

March 2005 News

Hi all,

Here it is already mid March and the first day of spring rapidly approaching - thank goodness for that! Our region is busy, as is the usual case, and I am always happy to hear news from any of you as to what your clubs or members might be up to. Please pass information along so it can be shared with the rest of the region.

Our DC Retreat was well attended again this year. We covered a lot of information and had good idea exchanges on several topics. One of the things that was decided (boy was I surprised) was that we needed to have more fun at regional activities. I thought we were having fun!! In any case, it was suggested that we have Karaoke (? spelling) at our Quiz Rally to help pass the time when waiting for scores. I was volunteered to get that off the ground. Needless to say I was most thankful the day of the Quiz Rally to Emily Guyer for helping fill the "generational gap" when I had a moment of panic as I had not a clue as to any of the songs on the CD's that were available!! Thank you Emily. I think that the kids had a good time and hope that all of those present did as well. We have some great talents in the region. Speaking of Quiz - WOW!!! 111 competitors participated this year. I extend a huge thanks to the many folks involved in the planning and organizing of the rally. Rockbridge Hunt and Glenmore Hunt did a remarkable job their first time out and thanks to Danielle Goulding for her mentoring and guidance to them. I want to thank all of our active pony club members who were involved in helping or planning stations. A special thanks to Katie R, Hannah K and Susan T from Glenmore, Jenny S, Rockbridge, Maria A, Sinking Creek. Allison S, Carrollo C and Hannah O from Rapidan for their help. I hope that I have not missed any of the kids who helped and if so please accept my apologies. ?To see Quiz results [click here](#).

Eventing Rally is coming up quickly and hopefully all 40 competitors have their mounts ready for competition. For those who hope to qualify for the USPC Championships please be reminded that they must complete our rally and a recognized (or comparable) HT and they must have signed affidavits from both. Since it is early in the season I will not expect that everyone have both competitions completed by the date of our rally. I will set a **cut off date of June 15th** to have received the qualifying affidavit from the HT for those who hope to go to championships. This is the first year of our new regional policy to forego championship intents prior to the date of rallies so it is going to be very interesting to see how this all falls into place. What this will mean is that we will not know until all affidavits are received who the team members are.

REMINDERS - all B and up applications are due to me by April 1st so that I can check them and send them off to the office by the deadline of April 15th.

April prep clinic registration deadline is also April 1 so remind your members to send that in. Each of those eligible to take part received the clinic info directly. It is now posted on this website using the link from the home page to preps/clinics. Also, the camp info is now posted. Pass the word along please.

To update you all, Jan C is recuperating well. She is understandably tired but I think by all reports she is doing well.

There is, first time ever, a HM Newsletter, now posted to the USPC website along with rulebooks. Be sure that your members are aware of this.

Important info for Eventing Rally. Danielle Goulding and I went to Fancy Hill to look things over the weekend of Quiz. We decided to reserve 10 additional stalls in the indoor arena so that we can avoid teams having to use trailers for feed and tack. This will mean that 2 full teams will be stabled in the indoor arena. Danielle will put out an email letting those teams know in advance.

I have had several questions as to the status of the age extension and questions about rumors regarding making the C3 a national rating vs a regional rating and changing the name of pony club. The Board of Governors does not meet until May and at that time will discuss the age extension further, no decision has been made at this time. I can also tell you that to date the Board of Governors has not had any discussion about making a change to the C3 rating or about changing the name of pony club. There are some times that things are being considered by the Board and it is not appropriate for Board members to discuss them outside of the Board, this is not one of those times as the Board has not even had such discussions. Hope this helps to clarify any questions and dispel what at this point are rumors about name change. Not saying these things might not come up at later time but so far they have not.

Remember the Equine Extravaganza at the Richmond Speedway April 22-24th. We will be helping to man a booth along with the Virginia region. Anyone who is able to help please let me know, appreciate that.

I enjoyed seeing all at the Quiz Rally and look forward to having the opportunity to visit and chat more at the Eventing Rally.

Happy Trails,
Jan