

## April 2005 News

As some of you may be aware, Lorin Falls a member of Rockbridge Hunt PC was in a serious car accident on April 10th and is in the Neuro ICU at UVa hospital. She will be having surgery on her cervical vertebrae and carotid artery this Friday if her condition stabilizes. Since she is in ICU she cannot receive cards or flowers. We will keep you all updated as more information is available. Her home address was posted to the regional DC group. Please keep Lorin and her family in your thoughts and prayers.

We had an incredible Eventing Rally this past weekend at Fancy Hill Farm. The rally God was looking down on us and provided us with near perfect weather for the weekend. We had no accidents (one fall but right back on her feet) and the xc course rode well. I cannot say enough to express my thanks to the three clubs who put this rally together-Cape Henry, Foxtails and Roanoke Valley. The rally was well organized, the schedule was well thought out and provided ample time for all competitors to get themselves and their mount ready for each phase. Danielle Goulding, Cape Henry, was all over the farm starting from the time we arrived on Friday, making sure that everything that needed to be in place was in place. As always, I had such pleasure watching the kids and their mounts. It is so much fun to see them as they progress in their level of skills and maturity. We have a remarkable group of pony club members and you should all be very proud of them. Eventing Rally results can be found using this [link](#).

**EXCITING NEWS!!!** Eleanor Brennan and Bailey II have been accepted and are now entered in the Badminton HT to be held May 5-8th. Badminton 3 day is a 4 star and is felt to be one of the toughest and most exciting equine events. Badminton is the oldest and generally is accepted as the most prestigious and toughest event. Rider and horse combination must qualify by completing other similar grade events. Qualification can take several years to achieve. Go to the website at [this link](#) for an interactive look at the cross country course - that will be enough to really impress you. Way to go Eleanor, we will all be rooting for you and Bailey.

All B and up applications received by me have been sent on to the USPC office before the stated deadline of April 15th-just like my tax return. Our preps are well underway having had 2 successful weekend HA preps and the first of our mounted preps for C3 and up candidates the weekend of April 23rd. Good luck to all candidates.

Remember the Equine Extravaganza which will be held at the Richmond Raceway April 22-24th. Our region is combining forces with the Virginia region to have a pony club presence and share information with the general public. We could use more help so if any are planning to attend please let me know so I can schedule you in for some time to cover the booth.

Our next rally is the Games Rally which is to be held at the VHC on Saturday and Sunday of Memorial Day weekend. I remind each club that if you have any members who would like to qualify for championships they must ride on a team with others who also wish to qualify. In Games the team qualifies as a team, much unlike the other riding disciplines. Please network with each other, perhaps using our regional DC Digest, to enable this for your club members. I look forward to that rally as one of my very favorites!! Let's hope that our weather is as great as this past weekend.

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Happy Trails,  
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