

## Up Coming Events

### **February 16th Meeting at Big Vanilla**

February 16th is the third Tuesday of the month, a date reserved for the PHPA monthly meeting at the Big Vanilla. It is also Alice Dibben's 80th birthday. So at 7 pm there will be a gala birthday party for her and the club will conduct some business.

This is the 15th year of the PHPA and that, too, is something to celebrate. The club has accomplished a lot in these years and is still going strong.

The PHPA is involved with the county to develop horse facilities at the local parks. Currently riders have very nice trails at Lake Shore and Looper's parks. There are plans for a trailer parking area at Lake Shore and in the distant future, who knows, a facility for horse shows.

The club has come a long way since Alice put up flyers for the first meeting at Pastore's. It has become a standard bearer for horse related issues in the county and has developed quite a following for the Pasadena Horse Appreciation Day held at Dublin Farm each year.

The Board of Directors has already begun to plan club activities for 2010 and to pick the dates.

It would be great if all members who possibly can will turn out to celebrate and to encourage the worker bees who make it all possible.

**Tuesday February 16th at 7 pm. Refreshments will be provided.**

### **The Pony Express Goes Electronic**

IMPORTANT! The mailing cost of the PHPA Newsletter is one of our biggest budget items. Given how tight our budget is, we plan to begin electronically sending our Newsletter to our membership in March. Alice will send an email to our membership each month when the Newsletter is posted on the PHPA Website; the e-mail will contain a link to the Newsletter. All you have to do is **click on the link to access the Newsletter**, and print it if you want hard copy. We are hoping to have it in pdf format, so we can even have color pictures! Those without an e-mail address will still get a copy in the mail.

If you have an e-mail address and want to continue to get a mailed-out newsletter, you must e-mail [adibben@verizon.net](mailto:adibben@verizon.net) to let the editor know.

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### **President's Message**



Happy New Year! I arrived at the Holiday Party at Bob Zeurn's late, but I enjoyed my time with the stragglers (Cindy Clauss and Paul Higgens), and we kept Bob up til midnight! I understand we had a great turnout, and an enjoyable evening for all. Thank you to Bob for sponsoring this annual event!

The new Officers and Board and Committee Chairs met this week, and we are planning ahead for a great year! Please contact any of us with your ideas, or volunteer to help. We can always use volunteers!

Our upcoming activity will be "trail cleanup day" at the Lake Shore Athletic Complex. We are waiting to hear from the County on some dates, and will let you know. The County will be working on completing the perimeter trail in advance of the anticipated construction at the park.

Our monthly membership meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 16 at 7:00 p.m. at the Big Vanilla. We will be celebrating our founder's 80th birthday!! **HAPPY BIRTHDAY ALICE!!!**

We will be putting together our 2010 activity calendar next month, so let us know your ideas now!

Enjoy the snow!

Alison

## Welcome to New Member of PHPA

Laurie Bay is a new member of the PHPA. She and her horse Hailey have moved to Pasadena from Boyds in Montgomery County. She is now boarding at Sandhill Farm.

Laurie has been riding since she was 10 years old. She belonged to the Blue Mountain Pony Club in Carlyle, Pennsylvania and liked to event. She went to college at Penn State and rode on their equestrian team.



After she graduated from Penn and got a law degree in Boston she went out into the “real world” for 15 years and lost touch with horses.

In the early 2000’s she became interested in Therapeutic Riding and became a certified therapeutic riding instructor under NARHA. She stopped “lawyering” and took a full time job as program director at Great and Small Therapeutic Riding for two and one half years.

Right now she is thinking about going back into law. In the mean time she is available to give lessons and is very interested in getting involved with the PHPA. She hopes to meet new people in the horse world, find some good riding trails, teach some lessons, and remain connected to horse people.

When asked where she was from, she replied that her father was in the military and the family traveled around a good bit, but she spent more time in Pennsylvania and Maryland than any other place.

We welcome Laurie and Hailey into the PHPA. Hailey is a lovely chestnut mare with good manners and a beautiful way of going. Laurie can be contacted at [lauriebay@msn.com](mailto:lauriebay@msn.com) or 410-322-2993.

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### *Belated Birthday Wishes For January*

*Carol Wicker 2<sup>nd</sup>, Henry Muir 4<sup>th</sup>, Shelby Steedman 6<sup>th</sup>, Lindsay Yokum 12<sup>th</sup>,  
Bill Wicker 12<sup>th</sup>, Malysa Utz 13<sup>th</sup>, Bev Varnedoe 14<sup>th</sup>, Abby McFarland 20<sup>th</sup>,  
Jodi Muir 23<sup>rd</sup>, Cindy Vacek-Muir 29<sup>th</sup>,*



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### *Birthday Wishes for February*

*Steve Waltjen 2<sup>nd</sup> Charlie Hester 5<sup>th</sup> Erica Clark 7<sup>th</sup> Brenda Larsen 11<sup>th</sup>  
Alice Dibben 16<sup>th</sup> Chris Bricker 18<sup>th</sup> Tammy Yocum 19<sup>th</sup> Dan Mox 20<sup>th</sup>  
Ryan Ploof 23<sup>rd</sup> Jessica Sheeler 24<sup>th</sup>*

## *Memberships*

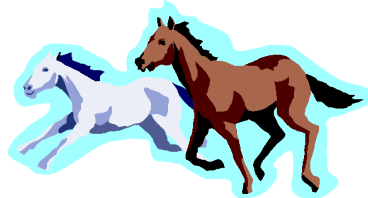
### Renewals for 2010:

Cynthia Clauss-Higgins  
Mary Calvert  
Sue Morris  
Alice & Kathy Dibben, David Santos  
Joanne Baker-Pruner  
Erica Clark  
Wilbur Wille  
Milton & Katherine Hyde  
James & Taylor Parker  
Shelley & Jessica Sheeler  
Brenda Larsen  
Larry Warner  
Larry Huber  
Cheri, Michael, Madison, Mason  
& Daniel Matysek

David, Donna, Christina  
& Allison Helowicz  
Mary Beth Friedel  
Tom Eckert  
Linda & Dan Mox  
Tammy, Lindsay, Lester & Isaac Yocum  
Karen, Shelby & Scott Steedman  
Malysa & Cheryl Utz  
Cindy Vacek, Henry, Jodi, & Henry III Muir  
Todd & Jennifer Smith  
Jackie & Tony Hessler  
Lisa Neslein  
Nikki, Jackie & Rebecca Schultz  
Carol Callahan  
Karen Lambert

*We welcome new member*

Laurie Bay



### **About Our Members**

Recently Lisa Hester and Karen Steedman attended a Scott Purdum clinic which entailed schooling your horse over and through obstacles. Both members of PHPA thought that their horses did well, and perhaps more importantly they learned to approach obstacles without trepidation. On May 8<sup>th</sup>, our December speaker will be holding a clinic at Gail and Richard Varnedoe's Dublin Farm. Some details:

Event: Ultimate Obstacle Course Clinic

Date: Saturday May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010

Location: Dublin Farm, 4787 Mountain Road, Pasadena, MD 21122

Price: \$200 for horse and rider, \$10 spectator fee

Space: Maximum of 15 people. Call Gail to reserve your spot. 410-596-2865

## Calendar of Events

Event	Date Time	Place	Contact Person
PHPA Meeting	Tuesday Feb 16th 7 pm	Big Vanilla Raquette Club	Alison 410-978-5677
Board of Directors Meeting	Monday Mar 1st 7 pm	Alison's	Alison 410-978-5677
Trail Ride	See you after the big snow!!		
Clean Up Day at Lake Shore Park	Working on date with the county		
PHPA Meeting	Tuesday Mar 16 <sup>th</sup> 7pm		





*Guess who's 80?? Alice Dibben, thats who!!!*

By Cindy Vacek-Muir

Please plan to attend our monthly members meeting February 16, at 7:00pm at The Big Vanilla in Pasadena. We plan to celebrate the birthday of one of our most valued members, Alice Dibben. Alice is our club's secretary and one of her MANY duties is putting together our monthly newsletter. Alice and her husband Phil were among the founders of our club in 1995. She has been a dedicated and passionate member. Alice and her family have always been very generous, from offering up their farm for events to hauling horses for members. Alices's love is in her thoroughbred racehorses, although it has been reported lately that Ms. Alice is riding in a Western Saddle! You go GIRL!! (From all us Western Riders). So mark your calendars; come celebrate this very special night for a very special person.  
Happy Birthday!!! Alice

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