

Regional Meeting October 25, 2008

On October 25, 2008 I attended the Sunshine Region Semi-annual Meeting to represent our Club. Here are my notes with really important information in Red:

Regional Supervisor (RS) Report:

- USPC will have an annual meeting in Greenville, South Carolina in January. Dates are January 22-25, 2009. This is a great event for everyone involved in Pony Club. Parent, kids, DC's, etc. The schedule includes all sorts of demonstrations, clinics, kids activities (all unmounted) as well as vendors, dinners, etc. Information can be found at www.annualmeeting.ponyclub.org.
- Three new clubs have formed in our Region. (1) High Spirits - near Panama City, FL and (2) Swanee Valley P.C.- near Madison, FL and (3) Showcase P.C. - near Tampa on Dale Mabry (17 members all from one barn).
- RS encouraged all clubs to try Pollocrose and recommended working with Charlie Horse Pollocrosse Club.
- 16 riders represented the Sunshine Region at Nationals in Virginia this Summer. All learned a lot and had a great time.
- The region held three different Camps this year to get riders ready for Regionals. They were very successful. One was part of a C Camp for C level riders.
- The region had a 93% pass rate for Upper Level Ratings.
- New appointed officers were announced: Horse Management Officer (HMO) - Jill Walker, Regional Instruction Coordinator - Bunny Hendricks (new), Junior Board - Jennie Rogers
- **The Region will require Medical Arm Bands for all Regional Riding Events (including Rallies). You must purchase your own. They can be purchased at the USPC Website (look in the Bookstore). Due to this change, we no longer have to have each member sign 3 original medical release forms annually.**

Junior Council Report:

- Note - Junior Council is made up of all participating C-1 rated riders and up from all clubs in the Region.
- Junior Council would like to suggest a D Day (unmounted clinic for all D's and unrated members) in combination with Quiz Rally. (Note: Quiz rally is an unmounted rally where the different clubs compete on horse management knowledge.) D Day would be on Saturday, Quiz Rally on Sunday. This has not been approved by the RS and Rally Coordinator yet.
- **Junior Council kids would like to increase the Regions participation in Games and Pollocrosse. They are willing to come to any club and teach**

the kids games and Pollocrosse. Work with Jennie Rogers (Jr. Council Advisor) to get names of C members who are close to your club.

- D Rally - The Jr. Council would like to help plan and run a D Rally for 2009. They would like to change the format and not have a C Advisor assigned to each club. (note: several DC's encouraged them to continue the format with the C Advisor.)
- Ashely Crane (Note - she was our club's C Advisor for the D Rally in 2008) has been selected to represent the Region at the National Youth Congress. (Note you had to be 18 yrs and a C-3 and up).

Information:

- Tetrathlon was discussed - Sue Hatch from Tuscahill P.C. volunteered to come to different clubs to promote Tetrathlon. She suggested clubs find local resources to help kids train like a local swimming coach and track coach. Sue will come with the guns to teach.

Calendar:

- Jan 22-25 USPC Annual Meeting, Greenville, SC
- Feb 21 Equine Education Day at University of Florida (Note: Everyone really recommended this and the fees go to the Sunshine Region!)
Theme - Going Green, Sustainable Horse Keeping
- Feb 22 Sunday Tetrathlon Unmounted Events - Running, Swimming, Shooting at the University of Florida
- **March 1 Ratings and Standards Clinic at Fannin Hill (Unmounted - Highly Recommended for members, parents, instructors, DC's)**
- March 13-15 Show Jumping Rally at Canterbury
- March 28 Quiz Rally at the Tampa Fair Grounds (Note - same weekend as the Budweiser International. Clubs can stay to watch the International)
- April 25-26 Eventing Rally (recommended for D3 and up)
- May 16 Spring Meeting for Sunshine Region

Unscheduled Events:

- D Rally - The Region would like to hold 2 or 3 D Rallies this year. One around the Tallahassee area, one around Central Florida (early June) at Fannin Hill, and one in Deland in the Fall.
- There might be a Pollocrosse/Games Rally in February
- Mega Rating at Rocking Horse - Concept is a mega rating to rate as many candidates as possible. Rating for D3, C1 and C2 because you need cross country jumps for those rating levels. Might have another one at another location in the region.
- D Camp - Junior Board would like to hold a D Camp (kids/horses) over a long weekend next Fall. They have sent out a Questionnaire to gauge

interest. Email Jr. Board your ideas: jennyrogers@mindspring.com They need a place with dorms/stalls.

- Jr. Board would like to organize a Pollocrosse/Games Clinic

Club Volunteer Commitment:

Each club has to sign up to volunteer to help with an event. I volunteered for hosting the Spring Meeting in May. I'll need volunteers to help make a snack (baked goods).

Meeting adjourned at 3pm.

Denise