

## **OCTOBER 2004 NEWS**

The summer has passed by and we are now entering fall, my personal favorite time of the year. You all should be ready for your club Annual Meeting of Sponsors, if you have not had them already. We are looking forward to a productive meeting of the Regional Council on November 13th at the Virginia Horse Center, hope you will all be able to attend. Remember, this meeting is for anyone who is interested in the Region, it is not a closed meeting. Any and all are welcome and encouraged to attend and take part in discussions, but only 1 representative of each club (usually the DC) is allowed a vote.

Our **B test** held at the lovely Penmerryl Farms in Greenville was a good weekend. Our congratulations to our newest "B" members - John Brister (Rockbridge), Jessica Buchanan (Rockbridge) and Hannah Knopp (Glenmore). We are very proud of all of our members and know how hard they worked to even get to this test. For those who did not meet the standard at this test we hope that they will continue their involvement with Pony Club and with the pursuit of their goals. We think you are all special!

The fall **C3 test**, held just last weekend at Penmerryl was another great weekend. Our congratulations go to Ryan Crombie (Crescent Bay), Emily Hairfield (Foxtails), Katie Robison and Susan Thomas (Glenmore). We were very proud of all of our candidates. We had a guest candidate from the Capital region and her mom made comment as to how welcomed they felt and how all of the candidates were working together rather than having the feeling of competing with each other. That says a lot about the character of our members and makes us very, very proud. Parents, it says a lot as to what you are instilling in your children, thank you!

We as a region have been busy and some of our members have had very exciting opportunities during the 2004 year. Genevieve Goulding was a Visiting Instructor in Alaska, Jessica Buchanan served us all proud with her performance at the AQHAY World Championship in Horse Judging, Rachel Parker was a member of the South African Exchange team and just recently we learned that Carson Rutledge (Cape Henry) will represent the USPC on the International Games Exchange to Australia next April. I hope to have info and pics from Rachel for the next update to this site (hint, hint Rachel!!). Also, Eleanor Brennan, Mt. Skyline is now living and competing in the UK. [Click here](#) to read my email interview with Eleanor. Way to go ODRPC!

Sinking Creek PC, our newest club, did an outstanding job in organizing/hosting the Septemeber Dressage Rally. It is quite impressive that our 2 newest clubs, Outer Banks and Sinking Creek stepped right up and took on tasks that others find daunting! Good job. To see the results from Dressage Rally [click here](#).

Check out the information on the USPC website on the Annual Meeting. I encourage all to attend as there is always so much to learn at these meetings. The early registration deadline is November 1st so plan now for your trip!! New Orleans is a wonderful city to visit as well.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO JAKKI AVERY AND HER HUSBAND ALEX WHO ARE IN KOREA AT THIS TIME AND WILL COME HOME WITH THEIR SON ETHAN!! WE ARE SO EXCITED FOR THEM.**

Again, we look forward to a productive Annual Regional Council meeting,  
Happy Trails,  
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