

2012 Annual Report







A Message from the President and Chief Executive Officer

This past year has been a very busy and exciting one for the Pony Club organization.

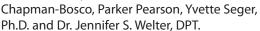
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2012 started with our Annual Meeting held in New Orleans, Louisiana, hosted by the Deep South Region with 611 attendees. The keynote speaker for the meeting was Dennis D. French,

DVM from the University of Louisiana. The

National Youth Congress and the Academy of Achievement were again held in conjunction with the meeting. The following were inducted to the Academy in 2012: Loranne Ausley, Laurie



Final 2012 year-end membership (youth) was 8,917. Clubs and riding centers totaled 592. In 2012, 310 members passed their National Level Certifications. This included: 156 H-Bs, 64 C-3–Traditionals, 5 C-3– Show Jumping, 9 C-3– Dressage, 32 B–Traditional, 8 B–Dres-

Kevin Price



sage, 1 B–Show Jumping, 23 H-HM/H/H-A, 7 A–Traditional, and 5 A–Dressage. There were no members tested for A-Show Jumping.

The Horsemasters Program was updated with the introduction of Standards of Proficiency structured specifically to address the riding and horse management needs of this group. The Hunter Seat Equitation Standards and

Certifications track was approved and launched in 2012. Pony Club added Polo as a discipline and a rulebook for play was produced. The Western Riding Track pilot program was approved in 2011, and began in 2012 with over 60 Clubs participating in the program, providing lessons and the chance to certify to the C-2 level with the Western Standards.

confidence



The new editions of the D and C Manuals were released this year, with work progressing steadily on the Upper-level Manual. 2012 also saw the implementation of the Youth Protection Policy and Training Modules.

The new e-learning environment, the Pony Club "Tack Trunk," was launched successfully to help provide more educational materials to our membership and to improve the existing online educational content. A new E-membership category was approved in 2012 and will provide an online membership option to engage individuals who do not have horses but are interested in learning about them in hopes to attract future Pony Club members. A new online youth membership renewal option was introduced for the first time in 2012 with much success.





teamwork

The United States Pony Clubs once again showcased an educational booth in the Kid's Zone at the Alltech National Horse Show in the fall. Halloween fun, with trick-or-treating for the kids highlighted the event for both the youth and staff members in attendance. Several riders competing over the week are successful Pony Club alumni.

2012 saw Pony Club host two Championships, East and West. There were 555 competitors in Lexington, Virginia, for East and 119 (including 1 Horsemaster!) in Cle Elum, Washington.

The Prince Philip Cup Mounted Games Competition was held during the Rolex Kentucky Three-Day Event. Pony Club also hosted the ever popular "Celebrity Challenge Round" where Rolex Celebrities joined the Pony Club teams for several races during one round of play. Pony Club sent three teams to Dressage4Kids, two competing in New York and one in Michigan. There were also several Pony Club members riding as club teams

sportsmanship

and individuals at both competitions. Pony Club's 2012 USEF Pony Jumper Finals team brought home the highest placing any USPC team has ever achieved, coming in third overall and claiming the bronze medal. Two of the riders on the team also finished in the Top 25 individually. The International Games Exchange was the only exchange USPC participated in this past year.

Pony Club received two grants, one from USA Equestrian Trust and one from the International Horse Show, Omaha to help construct the new Equine Educational Exhibit. This exhibit made its debut at the International Horse Show in Omaha in April of 2013.

2012 saw several gatherings for Pony Club Alumni, including one at the Rolex Kentucky Three-Day Event and the Pentathlon Olympic Trials in Charlotte, North Carolina.

As you read this 2012 Annual Report, we hope you will see that we appreciate your membership, service and support. We all have much to be proud of, but much work is still ahead. We have and continue to set the bar high! With your help, our goals can be achieved, because we know Pony Club offers education, competition and personal growth opportunities that other equine organizations only dream about.

Best Regards,

Dan Murphy President, Board of Governors

Sincerely,

Kevin Price

Chief Executive Officer



2013 USPC Board of Governors

Pictured from left to right, Back Row: Jody Hoffman, Waxhaw, NC Mike Amos, Cincinnati, OH Margi Pence, Leawood, KS Anna Clader, Rush, NY Katie Graham, Portola Valley, CA Sarah Andres, Floyds Knobs, IN Allison Murphy, Cheyenne, WY Lynn du Celliee Muller, Lockeford, CA Katrina Deane, Moss Beach, CA Debbie Kirsch, Middleboro, MA Deb Willson, Athens, TN Jan Whitehouse, Nicholasville, KY Yvette Seger, Washington, D.C. Daniel G. Murphy, President, Los Angeles, CA Heather Kuenzi, Beaver Dam, WI

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Julie Herman, Cypress, TX April Smith, Grass Valley, CA Geneva Torsilieri, Flemington, NJ Macy Anne Carman, Billings, MT Nancy J. Pittman, Paso Robles, CA Lorelei Wilson Coplen, Carlisle, PA Claire Harmon, Missouri City, TX Jennifer Sweet, Chehalis, WA

Not Pictured:

Lisa Evans, Johnstown, OH Polly Grammer, Arrington, TN Alicia Henderson, Hendersonville, NC Steve Jerman, Meridian, ID

Past Presidents

Louise Lott Bedford - 1954 Howard C. Fair - 1955-1960 Sherman P. Haight, MFH - 1961-1963 Howard J. Morris Jr. - 1964-1966 Harry I Nicholas Jr. MFH - 1967-1969 Rufus Wesson - 1970-1972 Howard C. Fair - 1973-1974 John L. Love - 1975-1977 James K. Ligon - 1978-1980 John H. Fritz - 1981-1982 Mary Lou Anderson - 1983-1985 Anson W. H. Taylor Jr. - 1986 James K. Ligon - 1987-1989 Robert J. Kutil - 1990-1991 Melanie M. Heacock - 1992-1994 Cynthia S. Piper - 1995-1997 Emsie M. Parker - 1998-2000 Larry E. Byers - 2001-2003 Margo P. Leithead - 2004-2006 Arthur R. Kramer - 2007-2008 Tom Adams - 2009-2011 Dan Murphy - 2012-Present



2013 USPC Founders Award Recipients

Each year at the Annual Meeting and Educational Symposium, The USPC Founders Award is presented to one or more individuals who have given at least 20 years of service at the Club, Region, and National level. The following volunteers were honored for their dedication and service at the 2013 Annual Meeting in Denver, Colorado:

Laurie Chapman-Bosco, Rochester, NH Nancy McKnight, Turner, OR Carol Noggle, Gainesville, VA Abdolreza "Abe" Rastkar, Columbia, MO

Pony Club: Where It All Begins!

Mission Statement:

The United States Pony Clubs, 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.

Pony Club Pledge:

"As a member of the United States Pony Club, I stand for the best in sportsmanship as well as in horsemanship. I shall compete for the enjoyment of the game well played and take winning or losing in stride, remembering that without good manners and good temper, sport loses its cause for being. I shall endeavor to maintain the best tradition of the ancient and noble skill of horsemanship, always treating my horse with consideration due a partner."

Core Values: HORSE

orsemanship 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



friendships

Demographics: Who Are We?

The United States Pony Clubs, Inc. was founded as a non-profit national educational organization in February 1954. The founders were enthusiastic foxhunters who recognized the need for an organization to provide sound instruction for all interested children, especially those who otherwise could not afford expensive lessons. The USPC was patterned after the British Pony Club but was and is independent from Pony Club there.



volunteers

While the core of Pony Club is the family, the foundation of Pony Club is volunteerism. Pony Club is run largely by volunteer leaders at the local, regional and national levels. Without our

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volunteers there would not be Pony Club. Our volunteers are passionate about Pony Club and spend untold hours working to the betterment of their Clubs, Centers, Regions and the National organization.

With more than 500 Clubs, 60 Riding Centers, and 68 Horsemasters

Groups, we serve more than 9,000 youth and adult members. Our focus is on educating the whole person. Pony Club members learn horse

management and riding skills. But just as importantly they learn valuable life lessons – Leadership, Teamwork, Confidence – and a sense of community.





We are much more than our name. We produce horsemen and women, and in the process, we produce leaders, citizens and scholars! Pony Club counts many government officials, military leaders, doctors, nurses, scientists, business leaders, teachers, professors and equine professionals as alumni.

Facts About Pony Club

512 Pony Clubs 60 Pony Club Riding Centers 68 Horsemasters Groups 42 Regions

The Five Largest Regions are

MidSouth Middle California Carolina Northwest Maryland

Top Five States in Membership are

California Pennsylvania Washington Virginia Maryland

Demographics of our youth members Gender

94% are Female 6% are Male

Age

25% are between 5 years-10 years 57% are between 11 years-16 years 18% are between 17 years-25 years

- 90% of our members participate through the traditional Club model.
- 10% of our members participate through the Riding Center Program model.
- The average age of a Pony Club member when they join the organization is between 8 and 12 years old.
- More than 90% of our High School aged members plan to, or are already enrolled in an institution of higher education.
- More than 86% of our High School aged members receive high marks in math and science.





National Youth Board and Academy of Achievement

Pony Club National Youth Board: Our Young Leaders Step Forward

Pony Club plays an important role in the development of our future leaders. Members and graduates say that the programs and services of Pony Club impact their lives in more ways than just learning about horses. It teaches leadership, service to community, confidence and skills they take with them throughout their lives

National Youth Board

Geneva Torsilieri, Chair
Alex Ambelang, Vice-Chair
Macy Anne Carman, Advisor
Jacqueline Coplen
Suzie Curtis
Alexa Ehlers
Amelia Fleitz
Molly Foley
Danielle Howard
Nadine Janecek
Hannah Jarvis
Katherine LoChiatto
Bryn Oliver
Holly Osbourne
Riley Rockford



2013 recipients Academy of Achievement Class of 2013

At the Annual Meeting and Educational Symposium in Denver, Colorado, the following four Pony Club Graduates were inducted into the USPC Academy of Achievement at the Friday evening Honors Banquet:

From left to right in photo: Heather Bell, Evergreen, CO Dr. Mary Sarah Bergh DVM, Ames, IA Dr. Amy Story PhD, Cleveland, OH Margaret "Meg" Johnson, Dallas, TX

Visit the National Youth Congress page on the website http://www.ponyclub.org/?page=NYC to see all classes of the Academy of Achievement.

Stella Sunstein

Hear from our Future Leaders

Here are excerpts from the Development Presentation given by Macy Anne Carman at the 2013 Pony Club Annual Meeting.

Ask not what Pony Club can do for you, but what can you do for Pony Club! We have all heard that before. Now while as honorable as that sounds, I don't think that it really applies to our involvement in Pony Club.

First off, I think that is important to reflect on what Pony Club has done and continues to do for you, your children, or others you love. This not only allows for room to appreciate what could be improved or changed, but also allows you time to appreciate the Pony Club experience in a way that we often overlook when we are sunburnt, exhausted, frostbitten, grimy, insert any adjective you would like here.

Over the past year I have had a lot of reasons to reflect on what Pony Club has done for me. As Chair of the National Youth Board, a member of the Board of Governors, a working student, and a senior in college applying to graduate schools, Pony Club seemed to show up over and over again and in way far more influential than knowing how to pick feet or ride out on trot sets with horses preparing for 3 stars, although my boss might disagree.

Instead it has shown up in ways such as being able to present myself in a competent manner in front of

Macy Anne Carman people: in interviews,



people: In Interviews, in front of a group of the British Pony Club, on a radio show, and hopefully right now. A certain unnamed national examiner used to make me do my evaluations over and over again, starting again from the beginning if she felt it could be improved which instilled in me the importance of

content and delivery that applies far beyond freeforward-movement.

Another thing that has always been stressed during my years as a member was giving back. This consisted of things like teaching the D's about the correct way to blanket or their posting diagonals, being a stable manager or assistant stable management judge rather than taking my own horse to rally, teaching for different clubs as I found my nomadic life leading me around the country, and spending my time working with some incredible members and supporters on the National Youth Board and the Board of Governors. It has been with my work in the administration of the organization, and as my role began to shift to from member to volunteer I began to understand the importance of giving back in financial terms as well.

Pony Club dues only cover about 40% of the cost of the services that they provide to us as members. The remainder is covered by donations and grants to the Annual Fund, as well as other revenue sources. By giving to the Annual Fund, we are saying that we appreciate and support Pony Club and we are doing so in a way that can be statistically measured. I felt like my small contribution would be more hassle than it was worth, and it would not impact the Annual Fund. It turns out that the most important number that we are capable of impacting is that of participation.

So as the weekend begins to wind down, and the exciting Pony Club year starts to leg up I encourage you to take a moment to reflect on what Pony Club can do for you and what can you do for Pony Club! Thank You.



Financial Statements

Reading and understanding our financial statement is really very easy. The bottom line is Total Assets minus Total Liabilities = Net Assets.

Our Statement of Financial Position, which follows, is often referred to as a Balance Sheet. However, the term Statement of Financial Position is most often used for Not-For-Profit organizations. It shows what the NFP owns (Assets) and what it owes (Liabilities) as of a particular date. The difference between Assets and Total Liabilities equals Net Assets.

THE UNITED STATES PONY CLUBS, INC.

Statement of Financial Position

December 31, 2012

ASSETS

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Cash and cash equivalents	\$	544,442
Investments		826,945
Accounts receivable		18,669
Pledges receivable		-0-
Grants receivable		23,000
Inventory		66,939
Prepaid expenses	_	43,816
Total current assets		1,523,811
Property and equipment, net		1,695,491
Other assets:		
Cash surrender value of life insurance		166,728
Designated		1,657,859
Temporarily restricted		357,628
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Total other assets	_	2,182,215
Total assets	\$	5,401,517

SOURCE: 2012 Audited Financial Statements

AUDITORS: Blue & Co., LLC, Lexington, KY

Complete Audited Financial Statements are available upon request by contacting the USPC National Office at (859) 254-7669 or USPC, 4041 Iron Works Parkway, Lexington, KY 40511.

THE UNITED STATES PONY CLUBS, INC.

Statement of Financial Position

December 31, 2012

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Current	1:-	L:	:4:	
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Current liabilities:	
Accounts payable and other accrued liabilities	\$ 129,869
Tenant deposits	10,835
Current portion of long-term debt	30,985
Deferred income:	,
Membership dues	735,110
Annual Meeting	85,063
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Other	32,670
Total current liabilities	1,024,532
Long-term liabilities:	
Long-term debt	312,551
Total liabilities	1,337,083
Net assets	
Unrestricted:	
	2,009,604
Undesignated	
Designated	1,657,859
Total unrestricted	3,667,463
Temporarily restricted	396,971
Total net assets	4,064,434
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 5,401,517



THE UNITED STATES PONY CLUBS, INC.

Statement of Activities & Changes in Net Assets

December 31, 2012

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Total
Support and Revenues			
Advertising		\$	\$ 28,674
Annual meeting	108,591		108,591
Bookstore	195,835		195,835
Contributions and support	157,877	31,001	188,878
Championships and events	216,154		216,154
Grants		44,855	44,855
Instruction	108,745		108,745
Insurance	222,985		222,985
International exchange	9,598		9,598
Investment income	47,128	19,314	66,442
Membership dues and fees	970,661		970,661
National Youth Congress	15,816		15,816
Rent	131,350		131,350
In-kind revenue	2,634		2,634
Other	10,711		10,711
Unrealized gain	236,417	44,173	280,590
Realized loss	(23,111)	(22,524)	(45,635)
Net assets released from restrictions,			
satisfaction of program restrictions	91,337	(91,337)	-0-
Total support and revenues	2,531,402	25,482	2,556,884
Operating Expenses:			
Program expenses:			
Activities	323,291		323,291
Annual meeting	122,966		122,966
Bookstore	303,020		303,020
Communications	236,941		236,941
Instruction	328,940		328,940
Insurance	209,940		209,940
Member services	260,511		260,511
Total program expenses	1,785,609	-0-	1,785,609
Management and general	698,075		698,075
Fundraising	157,541		157,541
Total operating expenses	2,641,225		2,641,225
Change in net assets	(109,823)	25,482	(84,341)
Net assets, beginning of year	3,777,286	371,489	4,148,775
Net assets, end of year	\$ 3,667,463	\$ 396,971	\$ 4,064,434

THE UNITED STATES PONY CLUBS, INC.

Statement of Cash Flows

Year ended December 31, 2012

Cash flows from operating activities:	
Change in net assets	\$ (84,341)
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash flows	
from operating activities:	
Depreciation	64,129
Unrealized (gains) losses on investments	(280,590)
Realized (gains) losses on investments	45,635
Donated securities	-0-
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:	
(Increase) decrease in assets:	
Accounts receivable	(11,381)
Pledges receivable	42,250
Grants receivable	(23,000)
Inventory	16,830
Prepaid expenses	34,090
Other assets	(5,221)
Increase (decrease) in liabilities:	
Accounts payable and other accrued liabilities	14,287
Tenant deposits	670
Deferred income	(50,316)
Net cash flows from operating activities	(236,958)
Cash flows from investing activities:	
Proceeds from investments	939,979
Purchases of investments	(711,532)
Purchases of property and equipment	(6,077)
Construction in progress	(136,473)
Net cash flows from investing activities	85,897
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Cash flows from financing activities:	
Principal payments on long-term debt	(27,003)
Net cash flows from financing activities	(27,003)
Net change in cash	(178,064)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	722,506
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	544,442
Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information:	
Cash paid for interest expense	27,003
Supplemental disclosures of non-cash investing and financing activities:	
Donated securities	-0-
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How Can You Help?

The United States Pony Club is a non-profit equestrian educational organization which serves youth up to 25 years of age. In addition, the Pony Club Horsemasters Program for Adults allows the Pony Club education to continue on after graduating, or even begin for those who did not have the opportunity in their youth. The foundation of the Pony Club education both in and out of the barn is safety, horsemanship, sportsmanship, leadership, stewardship and fun. Members learn riding and mounted sports, and the care of horses. The skills and values instilled through Pony Club teamwork and horsemanship apply to every aspect of life.

Pony Club is supported by the efforts of dedicated volunteers. But we still need the help of alumni, friends and our corporate sponsors. There are many ways you can help:

Corporate Sponsorship

Sponsorships are tailored to the individual needs of each sponsor and may include benefits such as advertising opportunities in *Pony Club News*, a quarterly print magazine, the Annual Directory and more.

2012 Corporate Sponsors









Business Associates

Becoming a USPC Business Associate is a wonderful way to support Pony Club and reach our membership, and only costs \$500 per year.

Affiliate Partners

Pony Club has a number of Business Affiliate Partners who offer discounts and special opportunities for our members.

2012 Business Associates and Affiliate Partners

AllHorseTalk.com
American Farrier's Association
DuBarry of Ireland
EquestrianCoach.com
Kentucky Equine Research
Rood and Riddle Equine Hospital
Royal Champion Supplements
Sneak-F-Snacks LLC

Proud Pony Club Graduate Program

As a Proud Pony Club Graduate, you can post on your website the "Proud Pony Club Graduate" logo with a link to the Pony Club website. In return, we will post your business logo and a link on the Pony Club website. Let everyone know what a difference Pony Club has made in your life, by displaying The Proud Pony Club Graduate logo. Thanks to the following Alumni who are participating in this program:



For more information about any of these programs, contact the Development Department by email development@ponyclub.org or by calling 859-254-7669.

Terry Abrams

Annual Giving: Get Involved!

Annual Giving supports ongoing educational and training programs for Pony Club members, leaders and volunteers. This list includes all gifts and paid pledges received through December 31, 2012. We have carefully reviewed this list for accuracy. However, in a listing of this length errors may occur. If your name does not appear correctly, has been misspelled or omitted, please let us know so that we may correct our records. Please accept our apologies for any errors.

PRESIDENT'S SOCIETY

The President's Society recognizes those individuals, organizations and foundations making gifts of \$100 or more to the USPC Annual Giving Program. The President's Society honors the work of all Past Presidents. (The Past Presidents of Pony Club are listed on page 3.)

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In 2012, Peace Point and Big Bay Pony Clubs were awarded a \$500 Grant from the Anne Lenhert Fund to host a camp with a Visiting Instructor.

Eleanor Brennan Fund

Established in memory of Eleanor Brennan by her family and friends, this fund provides money to assist with the Instructor Certification Programs hosted by USPC, and to

make the ICP more affordable to Pony Club instructors.

The Brookfield Conservation Fund

The Brookfield Conservation Award was established in 2008 by Betsy and Jack van Nagell, owners Brookfield Farm in Lexington, Kentucky. The Brookfield Conservation Award is presented to a Pony Club whose members have promoted land conservation and preservation through individual, club or regional activities.

The 2012 Brookfield Conservation Award was presented to The Woodside Pony Club in the Middle California Region.

The Hildegard Neill Ritchie Fund

This Memorial Fund was established by friends of Mrs. Ritchie, who was a long-time Pony Club supporter and volunteer. The Fund is to support

Foxhunting activities of Pony Club members, which include providing the winners of the annual Hildegard Neill Ritchie Writing Contest with cash prizes, to be used for capping fees and other costs associated with Foxhunting. The judges for the 2012 Writing Contest were Emily Esterson, Giny Hunter, and Mary Pierson. You can read their submissions along with additional contest entries on the Foxhunting page of the USPC website.

1st place: Aliina Keers, Carbon Hooves Pony Club, Northwest Region

2nd place: Rikka Olson, Chestnut Hill Pony Club, Maryland Region

Tied for 3rd place: Vail Ann Furbeck, Blue Mountain Pony Club, Maryland Region

Tied for 3rd place: Madison Cassidy, Mr. Stewart's Cheshire Foxhounds Pony Club, Eastern Pennsylvania Region

The Live Oak Hounds USPC Foxhunting Challenge

This Challenge was established through the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. C. Martin Wood III Jt. MFH. The Award is designed to encourage Pony Club members to try the sport of Foxhunting, and to continue the participation of those members who regularly hunt. Pony Club members must complete at least 3 hunts (for new hunters) and up to 9 hunts for continuing hunters. Certificates of completion must be signed by the Hunt Master or Secretary.

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2nd place: Blue Mountain Pony Club, Maryland Region

3rd place: Old Dominion Hounds Pony Club, Virginia Region

4th place: Millbrook Pony Club, New York/Upper Connecticut Region5th place: Elkridge-Harford Pony Club,

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6th place: Silver Spring Pony Club, Midwest Region

Honorable Mention goes to: Carbon Hooves Pony Club, Genesee Valley Pony Club, Goldens Bridge Hounds Pony Club, Greenville Foothills Pony Club, Mendon Pony Club, South Creek Pony Club, Wayne-DuPage Pony Club.

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The Frances Pitts Fund was established to support the International Games Teams of USPC. The 2012 International Games Competition was hosted by New South Wales Pony Club in Australia, and members representing USPC included:

Rachel Cone, Seneca Valley Pony Club, Capital Region

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The Youth Dressage Festival is a competition that highlights the dedication of riders ages 21 and younger. Each year, USPC coordinates one or two teams to participate in the Youth Dressage Festival. In 2012 there were two Youth Festival competitions, and Pony Club was represented at each.

The following members represented USPC at the Saugerties, New York Festival:

Taylor Woodeshick, Mountain Laurel Pony Club, Eastern Pennsylvania Region

Kennedy Boehning, Wabash Valley Pony Club, Heartland Region

Kayla Mushala, Mountain Laurel Pony Club, Eastern Pennsylvania Region Emily Peairs, Mountain Laurel Pony Club, Eastern Pennsylvania Region

Sidney Blashock, Mountain Laurel Pony Club, Eastern Pennsylvania Region

Meghan DeMeglio, Sterling Stirrups Pony Club, Eastern Pennsylvania Region

Members representing USPC at the Hampton Green, Michigan Festival included:

Alexandra Hollenstine, Highland Hills Pony Club, Great Lakes Region

Emma Higgins, Miami Valley Pony Club, MidSouth Region

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Each year, USPC is invited to send a team to USEF Pony Jumper Finals competition, which takes place during the USEF Pony Finals. The 2012 competition was held in Lexington, KY and the following team members represented USPC:

Becca Cahill, Mr. Stewart's Cheshire Foxhounds Pony Club, Eastern Pennsylvania Region

Emily Hovis, Horse and Hound Pony Club, Midwest Region

Elizabeth Simonian, Atlanta Pony Club, South Region

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The Dorothy Renfro Memorial Scholarship Fund

The Dorothy Renfro Memorial Scholarship Fund was established by the Renfro Family to honor Dorothy's love and devotion to Pony Club.

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Receiving the 2012 Dorothy Renfro Memorial Scholarship was Victoria Leigh Jacks, C-3 Traditional, Palmetto Pony Club in the Carolina Region.

The USPC Jubilee Scholarships

The Jubilee Scholarships were established to honor 50 years of the United States Pony Clubs, Inc. Each year, two scholarships are awarded to Pony Club members.

In 2012, Jubilee Scholarships were awarded to Maria Filsinger, HA, North Star Pony Club in the Northern Lakes Region, and Bryn Oliver, C-3 Dressage, Wentworth Pony Club in the Central New England Region.

The Martha C. and Stanley R. Helbert Scholarship

The Martha C. and Stanley R. Helbert Memorial Scholarship was established by members of the Helbert and Lindamood families.

Receiving the 2012 Helbert Scholarship was Megan Herndon, C-3 Traditional, Lio Lii Pony Club in the Hawaii Region.

The Anson W. H. Taylor Scholarship

The Anson W. H. Taylor Jr. Memorial Scholarship was established to honor Anson Taylor for his work with USPC and the Equine Land Conservation Resource. Mr. Taylor was an avid equestrian, as well as a founding member of ELCR and a former President of the United States Pony Clubs.

Receiving the 2012 Anson W. H. Taylor Scholarship was Eliza Weeks, C-2, Narrows Pony Club in the Northwest Region.

Farnam Companies Scholarships

The following scholarships were made possible through the generous support of The Farnam Companies.

Receiving the 2012 Farnam Scholarships were Cara Goode, B, Loudoun Hunt Pony Club in the Virginia Region, and Emma Deane, HA, Moon Valley Pony Club in the Middle California Region.



USPC Championships 2012

The summer of 2012 was a busy one for Pony Club members competing in Championships. Championships East was held July 25-29 at the Virginia Horse Center in Lexington, Virginia. Championships West was held at The Washington State Horse Park in Cle Elum, Washington, August 8-10.

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