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Pony Club was everywhere during the 2019 Land Rover Kentucky Three-Day Event

May 1, 2019 (Lexington, KY) – Pony Club Members and Alumni were seen throughout the Kentucky Horse Park in waves. Whether it was spectating, volunteering, performing demonstrations, grooms, judges, veterinarians or competitors the Land Rover Kentucky Three-Day Event was Pony Club Proud.

Of the top 20 finishers 45% were Pony Club Alumni. Included in this prestigious group is Boyd Martin (Aus – Forest Hills Pony Club) who placed second on Tsetserleg, Tim Price (New Zealand - Oxford Pony Club placed third) and Doug Payne (USA- Somerset Hills Pony Club placed fifth).

In its 19th consecutive year at the Kentucky Three-Day Event, four Pony Club teams competed in the Prince Philip Cup Games sponsored by Hero Kids Foundation. As one of Pony Club’s most popular disciplines, Mounted Games provided spectators with a great showing of talent, leadership and sportsmanship.

Final placings for the Price Philip Cup Games:

<p>1st OLD DOMINION/WHITE MOUNTAIN – STARSTRUCK Hannah Sutton riding Porkchop Hailey Zaun riding Daddy’s Fury Madison Zaun riding Sunflower Power Shakira Marquis riding Misbehavin’ Reese Pike riding Fury</p>	<p>2nd MIDWEST REGION – IT’S A GAMES THING Michaela Frye riding Curious George Alyssa Kendrick riding Apollo Alaina Morrissey riding Fancy That Peyton Wiseman riding Tucker</p>
<p>3rd DELMARVA REGION– TIDEWATERBLUE CRABS Kelley Abell riding Isaac Michael Baugh riding Apollo Tegan Carey riding Stripey Donald Ruths riding Gizmo Yasmin Wells riding Judy</p>	<p>4th CAPITAL/MARYLAND - THUNDERHOOVES Mackenzie Hicks riding Gracie Ella Jensen riding Greystone Gwen Daagh Brooke Keiser riding Hershey Kiss Kate Keiser riding Legally Blond Kate Benjamin riding Jellybean</p>

The United States Pony Clubs would like to extend a sincere thank you to Equestrian Events, Inc., event officials and Pony Club alumni. Due to their support, USPC members had numerous chances to gain first-hand knowledge of the only CCI5* event in North America. Local

members from the Midsouth Region were given the opportunity to volunteer as gate crew for dressage, experiencing firsthand what it takes to be part of one of the most prestigious Eventing competitions in the world.

Prior to the event Pony Club members Grace Owens (C-2, Southern Run Pony Club, Deep South Region) and Julia Greene (C-2, Passaconaway Pony Club, White Mountain Region) submitted winning essays to be chosen as media interns in the Land Rover Media Center under Pony Club Alumni Ann Haller. These interns attended press conferences, jobs, and interviewed key members of the event.

Ten current members were also selected to take part in a special “Meet and Greet” with Pony Club graduates, Courtney Carson (Doug Payne’s Groom, graduate C-2, Boskydell Pony Club, Midsouth Region), Doug Payne (graduate A, Somerset Hills Pony Club, New Jersey Region), and Allie Saksen (graduate A, Brandywine Hounds Pony Club, Eastern Pennsylvanian Region region).

Thursday and Friday mornings Keenland Pony Club members presented an outstanding quadrille demonstration in the Walnut Ring. The choreographed ride represented the Midsouth Region and stopped bystanders in their tracks. It was the perfect kick off to the Demonstrations and Exhibitions that followed.

Saturday, Kentucky CSI3* Invitational Grand Prix course designer, Guilherme Jorge gave an in-depth tour of the competitors’ course. Sunday Marc Donovan (graduate A, Meadow Brook Hounds Pony Club, Metropolitan Region), led the Pony Club Stadium Course walk before the final phase of the event commenced.

During the event Pony Club alumni, members and friends made a special stop in the USPC Booth. All were welcomed and able to sign up for special drawings, sign the Pony Club pin promise and purchase exclusive Pony Club merchandise! A special thank you to Pony Club members and alumni who traveled so far; from South Africa, to right here in Lexington, the booth was full of members sharing one distinct love – Pony Club.

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. Members range in age as Pony Club now offers educational opportunities to a growing number of adults.