



# The United States Pony Clubs, Inc. E-News from National

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**Sign Up Now for the 2008  
USPC Annual Meeting and  
Convention, Jan. 23-27 in Boston, Massachusetts**  
**You Won't Want to Miss the 2008 USPC Annual Meeting  
Workshops:**

Below is a TENTATIVE list of workshops. Please check back for further updates!

10 Meter Air Pistol Shooting 101  
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Are sugar and starch all bad?  
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Cross Training and the Equine Athlete  
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Equestrian Conditioning  
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Foxhunting  
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Horse Management Games that Teach  
Horsemasters  
How Pony Club Members can influence Horse Sports  
in their local communities

How to Run a Tet Rally alone or in combination with  
another Rally.  
How To Protect Your Horse From Infectious Diseases  
and Parasites  
International Exchange Opportunities  
Judges Perspective on Scoring an Equitation Round  
New Technologies or modalities in Lameness diagno-  
sis and treatment  
Organizing a Mega-Rating  
Quadrille  
Quiz (*Difference between Stations and Mega-Room*)  
Self Carriage  
Show Jumping Course Design  
Show Jumping Gymnastics, Cavalletti & Flatwork  
Specialty Bandaging  
Tetrathlon–Unified Scoring  
The Biomechanics of the Horse and Rider  
Yoga for Riders

**United States Pony Club**



Boston 2008  
**Annual Meeting and Convention**



## International Foxhunting Exchange 2008 – NEW DATES!

The International Foxhunting Exchange in England will begin on February 3rd, 2008 and end on February 14th (*the dates have changed from an earlier E-News*). Members from Ireland and the United States are invited and will fly into Manchester Airport to join the Great Britain contingent in York. Participants will embark on their journey home from Heathrow Airport.

Hunting will be in Yorkshire, in the North of England and Wiltshire, in the Southwest of the country, with a variety of hunts, all recognized by the Masters of Foxhounds Association. Teams and chaperones will stay with Pony Club host families or hunt members, have meals with them, and be transported to hunt meets with them. Horses borrowed for hunting will have been hunted regularly by members of the Pony Club or the local Hunt and will mostly be privately owned.

In addition to hunting, there will be a trip to York, for sightseeing and shopping, kennel tours and many opportunities to socialize.

Four Pony Club Members from each country aged 16-25 will be eligible. It is essential that candidates are very experienced in hunting and good ambassadors for their Pony Club and country, as well as having a record of active Pony Club involvement and services to their hunt. Applicants must be of at least 'B' level, and used to riding a variety of different horses. Chaperones may be hunting or non-hunting; parents of team members are discouraged from being Chaperones.


For more information, contact Wayne Quarles at 859-254-7669 or [activities@ponyclub.org](mailto:activities@ponyclub.org) .

## Eventing Recognition Awards

USPC Pony Club members will be recognized for their competition efforts both in USPC and USEA. USPC members will receive a certificate at the end of each year based on the criteria as outlined on the website. It will be the responsibility of the Pony Club member to get all the information together and send it to the National Office by November 15th of each year.

All competitions must be done during the current year. Interested Pony Club members should get their applications from the following link <http://www.ponyclub.org/files/bin/850> , or from the forms section of the USPC website. Riders may apply for more than one award each year. All applications must be submitted to the National Office by November 15th of each year. Past winners of the Eventing Recognition Awards can be found on the [News Page](#) .

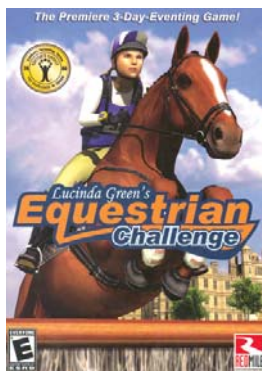




To: *Everyone*  
From: *The Bookstore*

*Remember to check the USPC Bookstore website for great holiday gifts and special offers. If you missed out on special items during Festival, this will be your second chance to find great gifts, as new items will be coming soon.*

## From the Bookstore



Be sure to check out all the new items on the Bookstore web site! We have a new addition to the popular “Understanding” series, a great computer game (*left*), and a really fun way to display those badges!

Don't forget shop our sales section – it changes frequently and the selection is always good. And, there are lots of neat gift ideas of clothing and USPC membership items.

Go to [www.ponyclub.org](http://www.ponyclub.org) and click on Bookstore.



## Whom Would You Honor?

I guess this is a ‘commercial’ of sorts, but it is for the good of USPC and with the Holiday season approaching, it’s an appropriate time to bring it up.

I took a walk around the USPC patio the other day and read the names of favorite ponies and horses, memorials to special DCs and instructors, bricks honoring special people, bricks with the names of Pony Clubs themselves, and even bricks with the names of USPC members who became Olympians.

I like to visit ‘my’ bricks, those of Miss Jolly Cuddles and High Socks, wonderful ponies that taught children at our old Pony Club in Michigan (and High Socks met many new friends from Keeneland Pony Club when we came to Kentucky). I need to buy a couple more. One will be for Mac, who safely carted 10-year-olds to 50-year-olds around cross country courses and took D-1s through C-3s to numerous ratings. He’s almost 30 now and won’t be around much longer. Another will be for ‘Lady Go Lightly,’ a pony from a Pony Club in Chicago who ‘vacationed’ in Michigan and just never went home. She came to Kentucky with us when we moved in 1998. She’s 40-something now and has been ‘loaned out’ to several Pony Club kids since we moved south. Both Mac and Lady deserve bricks for all they’ve done for Pony Club.

Bricks cost \$100 each. They can be inscribed with two lines, 14 characters—including spaces—per line. Buying a brick gives you a unique opportunity to honor those people and equine partners that have had an impact on your life and on the lives of your Pony Club members!

What a great Christmas present for someone. To find out more, go to <http://ponyclub.org/pdfs/brick.pdf>

*Mary Pierson, USPC Communications Director*

## Important Financial Information

### The IRS requires reporting payments to individuals 1099 and W-9 ALERT



All clubs and regions must prepare a Federal 1099-MISC form **for each individual paid \$600 or more in a calendar year** (this includes instructors, judges, etc.). You may only pay a small amount per lesson, but when you add all of the payments at the end of the year you may find the total is at or over \$600. This form should be issued for payments made for services. Do not include payments made for travel or other reimbursed expenses.

The Federal 1099-MISC must be prepared each January. Preparing this form requires having the Social Security

Number of the individual you pay. **Now is the time to prepare by having anyone to whom you pay a fee sign a W-9 form.** A W-9 Form is available at the following link: <http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw9.pdf>, and you may make as many copies as you need. Original forms are also available from the IRS by calling 1-800-TAX-FORM (1-800-829-3676). Retain the W-9 for each person (do not send it to the USPC office or the IRS).

In January, complete the 1099-MISC forms. The carbonized forms can be obtained from the IRS at the above telephone number, or online at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) under "Forms and Publications." You must complete the 1099-MISC form for each person the Club or Region has paid \$600 or more during the previous calendar year. Fill in the amount paid in Box 7, "Nonemployee Compensation." **The 1099-MISC form is to be given or sent to each person no later than January 31, 2008.**

The Club or Region will then send one copy of all 1099-MISC forms that have been sent out with a Summary Form 1096 to the Internal Revenue Service. Form 1096 is also available at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) under "Forms and Publications." **The due date for filing these forms with the IRS is February 28, 2008.**

## IRS 990 Reporting



We have been notified by the IRS that beginning in 2008 small tax-exempt organizations that previously were not required to file returns because they did not have over \$25,000 in gross income for the year may be required to file an annual electronic notice, Form 990-N, also known as the e-Postcard, with the IRS annually.

The IRS is currently developing an electronic filing system for this e-Postcard. Filing procedures will be publicized on the IRS website when the system is completed and ready for use. USPC will provide further updates to our clubs and regions as this progresses. You can read further about the e-Postcard at the following link:

<http://www.irs.gov/charities/article/0,,id=169250,00.html> and you can subscribe to the Exempt Organization Update at [www.irs.gov/eo](http://www.irs.gov/eo).

This change is a consequence of the Pension Protection Act (PPA) of 2006.

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This act requires the IRS to revoke the tax-exempt status of any organization that fails to meet its annual filing requirement for three consecutive years. Therefore it is vitally important to USPC that ALL our clubs and regions be aware of and comply with this new requirement in the future. The IRS has begun sending educational letters to small organizations such as our clubs, and some of you have received these notices in the mail recently.

As always, if your club/ region has had gross annual receipts of \$25,000 or more, your club/ region must file the Form 990 or 990-EZ each year. Smaller clubs will not be familiar with this return, and it can be confusing to the layman. Many larger clubs have a tax professional help them file the 990.

Please contact Karen Winn if you have any questions regarding this.

*Karen Winn, USPC Finance Director, [mainoffice@ponyclub.org](mailto:mainoffice@ponyclub.org)*

## Annual Directory Changes:

### Please make the following changes to your copy of the Annual Directory:

Mary Waldman, member of 2007 Horse Management Committee (page 41) has a new email address: [waldman126@gmail.com](mailto:waldman126@gmail.com) .



## Have You Reviewed Your Club Library Lately?

When a new Pony Club is formed, that club receives a “Library” of books and other materials for the use of leaders and club members. Have you checked over YOUR club library lately? Often items are lost or misfiled, or may not have been returned by the last person using them. Here’s a chance to compare what you have in your possession with the complete “list” of materials. You’ll note that in some cases, the materials are available on the Web site, [www.ponyclub.org](http://www.ponyclub.org) .

777	TRADITIONAL STANDARDS DVD	.....DVD
875	BADGE PROGRAM - RIDING INSTRUCTOR’S GUIDE	...Forms Page, under “B”
876	BADGE PROGRAM - RIDING WORKBOOK	.....Forms Page, under “B”
992	BADGE PROGRAM - HM INSTRUCTOR’S GUIDE	.....Forms Page, under “B”
993	BADGE PROGRAM - HM WORKBOOK	.....Forms Page, under “B”
1040	USPC STANDARDS OF PROFICIENCY	.....Forms Page, under “S”
1200	USPC GUIDELINES FOR CLUB RATINGS: D1-C2	.....Forms Page, under “D”
1330	USPC MANUAL OF HORSEMANSHIP D LEVEL	.....Book
1340	USPC MANUAL OF HORSEMANSHIP C LEVEL	.....Book
1350	USPC MANUAL OF HORSEMANSHIP B,HA,A LEVEL	...Book
1360	USPC POLICY BOOK	.....Publications, National Policies
1607	USPC PARENT ANSWER BOOK (10)	.....Forms Page, under “P” but it’s just a layout, not in a book format

1670	DC GUIDE	Forms Page, under “D,” huge document, but is searchable when used online.
2000-A	USPC HORSE MANAGEMENT HANDBOOK	Publications, Rulebooks
2001	USPC QUIZ RULEBOOK	Publications, Rulebooks
2010	HEALTH AND MAINTENANCE RECORD BOOK	Forms Page, under “H”
2030	JUNIOR PONY CLUB	Forms Page, under “J”
2148	POINTS OF THE HORSE GAMES–25 SHEETS	
2149	POINTS OF THE HORSE CHART	
2180	TEACHING SAFE HORSEMANSHIP	Book
2215	PONY CLUB SAFETY PACK	Forms Page, under “S”
2277	AN INTRODUCTION TO USPC HORSE SPORTS	Booklet
3500	USPC POLOCROSSE RULEBOOK	Publications, Rulebooks
4000	USPC TETRATHLON RULEBOOK	Publications, Rulebooks
4500	USPC VAULTING RULEBOOK	Publications, Rulebooks
5000	USPC EVENTING RULEBOOK	Publications, Rulebooks
5500	USPC SHOW JUMPING RULEBOOK	Publications, Rulebooks
6000	USPC DRESSAGE RULEBOOK	Publications, Rulebooks
9010	EVERY TIME, EVERY RIDE DVD	DVD
9033	D LEVEL STANDARD DVD	DVD
9080	EXPERIENCE SOMETHING SPECIAL DVD	DVD