WINTER UNMOUNTED LESSONS BEGIN SOON

We have two sets of unmounted lessons planned for this winter. The first is for unrated to D3 members and will be organized by Yvonneke Weitzel. Tentative dates for lessons include January 11, January 25, February 8 and 22 and March 8, 22 & 24. Watch your email for details on how to sign up for the sessions. This is a wonderful opportunity for members who want to prepare for quiz rally and/or upcoming certifications.

For our C1 and up members, we have a three session series with National Examiner Cathy Frederickson who will be preparing members for C2 HM, HB and HA certifications. Sign up is underway for this series and members should register online. Sessions will take place at Wind Brook Farm (the Rowe’s) on January 26, February 23 and March 23. Sign up by January 1 before we open to the region.

Now is the perfect time to join Seneca Valley PC

If you have friends interested in joining pony club, now is the perfect time to join so new members can attend unmounted sessions.

Q: How can someone join SVPC?
A: Direct people interested in joining SVPC to our membership secretary Nancy Jones (nancy.skylandfarm@gmail.com) or incoming membership secretary Jenn Nelson (rundirtgirl@gmail.com). They can get new members signed up.

Reminder: Sign up for Seneca Valley Pony Club is a two part process. You sign up or renew with USPC and also complete club paperwork to join SVPC and the Capital Region.

Thank you for all helped organize Tet Rally in September and October!
REMINDER: FRIENDS AND FAMILY

All SVPC members should have gotten a friends and family mailing. There’s no charge to put a note in the Awards Dinner program for your pony club member. Donations are appreciated and help fund SVPC programs and friends and family are invited to put a note into the program or place a half or full page note for members. We’ve attached a friends and family form to this newsletter. Please contact Leslie Case at lesliecase@aol.com with any questions.

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

OPPORTUNITY FOR D LEVEL MEMBERS: STANDARDS AND CERTIFICATIONS CLINIC

The Capital Region has organized a session for D members and members who would like to do club level D certifications as a rater. A Standards and Certification Clinic will be held at Butler School Riding Center on December 26, 2018 and will begin at 10:00 am with the rating of 5 D1 new members of Butlers program, followed by a discussion of the pony club curriculum. There will also be a demo mounted with critiques D2-D3 riders as a prep for Butlers members. Discussion will be geared to new parents and D members from the Region. Questions and answers will take place all through the session. This is a perfect opportunity to educate examiners for the D level, so C’s interested in doing certifications for members should consider attending.

Anyone interested should please contact Kevin Bowie, KB1951@verizon.net or text 301-788-4224 to ask questions.

THANK YOU LESSONS COMMITTEE AND MEMBER SURVEY: ACTION NEEDED

The lessons committee met on December 11 and is hard at work preparing a program for 2019. Watch your email for details on upcoming lessons. In the meantime, SVPC needs all members to complete a member goals survey. We use the results of this survey to plan lessons and to communicate with the Capital Region and USPC. For example, USPC tabulates the number of members in regions who are planning to go for national certifications as they plan for where the certifications will take place in 2019. Please take a few minutes to complete the survey – a link to the survey is on our website on the forms page.

Thank you to all who have taken the time to complete a survey already and to the lessons committee for working so hard to organize lessons for our members.
PHOTOS NEEDED

Please send Leslie Case photos from 2018 pony club events. You can email her at lesliecase@aol.com. Photos are needed for the Awards Dinner.

UPCOMING EVENT: USPC EQUINE SYMPOSIUM

2019 USPC Equine Symposium & Convention will take place on January 30 - February 3, 2019. Join USPC Members, Leaders, and Parents to a weekend full of learning and fun at the Hilton Stamford Hotel and Executive Meeting Center, 1st Stamford Place, Stamford, Connecticut 06902.

Visit the USPC website to view details on the event and register to attend. We’ve heard a group of SVPC members plan to take the train up to Connecticut for the educational sessions.

BITTERSWEET FIELD UPDATE

With the winter weather approaching, SVPC has taken the portable jumps off of the field and put away the stadium jumps.

SVPC has been adding yearly to the permanent jumps that remain open for schooling for members. The meadow has a number of 12” - 24” jumps for D’s to school. There are quite a few BN - P permanent jumps at the field as well.

The stadium jumps have been put away for the winter, but our club has schooling standards in the shed and members can set up a member ring in SJ warmup area if they’d like. We need volunteers willing to coordinate the set up and communicate with field coordinator Debby Price.
November 15, 2018

Dear Friends and Family of the Seneca Valley Pony Club,

Seneca Valley Pony Club is winding down 2019 and planning for the upcoming year. One of the most exciting upcoming events is the annual Awards Dinner where we celebrate accomplishments of each member. Both the club members and the horses are anxious to enjoy a new season filled with the challenges and activities that the club presents. Our club offers ongoing riding lessons, specialty clinics, competitive experiences, stable management training, summer camp - and more. Our goal is to provide these marvelous experiences for all interested children, regardless of their means.

Riding well, however, is only one part of Seneca Valley Pony Club. Through the care of horses our members learn about responsibility and discipline. Participating in Pony Club Rallies encourages and develops leadership and teamwork. The Club also fosters a generous spirit of giving back as each older, more experienced member mentors and helps the younger members with the patience and kindness they were shown from members before them. This summer we were able to send members to participate in Pony Club Championships in Tryon, North Carolina.

We need and count on the generous support of people like you. We thank you very much for your support in the past. This year we ask you to consider contributing to our club. To show our appreciation, you will be listed in the “Friends” section of our Memory Book distributed to all Pony Club families and friends, including you. Even if you cannot contribute, feel free to add a note to a pony clubber! Certainly all cherish a message from a loyal supporter about their hard work and pride in their riding. Please return the attached form with your optional donation by January 5, 2019 so we are sure to have your message in the Memory Book. SVPC also accepts credit cards online at www.senecavalleyponyclub.org.

On behalf of Seneca Valley Pony Club, I thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Leslie Case
District Commissioner
Seneca Valley Pony Club
Memory Book 2018
Friends & Family Support Form

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Checks should be made payable to SVPC. Our club can also accept credit card donations on our website at www.senecavalleyponyclub.org.

Please, even if you cannot contribute at this time, feel free to send a short message to the important pony clubber(s) in your life! Email messages to Leslie Case at lesliecase@aol.com and mail your optional donation with this form to Leslie Case, 13311 Drew Lane, Potomac MD 20854 by January 5th to be included in the memory book.

Thank you for supporting
Seneca Valley Pony Club!