



NY/UC Newsletter, July 2017 Edition

Festival is almost here!

RYB wishes all NY/UC competitors safe, healthy, and successful travel and competition. We are sending down Quiz competitors at all levels, Training level Dressage riders, BN Eventers, and Senior games competitors.

We are proud of each of you!

Regional Youth Board Tip of the Month: Champs

"At Champs keep a fly spray bottle and label it 50/50. Then fill it halfway with rubbing alcohol and halfway with water. The mix is perfect to pull heat off the skin but evaporates so it can feel cool even on fairly humid days." Courtney Whitelock

MESSAGE FROM THE RS

Like many other things in life, pony club has a steep learning curve. Rallies are different than horse shows, each type of rally is different than the others. What Nationals offers is like that too – I keep finding new things that are available! Lately I've been checking out the 50 webinars archived to view and these are great introductions to PC for personal or meeting use. I found many interesting blogs under the "Pony Club Pizza" section- from international grooming to HM tips to a bio on Cooper under the Youth Board blog. Other things to do: Members- Need some college \$? - apply for PC scholarships. Like to write? - enter the essay contests for Teamwork or Foxhunting. Need an activity or topic to teach for a mounted or unmounted lesson? Check out the Lesson Plans & Resources sections under Instructors on the national site. Need Champs details – READ the Gold Book for Festival. Look for programs and other Festival resources soon. Want to travel the world? – look up the requirements for the International teams and make those a goal. Hoping to get a blue ribbon from Ev for that "perfect written test"? – read the rulebooks! Need test sheets or study materials or grid dimensions for a rating- always available under Certifications. DC's & club officers- check dates, trainings, background checks, insurance, paperwork requirements, member stats, club history, what the National Board of Governors is doing (Course Walk)- all in your profile section when you sign in. Need an NE or a CHMJ – look in the directory, the Parents & Volunteers resources tab is also full of information....and all the things under members are also useful!!-Ev, RS, NYUC



Text Notifications at Champs

Pony Club has a great way to stay in the loop while you are in Kentucky-texting! Get all the competition notifications for your discipline using these keywords. Just text your keyword to 81010, receive your conformation text, and you're all set!

Dressage: @fdress2017	Quiz: @fquiz2017
Eventing: @fevent2017	Show Jumping: @fshowj2017
Games: @fgames2017	Tetrathlon: @ftet2017
Polocrosse: @fpolox2017	Education: @fedu2017

SADDLE PAD FUNRAISER

The Regional Youth Board is working on our second saddle pad fundraiser! These pads are white with the New York/Upper Connecticut Region logo on the side. Because they are all purpose pads, Pony Clubbers were able to sport them at both Dressage and Show Jumping Rallies! Email Ruth Swartzfager at 46ruths@gmail.com or Cooper Madden Hennessey at crmadden@gmail.com for more information or to order one. They are \$35.00 each.



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REGIONAL VISITING INSTRUCTOR PROGRAM

THE REGIONAL YOUTH BOARD HAS CREATED A REGIONAL VISITING INSTRUCTOR PROGRAM. SIMILAR TO THE NATIONAL VISITING INSTRUCTOR PROGRAM, THIS WILL ALLOW MEMBERS FROM AROUND THE REGION TO VISIT DIFFERENT CLUBS AND TEACH MOUNTED AND UNMOUNTED LESSONS. THE FORMS HAVE BEEN EMAILED TO THE NY/UC YAHOO GROUP FOR MEMBERS INTERESTED IN TEACHING AND CLUBS INTERESTED IN HAVING SOME GREAT NEW INSTRUCTORS. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE EMAIL EMILY SHEPARD AT emilys2618@gmail.com OR COOPER MADDEN-HENNESSEY AT crmadhen@gmail.com. WE LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU!

PONY CLUB POETS

This year at Upper Level Camp clubbers worked to hone their skills as poets. They were challenged by our amazingly talented and indefatigable RS to create a poem, limerick, etc. that encapsulates the spirit and experience of UL Camp.

We are pleased to report that we have an immensely talented group of members who participated, and you can read all the submissions on the next page. Below is the link to the winning entry, which is absolutely worth the click!

Thank you to the Whitelocks for donating the Grand Prize!!!!

<https://youtu.be/BxI8fYo66FA>

NY/UC has 10 Upper Level candidates this year, testing from coast to coast. They are rating in CA, VA, and IL, as well as various locations within our region. We would like to congratulate you on how far you have come, and let you know the whole region is encouraging and supporting you. We look forward to being able to announce your accomplishments in the near future!

Looking for more summer activities? Here are 3 ideas for you:

1. Watch an upper level testing! These are always educational, whether you looking forward to future ratings, or whether you are an adult wanting to help your child or learn more about Pony Club. July 27-28 is HB/C3 Dressage at Sperry View Farm. August 8-9 is C3/B Trad at Riga Meadows. Ask your DC for more info!
2. Earn a cross country clinic! Volunteer at the Millbrook Horse Trials for a day and earn a clinic at your level-groups range from Intro to Prelim. Contact Millbrook Pony Club for more info.
3. Attend Festival 2017! Sign up to go to Lexington Kentucky for the three days of mounted and/or unmounted instruction following Champs. Have interested friends? Non-members can register too! Sign in to your Pony Club account and find 'festival' under the 'events' bar for more info!

More Poetry!

UL Camp Limerick Faith W.

*Every summer we come to Kent,
And leave with our energy spent.
But between challenging rides
And unmounted on the sides,
Upper Level Camp makes me
jubilant.*

UL Camp Limerick – Julia M.

*I once had a horse from Nantucket,
And whatever he saw, he would jump it.*

*But when the NE's saw my leg,
They about laid an egg.*

So we learned EQ at UL camp, and loved it!

UL CAMP ACROSTIC EMILY H.

FUN
OPPORTUNITY
PROGRESS
LEARNING
RATINGS

FLAT
EQUINE
VESTS
EVENTING
LOVE OF THE SPORT

COOPERATION
RATING
MIND SET
PONIES

Grace V.

"Through the Eyes of Winnie"

My name is Winnie
And I'm a Westie
I'm eight months old
And have lots of besties.

This week I went to NY/UC UL Camp
So much to do
Like riding, learning, and
Getting ready for Champs.

So many new friends,
Two-legged and four,
But Pony Club has taught me more.

I watched flat and jump rides and
even learned in unmounteds.
At the end of the day, if I was good I
got sherbert.
Out of all the new friends, my
favorite is Chris Herbert.

If you want to be a champ, come to
NY/UC UL Camp!
They welcome everybody – even a
little Westie like me!

An Ode to Upper Level Camp – Faith W.

From the sunburned V on your chest
To the ache in your arms and back,
Upper Level Camp lingers.
It is hard to forget the early mornings
And late nights
While stable bandages and poisonous plants

Haunt your deep, deep sleep the night you get home.
You hope your horse will forget the number of times
You tacked him up in three days
Holding on to the fact that at one point,
An NE said, "Good Job!".....and their voices
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