



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

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## Activities Updates:



### 2008 Lendon Gray Youth Dressage Festival

July 18-20, 2008 – Hits on the Hudson Show Grounds, Saugerties, NY

The USPC plans to send one or two teams to Lendon Gray's Youth Dressage Festival this year. The plan is to send a team for the FEI Division as well as a lower level team. For full particulars on the competition go to [www.dressage4kids.com](http://www.dressage4kids.com) . While most of the cost of this competition will be the responsibility of the competitor, the Dressage Committee is doing fundraising to assist with entry fees and stabling costs. To qualify for the USPC Team you will need to file a declaration of intent to compete as well as fulfilling the qualifying criteria. The Declaration must be filed by June 1st. The paperwork is available at <http://dressage.ponyclub.org/Opportunities.htm> . Please send this paperwork to Wayne Quarles, USPC Activities Director, [activities@ponyclub.org](mailto:activities@ponyclub.org), 4041 Iron Works Pkwy, Lexington, KY 40511 or Fax to 859-233-4652.

## Instruction Highlights

### Summertime Instruction Ideas

Looking for Lesson plans? Try visiting the Dressage, Eventing, Foxhunting, and Show Jumping Discipline websites or the Horse Management or Instruction websites! You can go the below links or go directly to the Disciplines area of the USPC website to get to the Discipline websites and the HM/Instruction area of the site to get to the HM and Instruction websites. Keep an eye out for more lesson plans on these websites and the other Discipline websites!

[www.dressage.ponyclub.org/Lesson%20Plans.htm](http://www.dressage.ponyclub.org/Lesson%20Plans.htm)

[www.eventing.ponyclub.org/Lesson%20Plans.htm](http://www.eventing.ponyclub.org/Lesson%20Plans.htm)

[www.foxhunting.ponyclub.org/Lesson%20Plans.htm](http://www.foxhunting.ponyclub.org/Lesson%20Plans.htm)

[www.showjumping.ponyclub.org/Lesson%20Plans.htm](http://www.showjumping.ponyclub.org/Lesson%20Plans.htm)

[http://instruction.ponyclub.org/instr\\_articles.htm](http://instruction.ponyclub.org/instr_articles.htm)

<http://hm.ponyclub.org/>

### What's New with Horse Management?

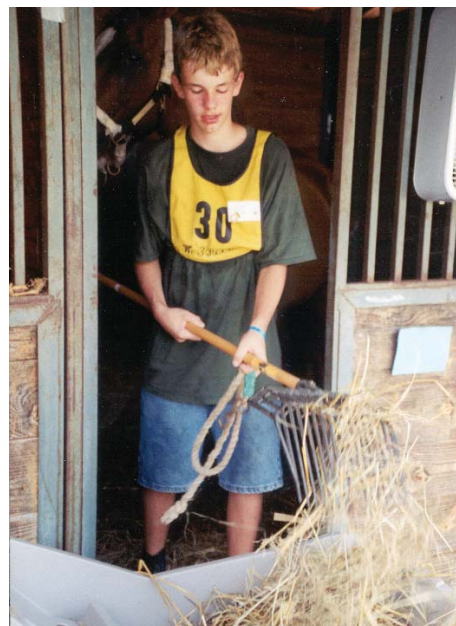
The Horse Management Committee hosted a CHMJ Seminar at the end of March and much was accomplished. One of the topics was the non-traditional judging options offered in the 2007 Horse Management Rulebook, and how they were working at rallies. Comments were:

**“BENEFITS” FOR C-3 AND UP LEVEL MEMBERS.** This includes being able to negotiate the time of their formal inspection in order to accommodate the warm-up needs of their horse and, if the CHMJ decides to use non-traditional judging, not having to do organized turnbacks (they are still responsible for the care of horses and tack). The consensus was that the upper level riders appreciate the accommodations and are using them.

**INTERACTIVE FORMAL INSPECTIONS.** The HM judges doing formals show and discuss their judging notes with each competitor. This has been working well because it gives the competitors immediate feedback and gives them a chance to ask questions.

**ABBREVIATED REQUIRED EQUIPMENT CHECKS** (where the judges will ask to see only a few kits). The Chiefs reported that having this option is very useful when rallies are short of HM staff and/or the schedule is very tight.

I'd like to hear how rallies are running in your region, please contact me with updates and suggestions. The committee is always looking for ways to improve the Horse Management experience for our members and your feedback is greatly appreciated. Thank you, Mary Waldman, Chair, Horse Management Committee, [mary.waldman@hm.ponyclub.org](mailto:mary.waldman@hm.ponyclub.org)



## Development Notes

### 2008 Betsy Raine Dressage Grant

Congratulations to the Bluegrass Pony Club of the Midsouth Region for being awarded the 2008 Betsy Raine Dressage Grant. You can find more information about the Betsy Raine Dressage Grant on the Forms page.

## How YOU can contribute to USPC – without sending us a dime!!!

**\$** There are many ways in which you can make a difference and contribute to USPC – and you may not even know you're doing it!

**\$** Do you contribute to the United Way in your community? If so, ask them if your gift can be designated to The United States Pony Clubs. We receive many gifts throughout the year from community United Way Agencies.

**\$** Do you search the Internet? Did you know that if you go to Goodsearch.com and use that as your search engine, you can specify Pony club as your charity, and Goodsearch will donate .01 cents per search back to USPC? You can search with Goodsearch directly from the USPC home page.

**\$** Do you ever purchase new books online? If they are horse books, remember to check the USPC Bookstore web site first before going to another source. The revenue from your purchases in the Bookstore is part of what help make up the enormous difference between what dues bring in and what it cost to run the organization. If you don't see what you want in the Bookstore, just ask. Maybe we have it, or we'll try to find it. This is YOUR Bookstore and we want to provide the goods that you're looking for.

**\$** If you are a new or renewing subscriber to *The Chronicle of the Horse*, did you know that if you buy your subscription through the link on the USPC Bookstore web site, a portion of that subscription rate will be donated back to USPC?

**\$** Does your company make matching gifts? You can double and sometimes triple the size of your gift by simply filling out the paperwork provided by your employer and sending it in with your gift to Pony Club.

**\$** How many times have you filled out a USPC Volunteer Expense report form? Did you know that there is a place on most of the forms to donate all or a portion of your reimbursable expenses back to the Annual Fund?

*Thank you; we appreciate all of the support from our families, volunteers and members.*

## Brookfield Conservation Award

USPC is pleased to announce the establishment of The Brookfield Conservation Award, which is an annual Cash Award presented to a Club, Region or Individual who demonstrates hard work and dedication towards land conservation, preservation and stewardship. Activities for the award can include educational efforts, or participation in group activities both with equine or land conservation organizations. For specific award criteria and more information, visit the Forms page on the Pony Club web site at [www.ponyclub.org](http://www.ponyclub.org) or contact Marian Wahlgren at [development@ponyclub.org](mailto:development@ponyclub.org). This is a great way to get your club or region involved with land conservation and stewardship opportunities.

## Sponsor News

With the competition season underway, don't forget to check our web site and shop with our Sponsors and Business Associates as you make your tack, clothing and supply purchases. Many of our Sponsors and Business Associates run specials just for Pony Club members, and offer a great variety of items that you'll need to complete your show season. And their support directly benefits all of our Pony Club members.

It's Eventing Season. Don't forget to check out all of the great items that you'll need from Bit of Britain, the USPC Eventing Discipline Sponsor, and receive a 5% discount on all internet purchases <http://www.bitofbritain.com/>



As a proud sponsor of the USPC and its members, Henri de Rivel offers a full range of saddles to meet the demands of riders and horses everywhere... let us help you find a saddle well suited for you and your horse. Visit: <http://www.breeches.com/JPCequestrian/saddles/>

## From the Member Services Department

### Dues Increase

At the 2008 USPC Meeting of the Corporation in Boston, Executive Director Peggy Entrekin, announced that the Board of Governors has approved a dues increase for 2009. The dues will be as follows, Corporate Membership: Regular - \$50, Alumni - \$40; Participating Membership (youth): New - \$90, Renewing - \$80, Prorated New - \$110, Prorated Renewal - \$100. Life Memberships will remain the same for 2009.

Simply put, both categories of Corporate Memberships will increase by \$10 each, and all categories of Participating Memberships (youth) will increase by \$5 each. These increases will be effective September 1, 2008, for all 2009 Memberships, including prorated options.

Please be sure that all members and prospective members and parents are aware of this change.

## From the Finance Department

### ATTENTION CLUB AND REGIONAL TREASURERS

May 15, 2008 is the deadline for filing the IRS Form 990 or 990-N (e-postcard). Every club is required to do one or the other this year! If your club had more than \$25,000 in gross receipts in 2007, you must file the IRS Form 990 or 990-EZ. Clubs with less than \$25,000 in gross receipts in 2007 should log on to [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov), click the link for Nonprofits, and then click the link to file the 990-N, e-postcard. You will be required to type in your club's federal EIN, and a current address for your club leader. Your club's EIN can be found in the index of the USPC Annual Directory or by emailing Karen Winn at USPC, [mainoffice@ponyclub.org](mailto:mainoffice@ponyclub.org). (Note: the business name which will come up when you put in your club EIN is USPC Newco, Inc., which is Pony Club's legal name) Clubs that fail to file the 990 or the 990-N may lose their tax exempt status, so it is vitally important you follow through with this!

## Miscellaneous

### Visit the American Museum of Natural History!

The American Museum of Natural History in New York City is having a special exhibit on "The Horse" starting in May going thru Jan 09, 2009. You need reservations if you are not a member. Pony Clubs sending 20 members or more could qualify as a school group, with reduced pricing of Adults \$20, kids under 12 \$12 between 12-18 \$15. For reservations, contact the museum at 212-769-5200 M-F 9-5, or visit their Web site at [www.amnh.org](http://www.amnh.org). According to the Group Sales Office, USPC is considered an Education Affiliated Group, entitled to special rates. A group is 20 people (children and adults). To get the school price which is \$12 per person you must visit on a weekday Monday thru Friday. The group sales number is 212-313-7011. The special group prices are: \$20 per adult; \$15 per student ; \$12 for 12 and under

### Scholarship Applicants Sought

Cascade Magazines is offering scholarship awards for the 2008-2009 school year. Eligible applicants must be a college freshman, sophomore or junior at the start of the school year and pursuing a degree in the equine or live-stock industry.

Applicants will be selected based on their career goals, education and civic achievements, commitment to the industry and their essay submission. Applicants will need to submit a completed application form, letters of recommendation, a photograph and a 300-word essay on "The Future of the Livestock/Equine Industry and How I Fit in That Career." Applications must be postmarked by June 1, 2008. Late entries will not be considered.

Two scholarships of \$300 each will be awarded. To receive an application, contact: 2008 Cascade Magazine Scholarship, P.O. Box 1390, Klamath Falls, OR 97601; (800) 275-0788 or email [dsalstrom@heraldandnews.com](mailto:dsalstrom@heraldandnews.com).