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## **Milestone Club Anniversaries Honored at the 2018 Equine Symposium & Convention hosted by USPC**

**February 7, 2018 (Lexington, KY)** – In Louisville, Kentucky eighteen clubs were honored during the 2018 Equine Symposium and Convention hosted by USPC for their dedication and longevity with United States Pony Clubs. The Club Milestone Award is awarded when a club reaches either its 25<sup>th</sup> or its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

“As we celebrate the clubs that have met these important milestones, they continue to inspire with their dedication to Pony Club. The commitment of our long-standing clubs is the back-bone of USPC and we look forward to applauding future successes.” stated Karol Wilson, USPC Director of Member Services and Regional Administration.

During the Meeting of the Corporation, fifteen clubs celebrated their 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary by receiving a 25 Year Club Milestone Award. Those clubs include; Ashuelot River Pony Club (White Mountain Region), Columbia Winds Pony Club (Oregon Region), Gator Bayou Pony Club (Red River Region), Liberty Oaks Pony Club (Sierra Pacific Region), Mountain Skyline Pony Club (Old Dominion Region), Northern Exposure Pony Club (Western New York Region), Palmetto Pony Club (Carolina Region), Passaconaway Pony Club (White Mountain Region), Rackensack Pony Club (Red River Region), Riders Unlimited Pony Club (Heartland Region), Sea Coast Pony Club (Northeast Region), Silver Snaffles Pony Club (Great Lakes Region), Snowy Peaks Pony Club (Rocky Mountain Region), Star Valley Pony Club (Intermountain Region), and Willamette Valley Pony Club (Oregon Region).

Celebrating even bigger milestones, three clubs were honored this year with the 50 Year Club Milestone Awards. Those clubs include; Difficult Run Pony Club (Virginia Region), Greenwich Pony Club (Metropolitan Region), and Skagit Valley Pony Club (Northwest Region).

**About Pony Club** - The United States Pony Clubs, Inc. (Pony Club) was founded in 1954 as a nonprofit national youth organization to teach riding and horsemanship through a formal educational program. There are approximately 9,000 Pony Club members in over 600 clubs and

riding centers throughout the country. Many of the nation's top equestrians, including several of our Olympic team members, business professionals, government leaders and career military officers, have roots in Pony Club. Youth members range in age from as young as 4 through age 25. Pony Club also offers educational opportunities to a growing number of adults through Horsemasters membership. [ponyclub.org](http://ponyclub.org)