4*, becoming one of only two Americans to do so. His mentor, Bruce Davidson, won the title 23 years prior! Stephen also won Canada's Checkmate International CCI3* an unprecedented three times in a row. He is a two-time Pan American Games Gold medalist and was named Equestrian Athlete of the Year by the U.S. Olympic Committee. He is a Rolex Kentucky Three-Day Event Champion, and Stephen has been named to one U.S. Olympic team, one World Equestrian Games (WEG) team, and has been short listed for 3 out of 5 U.S. World Equestrian Games teams, and 4 out of 5 U.S. Olympic teams. Sign up is at <http://www.senecavalleyponyclub.org/stephen-bradley-on-1021.html>

WEEKLY PONY CLUB LESSONS: CONTACT ANY OF THESE GREAT INSTRUCTORS FOR LESSONS

Chris Donovan: Chris Donovan runs the Area 2 young riders program. Her focus is on enjoying your horse with safety as the key. Chris coaches serious riders through Preliminary, but also enjoys teaching the unrated and D's.

Chris usually teaches three nights a week in the Seneca Valley Pony Club area between 530-9pm. Pony clubbers pay \$30 for a group lesson of up to four kids. Some facilities have a ring fee that they are also responsible for. She will not travel if we don't have at least four kids.

Mondays and Fridays Chris is at Sugarland. They have a \$20 haul in fee per horse. Tuesday or Wednesday depending on weather- Chris is at Bittersweet, Potomac Pony Club field (\$10 from non PPC members), or Woodstock.

Chris Donovan
703-261-3377

Jacquelyn Dickey: Jacquelyn is happy to help anyone at Bittersweet Field upon request. She offers a \$40 Pony Club rate if members come to Bittersweet. To find out more visit Jacquelyn's website, riding-innovations.com. It will be up and going in the next week or so. Happy to help all levels of horse and rider combinations.

Huntboots@gmail.com
401-714-4693

Ema Klugman: Ema Klugman is a longtime member of Seneca Valley Pony Club. She has achieved all three possible "A" ratings: A-traditional, A-show jumping, and A-dressage. She competes successfully at the four-star level and was named this year to the Australian High Performance Next Squad, which develops a pipeline of riders for future world championships and Olympic games. Last year, she graduated magna cum laude from Duke University. She enjoys teaching students of all levels, and also takes horses in for sale or training.

Rates: \$40/pony clubber, minimum two people per lesson

Prefer to teach out of my farm in Clarksburg, MD (dressage, show jumping, and cross country onsite) but can also teach at Seneca and Potomac Pony Club fields.

Contact 202-290-5890 to schedule lessons.

Eliza SanNicolas: Eliza is an instructor at Bascule Farm. She produced her late Quarab mare through Training level eventing and Second Level dressage. She started her current Arabian as a 3 year old and competed through Novice eventing before turning their focus to dressage. These experiences fuel her belief in the potential of every horse and rider pair. Her empathetic and upbeat approach makes lessons fun and positive for all students, whatever their riding goals.

Rates are \$30 for half hour private or \$25/member for hour small group (3-4) or group of 5 for 1hr 15min at Bittersweet or Potomac. Trailer-in lessons at Bascule are \$50 for private half hour or hour group. If members are dual with Potomac PC, Bascule discounts lessons for groups of 3 or more. Unmounted lessons are \$10 a member for hour+ sessions with at least 3 members.

Contact: elizasannico@gmail.com

OCTOBER 18 FIX-A-ROUND SHOW JUMPING FOR SVPC MEMBERS

Join Seneca Valley Pony Club on **Sunday, October 18** at Potomac Pony Club Field for a Jumper Show with a Fix-a-Round option. Our judge, Triple A SVPC pony club member Ema Klugman will judge up to three rounds per SVPC member. If members would like, Ema will give feedback on the first round — and provide comments on the second round! Before the rounds start, Ema will do a course walk with interested members. We anticipate beginning at 10 am, but will send out a tentative schedule once we get registrations. Please register on the form below.

We will have levels starting at poles on the ground up to over 3', depending on interest.

We will practice social distancing at the show and anyone not mounted on a horse will be required to wear a mask on the grounds. Please contact Jeni Klugman at jeni.klugman@gmail.com with questions.

This will be free for SVPC members and is being subsidized by the income from schooling days. Special thanks to all of the parents and members who have volunteered time at the schooling days to be able to bring in funds for lessons and activities this fall.

