



The United States Pony Clubs, Inc. E-Newsletter

E-Newsletter for May 2005

GENERAL

MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT IDEA:

From *'American Saddlebred'* magazine: (a reprint of this article will appear in the next issue of *USPC News*) Clip your Pony Club's business card or flyer to the front of old horse magazines. Take the magazines to your local pediatricians' and dentists' offices and ask if you can leave them on the tables with the other reading material. This will provide great FREE advertising for your Pony Club – and talk about a target market!

USHJA

USPC has become a 2005 Affiliate Member of the newly formed United States Hunter Jumper Association. This allows USPC Participating members to receive a **\$10 discount off their membership** to USHJA. USPC will also receive a list of USHJA affiliated clinicians that we will make available to Clubs and Regions for their use.

CHAMPIONSHIPS 2005 TRADE FAIR SPACE FOR YOUR CLUB OR REGION

Information on reserving a space in the 2005 Championships Trade Fair is available on the USPC website, <http://www.ponyclub.org/festival.php>.

Deadline for application and deposit is June 1, 2005. Reservations for booths are accepted on a first come, first served basis, no exceptions. A deposit of 50% or payment in full must accompany reservations. All checks should be made payable to the USPC, Inc. Please return Reservation form, signed Agreement and a Deposit of 50% or payment in full by June 1, 2005 to: United States Pony Clubs, Inc., 4041 Iron Works Parkway, Lexington, KY 40511.

Information/questions:

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FALL LEADERS CAMPS SCHEDULED:

The final three USPC Leaders Camps of the first rotation of all regions will conclude in November 2005. There will be a camp in Albany, NY on November 11-13 for the Western New York, Western New England and New York/Upper Connecticut Regions. The following weekend, November 18-20 will see two camps in two areas of the country: Houston, TX for the Red River, Rio Grande and Deep South Regions, and Manchester, NH for the Central New England, Northeast, White Mountain and Southeastern New England Regions. If you are a regional or club officer in any of these regions, then you should be making plans to attend the camp in your area. Please contact your RS for details.

For DCs of clubs who may have missed attending a camp in your local area, this may be YOUR LAST CHANCE to fulfill the requirement of attendance for all active clubs. If your club was not represented at a camp, please contact Karol Wilson, USPC Director of Member Services and Regional Administration, by emailing karol@ponyclub.org for information on attending a camp.

Reviews of recent camps have been received. One attendee commented that the camp was *“fabulous on all levels.”* Another said, *“As difficult as it is to get away, it can only be a plus that we get together because it is these important relationships which will help to keep Pony Club growing and prospering.”* Come to a camp near you this fall and join in the experience and feel connected to USPC!

FOUNDERS AWARD:

The Advisory Committee is asking for your help in nominating people for the Founders Award. You can find the nomination form, along with information on the criteria for nominees, on the web page under “F” on the forms section <http://www.ponyclub.org/forms.php#F>. Please go check this form out and nominate anyone you feel is deserving of this incredible honor.

A SPECIAL INVITATION FROM THE INDIANA HORSE COUNCIL:

Greetings! Planning is underway for the 2nd annual Youth Team Challenge, sponsored by the American Youth Horse Council. Wherever possible, we would like you to add this information in your upcoming newsletters so that we might have an even greater participation than last year.

If you would like the flyer e-mailed to you, we can do that. Hope to see you on September 11, 2005, at St. Mary-of-the-Woods, Terre Haute, Indiana.

Thank you so much for your support in this rewarding endeavor. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to give me a call.

Sincerely, Mindi Vaughn, Indiana Horse Council, indequine@aol.com, 317-692-7115

PLEASE NOTE: The American Youth Horse Council may be sponsoring an activity in YOUR area; contact them to learn more: www.ayhc.com.

CHANGES TO THE 2005 ANNUAL DIRECTORY

Add to the 'names and addresses' section and add to the Games Committee list:

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INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS:

ENCOURAGE YOUR MEMBERS TO VISIT THE WEBSITE FOR HORSEY FEET:

The American Farrier's Association, which is headquartered in the National Horse Center at the KHP, invites you to visit their website as an important resource in keeping your horses' feet healthy (and consequently keeping your whole horse healthy). It is full of helpful information on a wide range of hoof-related topics. Just go to: www.nofootnohorse.com.

FINAL REMINDER: ENTRIES DUE FOR THE HILDEGARD NEILL RITCHIE JOYS OF FOXHUNTING ESSAY CONTEST

DEADLINE: June 1, 2005

The annual Hildegard Neill Ritchie Writing contest is open to all D- or C-rated Pony Club members. The winning submission will receive a \$200 cash prize to be spent on Fox Hunt dues, hunt capping fees, Pony Club camp or anything related to these activities. Second place will receive \$100, and third place will receive \$50. The winning entries will be reprinted in *The Chronicle of the Horse* and in *USPC News*. The contest award is from a memorial fund established by friends of Mrs. Ritchie, who was a long-time Pony Club supporter and volunteer. She founded the Colorado Springs Pony Club in 1958 and was its District Commissioner for 30 years. She was Regional Supervisor of the Colorado (now Rocky Mountain) region for 12 years and hosted regional Pony Club camps on her ranch for 20 plus years. She served several terms as a USPC Governor and received the USPC Founders Award in 1989.

THE CONTEST RULES:

ELIGIBILITY: Open to all D- and C-rated Pony Club members in good standing, whether they have hunted or not. Previous first-place winners are not eligible for participation for two years after winning.

OBJECTIVE: To encourage writing skills and imagination and to improve basic knowledge of horsemanship and foxhunting skills.

SUBJECT: Any aspect of Foxhunting.

ENTRIES: Short stories, poems, songs or essays. The maximum length is two double-spaced, typewritten pages, 8-1/2 x 11.

MAIL TO: Foxhunting Committee, USPC 4041 Iron Works Parkway, Lexington, KY 40511. Please include name, address, phone number, age, rating, and brief biographical sketch.

YOUTH DRESSAGE FESTIVAL:

The USPC Dressage Committee will send two teams to Lendon Gray's Youth Dressage Festival August 12-14. Check the website under 'Special Opportunities' or click on the following link for further information: <http://ponyclub.org/specialopps.php>.

Be sure to let all your Dressage riders know of this opportunity. They will need to complete a declaration that they are interested.

MORE DRESSAGE NEWS: THE PAIRS CHALLENGE CUP

Over the past several years, the individual freestyle in the U.S. has been nurtured and is alive, well, and growing. It's time to do the same for the Pas de Deux and to start creating a solid foundation for the equivalent of pairs figure skating. The USDF will be awarding the first Pas de Deux awards starting in 2006. The Pas de Deux requires no qualification score to participate and the score sheet has no required movements to score (but you do have to declare a level). In many ways it can be a more "artistic" performance than the individual freestyle and riding with someone else is FUN!! It is also a big draw for spectators who love seeing the dynamics of two horses dancing together to music.

Thus, the inauguration of "The Pairs Challenge Cup" with \$10,000 in prize money, to be held at the Morven Park Summer Dressage Classic show, Leesburg, VA, July 30-31, 2005. The preliminary prize list: 1st - \$2,700; 2nd- \$2,000; 3rd - \$1,500; 4th - \$1,200; 5th - \$1,100; 6th - \$1,000. Plus \$500 to be awarded to the high score team with two riders age 18 or younger. We also intend to have two judges for each ride. This prize list may increase as there is an experienced marketing person involved who will be working with me and the Morven Park management team to pull in additional sponsorship. Each member of the first place team will also receive The Pairs Challenge Cup, which can be viewed at the following web site: <http://www.ouachita-artglass.com/43184.htm>

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