



South Region February 2014



Volume 2

From the Regional Supervisor

Rally season is here!

The region will kick off rally season with EBTH and Quiz on February 22 and 23. Both rallies can be an important steppingstone to help prepare for upcoming rallies.

Everything But The Horse (EBTH) is a horseless rally where members bring all the required equipment and participate in a mock rally including stall and tack room set up, turnout inspection, jogs and even 'ride' a test.

Quiz is a non-riding team competition where members show their knowledge and skills. This rally helps members learn horse management and horse care, while providing an opportunity to display and learn good sportsmanship, leadership, stewardship, and teamwork.

The South Region is committed to offering a variety of rallies, from EBTH/Quiz to Games, Eventing, and Show Jumping. Rallies provide an opportunity to demonstrate proficiency in an atmosphere of cooperation, fun and teamwork, while members get to test their skills against others. The culmination of the regional rallies is a USPC National Championship competition!

Now let's Rally!!!

Katie Fite

Games Rally 2013



2014 Calendar of Events

February 22 -23	EBTH/HM/Quiz	Coweta County Fair Grounds, Newnan, GA Midland Pony Club Host
March 8 - 9	Upper Level Prep	Birmingham, AL Cahaba Pony Club Host
March 15 -16	Standards & Ratings Bud Hawley Clinic	UGA Agricultural Center, Athens, GA – SR Youth Board and Piedmont Pony Club Host
March 29	Games Rally	Barlyn Farm, Covington, GA Hilltoppers Pony Club Host
April 12 – 13	Eventing Rally	Poplar Place Farm, Hamilton, GA Hoof Print Pony Club Host
May 10	D Clinic	Spotted Hills Farm, Bowden, GA Pinetrace Pony Club Host
June 7 – 8	Show Jumping	Poplar Place Farm, Hamilton, GA Atlanta Pony Club Host
June 14	Champ Camp	TBA
June 20-22 (tentative)	USPC National Certification	Poplar Place Farm, Hamilton, GA
June 25 – 29	South Region Camp	Poplar Place Farm, Hamilton, GA
July 14 -21	USPC Championships and Festival	Kentucky Horse Park, Lexington, KY
August TBA	D Clinic	Pinetrace Pony Club Host
August 2 (tentative)	HB National Certification	Birmingham, AL Cahaba Pony Club Host
Sept. 6 - 7	Dressage Rally	Georgia International Horse Park, Conyers, GA Atlanta Pony Club Host
Sept. 19 -21	Horse Management Retreat	Compton Farm Dawsonville, GA
October 11-12	Upper Level Mounted Prep	Ashland Farm, Covington, GA
November 1	Regional Counsel Meeting	Fayetteville, GA Woodbine Pony Club Host

2014 Regional Officers

Regional Supervisor (RS) – Katie Fite
 VRS Activities – Willie Johnson
 VRS Activities – Kimberley Umphress
 VRS Instruction – Elaine Fowler
 VRS Instruction – Lida Sease
 Secretary – Billie Henry
 Treasurer – Nancy Thrasher
 RIC – Ann Haller
 RIC – Jennifer Hood
 HMO – Brenda Yike
 Web Master – Kelly Smith

DCs & CAs Did You Know?

- **Cash Receipts and Disbursements for Clubs are due by Feb 15th to the National Office – please email a copy to Katie Fite for the Region file.**
- It's that time of year again, if you have a website that is hosted with the USPC the \$40 web hosting fees are due to the National Office by March 31.
- New Club Officers complete your background check!
- New Memberships – don't forget to send a copy of their membership form and a check for regional fees to the RS.
- Please remember to update members' certification level after a testing. Please visit [Update](#) for on-line certification updates.
- Well, mark your calendars for **TUESDAY, February 18, at 8pm Eastern**. For a Webinar that will introduce you to the new online club and center records. All club officers and center leaders currently have access to their club/center record. If you need your log in information, please contact Aileen Gordon at aileen@ponyclub.org. To sign up for this Webinar, please visit [webinar](#).

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Horse Management Monthly

Boot Trees

What is a boot tree and why is it important?

Boot trees have a real purpose, to extend the life of the boot. Boot trees, once properly inserted into the boot, expand the creases in the toe and ankle areas, enabling the boot to retain shape and extend the life of the material. Once those little creases become bigger creases, the material will crack and separate. And therein ends the life of the boot.

There are two "parts" to a boot tree, the part for the toe and the part for the upper area. The boot toe is designed to fit snugly inside the toe of the boot. It pushes the top of the toe area up and out, expanding the creases created by walking.

The boot tree is a separate piece. Its goal is to expand the creases in the ankle area, and to keep the calf portion of the boot from collapsing down towards the heel (or from tipping over sideways at the ankle). As the boot is worn, the ankle will lose all ability to hold the calf portion upright.

When Horse Management is checking items on the required equipment list during a rally, they are looking for boot trees and boot toes that are actually doing the job required for the boot they are in. Make sure both the boot toe and the boot tree are exerting enough pressure from the inside out to hold the boot upright and maintain the shape of the boot.

Now Let's Kick On!!!

Brenda Yike
Chief Horse Management Judge and
South Region Horse Management Organizer



Important Reminders

- Upper Level Prep for Cs & Bs – March 8 – 9
- 2014 – The Quiz International Exchange will be hosted by the United States at the USPC Festival. Application deadline is May 1, 2014

News from USPC

- Once again USPC is pleased to announce that the Rolex organizing group has donated two 4-day general admission passes for this year's Rolex. Please contact Katie Fite by **March 15** at fite_four@msn.com to place your name in "the hat". The lucky winner will receive the two passes.
- Heading to college next year? Visit the USPC web site at for a current listing of [scholarships](#) and for college application tips. Deadline is March 31.
- All members should visit USPC's [awards](#) and [contests](#) pages for additional opportunities.
- Visiting Instructors Program application deadline is February 15, 2013. Please visit [Visiting Instructor](#) for more information.

YOUTH BOARD NEWS

The South Region Youth Board has hit the new-year strong. We are extremely excited for this upcoming year with lots planned. We started off the year with a great retreat where many plans were made for the upcoming Standards and Ratings Clinic and Bud Hawley. We are also busy creating car tags and saddle pads for the region. With much more planned for the year ahead, the board is ecstatic to make progress in the region and give back to all.

Anna Kate
Chair
South Region Youth Board

PS – A special thank you to Hannah M. from Wings Pony Club for designing the art work for the Quiz Rally t-shirt which is pictured at the right.



Equine Youth Championship Day at the Capitol



Wonderful day at the state capitol for our 2013 USPC Championship participants! Several members made the trip to the capital and were honored during Equine Youth Championship Day by the Georgia State House of Representatives, Georgia State Senate, Georgia Agriculture Commissioner, US House of Representatives, Georgia Governor Deal, and former governor and president Jimmy Carter. Congratulations to all of our 2013 Championship members! See if you can spot our South Region members.

