



South Region February 2012



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A Note from the NYC

Gabby Fabiano

Are you a ferret, lion, beaver, dog or perhaps a chameleon? This was one of many fun and educational exercises that I experienced with my time in the National Youth Congress. In finding out which animal represented us and then we were given a scenario. It was amazing how different each group worked together in solving the many problems. With discovering out more about the different personalities and how they work together enabled us to grow and work together better.

With gathering all the regions together we were able to bring new ideas and solutions to the table that we were able to convey to the Board of Governors as well as to the formulate an idea that we felt would benefit pony club with the National Youth Board. It was amazing how passionate everyone was in helping plan a presentation that went so well on the last day that was presented to the Board of Governors. Not only was this experience a great way to find ways to market Pony Club but also this enabled us to share ideas and help each other bring something new or different to their

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2012 SR Calendar of Events

February 25-26	EBTH/Quiz Rally	Woodbine Host, Cowetta Fair Grounds
March 9-10	Upper Level Clinic	Cahaba Host, Birmingham, AL
March 31	Games Rally	Piedmont Host, Barlyn Farm, Covington, GA
April 1	D Clinic	Hilltoppers Host, Ashland Farm, Covington, GA
April 13-15	Eventing Rally	Pine Trace Host, Poplar Place
May 12-13	Show Jumping Rally	Hilltoppers Host, Poplar Place
June 11-16 Actual days of week TBD	South Region Camp	Atlanta Host, location TBD
June 23-24	C3 & B Rating	Hilltoppers Host, Ashland Farm, Covington, GA
June 30	Champ Day (Coaches & HMO)	TBD
July 25-29	USPC Championships	Lexington VA
August 4-5	HB Rating	Cahaba Hosting in Birmingham, AL
August 18	D Clinic	Midland Foxhounds Hosting, Location TBD
Sept 6-9	AEC's South Region Volunteer	Volunteers needed for AEC's
September 29-30	Bud Hawley Clinic & C1/C2 Clinic	Hoof Print Hosting, Location TBD
October 20	Dressage Rally	Cohutta Highlanders Host (need fac)
October 21	Upper Level Clinic	Cohutta Highlanders Host (need fac)
November 3	South Region Annual Meeting	Woodbine Hosting, Peachtree City

Any UL Candidate planning to certify (test) between June 1st and August 31st must have form into Karen by April 10th, 2012. See USPC testing site for more details.

own region and to their own pony club.

There were great informational lectures on how leaders are born and how we can be better leaders in pony club and in everyday life. Then listening to how the Alumni's lives have been influenced by pony club and how life plans are never written in pen but in pencil, because life is not neat and clean, its messy. By accepting life is messy and not a straight path from A to B we can enjoy life and all its obstacles.

After we had worked most of the day we were able to have some fun out in New Orleans at a great local restaurant, Ocean Grill. Having a taste of New Orleans with some great company always adds to the experience.

It was an amazing experience that I am thankful that my region selected me and I would recommend to anyone who wants to help Pony Club, met some wonderful people and do a little work. With keeping communication always open as well as an open mind with people who are willing to work hard Pony Club can met and go beyond any expectation.

I would like to thank my region again for sending me as well as everyone who helped organize and run the National Youth Congress, It was remarkable experience that I am thankful to have.

A Note from the RS

Karen Thompson

Hello South Region! Rally Season is just around the corner and I am getting so excited about EBTH and Quiz. I hope you have your rally kits ready and you are practicing your Quiz Skills as it's going to be a great weekend in February.

The Region is keeping up with demand and future packet information will be sent shortly for Games and the D Clinic in March. It is a packed spring because just after Games is Eventing in April, then onto SJ in May. Whew - and don't forget Camp in June. The committee is working hard with planning and it will be fun!

Enjoy your club meetings and INVITE a friend to learn about Pony Club! I hope I see everyone at Rally.-KT

Report for HB/HA Upper Level Prep

Hosted by Hoof Print Pony Club

January 13-15, 2012

This year's HB/HA Upper Level prep was a huge success! Hoof Print Pony Club was honored to host the event at the Umphress family farm, Rockwood Equestrian, located in Beauregard, Alabama. We had a total of 15 participants. The following is a break down of the individuals that attended:

C1s: 6 from South Region, 1 from Mid South Region

C2s: 2 from South Region, 1 from Carolina Region

C3+: 1 from South Region, 1 from Carolina Region

HB: 2 from South Region, 1 from Carolina Region

Instruction was provided by National Examiner Karine Gordy from Tennessee, Dr. Ray Wilhite and Dr. Jennifer Taintor from Auburn University School of Veterinary Medicine and veterinary students and A graduates Marty Whitehouse and Libby Reidy.

The weekend was packed with instruction and information which included, but was not limited to, tack identification, verbal presentation, equine dental and anatomy identification, vaccinations, parasites, diseases, conformation, teaching technics, bandaging and live teaching. All the C1s acted as the mounted "students" while the C2s and above had the opportunity to actually teach a mounted class under Ms. Gordy's supervision.

The weekend was filled with tremendous learning, great food, lots of fun and laughter with a little sleep thrown in for good measure!

Kimberley Umphress
Hoof Print Pony Club DC

*The South Region would like to thank Hoof Print Pony Club for their tremendous effort in providing a valuable learning event for our upper level members. I have heard wonderful feedback on the weekend.
Thank you ~ Karen*

NEW Hunt Seat Equitation Track!

The United States Pony Club has developed an exciting new track for our members to follow - Huntseat Equitation! This standard will allow riders who either are not interested in Eventing or don't have a horse capable of cross country to still reap the many benefits of the Pony Club curriculum. Similar to the Dressage track, the new Huntseat Equitation standards are geared specifically to the demands of Huntseat riding and include a Horse Management, Flat and Over Fences component. The National Office is still working on the specifics (i.e. crossing from the Huntseat track back to the Traditional track), but the new Huntseat Standards of Proficiency are available on the Pony Club website. The Region plans to support this new discipline in any manor we can and think it is a wonderful way to expand our membership.

A HM Lesson from Brenda Yike, HMO

Learning to longe? Having trouble with that loooooong longe line? Try attaching your line to a fence post. Practice by backing away from the fence to release the line while holding your longe whip correctly in position to encourage the horse forward. Consider the fence post your horses head and place yourself in correct position to the fence. Now halt the fence, correctly store your longe whip, then move towards the fence while collecting the longe line. Change the attachment on the fence post to change direction and repeat the exercise. This will help you become accustomed to handling the line and whip correctly without worrying about your horse practicing Airs Above the Ground on the other end. Remember, at a Rating you cannot fool an Examiner, practice shows!

New Horsemasters Group

Hilltoppers Pony Club has a new group of members, but they aren't your typical Pony Clubbers. This wonderful crowd of ladies are Horsemasters, and have dubbed themselves "Over the Hilltoppers."

Holly Breaux, who is a local Preliminary eventer and owner of the famous Flecken Awesome, is acting as the liaison for this Horsemasters club. Members range from adult beginners who are learning the ropes, to seasoned riders who hope to give back to Pony Club and make some new friends in the process.

Horsemasters meet once a month and receive mounted and dismounted instruction. They will also be participating at this year's South Region Rallies, but will compete in their own division.

If you are interested in Starting a Horsemasters Group in conjunction with your club, contact Jennifer Hood at jennygirlhood@yahoo.com. It would be great to see more Horsemasters Rally this year!

Horsemasters going through Rally kit with instructors



CONGRATULATIONS!

REGIONAL HAPPENINGS AND NEWS

Four members from the Atlanta Pony Club were honored at the GDCTA Gala on Feb 4th.

Madeline Lezotte was named the Grand Champion for the Junior Amoeba division.

Reagan Parrish was named Reserve Champion for the Junior Amoeba division.

Rylee Lewis was named the Reserve Champion for the Intro Dressage division.

Anna Kate Johnson was named Training Level Dressage 5th place winner.

Midland Pony Club had the following winners:

Maggie Baker was named Reserve Champion winner in the recognized Training Division in Eventing.

Casey Hall was named Reserve Champion in the Beginner Novice division.

From Pine Trace Pony Club:

Maylyn Hinson was the Champion in the Tadpole Eventing division.

From Wings Pony Club:

Cassidy Clark (C-2) received the 2011 DSDCTA Reserve Champion for Jr/YR in the Beginner/Novice Division.

Lily Hall, D-3 Rating, achieved the following awards for 2011 on her Mount Heart of Gold) Kentucky Horse Park, Lexington, KY

- 2011 National Dressage Pony Cup Champion, Training Level Jr.
- 2011 National Dressage Pony Cup Champion, First Level Jr.
- 2011 National Dressage Pony Cup High Point Award for Current PONY CLUB RIDER
- 2011 Debbie Lillibridge Award from the Deep South Dressage and Combined Training Association (DSDCTA).
- Emerald Coast Chapter (ECC) of the Deep South Dressage and Combined Training Association (DSDCTA) 2011 Champion for Combined Training Jr., Beginner Novice Level (on her mount Elly Mae)

HILLTOPPERS WELCOMED 11 NEW MEMBERS THIS PAST MONTH!! WAY TO GO HILLTOPPERS.

Hilltoppers Pony Club

Mounted Games Clinic & Gymkhana

February 18, 2012 at Barlynn Farm

Whether you are a beginner wishing to see what mounted games is about or an advanced Player who needs to brush up on your skills before the rally, this day is for YOU!

Clinic-Saturday Morning - 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Cost: \$15

Morgan Muffley was a member of Piedmont Pony Club and has over 10 years of Mounted Games experience. She coached the 2010 Bomb Squad team to their first place finish at USPC Championships and has competed in many International Mounted Games competitions.

Cady Solomon & Sarah Beth Hood have competed in several UPSC Championships and were members of the winning Bomb Squad team in 2010. They also competed at President's Cup in Fairhill, Maryland in 2009 and 2010. Sarah Beth was on the first place team at MGAA Nationals in 2009 and was recently chosen to represent the US Pony Club on the International Team in Australia this April.

The **Atlanta Pony Club** is hosting a **CT Show** as a fundraiser on 4/21/12, this show will be run at Bartow County Saddle Club in Cartersville Georgia. The event will be GDCTA recognized, and is sure to be a top-notch event.

Space is available for the March 9-10 **UL Prep** in Birmingham, AL. Contact Sarah van Os from Cahaba for details.

Ann Haller and Kerry Tracy selected as the examiners for the **D Prep** on April 1, packet going out this week for registration.

2012 Regional Officers

Regional Supervisor (RS) – Karen Thompson
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