



# Pony Club

Where it all begins

## NY/UC Newsletter, November-December 2017 Edition

### Some Upcoming Dates to Remember!

Deadline for Research and Art Fair	January 6, 2018
USPC Equine Symposium and Convention	January 24-28, 2018
Visiting Instructor Application Program Summer Deadline	February 28, 2017

### CONGRATULATIONS TO THOSE WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE D/C RALLY AT MYSTIC VALLEY HUNT CLUB!

#### RESULTS:

TEAM #1: SHETUCKET VALLEY PC 1<sup>ST</sup>-HM/1<sup>ST</sup> OVERALL

TEAM #2: CONNECTICUT VALLEY PC 2<sup>ND</sup> HM/4<sup>TH</sup> OVERALL

TEAM #3: CONNECTICUT VALLEY/SHETUCKET VALLEY 4<sup>TH</sup> HM/3<sup>RD</sup> OVERALL

TEAM #4: GRANBY PC/ GLASTONBURY PC 3<sup>RD</sup> HM/ 2<sup>ND</sup> OVERALL

**HIGH WRITTEN-** HELEN SHARP

**HIGH HORSE MANAGEMENT-** RACHEL MARTIN

**BEST DRESSED PIRATES-** SVPC

**BEST PIRATE SONG-** GRANBY/GLASTONBURY

**BEST TEAM PIRATE THEMED SIGN-** CVPC TEAM 2

**BEST PIRATE QUOTE-** CVPC/SVPC TEAM 3

## MESSAGE FROM THE RS

As the holidays approach and our membership year winds down, I'd like to share some reminders. \*Please file the required club end of year reports. \*Be sure members know how to rejoin electronically for next year. \*Choose some knowledge and riding goals to look forward to in 2018. \*Doing something exciting in your club? Invite another club to join you! \*Too cold to ride? Got some extra time? READ!! I find new info all the time in the DC handbook, the RS materials, on the website, webinars, Quizlet, *Equine Journal* and many other horse related sources. \*Communicate Communicate-Communicate!!! MANY of the issues I've been asked to intervene in this past year would have been less problematic if the channels of communication had been better used in both directions. \* Finally, I urge each club to spend some time together in celebration of the year's achievements. Although the mission & core values of pony club don't use the word "FUN" in their text, I feel it's an important part of the climate & culture of each organization.

-Ev, RS, NYUC



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*RYB Tip of the Month:*

*Put hand warmers in your gloves to stay  
toasty while you ride!*

*-Emily Shepard*

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### Winter Educational Series

The Regional Youth Board is excited to announce that it will be running a winter educational series this year! Stay tuned for information about clinics with dressage judges, veterinarians, sports psychologists and more!

### Contest Time!!!!

Are you doing something fun this month? Write to us about what your club did in November, and you might find it in the December newsletter! Email submissions to:

[emilys2618@gmail.com](mailto:emilys2618@gmail.com).

### RYB Member Spotlight

Name: Ruth Swartzfager

Pony Club: Running Fox

Certification: C-2/HB

Story: I joined the RYB in November of 2015, when my mom came home from our region's annual meeting to inform me that we had a Regional Youth Board, and she had signed me up. Little did I know she knew what she was doing (again, go figure!). Since then, I have been able to work on activities to support the region with other members of the board, and have started heading up activities myself. Being more regionally involved has introduced me to lots of wonderful people. I have enjoyed getting to know more Pony Clubbers, as well as visiting different clubs in the region. Getting to be a part of RYB has helped me grow in personal responsibility, and I am more comfortable with teaching and working with others. I have gotten to do things I wouldn't have been able to if I had not joined. Being on the RYB is fun and challenges me to step outside my comfort zone. I would encourage any Pony Clubber in our region to join the RYB and get involved!

Don't forget about the regional Quizlet sets! Start studying for Quiz! Just go to [www.quizlet.com](http://www.quizlet.com) and look up NY/UC RYB!