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IMPORTANT DATES:**February 15**

Cash Receipts & Disbursements Forms due to National Office

February 28

IRS Summary Form 1096 & 1099-MISC copies due to IRS

March 1 | 8:30am-2pm

Regional Council Meeting
Das Dutch Village Inn
Columbiana, OH

March 30 | 7am-7pm

Regional Quiz Rally
Bethany College
hosted by Peace Point PC

From the Regional Supervisor: Let's Rally around Quiz Rally!

We are about to embark on a new rally season. It is hard to believe we are about to start the whole process all over again. As you may remember I have sent a challenge to our members to attend at least one rally this year. Rallies are an important part of Pony Club for so many reasons and it is a shame if all our members did not get the opportunity to experience at least one first hand. The first chance the members have to rally is our Quiz Rally on March 30, hosted by Peace Point Pony Club. It is a wonderful facility at a reasonable price and we do not have to drive from the hotel to the competition venue.

Why should members attend Quiz? Seems like most members shy away from Quiz especially the first time they hear about it. The fact that they have to study during the school year when many of our members are already swamped with homework is a common excuse. Once the kids are there they have a good time and are glad they went. So as club leaders and parents we have to look at the fact that getting ready for this activity seems to be a big deterrent to attending. This brings me to my letter to you today. What can we do to make attending easier and fun? How can we show our members and their parents that Quiz is worth preparing for and going too?

Time is growing short if your club has not already started their Quiz preps. Some clubs do them all year round. These clubs should be applauded for taking the time to conduct unmounted meetings and making the teaching this material part of their everyday routine. As it should be, like keeping your tack clean after every ride, learning all you can about horses is only going to make you a better horse person. The testing of this knowledge is secondary, the learning it in the first place is the true value of Quiz.

When you talk to your families about attending Quiz you must emphasize this fact. Yes winning is great and the benefits to the rating system is huge but it is the chance to learn more about our sport that makes Quiz one of our most important rallies.

So what can we do? As leaders you should make a strong plea to your members—some clubs make it mandatory to attend. Clear your calendar of any other event so there is no reason to miss it. If you show that you feel it is important enough to not schedule any other activity, then they will get that you are serious about them attending. Start now with preps and make them fun. If the members feel ready they will want to go. If you need help with preps let me know. I will get you someone that can help. If you are a member and your club is not having preps, let me know. I can help get you with kids that are prepping. If you are taking your H/B the region requires you to attend. Quiz is set up to be a regional prep for you. If you are having trouble deciding topics that need to be covered, let me know. I will help with that. Send out letters inviting members to attend and get your Jr. Boards on it as well. A little peer pressure, in a good way.

As leaders and parents we are doing our membership a huge disservice by not encouraging our members to attend Quiz. Whether we think it is worth it or not we are robbing our kids of the chance to learn. As members the more you learn about horses the better you will be at whatever discipline you choose to embrace. The more intelligent you are about the care of your horse and the equipment you use the better you will be able to perform. I can tell you first hand, my family did a lot of horse trails this year and the knowledge that we have gained from Pony Club made all the differ-



Tri State Region Tetrathlon/Pentathlon Clinic

March 22, 2014 | Ligonier Valley YMCA, Ligonier PA

| Cost: \$50-75

Hosted by Rolling Rock Hunt Pony Club



Clinicians: 2012 Olympic Pentathlete Suzanne Stettinius will be our main instructor. The Morrow family from Western Reserve will also be there to teach swimming, and Ligonier Fencing coach Norm Flam will teach fencing.

This clinic will be appropriate for beginners who have never done tet, those who want to hone their skills in hopes of getting to Tet Champs or competing in a pentathlon, and for everyone in between! Here's your chance to try fencing, learn to safely handle a pellet pistol, improve your swim speed, decrease your run time, and get training tips. It will be a fun day—tetrathlon always is!

Regional Supervisor

ence in the outcome of the event. Smart riders win.

Don't forget you can qualify for Champs in Quiz. It is a great first Champs experience. It is less expensive and there is down time that allows you to see the other disciplines in action. If you are interested talk to your DC.

So I hope to see you all at Quiz Rally this year. I know you will have fun, make new friends and learn a whole lot. Let's make our first rally the largest!

Connie Wyatt
Regional Supervisor
Tri-State Region

2014 National Level Ratings

Melanie Donini, Vice RS-Ratings

I know it seems crazy to think of the National Ratings in this Polar Vortex Season.....but they are just around the corner! This year we are offering all ratings, traditional and specialty!

Applications must be submitted 12 weeks prior to the test date, so I've listed the dates and deadlines for your convenience. Please let me know as you are aware of members applying. More information will be coming in the future!

Fees for the National Ratings are listed to the right. All information is listed on the USPC Site under: Resources>Standards & Testing. There will be an additional Facility Fee, and final cost will be announced once we have all the information

Test Level	Test Date	Test Location	Application Due Date
H-B	Aug 1st - 3rd	Mentor, Ohio	May 9th, 2014
C-3	August 8th - 10th	Middlefield, Ohio	May 16th, 2014
B	August 8th - 10th	Middlefield, Ohio	May 16th, 2014
H-HM/H/H-A	August 1st - 3rd	Mentor, Ohio	May 9th, 2014
A	August 8th - 10th	Middlefield, Ohio	May 16th, 2014

Certification Requested	Certification Required	Testing Age (Age as of January 1st of Certification Year)	Fees
H-B	C-2/HM certification	13 years old	\$160.00
C-3 Dressage	C-2/FL or C-2/CL certification	13 years old	\$200.00
C-3 Show Jumping	C-2/HSE or C-2/CL certification	13 years old	\$200.00
C-3 Traditional	C2/CL certification	13 years old	\$185.00
B Dressage	C-3/DR certification	14 years old	\$225.00
B Show Jumping	C-3/SJ certification	14 years old	\$225.00
B Traditional	C-3/CL certification	14 years old	\$220.00
H-HM/H/H-A	H-B certification	16 years old	\$260.00
A Dressage	H-A/DR	16 years old	\$250.00
A Stadium Jumping	H-A/SJ	16 years old	\$250.00
A Traditional	H-A/TRAD	16 years old	\$250.00

Tri State Pony Club – Jr. Rater Application



Member Name _____

Rating: _____

Club _____

Phone #: _____ E-Mail: _____

DC's Signature _____

Date: _____

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**Are you interested in becoming a "Jr Rater" for the Tri State? Are you a "HB" C-2" or higher?**

**Be eligible to Rate "D" members at the club level.**

**More Details to follow.....**

**Mail Application to: Melanie Donini – 190 Valley View Drive, Wellsburg, WV 26070**

**Call 304-374-6157 with any questions.**

