

MARCH 2004

Howdy folks, I never am quite sure where the time goes. Here it is the end of March and I am finally getting the web site updated. Seems I run into new challenges every time I go to update the site. My computer skills are not quite up to speed yet! I know that we are all ready for the winter to be over and getting in high gear for the rally season. Since we are coming up on the rally season I will post my usual letter of comment to parents on rallies, please [click here](#) to read that. Speaking of rallies, read all about our Quiz Rally.

Quiz Rally was a huge success! We had 123 competitors and 128 volunteers. It truly did take a village to pull this rally together. I cannot say it enough but the organizers, led by Danielle Goulding, did a tremendous job and deserve a huge thanks. We had some incredible stations and Megaroom activities for the kids. I hear that those who put the stations together had as much fun as did the kids at rally, maybe in some cases more! I would like to extend a special thank you to Ellen Oliver, RVPC mom and owner of Virginia Tack for her generous donation of envelopes that were used at rally and for the horse height/weight tapes that the first place teams and the active pony club member volunteers received. **THANKS ELLEN, WE APPRECIATE IT!** Thank you also to Historic Rivers for organizing the Silent Auction which was a great success this year bringing in over \$1700. this is our main fund raising activity so I am always thrilled when it does so well! We had 20 C2 and up members who spent a lot of time either in preparing a station or coming to work the entire rally at a station or megaroom table. These kids are to be commended for their work and their incredible sense of "giving back" to pony club. They are wonderful role models for our younger members (and boy do we have some young ones!). These members are (not in any order); Laura G), Kate Mc, Carson R, Bridget H(all Genevieve GCH), Samantha C & , Maerit D(Hol), Danie M & Caitlin E(BHPC), Barrett D, Kate M, Ryan C, Gary T(CB), Rachel P(RR), Renata H(RH). In addition, Lauren U, the first graduate of Cape Henry PC dedicated the day to working at the rally. For Quiz Rally results [click here](#), for photos [click here](#).

GAMES RALLY ENTRY: The Games Rally entry packet is now posted on this web site, [click here](#). Please be advised that it is basically the same as the file uploaded to the ODRPC DC Digest with the exception of having the name/address of the rally secretary. [Click here](#).

BRAGGING TIME: Eleanor B, MSPC, has moved up to Advanced level with her horse Bailey. She has the distinction of being the youngest person in the US to be competing at Advanced. Eleanor and Bailey spent 6 weeks in South Carolina recently training and preparing for the move. They placed 4th at Southern Pines behind 2 former Olympians and a WEG team member!! Way to go Eleanor!!!!

LEADERS CAMP: The Old Dominion Region had a good representation at the Leader Camp which was held in Raleigh the weekend of February 20th. As a result of that weekend we will be hopefully be ready to develop a Strategic Plan for the region, looking ahead for at least the next 5-10 years. Will keep you posted on this as it progresses (at a future date).

SCORING: Please remember to recruit people who are interested and willing to become involved with scoring at regional rallies. They should contact Bev Renfro at renfrob@cstone.net to let her know that they are interested. Bev has taken the training on as a project. Rally time is here so get them in touch with Bev.

EVENTING RALLY 2005: Heads up, this notice is way in advance so that all will have time to plan and prepare. Our Eventing Rally for D3 and up will be held at Fancy Hill the weekend of April 9th in 2005. This is an early date so any wishing to take part and particularly those wanting to qualify for championships in 2005 will have to have their horses in condition by this date. It will also mean that those who wish to qualify for championships in Eventing in 2005 **will not** be able to enter the Fancy Hill recognized HT which will be held 3 weeks before the date of our rally.

FESTIVAL/CHAMPIONSHIPS 2004: Just a few things to point out. The Gold Book for Festival has been posted on the USPC web site for several weeks now. It has all of the info you need to know about Festival and the entry forms for the Educational programs. The entry forms for Champs is sent only to the RS as signature is required. The region does have a block of hotel rooms put aside for our champs kids at the 4 Ponds by Sheraton. I will provide the details to those who qualify for the rooms separately. If any are planning to camp at the Kentucky Horse Park I suggest you make your reservations asap as the camp ground will fill fast. The reservation form is in the Gold Book. Also, if any of you have already made a hotel reservation you might want to keep it as I am not sure if 20 rooms is going to be enough without having to double up the kids.

Check out the Trading post pages and also photos which is kind of slow in loading.

All upper level prep clinics and camp forms are posted on the web using the link from the home page or [click here](#).

Happy Trails,
Jan G