This is the final issue of Festival Bits. We hope you all enjoyed your time at Festival 2017 and we thank you for joining us in celebrating excellence in equine education. We’d like to congratulate all of our competitors and also thank all the people who made Festival 2017 a reality: members, parents, clinicians, volunteers, sponsors, trade fair vendors, and USPC staff; it would not be possible without all of your hard work and dedication!
Pony Club Fun Facts!

- Pony Club is the largest Equestrian educational organization in the world!
- Pony was used to describe the mount of a youth equestrian in 1929.
- Western Dressage made its first appearance here at Festival 2017.
- Over 150,000 equestrians got their start through Pony Club.
- Pony Club has 15 disciplines members can compete in!

Early Morning Fox Hunt

What were you doing at 6:30 am?! Riders got up bright and early to join in a mock Festival Fox Hunt!

BEFORE YOU GO...

Horse Park Schedule:
- 10:30 am - Hall of Champions Show
- 11:00 am - Parade of Breeds Show
- 11:45 pm - Draft Horse Demonstration
- 1:15 pm - Hall of Champions Show
- 2:00 pm - Parade of Breeds Show
- 3:00 pm - Trolley Tour
- 3:30 pm - Horse Feeding and Turn Out

Festival Trivia!

When was The United States Pony Clubs, Inc. established?

A. 1954
B. 1929
C. 1941
D. 1933

Answer: A. 1954

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IN THIS ISSUE:
- Furthest Traveled
- Pony Club Selfie
- New Vocations Demos

TODAY’S WEATHER:

Few Showers
Temperature: 87
Chance of Rain: 60%

Festival Trivia!

How many clinicians came to USPC Festival 2017?

A. 28
B. 39
C. 41
D. 35

Answer: B. 39

Yay! Festival is here! It is time to promote Helmet Safety Awareness among your friends. We challenge riders in each discipline to post photos and videos of yourselves and your friends wearing your helmets. When you post, use the hash tags #USPCFESTIVAL2017 and #PONYCLUBSELFIE. Let's see which discipline can be the most creative. Have fun, and remember to put SAFETY first!

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New Vocations Demos!
Come out and see the New Vocation Demonstrations at the steeplechase arena across from the Rolex Arena. They will be happening today at 8:00–9:45 am and 10:00–11:45 am. Didn’t catch it then? Don’t worry! There are demonstrations happening Monday as well!

Keeping Cool in Lexington
It going to be a hot few days here at the Kentucky Horse Park, so we’ve thought of some ways for you to keep cool! While you’re enjoying the heat, please be sure to be aware and on the lookout for signs and symptoms of heatstroke and heat exhaustion which can take place in both horse and rider. In the rider, symptoms can include but are not limited to dizziness, confusion, intense sweating, sweating that has stopped, overheated skin temperature, and increased heart rate. The signs we should be looking for in horses include extreme sweating, increased temperature, pulse, and respiration, and restlessness. If any of these symptoms are seen be sure to contact your Horse Management staff or your vet. To avoid over heating be sure both you and your equine friend are drinking lots of water. Another tip to keeping your horse cool is to bathe their head, neck, and legs with cold water. This is where large blood vessels are located which will achieve rapid evaporative cooling. Be sure to spend time in the shade when possible and take many breaks while riding and working. Last but not least, don’t forget your sunscreen!

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CAR TEMPERATURE PET SAFETY CHART
How long does it take for a car to get HOT?

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As we end our Championships and switch over to education we say goodbye so come competitors and welcome new arrivals! We’d like to congratulate all Championships competitors. This year Festival hosted 110 Dressage riders, 198 Eventing riders, 103 games competitors, 13 Polocrosse members, 247 show jumping riders 321 quiz, 56 Tetrathlon competitors, and 5 Western Dressage riders. Safe travels to all!

Get updates through text, or our new app. For texting, simply text the keywords (listed right) to 703-596-1410! You will receive a confirmation text letting you know that you have been added to the group. (Please note that regular text message fees apply.)

HAPPY CHANGE OVER DAY!!!

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Photo Scavenger Hunt!

Take a picture with each of these items and stop by the Information Booth in the trade fair to win a prize!

- Shop Pony Club in the trade fair
- Pony Club National Office
- Man-O-War Statue
- Bruce Davidson Statue
- Secretariat Statue

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- Hall of Champions
- Pony Club Display in Kids Barn
- Carriages in the Big Barn
- Calumet Trophy Display
- Photo of you with your favorite clinician
- Photo of you with someone from another region
- Pony Club Sponsor or Sign
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Fun Fact: Humans have more bones than horses! How many more bones does the average human have compared to the average horse?

A. 1  
B. 10  
C. 23  
D. 16

Answer: A. 1

There’s an App for that!

Go to your app store and download the USPC Festival 2017 App for updates, complete schedule, and more!

Stay cool by keeping your horse and yourself hydrated!

Book Signing!

CHMJ Julie Herman has a new book out. Do you like a good mystery novel? What about one involving Pony Club? Get your copy today at Shop Pony Club! Book signing by the author today from 12:30-1:30 PM!

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IN THIS ISSUE:
• Big vs. Small
• Horse of a different color
• Keeping cool in Lexington
• Sage Runner

TODAY’S WEATHER:

Festival Trivia!
People travel from all over to come to Festival. How many participants are in Championships?

A. 1,265
B. 957
C. 1,059
D. 1,104

Answer: C. 1,059

There are all sorts of horses in all shapes and sizes that come to Festival! Pictured here are a couple of the largest and smallest we have seen so far. Standing at 17.1 hh is Won Lucato (Luke) shown by Taulor Mundelein in Show Jumping. At the other end we have Fairy Tail standing at 9.3 hh shown by Josie Schoneberg in Games!

Sage Runner
Tory (Victoria) Powell is apart of the Glacier Pony Club in the Big Sky region. This year at Festival she took it upon herself to raise money to get herself and her rescued horse Sage Runner all the way to Kentucky. Sage Runner loves how his mom helped him find all sorts of things he loves like, Eventing, Polocrosse, Western, Trail, Driving, Swimming, and Liberty.
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Show your enthusiasm for your favorite Pony Club Discipline. Stop by the Pony Club booth in the trade fair and for $1 you can buy your personalized sticker and add it to the Discipline Challenge Board. Buy as many as you want! Show your pride and support your favorite Pony Club Discipline.

Trade Fair!
Don’t forget to stop by the trade fair! Come and visit Shop Pony Club, the information booth, and all of the vendors. Trade Fair hours are...

- Friday: 9am– 6pm
- Saturday: 11am– 7pm
- Sunday: 9am– 6pm
- Monday: trade fair over @ 8:30 am

Its Hot Out!
Shop Pony Club has a NEW moisture wicking hat! Keep your head cool whole showing your Pony Club Pride. Visit Shop Pony Club!

#USPCFESTIVAL2017
Members can post photos to Pony Club’s Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram a selfie of themselves, friends, family, or even horses having fun during both mounted and unmounted activities with the hashtag #uspcfestival2017. Go Pony Club!

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TODAY’S WEATHER:
Sunshine
Temperature: 93
Chance of Rain 7%

Western Dressage
This Championships we welcome a dressage in a different light! Western Dressage is proud to make its’ FIRST EVER appearance at Festival. Congratulations to the riders that qualified and are competing this week at Championships.

Festival Trivia!
The park looks awesome covered in Pony Club banners! How many inches of banner did USPC make?

A. 10,854
B. 2,984
C. 6,152
D. 4,932

The Horse Who Did it All
This horse, Dun with Style (Mouse), does it all! This horse has competed in to Dressage, Tetrathlon, Eventing, Show Jumping, Polocrosse, Games, and was even the Barn Pony for Quiz! Mouse has had 4 different riders in the past, but Cheryl Resch is proud to take Mouse this year in Dressage. Congratulations!
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Fire in the Hole!

FIRE IN THE HOLE! This all-male games team is ready to give all they got with team members, Simon Fry, Matthew Fulton, Jay Potterfield-Zara, Kai Montgomery, and Luke Seevers. The other four legged team members are George, Dakota, Pepe-Le-Pew, Nessie, and Royal. You go guys!

Tie-Dye Fun!

The popular tie-dye station at Shop Pony Club is back in action at Festival 2017. Bring your Festival T-Shirt or any clean white item (Saddle pads, breeches, shirts, towels, polos, etc.), and pay $10 and turn your items into fun keepsakes!

In the market for a new utility vehicle for your farm? Stop by the Kubota booth in the trade fair and see about the “after the show” pricing for USPC members on their loaner vehicles. You could take one home with you!

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Fire in the Hole!

If you are...
- Dizzy
- Intensely sweating
- Stopped Sweating
- Increased Heart Rate
- Overheated Skin Temperature

Please get to a cool, shady location and cool yourself off!

If your horse is...
- Sweating excessively
- Increased temperature
- Has a High Pulse
- Has High Respiration
- Restless

Please Contact your Horse Management or Vet!

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The New Pony Club mystery, Burned by Julie Herman will be available in Shop Pony Club. Visit the booth in the trade fair for a book signing by the author today from 1-2 PM.
OPENING CEREMONY

Where it all begins! USPC Festival 2017 kicked off with Opening Ceremonies Tuesday evening in the Rolex Arena. Pony Club members, volunteers, leaders, parents, and staff from the following Regions were welcomed to the Kentucky Horse Park.

White Mountain
Western New York
Western new England
Tri-State
Southwest
Southeastern New England
Sierra Pacific
Rio Grande
Oregon
Northwest
Northeast
New York/ Upper Connecticut
Midwest
Middle California
Maryland
Intermountain
Greatlakes
Delmarva
Central New England
Capital
Big Sky

Virginia
Sunshine
Southern California
South
Rocky Mountain
Red River
Old Dominion
Northern Lakes
North Central Prairie
New Jersey
Midsouth
Metropolitan
Lake Shore
Heartland
Eastern Pennsylvania
Deep South
Carolina
Camo Real
Alaska

Shop until you drop at the Trade Fair with over 35 vendors located in the Covered Arena!

Don’t miss daily demonstrations: New Vocations & Combined Driving.

Get a Free T-Shirt by redeeming the card in your packet at Northwest Designs Booth in the Trade Fair!

Remember to keep yourself and your horse hydrated! For more info, go to https://www.ponyclub.org/Volunteers/Safety/HeatIllness.aspx

Food Available at the Kentucky Horse Park

The Bit and Bridle Restaurant— located near the Visitor’s Information Center; 10:00 am– 3:00 pm
Paddock Café— top of the hill on Nina Bonnie Blvd.
Patio Bar— Nina Bonnie Blvd. next to the Paddock Café
Concession Stands— located in the Rolex Stadium and Covered Arena.
Concession trailer— at the Dressage Complex. Open during events.

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