

SENECA VALLEY PONY CLUB NEWSLETTER

Summer 2019

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS

Has your family volunteered to work at the horse trials on September 7-8 yet? If you aren't sure what job you'd like to do or have questions, please email Yvonneke Weitzel at yvonnekeweitzel@gmail.com.

Sign up has been very slow during summer vacation so we need your help getting the word out!



Congratulations to our members who got a certification this spring. Missing from photo are Olivia W and Abby R. In the photo are Olivia W, Mischa S, Hannah M and Sarah D.

CERTIFICATION INTEREST FORMS DUE

Planning is underway for the Fall Certification. Yvonneke has received intent for certification from four candidates: Isabelle L, Camille and Vivian B and Abby R.

The plan is to have the fall certification in October with HM and Riding portions to be done on two separate days.

In order to be well prepared for the certification, the candidate should go to the United States Pony Club website for the certification resources including [the standards](#), [test sheets](#), [checklists](#), [study guides](#) and [D-Level Record Book](#). The study guide is located in the first link under resources. Candidates should bring the completed study guides and Record Book on the day of the HM certification. C Level resources may be found in the noted links in the left margin under quick links.

The **Deadline** for intent of Certification is **September 1**.

Please submit intent of Certification on the Seneca Valley Pony Club website and contact me for any questions, concerns or clarification:

<http://www.senecavalleyponyclub.org/certifications.html>

Yvonneke Weitzel is our parent volunteer who organizes certifications. Please contact Yvonneke at yvonnekeweitzel@gmail.com with any questions on D1-C2 certifications.

Members interested in a HB or C3 or above national certification should review the USPC website for a list of testing dates and locations. Please contact Leslie at lesliecase@aol.com with any questions on national certifications.

Sign Up for Tet Rally

And a Tet Stadium Lesson on Sunday afternoon 9/15

TETRATHLON RALLY REGISTRATION IS OPEN

Registration is open for the Capital Region Tetrathlon Rally on September 21 and 22 at Bittersweet Field in Poolesville, Maryland. Tetrathlon involves five areas of competition: swimming, running, shooting, stadium jumping and horse management. Our region prides itself on offering a rally friendly for first time competitors as well as preparing members who plan to compete at Championships with solid preparation.

We are offering the following divisions, determined solely by age of competitor (jump heights listed for reference):

- Rising Star (under 8 years of age): Will ride poles and cross rails with coaching but compete 8 & Under other phases
- 8 & Under if age less than 8: poles and cross rails
- 10 & Under if age less than 10: 18”
- Pre-Novice Male/Female if age 10-11: 2’3”
- Novice Male/Female if age 12-13: 2’6”
- Intermediate Male/Female if age 14-15: 2’9”
- Junior Male/Female if age 16-17: 3’
- Senior Male/Female if age 18+: 3’3”
- Stable manager

*Competitors may run, swim or ride down with penalty. Non-qualifying members may run, swim or ride down with a penalty. Qualifying members must adhere to the criteria above as specified in the rulebook. To encourage safe participation competitors may ride, run, and swim down as many levels as they wish. Each drop down in height or distance will incur a 200 point deduction for the first drop and 100 points for any drop thereafter. The intention of competing at a lower level must be declared before the start of the phase. Registration is online at:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeuIXX9hinQKYzhYUyp3kTULYlWnh7e6GQbIoRorSZEdfDkjQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Jacquelyn Dickey by phone (401) 714-4693 or by e-mail huntboots@gmail.com or consult USPC Tetrathlon Rulebook or the USPC Horse Management Rulebook.

For Capital Region members, the cost for the rally is \$95 per competitor (postmarked by August 25, or \$115 (postmarked after the 25th). SVPC subsidizes 50% of the rally fees for our members. Our preferred payment method is by Paypal, with a link on the Seneca Valley Pony Club tet registration page at <http://www.senecavalleyponyclub.org/tet-rally-2019.html> and choose the 50% registration option. If you prefer to pay by check, please make your check out to: Capital Region Pony Club and mail to Jacquelyn Dickey.

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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.

SVPC WORK DAYS: ALL MEMBERS ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND

Watch your email for details on Work Days before the upcoming horse trials. We will have dressage ring set up on the Wednesday prior to the event on September 4. Contact Debby Price at 301-580-4666 if you have time to go to the field and do some work.

CONGRATULATIONS TO NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Two Seneca Valley Pony Club members received scholarships from USPC. Katrina R. received the Anson W.H. Taylor Memorial Scholarship for 2019/2020 in addition to a scholarship from the Izaak Walton League for her senior global project on equine waste management.

Ema K. received the Triple Crown Nutrition Scholarship, which awards \$1000 towards tuition and five bags of feed!

The USPC website describes the opportunities available: Pony Club administers several college scholarships to members interested in continuing their education. Pony Club is proud of its members and the opportunities it is able to provide, whether it is in the barn, on the back of a horse, or in an institute of higher learning.

Pony Club scholarships are awarded based on merit as well as essay to any member meeting the qualifications. Members must be accepted or enrolled in an institution of higher education. This may include a university, college, community college, technical, or vocational school.

REQUIREMENTS

Members may apply for one or more of the Scholarships listed below for which they meet the criteria:

Triple Crown Nutrition Scholarship: A \$1,000 scholarship awarded annually to reward Pony Club members for excellence in academic pursuits and outstanding achievements. Pony Club members who have achieved a certification higher than C-2 and have an overall GPA of at least 3.0 are eligible. In addition, the recipient will receive 5 free bags of Triple Crown Feed.

Dorothy Renfro Memorial Scholarship: A \$1,000 scholarship awarded annually for higher education to an active Pony Club member who exhibits the qualities that Dorothy Renfro valued most: leadership, horse management, and volunteering time and energy to beneficial activities. Members must have an overall average GPA of at least a 2.0 .

Stanley R. and Martha C. Helbert Scholarship: A \$1,000 scholarship awarded annually to encourage Pony Club members in their academic pursuits in Liberal Arts such as literature, music, theater, and visual arts. Members must have an overall average GPA of at least 2.0.

Jubilee Scholarship: Two (2) \$1,000 scholarships to be awarded annually to reward Pony Club members for excellence in academic pursuits and outstanding achievements. Members must have either achieved a Pony Club certification of B or higher and have at least a 2.0 average in their academics OR achieved a C-2 or higher certification and at least 3.5 GPA in their academics.

The Anson W. H. Taylor Memorial Scholarship: This scholarship is co-sponsored by USPC and The Equestrian Land Conservation Resource. It is a \$1,500 Scholarship awarded to a current Pony Club member who has been active with, and committed to, efforts on behalf of land conservation. Members must have entered their senior year in high school at the time of application, and have been accepted to (or attending) an institution of higher education and have achieved a C-2 or higher certification and at least 3.0 GPA in their academics.

SVPC members are encouraged to visit the USPC website to see what awards are available to pony club members:

<https://app.smarterselect.com/programs/53314-United-States-Pony-Clubs>

*Visit the SVPC website to sign up for a tetrathlon stadium jumping prep
with Natalie Huso on Sunday, September 15*

JUNE 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 so we can send agendas and meeting details. Below is a recap of the June meeting:

Nancy Jones gave the financial report, noting that the spring Horse Trials brought in \$4,000 less than was budgeted and to expect the same for the fall Horse Trials. Field costs are under budget, and the club could increase entry fees to mitigate the deficit.

Regarding membership, Leslie reported that several new members have joined the club and Jenn Nelson has done a great job meeting with new members to get them informed and involved.

Leslie also gave the lessons update, saying the lessons committee would like to meet prior to the next council meeting.

Jenn, Ashley and Ginger gave the camp update. Planning is going well. The group decided to meet after the Council meeting to go over scheduling.

Leslie updated the group on rallies. Show Jumping Rally was good but a little chaotic as there were two courses in the same ring. SVPC had three teams competing and did well. For Eventing Rally, SVPC had two members competing and one stable manager.

Leslie and Jacquelyn reported that Tetrathlon Rally would be held September 21-22, 2019 and that divisions are now by age rather than by level. Competitors are able to jump down a level, but they are not able to jump up a level.

Debby updated the group on Bittersweet Field and thanked all the volunteers who came out to clean and stain jumps in advance of the Horse Trials. Schooling days are scheduled for Wednesday and Saturday this week.

Nancy Jones said she received very positive reviews from competitors at the Spring Horse Trials and noted the financial update from Horse Trials she gave earlier in the meeting.

Leslie informed the group that there is a new way to sign up for Champs this year and she expects to receive more information at the regional meeting. Members who have qualified for Champs will receive an email, and there will be standard and modified divisions to encourage attendance.

The club will vote on a Nominating Committee at the next Sponsors' Meeting in July. Jacquelyn Dickey, Jenn Nelson and Lauren McBain volunteered to be on the nominating committee.

New Business: Jenn Nelson said if anyone is looking for ponies to give her a call.

Parents are invited to the next Council meeting at 13311 Drew Lane, Potomac MD on **Tuesday, August 20** and members are invited and should bring their swimsuits. Abby R has agreed to be a lifeguard and members can swim while parents meet.

REGIONAL OPPORTUNITY FOR SVPC MEMBERS

CRPC is hosting a specialty certification on Saturday, August 17 and has rented Woodstock Equestrian Center for the day. Testing will be finished by 12:00 and members from any pony club or center in the region are invited to use the jumping course set for the specialty certification, however, you must have an instructor. The set course will be "Course A " on the USPC testing Website. It will be set at 3'3" (a training level course for the EV C3). For your schooling purposes, height may be adjusted but not the course.

Payment will be putting the course away at end of the lesson day (putting fences up on wagon that will be pulled through arena).

Please let Kevin Bowie know ASAP if you are interested and she will coordinate the schedule.

Thank you

Kevin Bowie; KB1951@verizon.net; 301- 788-4224

CONGRATULATIONS TO SVPC MEMBERS WHO ATTENDED CHAMPS

SVPC members represented Capital Region at the July USPC Championships East. Sarah D and Hannah M participated in the Quiz competition, Olivia W competed in modified show jumping and Ariana D competed in Tetrathlon. Way to go SVPC members!!



Submit photos or information for the newsletter to Leslie Case at lesliecase@aol.com. Below is a photo from Ema K's pony club camp with Zoe and members of Iron Bridge PC and a group photo from SVPC's ABC and D Camps.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Seneca Valley Pony Club Spring Horse Trials: September 7-8
at Bittersweet Field in Poolesville



We need volunteers in dressage, stadium, cross country and more. Contact Leslie at 203-247-5098 or sign up at <https://www.eventingvolunteers.com/events/987/signup>.

SVPC volunteers receive schooling passes, lunch and a T-shirt or grocery bag. Students are eligible for SSL hours.

Come join our team!

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