



# Regional Youth Board Monthly Newsletter

April 2018



## RALLY SEASON IS HERE!!!!

Regional rallies are starting!!! Entries either are or will be available soon!

Don't forget to send in your completed entries before the closing date!!!

**Games Rally** - May 6<sup>th</sup>

**Eventing Rally #1\*** - May 20<sup>th</sup>

**Polocrosse Rally** - June 2<sup>nd</sup>

**D Eventing Rally** - June 10<sup>th</sup>

**D Show Jumping Rally**- July 14<sup>th</sup>  
(Put on by RYB!!!)

**Show Jumping Rally**: TBD

**Dressage Rally**: June 24<sup>th</sup>

\*Eventing Rallies will be held in conjunction with Kent Horse Trials

## Want to become a member of RYB?

The only requirements are to be at least 14 years old and rated D3 HM! If you are interested in joining this super fun gang of PC members contact: [fleetingjazz@hotmail.com](mailto:fleetingjazz@hotmail.com)



## UPPER LEVEL RATINGS

If you are planning to do an upper level rating this year now is the time to apply! Many of the application deadlines are very soon! Below are the dates for our region's HB, C3, and B testing. Testing dates for HA/A, taking place in other regions, as well as information regarding applications can be found [here](#).

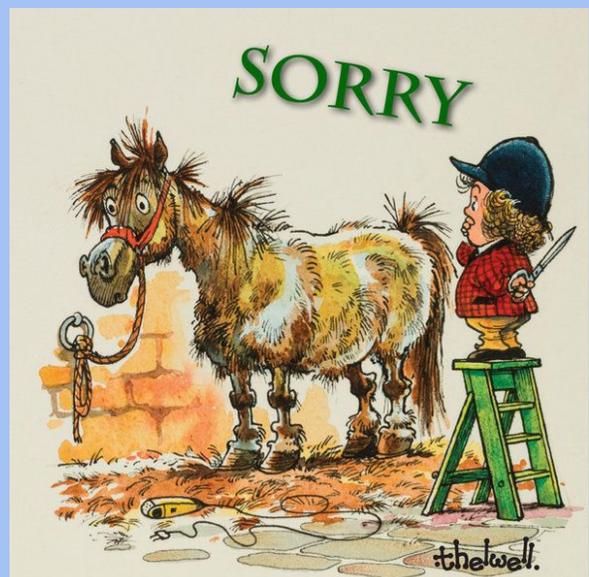
**C3 and B Dressage**: July 31<sup>st</sup>

**HA**: July 29<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>

**C3 and B Traditional**: August 8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>

## RYB Rally Tip of the Month

*"In preparation for rallies or ratings, clip your horse's (or pony's) legs a few weeks in advance so if there are any choppy cuts, the hair will have a chance to grow back in before the day of!" - Michelle*



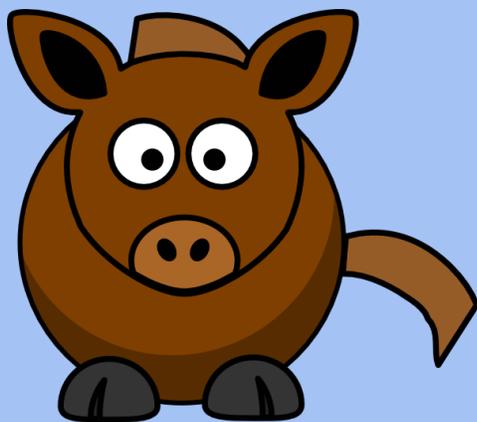
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## NEED AN INSTRUCTOR FOR YOUR CAMP, MOUNTED MEETING, OR ANYTHING ELSE?

Consider a RYB member!! Bios and contact information for each member can be found [here](#).



## MESSAGE FROM THE RS

“Volunteerism is the RS soapbox for April. I’ve read several articles lately about the decline in volunteerism in America and the negative impact that this is having on both private & civic organizations. Part of the problem might be the decline in numbers of kids, economic job stresses, and schedules packed with multiple activities. However, in typical Ev fashion, I’d like to focus on the positives. In NYUC Pony Club, we are ALL volunteers and clearly in the American minority when you look at the enormous number of volunteer hours we put in. There are always other things that compete for the time we do have...but one reason NYUC offers as much as it does, is that we have a strong volunteer group that steps up for our members.

Why do we do it??? Most importantly, we do it because we value the pony club experience. We make the choice to put our hours in THIS organization. But, think of the other positives to volunteering. The time I give to pony club has paid me back with a huge bank of equine knowledge, unique social opportunities (sleepover, trampoline & pudding at Getaway haha), numerous contacts and skills in the horse world, and a personal sense of well-being. Giving back for the opportunities my daughters have had in pony club, making a difference to a youth organization in my community, learning and improving my own skill set...these all feel good! Many are outdoors – a good place to be (most times) in this increasingly electronic world.

What else can we do? Think about bringing like minded friends along with you. Take advantage of grants from employers that match

volunteer hours with monetary support for organizations. Support and celebrate the volunteers in your local clubs!! I know I'm preaching to the choir with this readership. YOUR volunteerism makes NYUC a great group to work with. Thank you for what you do! Keep it up- it makes a huge difference!!"

-Ev, RS, NYUC