

**Welcome to SJPC Christmas Dressage Show/  
Perpetual Awards 2020!!  
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**Lunchtime:** Despite Covid, LOTS of FUN and learning this year!! QUIZ Rally actually happened in person the end of Feb 2020! Yay! Several mounted clinics and MULTIPLE certifications happened this year!! We missed some general meetings, but were able to hold many study sessions in small socially distanced group gatherings, and our annual parent sponsor meeting was a success in September!

Summary of 2020:

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**The year started with our first CERTIFICATION Date! USPC requires 2 a year...Remembering: in 2018 we held 6 certifications, 2019 we had 10 certification dates, and this year, even with Covid, VERY happy to have held 6 certification dates with 22 candidates testing on 52 different tests!!! Well done y'all!!!**

**Jan 4th:** C2 HM only: Emily C2 HM!! Vanessa C2 HM and Alissa M C2 HM!! This is your Last LOCAL HM level certification...next horse management test is the infamous "HB", a national rating up in Racine, which, praise the Lord, I passed this August! Melissa passed it last year, so you have help within the club!! Alissa M may be going for HB in 2021!! YES!!! YOU CAN DO IT~~ Anyone else, LMK? The club is NOW sponsoring your national ratings with a \$200 scholarship / national test!!! Go for it!!

**Also on Jan 4 Cert:** Emily C1 Flat, and Emma W completed her D3 HM!! Woo hoo!! We'll get back to certifications...but next up this year was

**Jan 10-11: 2 day unmounted training extravaganza..Remember this??**

Fri and Saturday!! Suwanski's Fri night (THANKS AGAIN FOR HOSTING!) then Res Ranch Sat 8 to noon...2021 we will just have the Saturday session at Res Ranch, again 8 a.m. to noon.

- We all Learned a ton...members presented numerous topics...great prep for Quiz Rally and Horse Management part of certifications!!
  - Presenters: Claire and Lucy, Lisa and Mia, Addie and Viv, Gianna and Emmalynn, Gabrielle, Vanessa, Alissa and Alyssa
  - C2s oversaw the instruction
- Saturday, RES RANCH 8 a.m. to noon
  - Unmounted training: HANDS ON!! Excellent job~
  - Cs: Melissa, Katie, Jessie, Olivia, Alissa M, Vanessa, and Emily! Covered teeth to lunging, to cleaning stalls to conformation!! Well done!
  - Parent meeting held to kick off 2020 from 11:30 to noon!! THEN...

**Jan 18th: Dressage Mounted Clinic by Jane~~ Fundraiser!! GREAT learning!! Thank you, Jane! Members Participating: Vanessa, Alissa M, Emily, Jessie, Melissa, Olivia H, Lilly, Alyssa S, Gabrielle, Addie, Vicky and Lisa, Mia, Olivia S, Elizabeth, Lexie...Remember infamous Sarah Coltrin's advice (our B grad from 2017): *learn as much as you can from as many different instructors as you can, to improve as much as you can!***

**Jan 25: 2nd Certification of 2020:** unrated to D1s and D2 HM!! So we had 9 newby's getting their first pony club rating: Ella M, Connor, Kylie, Lexie, Olivia S, and Teagan!

Also testing for D2 HM only: Alina, Claire, Giana, Lucy, and Mia! studying gets tougher the higher your HM goes! As do the riding standards, of course...

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**End of Feb we got in Regional Quiz Rally in Peoria!! Who's planning to participate in VIRTUAL quiz rally in 2021 besides Mary K, leading by example: \$25 scholarship to each who participate in Quiz!**

**As we know...Covid slowed us down for March-April-May, but many of y'all enjoyed the 13 HM quizzes we sent out!** I wrote 10 of them, plus Emily, Alissa M, and Addie!!! Prizes to all who participated afterwards. AND SPECIAL prizes for Quiz high scorers: Emily, Alissa M, Addie, Lexie, Gianna, Mia, and Emmalynn! Rank/ oldest to youngest will have it's privilege when picking the prizes...

**By June, our barn opened up! PTL! We were back to nearly regular riding schedule!! Yay!**

**We held two mounted clinics in June which many of y'all participated in!!**

- **June 9 Jump Clinic a GO with Nikki Jewel, accomplished Show Jumper** from the area, excellent training and hope to have her back in 2021
- **June 19, Flat Clinic a GO with Kim Volmer, National Examiner!!**

*In 2021: Working on another Jane dressage clinic (we can never get enough dressage training!), plus Nikki Jewel jump clinic and Marlie Nauta clinic with both dressage and jumping!*

**June 25-26 in KY:** Melissa passed her National Certification B level, Phase 1 with Bonnie!! Congrats! Tough cross country water preliminary level jump kept them from passing Phase 2 so retest hopefully in 2021 at Racine Aug 10ish!

**August 10-14 in Racine, WI:** Mary passed her National HB level. Woohoo!!! but not completely the C3 Eventing test on Manny...planning to retest in 2021, maybe C3 Dressage this time! I met Erin (age 22) at my C3, she was testing her 6th time for C3 and she passed!! **Patient Persistence with LOTS more PRACTICE will Prevail!** What a great example for US!

**So back to Local Certifications, #3 and #4 in July:** D2 eventing for Elsa C, Olivia S, Lexie, Kylie, Emmalynn, Gianna, and Mia!

**And #5 Certification, August 29: D1 and D2 for NEWEST member Ana A, and Connor passed his D2 as well!** D3 HMs passed by Addie, Viv, and Mia; Gianna and Lexie once record book up to speed, and Emmalynn retesting a few blocks of D3 HM soon!

**Final Local Certification this year, #6, Oct 3 Certification with Marlie Nauta, National Examiner from WI:** Passed: C2 Flat and Jump: Alissa Melville! Congrats!! Some retesting coming for Olivia's C2 Flat and jump on tough boy, Jordy when she is ready for it in 2021; C1 HM and flat passed by Alyssa Suwanski on Jordy! C1 Jump by Emily needs one item retest which we hope to do over Christmas break! D3 Dressage passed with flying hoofs and colors by Lisa and Vicky!! D3 Flat was successful by Addie, Mia, and Viv, although Marlie did mention to **CLEAN YOUR BITS!!** After every ride, right everyone?!

Whew!!! So we were really busy this year with Pony Club, despite Covid, despite missing a few general meetings, and the riding rallies up in Hampshire...

**We plan to start 2021 with a certification January 2,** LMK if you would like to test your next HM or flat or stadium jumping phase and I'll get you on the schedule!

- GREAT to have goals and then WORK HARD to accomplish them!
- If we don't pass completely the first time, there's always RETESTS! YAY~Life skills in pony club!
- It's OK to plan to stay at D3 or C2 level...no requirement in pony club to keep advancing, but fun to have the goals if that's YOU!
- Study hard for HMs and you'll make it happen!!
- Time in the saddle is needed more and more as you advance...Jane,

our resident riding expert **A** level pony club graduate from the UK says:

- plan to ride once a week for D level, that's great.
- Plan 6 times a month to achieve C1,
- Plan 8-12-15 times a month for C2 and higher levels!
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- Just like any sport, riding takes repetition to teach your muscles how to perform! More you work at it, the better you get, along with a positive, teachable spirit!!
- PLUS, keep working on YOUR CORE STRENGTH!! We expect our horses to be strong to perform, that goes for the riders too!!
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Hope to have riding rallies back in summer 2021, along with:

**MOUNTED C Camp for D3 and up, Coming in 2021 July Barrington!**

**Mark your calendars!!** Hope we can take 5+ riders and horses!! Tons of learning mounted and unmounted!! Dressage, lunging, switch riding, stadium jumping, and cross country!! Don't have to drive to Hoosier Horse Park in IN!

**Now it's time for our special Perpetual awards** SJPC has recognized each year, Recipient gets to enjoy these trophies for ONE year (just like Stanley Cup!):

- **MOST IMPROVED RIDER AWARD!** 2019 winner Alyssa S (Alissa M won it in 2018) will be handing off this coveted trophy!! Come on up! Several nominees...so much improvement in sooo many riders, but we had to pick just ONE... working hard riding 2-3 times a week...and having earned her C2 rating this year:
  - YES! Alissa M Come on up!!
  - Congrats!!
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- **Best Attitude AWARD!** 2019 winners Lisa and Mia L, first mother daughter team to win best attitude (2018 winner Emily S) will be handing off this coveted trophy!! Again, Several nominees...we are so blessed to have so many great attitudes for our members of SJPC...
  - very positive attitude every time at the barn
  - Always looking for ways to help others and help before or after the lessons, raking the arena, cleaning stalls, walking horses
  - Good listener, TEACHABLE and sooo very thankful for the chance to learn at Resurrection Ranch!

- Alyssa S, Come on up!!
- Congrats!!
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- **HORSE MANAGEMENT AWARD!** 2019 Winner Emily S will pass this on. (Olivia H, 2018 winner)!!
  - This member has been super prepared for her HM tests this year, although she needs to relax on her stress level!!
  - She's VERY Hard working, making every minute count; positive attitude; super thankful always!!
  - a great study buddy, and helper with all who want to learn pony club info!
  - Drum roll...6th grader this year..**Addie A! Come on up and receive your trophy!**
  - Congrats!!
- **MUCK BUCKET AWARD! Alyssa S and Angelena were stable managers at Rallies in 2019, and of course riding NO rallies this year to have stable managers, so let's modify this one a bit: this trophy is going to go to our SJPC members that makes sure HER STALL is always cleaned out when she leaves Resurrection Ranch, she organizes the barn whenever she sees a mess, cleans the run in areas. All with a great attitude!! Thanks for your service to us Emily!**
  - Have your name engraved!
  - There's 20+ years of names on this coveted trophy!!
  - By the way, D2 and up can try for a spot as stable manager on our riding rally teams...LMK if you are interested for 2021.
- **ST JAMES 3 Rs AWARD: REPRESENTIN' AT RIDING RALLY!** (Jessie S, recipient for 2018), Olivia H won this in 2019: No rallies this year, but virtual dressage rally is happening in Feb 2021, so we will award this one at that time!!! Get excited for the 3 virtual dressage shows the region is holding in Dec, Jan, and FEB!!!
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- So, for 2021, if you'd like to win any of these awards, have a positive attitude and teachable spirit, LISTEN to your instructor, be happy with

your ribbon at our schooling shows, mini events, rallies, no matter if you get first or last place or anything in between! Look sharp and do your best, help your teammates! Study the Horse management handbook and discipline rulebooks! And practice, practice, practice!

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- **LEADERSHIP AWARD:** Final Trophy...very special one...(Melissa K won it for 2018) **Alissa M won this in 2019...come on up...**
- SJPC is growing up some fine leaders! You are helping each other, being patient with each other, encouraging one another, and cheering for each other's achievements.
  - 2020 Leadership Award winner, goes to a member of our club who's always had a super attitude, who has been a huge help not just to our club with D and C HM study sessions, an examiner for D level members, but when I needed someone to step up and be the leader as an examiner at the newest Riding Center in our Region, in Beecher, IL, Generations Equestrian Riding Center, this member did not hesitate, but jumped right up to lead the way!
    - **She's a senior this year who we will miss alot, along with ALL our seniors, as they head off to college in August:** Come on up for your trophy, Emily S!! Thanks so much Emily for all your help and leadership with SJPC!
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- **Thanks to all our parents who without YOUR support, this pony club would not be functioning! Melissa W with treasurer, Lisa L with secretary. Members, let's give all our parents a huge HUGE round of applause for all they do to support your love of horses!!!**
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- **AND THE MOST APPRECIATION OF ALL GOES to VICKY who so generously provides Resurrection Ranch to help us achieve our horse dreams!!**

- Always on sale: SJPC mugs, \$5 each!! great gifts for supporters of your horse riding activities, grandparents, teacher gifts, aunts and uncles!

## REMINDER of Upcoming events:

- Jan 2nd: upcoming certification for D3 flat and HM
- 1 day Training Extravaganza: Resurrection Ranch on Jan 9, Sat 8 a.m. to noon
  
- Jan 24, Sunday, noon to 6 p.m. Dressage Clinic with Jane McDowell!

*CHEERS to 2021!!*