



Carolina Region Newsletter

Spring 2009

Welcome to the latest Carolina Region Newsletter, a way to communicate what is happening within the various clubs in the Carolina Region. Our goal is to send out a newsletter once a quarter recapping club and regional activities.



From Our RS

As with any change in leadership, you may have noticed a few differences this year. I believe in being transparent, and letting you know why I am doing things the way that I am, and I will gladly listen to any recommendations or comments. One of the changes you will see is that you generally won't get a t-shirt or meal with you rally entry. Many of our families are dealing with job loss or cuts in hours, or are simply watching their retirement fade into the future, and this is one area that we can save you a bit of money. Shirts and meals will often still be available as a fundraiser for the organizing club, and I encourage everyone to support our clubs as they can. I go through every budget to try to make sure we can keep our activities affordable. At the same time though, most of our costs are increasing. Facilities and clinicians have gone up in price, as have hotels, food, and everything else we need to hold a clinic, camp or rally.

In an attempt to reduce paperwork, starting with new prorated memberships and renewals this September, the region will need to get a copy of each members signed medical release, coggins, and the clause from the activity form that says "I understand the consequences of improper behavior". We will scan those and make them available to every rally and clinic organizer so that you don't need to keep mailing them in. Once 2009 medical releases become available or if any information changes, we'll need to get an updated form. Then, each participant will be expected to bring their armband, with its medical release, to every rally, camp or clinic. Per state law in both North and South Carolina, you'll also

need to carry a copy of your coggins with you whenever you travel with your horse.

We hosted the USPC Annual Meeting in Greenville in January, and made a good profit on merchandise and the silent auction. As was announced last year, that money will be split amongst those who were members on January 1, 2009. We will announce the amount soon, once we are sure we have all the receipts in. Members will be able to use that money for any rally (regional or championships), regional clinic or regional camp entry. It does not need to be used all at once, so if you participate in a rally as a stable manager, you can use \$15, and put the rest toward another activity. The money must be used by the end of 2010. Send me a note to let me know that you want to use your regional funds for an entry, and I can get a check sent to your rally organizer or to the clinic. I am still waiting to get the final membership list from the national office, so nothing can be sent out until that appears. My email address is swright14@carolina.rr.com.

I am very proud of the behavior and capabilities of our membership, whether I see them at clinics, rallies, or outside competitions, our members represent us well. Keep up the good work.

Sandy Wright
Carolina Region Regional Supervisor



USPC Annual Meeting



A wonderful recap of the meeting is in the Spring 2009 USPC News magazine. We just wanted to pass along some additional comments from several of the Carolina Region attendees who attended the meeting.

National Youth Congress

I was fortunate enough to participate in the NYC this year at the 2009 Annual Meeting. The experience was amazing to say the least. The delegates came from Pony Clubs across the country, from regions I had never even heard of. We all had horses in common but after talking to each other we learned that we had much more in common than just horses.

During the meeting we worked on several aspects of leadership and how our personal attributes fit into different leadership roles. I learned that I am a ferret, meaning my traits include enthusiastic, spontaneous, inspirational, and creative. With each personality profile though, comes some negative traits. We learned that when combining different types of people we can make teams that really work well together and can accomplish very tough tasks.

We were also privileged enough to meet the newest inductees to the USPC Academy of Achievement. These are people who graduated from Pony Club and used the leadership skills they learned in Pony Club in other aspects of their lives. The stories these people told were very inspirational. As with the delegates of the NYC, we all had horses in common with these very successful people, but after hearing them talk we learned that we had much more in common with them than we thought, and that their stories could help influence out lives.

Being a member of the NYC was truly a once in a life-time opportunity. I learned so much about myself in those 2 days that I otherwise would not know. I feel very fortunate to have gotten to participate in the group activities and meet all the wonderful girls from across the country. I got to make some friends that I will never forget and hope to see again in the future.

Christina Hoffman
H-A
Sandy Ridge Pony Club

And comments from some of the attendees:

I have been in Pony Club for 3 Years and this was my first time to attend a Convention for Pony Club.

It was great and I told my mama that we should have come to it on Thursday instead of waiting and coming on Friday.

I learned a lot about careers and it was cool to see the Olympic Riders and meet them. The best time was getting to know new people from other Clubs and the Banquet and Dance was the most fun.

I took away the challenge to scramble at every Rally I go to in my Region, to get to know more people and I am fired up about Texas in 2010 and will be learning the Texas 2 Step.

Thanks to everyone that made this event happen for us - it will long be a very fond memory.

Austin Allen
D-2
Aiken County Pony Club

The Anatomy Room was amazing!! Being able to look and hold the various specimens regarding the internals of a horse made understanding the horse anatomy so much easier. Many, many thanks to Cindy Healey and Dr. Brad Gordon for setting up this room each year.

Sarah Crevar
H-B
Shady Lane Pony Club



Rally Report

Rocky River again invited the Region to Concord, North Carolina, for the **2009 Qualifying Quiz Rally**, held February 21st. Cox Mill Elementary School proved to be a convenient venue, just minutes from Concord Mills mega-mall, many hotels and restaurants, and Interstate 85. Note to any rally organizers: make sure there is no Movie Night school fundraiser the night before, as this inhibits rally set-up in a huge way!

Despite the very chilly start to the morning’s weather, warm smiles and hospitality abounded from the host club and visiting teams alike. With

a large cadre of willing parent volunteers, competition was soon underway – and on schedule! Rocky River would like to give a shout-out right now to the 75-plus parent volunteers who did everything from serve as scorers to serve food and anything in between. Quiz Rally 2009 would not have run as smoothly without your help. Special thanks also to our Rocky River members who did not compete and volunteered all day in whatever capacity needed.

There were a total of 65 competitors present on rally day. Of those, 18 were Junior D's aged 9 years and under, 21 were Junior D's aged 10-13 years old, 19 were Senior D's (14 and up), 3 were Junior C's and 4 were Senior C's. There were 14 clubs represented from across the region: from Charleston to Greenville Foothills, from Aiken to Eno Triangle. The club sending the most competitors was Triad with eighteen. There were many new USPC members and many members for whom this was their first rally. Many thanks to all our "veteran" competitors who took these boys and girls under their wings and taught them a lot throughout the day. The majority of the teams were scramble teams and lots of cooperation and teamwork were observed – way to go, everyone!

Bramblewood Stables Riding Center in Greenville, South Carolina, made its first Carolina Region rally appearance. Six competitors came with DC Roger Sayers and several parent volunteers. This is also the first time a Riding Center has had rally competitors in our Region. All of the Bramblewood folks were very helpful and seemed to enjoy themselves very much in their first PC experience, so we hope to see them again very soon!

Congratulations to all of our teams on their final standings which can be found on our Region's web page (carolina.ponyclub.org). Since Qualifying for Quiz Championships is based on individual scores, special recognition is given here to our overall top scorers: Allyson Kimbrough (Junior D's 9 and under), Kenna Watson (Junior D's 10-13), Jamie Waynick (Senior D's), Mary Brown (Junior C's), and Katie Drummond (Senior C's). We would also like to recognize our top D-level scorers in individual phases as some excellent scores were posted there: Kate Liner (Megaroom Junior D's 9 and under), Krista Just, Marina Polakovic, Allyson

Kimbrough (Barn, Junior D's 9 and under), Allyson Kimbrough (Classroom, Junior D's 9 and under), Maggie Tally (Megaroom, Junior D's), Emily Dyson (Barn, Junior D's), Victoria Geniac (Classroom, Junior D's), Maria Bienhoff, Julie Jacobs (Megaroom, Senior D's), Jamie Waynick (Barn, Senior D's), Jamie Waynick and Shady Sayers (Classroom, Senior D's).

Information on Championships will be forthcoming from Quiz Championships Coordinator Margaret Crevar, and any questions regarding that may be directed to her at margaret.crevar@sas.com.

Rocky River enjoyed hosting Quiz Rally 2009 and is pleased to announce they will host Quiz Rally 2010. Feedback regarding the 2009 rally is always appreciated so that next year can be even better! Also, Rocky River is happy to "apprentice" another club in 2010 with the intention of handing off Quiz Rally hosting duties in 2011. Please direct any feedback, questions, inquiries, etc. to either Sandy Wright at swright14@carolina.rr.com or Mary Jasmine at maryjasmine@hotmail.com.

We would like to encourage even more competitors to come to Quiz Rally 2010 and even more clubs to be represented. Start thinking now about quiz rally prep as you plan your unmounted meetings. Remember – Quiz competition is GREAT preparation for ratings and the upcoming rally season (rules, horse management, etc.) as well as developing the well-rounded horseperson!



Clinic Corner

There have been several mounted clinics in the Fall of 2008.

Regional Mounted Clinic with NE Cherie Gaebel was held on February 28th in Southern Pines, NC. It was hosted by the Moore County PC. Contact: Pat Gibson

Regional Mounted Clinic with NE Richard Lamb was held on March 14-15 in Concord, NC. It was hosted by the Rocky River PC. Contact: Chris Cronin

Congratulations to....

...to the Carolina Region members who were selected to be part of the 2008 USPC

International Exchanges:

- Elissa Gerard from Charleston PC was selected for the Foxhunting International Exchange in England.
- Kathryn Karns from Greenville Foothills PC was selected for the Games International Exchange in Australia. Details on the International Games Exchange to Australia can be found on pages 46-50 of the *USPC News Winter 2009* issue.
- Kathleen Coker from Pee Dee PC was selected for the Tetrathlon International Exchange in Ireland. Details on the International Tetrathlon Exchange can be found on pages 42-45 of the *USPC News Winter 2009* issue.

...to Maggie Tally from Moore County and Hank Watson from Eno Triangle for getting second place and third place, respectively, in the Hildegard Neill Ritchie Writing Contest on the subject of Foxhunting. You can read their stories in the *USPC News Winter 2009* on pages 40-41.

No **upper level ratings** so far in 2009.

....and to all the members who **rated up at the club level.**

C2

McKenzie Abbate	Charleston
Caroline Andrews	Charleston
Elizabeth Loveland	Aiken County
Claire Simpson	Cardinal II
Anna Mauldin Speth	Palmetto
Ansley Summer	Aiken County

C1

Allsion Andrews	Charleston
Margaret Ashman	Charleston
Mary Brown	Rocky River
Kellie Chapman	Rocky River
Lindsay Eddy	Charleston

Somer Hand
Meridith McKenzie
Savannah Palm
Megan Ray

Charleston
Charleston
Palmetto
Palmetto

D3

Ashlyn Bassett
Suzanne Briers
Emily Dingwell
Madeleine Giess
Emma Hall
Shannon Hardiman
Samantha Hasse
James Jacks
Keileigh McMurray
Sara Muscarella
Jack Rawley
Shady Sayers
Hank Watson

Cardinal II
Cardinal II
River Valley
Palmetto
Lowcountry
Palmetto
River Valley
Palmetto
River Valley
Aiken County
Lowcountry
Bramblewood
Eno Triangle

D2

Peyton Bailey
Sara Bailey
Kailee Bassett
Patrick Berry
Brett Cox
Mark Davidson
Hayley Fornelli
Anna Garrison
Coley Gibson
Jessica Kirschner
Calli Linker
Hunter Metcalf
Alaina Mitchell
Meagan Mulcahy
Nicole Shaffer
Lauren Tarulli

Lake Norman
Lake Norman
Cardinal II
Rocky River
Lowcountry
Rocky River
Lake Norman
South River Bend
Bramblewood
Aiken County
South River Bend
River Valley
Lowcountry
Lake Norman
Bramblewood
Sandy Ridge

D1

Abby Billiu
Chloe Bosshard
Bethanie Cooper
Christine Effert
Emma Hay
Hanna Melchor
Emma Moorer

River Valley
River Valley
Bramblewood
Bramblewood
River Valley
South River Bend
Lowcountry



Upcoming Events

Regional Mounted Clinic

with Ann Haller

April 3-5

Aiken, SC

Hosted By: Aiken County PC

Contact: Carol Minsk

cminsk@earthlink.net

Dressage Rally

April 17-19

Huntersville, NC

Hosted By: Cardinal II PC

Contact: Dona Deyton

deytond@hotmail.com

Eventing Rally

May 8-10

Raeford, NC

Hosted By: Eno Triangle PC

Contact: Sue Meier

susmei@msn.com

Regional Camp

June 17-21

Tryon, NC

Hosted By: Carolina Region

Contact: Brian Morris

Brianmorris01@bellsouth.net

Scored Tet Prep

June 20-21

Tryon, NC

Hosted By: Carolina Region

Contact: Mary Kay Coker

Mkpdpc2@yahoo.com

Games Rally

June 20

Tryon, NC

Hosted By: Yadkin Valley Hounds PC

Contact: Patt Tarr

happyfoxfarm@aol.com

USPC Championships

July 23-26

Lexington, VA

Hosted By: USPC

A recent mailing went out talking about the 2009 Championship Internship Program. The Internship Program for Championships has been developed to offer internships for youth members

(not competing in Championships) to assist in and learn about the organization and management of Championships. This program will pair interested members with key volunteers at Championships so that the members will gain valuable skills and experiences that will help them both in Pony Club and in their future professional life.

We had two Carolina Region members (Karla Wright from Rocky River Pony Club and Carri Linke from Eno Triangle Pony Club) who participated in the 2008 Championships Internship Program. We asked Karla to briefly explain what all she did as part of the internship program for anyone who might be interested in applying to do it this year.

I participated in the USPC internship program for the 2008 championships and worked with the Dr. Ed Barnett, the vet for championships. I plan on becoming a equine vet in the near future and being able to work with Dr. Ed was a great experience. My daily routine involved meeting Dr. Ed next to the coffee then riding around the park in the golf cart to check on horses we had seen previously and to check on horses we received new calls about. During the day I was able to help with various tasks such as morning jogs, the vet box, and treating horses. In most cases, Dr. Ed was able to work closely with the farrier and a chiropractor to quickly get the horses back into competition. I also had time to discuss the best ways to obtain my goals and got some good advice from Dr. Ed. I will definitely be back to championships as often as I am able and hope to one day have the honor of being the championships vet.

Karla Wright

C-3

Rocky River Pony Club

What a wonderful experience Karla had at last year's Championships.



Useful Links

Carolina Region Web Site:

<http://carolina.ponyclub.org/index.html>

US Pony Club Forms page:

<http://www.ponyclub.org/forms.php>

US Pony Club Horse Mangement page: On this website you'll find a wealth of information that will help you better care for your equine friend. The goal of this site is to share infomation that will supplement teaching tools and share ideas. The site is updated frequently.

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

USPC Instruction page: This site was developed to assist clubs and regions in planning their instruction programs by providing lesson plans, study guides and other tools to establish a successful program. The items on this site are a compilation of materials produced over the years by committees, individuals, clubs and regions.

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



If you have information you would like to see added to the next Carolina Region Newsletter, please forward it to Margaret Crevar at Margaret.Crevar@sas.com . **Deadlines of the Summer 2009 Newsletter will be June 15th, 2009.**