

Pony Club

Where it all begins

NY/UC Newsletter, February 2018 Edition

Some Upcoming Dates to Remember!

Games Practice	February 10, 24
HA Prep	February 11
RYB Vet Lecture	February 17
Granby Quiz Rally	March 3
Polocrosse Practice	March 18, 31
Regional Quiz Rally	March 25

Pony Clubbers at Sleepover got to participate in various fun activities, and learn things like bones of the horse (D), and assessing the accuracy of the given model (C and up).



MESSAGE FROM THE RS

HAPPY NEW YEAR!! 2018 is up and running with a successful quiz prep sleepover on MLK weekend. We had over 50 youth participants from 8 clubs, numerous nonmember guests and a brave group of adults who agreed to stay over and supervise. I chose to write about this topic in January because, during our midnight game show session, I witnessed some incredible sharing and conversing during the Family Feud game. Remember that show? Very young pony clubbers were excitedly sharing stories and responses with C's and kids from other clubs. Some of what I heard was priceless! This might be fun to try with your groups in the future. We polled every person who entered the building during drop off as our survey group. Here are the questions asked...**SPOILER ALERT**...think about your answers **BEFORE** you read page 2, where I'm submitting the top 5 answers for each.

1. Your favorite breed of horse.
2. Your favorite Pony Club sport.
3. A horse product you couldn't live without.
4. Your favorite pony color
5. Your pony's favorite treat.
6. Your least favorite horse related chore.
7. The most frequently forgotten item at shows or rallies.
8. The pony behavior that annoys you the most.
9. The horse thing you would buy next if money was no object.
10. Your favorite thing about Sleepover.

-Ev, RS, NYUC

RYP Elections

Every year the RYP holds elections to decide who will be helping lead the board, so that we can bring great activities to you. The following is the RYP's new officer team for the 2018-2019. Congratulations!!!

Chair: Emily Shepard, Mystic PC

Vice Chair: Alessia Salati, Brumbies PC

Secretary: Michelle Chapman, Mystic PC

Treasurer: Diba De, Old Chatham PC

The Farrier Lecture was a fun event for all ages, where Abby Nemeck M.Ed. (Director of the Post University Equine Program, and founder of Mad River Pony Club) taught about shoeing, hoof care and health, and more!



REGIONAL YOUTH BOARD LECTURE SERIES

THE RYP HAS ORGANIZED A WINTER LECTURE SERIES FOR YOU! RECENTLY HELD AT OAKENDALE FARM WAS THE FARRIER LECTURE, WHERE PONY CLUBBERS AND ADULTS GOT TO LEARN ABOUT TOOLS, HEAT AND SHAPE A SHOE, TRIM A HORSE'S HOOVES, AND MORE! INTERESTED IN OUR OTHER LECTURES? DON'T MISS THESE UPCOMING DATES:

FEBRUARY 17TH, 12:00

VET TALK BY DR. ASHLEY KORATOWSKI
MYSTIC & NOANK LIBRARY, MYSTIC CT.

MARCH 17TH, 1:00

SCRIBING TALK BY HOLLY WHITNEY
WINDHAM HILL FARM, STERLING CT.

CONTACT EMILY SHEPARD AT EMILYS2618@GMAIL.COM TO LEARN MORE, OR TO RSVP.

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Survey Results:

Here are the top 5 responses as recorded by our polling group. Survey says!!-DING

1. TB, QH, Arab, Mustang, Halflinger
2. Eventing, Games, SJ, Dressage, PoloX
3. Detangler, Flyspray, Brushes, Tack, Crop
4. Bay, Grey, Chestnut, Paint, Black
5. Apples, Mints, Carrots, Bananas, Alfalfa
6. Mucking, Watering, Haying, Sweeping
7. Gloves, Armband, Pads, Bridles, Crop
8. Biting, Pawing, Cribbing, Bucking, Rearing
9. Saddle, Horse, Barn, Bridle, Tack
10. FRIENDS, Food, Megaroom, Activities, FUN!!

Ready to join the team? The RYB is always looking for new members who want to learn new things, give back to the region, and have fun with other Pony Clubbers. We meet once a month via video chat, so it is easy to stay active! Email Alessia Salati at fleetingjazz@hotmail.com to learn more about the NY/UC RYB, or to get involved!

Regional Youth Board Tip of the Month: Winter
“Use softer rubber buckets instead of hard plastic buckets in the winter because you can knock the ice out of them without them shattering.” - Emily

It's the Quiz season! Don't forget to study - using the region's Quizlet sets! We have study sets covering the D and C levels. Go to www.quizlet.com and look up NY/UC RYB!

RYP Member Spotlight

Name: Alessia Salati (Vice-Chair)

Pony Cub: Brumbies

Certification: C-1

Story: Since May 2016 I have been involved with the Regional Youth Board and it has taught me so many amazing skills. I have been able to work with a team of amazing Pony Club members, learn how to teach younger members Horse Management topics, and through that learn great leadership tools. One of the biggest things that I appreciate about RYB is that through it I can give back to Pony Club. Pony Club has made such an impact on my life, and it is a privilege to be able to give back to the organization.



Sunday, February 11, the region held its HA prep at Copper Hill Equestrian Center, where upper level members got to prepare for their testing by teaching, longeing, and being critiqued on their technique by National Examiner Nancy Grout. Thank you to the barn, the organizers, and all the riders who showed up to help!

