



TRPC NEWS

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Timber Ridge Pony Club Sponsors Meeting February 12, 2013 Winds Reach Farm

The Timber Ridge Pony Club Sponsors Meeting was held on 2/12/13 at Winds Reach Farm. Gerry Jones called the meeting to order at 6:15 pm. The following sponsors attended: Gerry Jones, Dianna Romanick, Dana Oxley, Amy Luttinger, Camille Dykstra, Lara Marsh, Andrew Marsh, Susan Daufeldt.

Members attended an Un-mounted meeting during the Sponsor's meeting. In attendance were Taylor, Maija, Anna, Alex, Rachel, Grace and Natalie. Taylor taught Pony Club Sports and Susan finished with Foxhunting. The Jan. 8, 2013 minutes were approved without correction. Dana reported the treasury was \$4028.02 with Account Receivables of \$291.41. The year-end treasurer report to the NCPR will be completed and sent by Dana. Gerry commented on the great work that Dana does as Treasurer of TRPC. Thank you Dana!

Old Business:

The Sponsors evaluated Winter Camp. Overall, we felt it went very well, and it helped to end the camp with the Mock Quiz in Waverly as the information was fresh in the kid's minds. Also, this was a good way to prepare for Quiz Rally Feb 15-16 (Tremont IL). The instructors were great, food was delicious, and parental involvement was awesome. The snow sledding was an added bonus!

New Business:

We discussed/reviewed plans for Quiz Rally Feb 15-16. We have 10 Pony Clubbers and 7 Sponsors attending this year. We reviewed parental assignments (for helping at the rally), travel and hotel arrangements, and snack list. Gerry will bring a cooler and drinks and asked that other parents contribute snacks for everyone. They will go out to dinner Sat. evening. Kids (without parents going)

Next, Certifications were discussed. Susan said she tries to school her horse trial students two levels above what they are competing at, so they are successful. Her rule of thumb is that people compete and test at about 70% of what they are training at/schooling at. She would like to have the kids well prepared for their certification and encouraged parents to get their kids to lessons. If parents have questions about their child's readiness for their next certification, please discuss this now with your instructor.

May 4 and/or 5th, TRPC certifications are planned at Winds Reach. Gerry is in the process of finding an UL Pony Clubber or National Examiner to do the certifications. Susan and Andrew encouraged hiring a B or HA. For example Rebecca (a B) is local. In total, 6 are expected to certify: 3/ D3, 1/D2 and 3/D1. After group discussion, it was decided the preferred date was Saturday, May 4 and completed in one day – depending on Examiner's schedule.

The TRPC Summer Camp was originally planned for June 7-10. After some discussion it was rescheduled for June 4-8. (Tues-Sat.). As planned now: Pony Clubbers will arrive Tues, ride Weds, Thurs, Fri, there will be a small show on Sat. It is hoped there will be time for a trail ride. Rather than all staying together in Gerry's barn, it was decided to shorten commute time by keeping the campers near Winds Reach. Tentatively, it is planned that local clubbers will stay at their own homes, and where possible take in clubbers who live further away. Gerry is going to try to get 2 Visiting Instructors (Vi's). A minimum of 4 instructors was decided upon. This number worked well last summer. The instructors will all stay together at Winds Reach. Bill, Susan and Andrew offered to help as instructors too.

The following dates were highlighted to remind sponsors of upcoming events:

- **March 12**, TRPC Sponsors Meeting @6 pm Winds Reach
- Intent to Certify is due **March 13**, signed by instructor for certification. These were passed out. Flow sheets can be handed in a little later. They are due 2 weeks before certification.
- Certification is planned for **May 4-5**. This will allow the D3s to qualify for the Midwest Champs in Kansas City in Aug.
- **March 16 and 17** is the NCPR Regional Meeting in Peoria. Instructors, parents, alumni, D3s and above, age 13 and up are welcome. Kevin Bowie will run a Standards and Certification Clinic. They will have Pony Clubbers do demo rides and Kevin will explain what is being evaluated for their level of certification. Junior Pony Club Board will meet at the same time.
- **March 24** (Palm Sunday) TRPC Mounted Meeting 2-5, Winds Reach.
- **April 27th** -Games Demo at Winds Reach. With Bridget and others.

TRPC T shirts for Quiz Rally were handed out to those who bought them.
Meeting Adjourned @7:25 pm

Next meeting is March 12 @ 6 pm @ Winds Reach.
s/Amy Luttinger, Secretary TRPC

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TRPC Winter Camp was held on Feb 1-3 at Jones's Big Red Barn. The following members participated in camp: Taylor, Maija, Garrett, Michael, Taylor C, Natalie, Grace, Anna, Alex, and Rachel. Parents assisting were Dianna, Dana, Lara, Andrew, Bill, Camille, Amy, Susan and Gerry. Prairie Jumper members present were Katelyn, Kearsten, Scarlett and Vivian. The PJPC Parent was Laura Mason. The instructors were Sandee McKee, Annie, Ali, Susan, Bill and Taylor. All of the TRPC kids gave a presentation on Saturday evening. Thank you to all of the parents for the help with the meals, snacks and drinks. Also, for those parents brave enough for an overnight! On Sunday everyone traveled to Waverly to the Civic Center to attend Mock Quiz hosted by SBPC. It was another great learning experience. Thank you to everyone for all of their planning and organizing and lugging tack. It's a huge undertaking, but everyone learns so much even the parents!

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Winter Fun at Camp



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Quiz Rally

Quiz Rally 2013 was Feb 16 & 17 in Tremont Il. There were 10 members from Timber Ridge PC participating this year. There were 2 full TRPC Jr. D teams, a scramble Sr D. team and a scramble Sr. C team. The teams were as follows: Jr. D teams - "Long Reins" – Grace, Rachel, Anna and Garrett. "Loose Girths" – Natalie, Alex, Taylor C. and Michael. The Sr. D scramble team was "American Pony" – Maija, Kate and Beatrice. Taylor O. was on the Sr. C scramble team known as "Scrambled Eggs". The American Pony team won 1st. place in the Sr. D Division. The Long Reins won 3rd in the Jr. D Division. The Loose Girths won 4th place in the Jr. D Division. The Scrambled Eggs won 1st place in the Sr. C Division. Both first place teams got to bring home the NCPR Traveling "KnowDown" Plaque!! This is what Quiz Rally was formerly called. Timber Ridge has brought this plaque home a number of times over the years. This is a true accomplishment! Way to go teams, you've once again made TRPC very proud!! Gerry would also like to Thank all the kids and parents that attended Quiz, and to know how much she appreciated everyone



Thank Goodness We Prepared for This!

On the 16th of February the members of Timber Ridge Pony Club got in the car to go to Quiz Rally.

We checked in at the Christen Life Academy and headed into their gym where the briefing at 10:00am was going to be held. The organizers were Heart of Illinois and Sangamon Valley, who informed the parents and teams that the junior D's were to go to Cornerstone Stables, the destination of the barn phase. Filled with excitement, we headed to the cars with our chaperones and drove to the stables. Once we were there, us kids went to the lounge to wait for the day to begin.

We, the Loose Girths went straight to station 2 and the Long Reins, Timber Ridge's other team went to station 3. The timer said start and we began. We had to say our name, rating, and the level of the question we wanted to be asked, then answer the question, either verbally or hands-on, like putting a halter on a pony. Then, once we had all answered a question, we were faced with the group question, which was to show the person recording the scores two stable vices. After we completed that task, we moved to station 3. At this station was a bunch of brushes and a bridle, which we all looked curiously at. Once again we had to introduce ourselves and say which level question we wanted, the group question this time was more challenging: put together a bridle, with all of the buckles and straps done up correctly. It took us a while to finish this, but in the end, we did it correctly and moved to station 4. At station 4 we had to climb on a saddle and show the scorer how to do things like perform around the world and shorten the stirrup's length properly. For the group question, we had to look at this big bay warmblood and find four things that would help you identify the mount, like, the snip and star on his face. Station 5 had a little dressage arena set up that we had to display things like a reverse or tracking left in. There were also standards and poles lying on the ground and we had to create a jump that a D2 would jump at a rating. Station 5 was the games station. There we had to pick up the certain objects you would use in different games like the egg and spoon race, the group question was to show how to properly organize and play the mug shuffle. We then finally went to Station 1. We had to do all different kinds of things like, choose what type of hay you would feed your horse, What type of bucket you would let your pony drink out of, and what two halters would you use to tie your pony in the trailer? The group question was to look at three stall cards and decide on the horse that would be able to go to a rally. When the teams had all finished their final stations, we were allowed to go back to our cars and drive back to the Christian Life Academy. When we arrived at the school once again we had pizza for lunch then the next phases of Quiz Rally would start.

The next phase for the Jr. D qualifiers was Stations, where the competitors compete as a team. There were a variety of topics including dressage, fox hunting terms, feed and nutrition, and matching what standard matched with what rating level. Stations lasted about forty minutes overall. It required the ability to cooperate with fellow teammates and work and think as a team. After Stations, we headed back to the gym where the Written Test was being taken. Written Test was an individual phase and wasn't the funnest thing to do, each competitor was given a test depending on your rating, and were to fill out the answers to each question without help. You could take as long as you needed to complete the test, once you were done, you weren't allowed to see your results until after Classroom, which was held the following day. Mega Room was a lot like Stations but was also an individual event. You were placed with three or four other kids from different teams and had to fill out answers about the things displayed in front of you like a board with pictures of different types of jumps on it, numerous parts of the bridle, breeds and colors of horses, and parts of the pony and hoof. This was the last event of the day but the C's had to stay until 5pm.

The next day we went to the Classroom phase, which was held at the same place as Stations, Mega Room, and the Written Test. Classroom is not like any of the other events, you have to sit in a vertical line, one teammate behind the other. The captains sit in the front. When it is your turn, you stand up and introduce yourself, then you say what level question you want, either at level, one level above, or two levels above your rating. You are asked a question, then you have 20 seconds for D's, and 15 seconds for C's, to start saying your answer, once you start speaking, there is no limit to how long you speak- unless you are just rambling on. Usually you complete three rounds before Classroom is over, a round is completed once everybody is asked a question. After Classroom, the main scorekeeper adds up all the points and you see the final placing, the prize giving is then held, wrapping up Quiz Rally 2013.

Written by Natalie and Grace.

2013 Schedule-

(Showing meetings of TRPC as well as selected other horse related activities in the region)

January

8 (Tuesday) TR Sponsor Meeting 6 pm; Unmounted – upper PCers Taylor and Maija run activities for younger ones @ Gerry's Barn, Williamsburg

13 (Sunday) TR Unmounted Meeting (and winter party?) (prep for quiz rally) 2-4 pm @ Gerry's Barn, Williamsburg

12-13 SB Winter Camp, Cedar Falls (not clear if open to us)

19-20 HB Prep with Scott Fernandez, Holt MO

21 (Monday) No Classes in Schools (MLK day) At present nothing planned. Possible PC snow day.

23-27 USPC National Meeting –Denver, CO.

27 (Sunday) TR Unmounted Meeting (Prep for quiz rally) 2-4 pm @ Gerry's Barn, Williamsburg

February

1-3 TR Winter Camp- Friday 5 pm through Sunday. Sunday we go to Mock Quiz (Waverly IA)

9-10 Upper Level Prep in Chicago Area, with Jen Verharen

12 TR Sponsors Meeting 6 pm; Grace and Natalie run do something educational with unrated and D1 PCers @ Gerry's Barn

(15-) 16-17 NCPDR Quiz Rally Tremont IL. Travel on the 15th?

March

9 Application due to Gerry for certifications in the Spring

12 TR Sponsors Meeting 6 pm @ Winds Reach

13 Completed Certification Flow Chart (signed by Instructor) due to Gerry

16-17 NCPDR Regional Meeting, Standards and Certification Clinic with Kevin Bowie, Paddock Hills Equestrian Center Peoria IL. Open to 13y/o or D3 and above.

24 (Palm Sunday) TR Mounted Meeting with HM 2-5.

25 HB/ Upper Level testing applications to Gerry DUE

April

1 Applications Due to RS For National Ratings June 1-Aug 31

6-7 NCPDR Upper Level Prep with Terri Rocovich, Peoria IL

9 TR Sponsor meeting @ 6pm @ Winds Reach

20-21 SB hosts Jen Verharen Clinic Centennial Stables, Cedar Falls area

21 TR Unmounted @ Winds Reach

25-28 Rolex, Lexington KY

27 TR and SB Games Demo with Bridget@ Winds Reach (if Winds Reach available?)

April - HB Certification Midwest or Lake Shore Region (no date yet)

May

4-5 TR Certifications D1-D3 Winds Reach (Possible Clinic on the other day) This is a change from original calendar

11 TRPC Mounted Meeting (Saturday, to avoid Mothers Day); (D2 and up) PCers meet at Catalpa

10 am for schooling there in morning, possible; D1s (and D2s, if they prefer) meet at Winds Reach in afternoon

14 TR Sponsors Meeting 6 pm Winds Reach

17-19 Otter Creek Spring HT, Wisconsin

25-27 Event Derby at Winds Reach (Dressage and Combined cross country and show jump); Eric Dierks Clinic on Sat. TBA

June

1-2 D & SJ Rally/ Catalpa Carriage Driving Event

7-8-9-10 TRPC Summer Camp @ Winds Reach

11 TR Sponsors Meeting @ 6pm @ Winds Reach

15-16 UL Prep -Winds Reach w/ Cherie Gaebel/ Silver Wood Farm Spring HT Show

21-24 NCPH Eventing Rally FRVPC HT Barrington Hills, Chicago Area (Susan plans to go) /Summer Camp @ SBPC

29-30 NCPH HB Certification Peoria IL

July

1 Applications Due to RS For Certifications in Nov 26-Dec 31

9 TR Sponsors Meeting

13-14 NCPH D Rally Dunham Woods, IL

13-14 Roebke's Run HT

20-21 Hunter Oaks HT

24-28 USPC Championships East, Lexington VA

28 TR Mounted Meeting

August

3-4 Catalpa Corner Charity Horse Trial

3-4 Silverwood Farm HT

6-11 MIDWEST CHAMPIONSHIPS, KS/ (9-11 NCPH C3, B, A Certifications Barrington IL; MAY MOVE THIS)

9-11 Otter Creek Summer HT

13 TR Sponsors Meeting

11 TR Mounted Meeting

Aug 31-Sept 1 Steepleview Labor Day Horse Trials

September

10 TR Sponsors Meeting

14 or 15 Clinic or Mounted Meeting TRPC

October

1 Applications Due to RS for National Certifications Nov 26-Dec 31

8 Annual Sponsors Meeting TBA @ a restaurant

8 Applications for Youth Congress due to Gerry

Oct. 12 Fox Hunt near Des Moines (mounted meeting for Oct.)

22 Applications due to RS for National Youth Congress for Annual Meeting (in Jan)

25-27 Heritage Park HT

November

1 Applications NYC due to USPC

3 TR Mounted meeting

9-10 NCPH Annual Meeting/Junior Board Bloomington IL

12 TR Sponsors meeting

December

1 CHRISTMAS PARTY @ WINDS REACH?

28-30 NCPH HA Prep



USPC Mission Statement

The United States Pony Club (USPC) Inc., develops character, leadership, confidence and a sense of community in youth through a program that teaches the care of horses and ponies, riding and mounted sports.

USPC Core Values:

Horsemanship with respect to healthcare, nutrition, stable management, handling and riding a mount safely, correctly and with confidence.

Organized teamwork including cooperation, communication, responsibility, leadership, mentoring, teaching and fostering a supportive yet competitive environment.

Respect for the horse and self through horsemanship; for land through land conservation; and for others through service and teamwork.

Service by providing an opportunity for members, parents, and others to support the Pony Club program locally, regionally and nationally through volunteerism.

Education at an individual pace to achieve personal goals and expand knowledge through teaching others.