

# PHPA News THE PONY EXPRESS

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## **Hunter Pace at Sandhill Farm, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 10:00am**

The object of a hunter pace event is to ride a course where a time for the course has been previously selected and the rider who comes in closest to that time wins. Karen Steedman and Lisa Hester will host this event and mark the course. There will be different times and awards for Walk, Walk/Trot, and Trot/Canter. The rules will depend on the number of riders participating, e.g. teams of two.

The cost is \$15.00 which will include sandwiches and drinks. The courses will be open to walk at 11am. Helmets are required for anyone under age of 18 and highly recommended for everyone since part of the course will be through woods. Sandhill Farm is on Mountain Rd between the library and Mt. Carmel Church.

Call ahead and reserve a spot—Karen Steedman 410-255-7109. If you need to trailer and don't have one, let her know. We are hoping that this will be an interesting event for all PHPA riders.

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## **HEADS UP! May 2<sup>nd</sup> is coming up!**

*Pasadena Horse and Pony Association's*

**1<sup>st</sup> of 3 FUN SHOWS FOR 2009**

**MAY 2<sup>ND</sup> AT 9 AM AT DUBLIN FARM (Located across from Chesapeake HS)**

Morning Classes will begin at 10 am

Lunch and Cake Walk at 12:30

Afternoon Classes will begin at 1 pm

This show is for members only. You will be able to renew your membership or join the PHPA at the sign-up table. Membership fees are \$15 for single person, \$20 for two person and \$25 for three or more person households. Entrée fees are \$10 all day for Lead Line and Walk Divisions and \$20 all day for Walk/Trot and Walk/Trot/Canter Divisions.

The class list is not available at this time, but it will be similar to previous ones. You may enter any or all classes in your division with the one entry fee. There will be 6 ribbons for each class.

Please inform your friends about our fun show and invite them to attend. It is a good stressless place to get your horse going for the upcoming show season—and reasonably priced, we might add, even if you have to join the PHPA to participate.

## President's Message

This letter to the editor was published in the Saturday March 28 *Capital*.



## Letters to the Editor

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### **Equestrian activities**

The Navy Dairy Farm Plan should be revised to include horseback riding. Equestrian activities are a healthy lifetime sport, provides a valuable economic engine for the county and should not be overlooked.

In 2006, the county submitted to the state its 119-page plan outlining its goals for future recreation facilities, land conservation and farm preservation. County officials involved citizen advisory panels and held public meetings to gather input for this long-range planning document. The report lists "trails" as a top priority.

Another top priority is to "acquire approximately 2,850 acres of land" with the single largest parcel being "approximately 300 to 500 acres for a new west county regional park." The dairy farm meets this objective nicely. Most importantly, the report includes this important directive:

"Avoid introduction of uses incompatible with equestrian use."

Unfortunately, due to the efforts of some committee members who were active in the effort to oppose the horse park, the proposal for the dairy farm park does just that.

The members of the Anne Arundel County horse community that voiced their support for the state horse park at the former Naval Academy Dairy Farm represent 2,320 horse owners, 1,330 places at which horses are housed and 8,900 acres of pasture used solely for horses in Anne Arundel County.

The construction of modest riding facilities and trails at the former Naval Academy Dairy Farm would create a true partnership with the entire community and achieve many of the goals outlined in the recreation plan adopted by the state in 2007.

Horses have lived on that farm for many years, even when it was a dairy. There is no reason to shut them - and the equestrian community - out.

ALISON L. ASTI, President, Pasadena Horse and Pony Association

## **Jump Refurbishing Day**

April 25 at 10am

At Dublin Farm, Gail and Richard Varnedoe, 4787 Mountain Road, across from Chesapeake High.  
Contact Alison Asti at [aasti@comcast.net](mailto:aasti@comcast.net)

The PHPA will provide lunch for the workers. If you have them, bring paint brushes, cans for paint, and cordless drills.

Please let Alison know if you can come so that we will know how much food to prepare.

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### **Mary Jo and Bob Klovensky's Bonfire a Huge Success**

The turnout for this event was bonfire warming—over 60 members and friends attended. The fire raged all evening as we ate all of Bob's beef and almost everything else in sight. It was a beautiful, peaceful evening sitting and watching the fire and catching up on all the local news. The fire watchers lingered until the last embers.

Everyone enjoyed the evening so much that we have scheduled another bonfire for the fall on October 24<sup>th</sup>.

We thank Mary Jo and Bob for the use of their farm and the food, drink, and other stuff that they provided. What wonderful hosts they are!

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***Maryland Horse Council Bills that have passed the House and are on the way to the Senate.***

***HB 955 will finally clearly state that things such as boarding, training, lessons, and competitions are agricultural under the law. It will ensure that we qualify for agricultural programs, and it will help us with our local county zoning officials.***

***HB 973 will save the Maryland Horse Industry Board from becoming inconsequential. The MHIB grant program was shut down this year due to lack of funds because the 5 cent per bag feed fund generated only about a third of what was expected in revenue. Horse people were polled and responded that we are willing to contribute the 15 cents per bag that will provide the funds that MHIB needs to support and promote the horse industry. This will provide grants to local clubs, competitions, research, and the important census of horses that proves to the politicians just how important horses are to the Maryland economy. Any horse owner who chooses not to pay into the feed fund is free to submit receipts to MHIB for a full refund of the assessment with no questions asked.***

## **Trail Ride on March 29<sup>th</sup> begins season with slow pace**

Four members of PHPA turned out for our first ride at Lake Shore Park—Scott Raymond, Carol Booth, Taylor Parker and Malysa Utz. Scott related that the trails at Lake Shore were in great shape. We need to use this facility as much as possible or else the ball fields, dog parks, and other uses will take over and leave us without trails or parking facilities.

If you would like to ride at Lake Shore or Looper's but do not have a trailer, please contact Cindy Holt 410-222-6235. If you have never ridden in these two parks and want directions contact our trail committee chairman Scott Raymond 410-360-2050 who will have the latest info on parking, etc.

To help contact likely members or others who would like to ride in the parks with a group, please call or e-mail Alice at 410-25-2761 or [adibben@verizon.net](mailto:adibben@verizon.net). She will maintain a list of riders, horses, favorite days to ride, trailers, and contact information. This way we can quickly get together a group to ride on days other than the PHPA day and introduce more Pasadena riders to these two parks.

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## **TRIPLE CROWN EQUI-CHALLENGE BENEFIT AT MARYLAND THERAPEUTIC RIDING FACILITY**

May 2, May 16, June 6

The MTR is offering Competitive Four Phase Riding (Stadium, Dressage, Obstacle Field Course, and Cross Country Jumping Course) at three skill levels (In It For the Fun, No Guts--No Glory, and Fearless).

\$30 will get you in to watch the competitions and attend the Awards Celebration Party (with food and drinks) per day.

\$75 will allow you to participate in the four competitions and the Awards Celebrations Party per day. (\$220 for all three days)

Jacquelyn Cowan, Steuart Pittman, and Scott Purdum will conduct free clinics in the afternoon.

Proceeds will benefit Therapeutic Riding which includes wounded warriors from Iraq and Afghanistan.

The MTR facility is located at 1141 Sunrise Beach Rd. Crownsville, MD. From Baltimore take I-97 South to exit 5-Crownsville exit. At first light turn left and follow MTR signs.

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## **April Birthdays**

John Findley 11<sup>th</sup>

Linda Mox 24<sup>th</sup>

Mary Jo Klovensky 25<sup>th</sup>

Karen Lambert 30<sup>th</sup>

Ed Varnedoe 20<sup>th</sup>

## **Board of Directors Meeting April 6, 2009 at Alison Asti's Home**

Directors Present: Alison Asti, Alice Dibben, Mary Jo Klovensky, James Parker, Carol Wicker

Directors Absent: Bob Zuern, Cheryl Utz

Committee Chairs Present: Cindy Holt, Pasadena Horse Appreciation Day

James Parker and Wilbur Wille (Gail's father) looked at the jumps and Wilbur has built new bases to replace the rotted ones. James was authorized to buy paint and 3" deck screws. Workers need to bring paint brushes, paint containers and cordless drills. Hot dogs will be served for lunch.

Cindy Holt is preparing a letter to be sent to possible exhibitors and sponsors to explain what the PHAD (Pasadena Horse Appreciation Day) is all about. Pony rides and Insurance need to be addressed ASAP. Carol Wicker will find out whether the Mhib will give us a grant to help support the PHAD.

\$100 was authorized to pay Maryland Horse Council dues.

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### **Membership Report:**

#### **2009 Membership Renewals**

Karen Lambert, Eileen and Ken Findley, Nikki, Jackie, and Rebecca Schultz, Milton and Katherine Hyde, Erica Clark, Shelley and Jessica Sheeler, Sue Morris.

#### **2009 New Members**

Kristy and John Findley

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### **Letter from the PHPA President**

Thanks to everyone who participated in our first PHPA bonfire! It was a resounding success! Great weather, great food, and good friends shared stories around a spectacular bonfire. We owe a big thank you to our hosts, Mary Jo and Bob Klovensky. We are considering having another bonfire in the fall. It was a great opportunity for over 60 of our members, who appreciate horses and the friendship and camaraderie of the club, to enjoy an event together in a relaxed atmosphere where they were not given a task, like at most of our horse events! We also had the opportunity to make some new friends, who will hopefully become new members. I encourage everyone to bring potential new members to all PHPA events!

You will see from the April issue of the Newsletter that we have a lot of things planned this spring. Please plan to join us, and encourage new members as well!

I wish everyone a happy Easter, and enjoy the coming spring weather with our equine friends!

Alison

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### Calendar of Events

| <b>Event</b>                       | <b>Date/Time</b>      | <b>Place</b>     | <b>Contact Person</b> |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| Day at the Races                   | Apr. 11               | Laurel Racetrack | Alice 410-255-2761    |
| Hunter Pace                        | Apr. 18/10 am         | Dibben Farm      | Karen 410-255-7109    |
| Jumps Refurbishing Day             | April 25/ 10 am       | Varnedoe Farm    | aasti@comcast.net     |
| April Trail Ride                   | April 26/1 pm         | Looper's Field   | Scott 410-360-2950    |
| Fun Show:                          | May 2                 | Varnedoe Farm    | Karen 410-255-7109    |
| June Meeting (Picnic)              | June 1/ 6 pm          | Dibben Farm      | Alice 410-255-2761    |
| Fun Show:                          | June 27               | Varnedoe Farm    |                       |
| Pasadena Horse Appreciation Day    | Sep. 19 /11 am        | Varnedoe Farm    | Cindy 410-222-6235    |
| Fun Show:                          | Oct 17                | Varnedoe Farm    |                       |
| Oct Meeting (Bonfire)              | Oct. 24 <sup>th</sup> | Klovensky Farm   |                       |
| Annual Meeting and Christmas Party | Jan. 2010             | Bob Zuern's Home |                       |