



St James Pony Club Activities Report Nov '19 - Oct '20!

General Meetings:

Nov 3, 2019: General Meeting at Resurrection Ranch: 38 Parents and Members attended; parents hospitality committee ready for Christmas Party, 2 Clinics planned for 2020, Big push for Quiz Rally; \$25 reimbursed to each member who attends!! Members wrote Christmas cards for military members and 35 shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child assembled!

Dec 7: Christmas Party and Awards Ceremony at Kolzow Home!! Attended by 50+ parents and members! Theresa S and Anna L organized. Delicious main course catered plus side dishes added by parents. Fellowship and fun for all! Gift exchange: socks; Perpetual Awards: Most improved rider: Alyssa S, Leadership: Alissa M, Representin at Riding Rally: Olivia H, Muck Bucket Award: Angelena P, Alyssa S, Best Attitude: Lisa and Mia L, HM award: Emily S, Congrats to all!! Craft: Take home and Paint/decorate a horseshoe for the competition the following week at Christmas Schooling Show!

Jan 11, 2020: Two day training extravaganza to Kickoff the new year! Fri night at Alyssa S home, and Sat meeting At Res Ranch; Attended by 40 parents and members; 2 new members started off 2019: Connor and Teagan F. Quiz Rally sign ups soon!! Huge 2 day unmounted training success! Members covered different types of leg and hoof covering, how to do leg wraps, how to do Record Books, cleaning a stall, how to put on halters, tie a slip knot, Human first aid kit for Rally, conformation good and bad, parts of saddle and bridle, colors of horses, breeds of horses, and equine teeth!

Feb 1, Saturday: 1:30 p.m. At Res RANch: 35 members and parents attended!! Woohoo! We added two new members: Elaine and daughter Elsa, and Kelly and daughter Elle!!! Unmounted training: C's led prep for Quiz Rally and Rally Trunk inventory! Schooling show coming Feb 22! UL unmounted trainings coming Feb 22 and Mar 21! KY 3 day road trip and SJPC bonding fun less than 3 months away! Prep for hosting qualifying TET in June soon to be getting underway!

Mar 8: At Res Ranch: Attended by 36 parents and members. Quiz Rally was last week!! GREAT job by our 5 teams!! Reviewed by members attending!! Looking forward to April mini TET, next certifications and summer rallies! Unmounted instruction by Cs on teeth!! LAST general meeting in 2020 so far due to COVID.

Apr - May and Sept-Dec: No parent meetings were held due to Covid.

Sept 18 : Sponsor Meeting At Resurrection Ranch, 7 p.m.: With social distancing and masks, Attended by Parent Sponsors: Mary K, Melissa W, Lisa L, Leslie S, Carla, Angela, and Ginny S, 6 needed to meet 33% quota. Finances reviewed for 2020 by Melissa W. New budget items for 2021: Quiz Rally approved to give \$30 off to each member who participates! TET rally \$50 scholarship to all who participate! \$200 scholarship to each national rating for members in

2021 approved! For renewing members: No change for early bird SJPC club dues, \$25, if paid by Nov 15, else \$35 after Nov 15. Parent Sponsor dues still \$5. RENEW USPC Dues by Nov 15 for \$25 off this year, Covid discount!! Officers for 2021 voted on. Mary K proposed to region for DC, Melissa W stay on as treasurer and secretary Lisa L for 2021! Thanks to all parent sponsors who attended!

Un-Mounted Events:

Overnight and BARN PHASE Study Sessions: Jan 10-11, 2020: at Alyssa S's home Fri and Res Ranch Saturday; Fri training w/ pizza party and overnigher (thanks Angela!) Markings (Emmalynn and Gianna), parts of horse (Claire), Conditioning and TPR (Addie and Viv) , colors and breeds of horses (Lisa and Mia L), human first aid kit (Gabrielle), travel safety (Alissa and Alyssa) lots of hands on training at Resurrection Ranch Saturday: HOw to clean a stall, putting on halter properly, slip knots, name the brushes: Alyssa S, Alissa M, Jessie S, Vanessa J; Teeth, Conformation, and how to do leg wraps by Melissa; Additional Attendees: Vivian, Gabrielle, Addie, Olivia S, Lexie P, Ella M, and NEW MEMBERS: Connor and Teagan!

NCPR Regional Board Spring meeting Mar 7: Ft Madison, IA with Ali Glenn! Attended by: Mary. Excellent Quiz Rally by Chanda and newborn Jepson! Next year hoping for 1 day Quiz.

D/C Studies Throughout the year at each monthly meeting and January overnigher. Topics: Games, Saddles, Stable Management, Tack Trunks, Bandaging, Blanketing, TPR, Lunging, Grooming, Turnout, Horse Management, Conformation, Digestive System, Toxic Plants, Breed/Colors, Conditioning, Conformation, General Health, Hoof Care, Land Conservation, Nutrition, Parts of Horse, Record Books, Stall Cards, Tack, Travel/Trailering, Vet Visits, Toxic plants, Jump types; **Attendees:** all members throughout the year.

TET practices for 2020: Cancelled due to Covid quarantine. Hope to restart in 2021 for June Regional TET rally SJPC hopes to HOST!!!

FUN activities:

KY 3 Day Event Apr 24-26!! Cancelled due to Covid.

Polo at Aranmore Farm Summer Wed nights! Opened up in July...let's do this in 2021

Regional Prep/Clinic/ HB/HA Studies: Julia D organizer:

Jan 25, 2020 C and up study session #1: at Barrington..Skeletal system of horse and tendons/ligaments. Great HB prep

Feb 22, C and up session #2 - Barn management and Veterinary talk at Versaille FARM. Attended by Vanessa.

Mar 21, C and up study session #3: Cancelled due to COVID.

Apr 24-26 UL Prep at Quad Cities with Asia Thayer: Cancelled due to COVID

Public Relations/Volunteering/Community Service

Labor Day Volunteering at Res Ranch!! Great turnout to beautify our home base!!! BBQ at the end!! Mulch was laid down around stable and at north end picture corner, fences painted, jumps painted, new tape laid down on clean center aisle, brushes and tack boxes cleaned, post holes dug and tops of posts trimmed, and more!!! THANKS to ALL who volunteered their time!!

Rallies:

Regional Quiz Rally: Feb 29-Mar 1: SJPC had 12 members total attending Quiz in 2020!!! 3 teams of 11 and under: Novice teams: **Just HORSIN Around:** Addie, Alina and Elizabeth took 4th place and had a blast! **Three Horse-keteers:** Ella, Claire, and Emmalynn got 3rd place in Novice! Also, our **LUCKY HORSESHOES**, Olivia, Lexie, and Gianna earned 2nd place!! Senior D team: **2 Mares and a Filly:** Vicky, Megan, and Michelle, earned 2nd place and finally our Senior C, **Smartie Bits:** Mary, Elisha, and Vanessa (Emily got the flu at the last minute and couldn't come...boohoo), did a fantastic job and earned FIRST in their division!! Chanda did an amazing job organizing Quiz (with her newborn, Jepson!!), but we are hoping to be back in the One Day Quiz Rally format in 2021! Thanks so much, Melanie, for being our TD and all parents who volunteered to help!! Tons of fun for all!! All the members were filled with JOY throughout the two day Quiz, and I was sooo proud of each of them for their character and enthusiasm!!

Regional Dressage, Show Jump, TET and Eventing Rallies: All cancelled due to COVID

CHAMPIONSHIPS:

2020 Pony Club CHAMPS and Festival at KY July 13-20! Cancelled due to COVID...getting ready for Champs 2021 in KY!!

Mounted Instruction/Clinics:

Jan 18, Jane McDowell Dressage Clinic: attended by Olivia H, Alissa, Addie, Viv, Lisa, Mia, Vicky, Alyssa, Vanessa, Emily, Jessie, Melissa, Lena, Mary K, Lexie, Olivia S, Elizabeth, and Gianna!! Thanks Jane for enduring the cold temps and long day in the arena teaching our excited pony clubbers!!

Lessons with Jane: Thursday nights started Jan 23 ended in Mar with COVID. Mounted Instruction and Cert Prep at Res Ranch for C1, C2, C3 and B candidates!
Thanks so much for all your help, Jane!!!

With COVID restrictions lifting in IL, we were able to hold 2 June clinics:

June 9, Stadium Jumping Clinic by Nikki Jewel at Res Ranch, attended by C3 hopefuls: Mary K, C2 hopefuls: Alissa M, Olivia and Vanessa. C1 Hopefuls: Emily, Lilly, Alyssa, and Lena; D3 Hopefuls: Viv, Emma, and Addie, ; Also D2 hopefuls: Olivia S, Gianna, Mia, Harmonious between jumps is the goal. Shoulders back and keep leg down and steady! Belly button to back, hands low and thumbs to horse's ears.

June 17, Flat Clinic with Kim Lowman-Vollmer at Res Ranch...attended by 11 members: Melissa K, Mary K, Jessie S, Olivia H, Alissa M, Lilly Z, Addie A, Viv L, Olivia S, Lexie P, Gianna G. GREAT tips from our newest national examiner clinician who edited all the pony club books and has done numerous YOUTUBES for USPC!! Learned a ton!

NATIONAL CERTIFICATIONS this summer!! CONGRATS to:

June 26: Spring Hill Farm in KY, Melissa K passed her national rating, B level, Phase 1! Congrats to her and Bonnie for all their hard work!

Aug 10-11: Racine, WI Mary K passed her HB rating! WOOHOO!! She has lots of tips for those wanting to be an HB candidate in 2021.

LOCAL Level Certifications!! WOW!!!

Started off 2020 with 15 certifications in January!! So proud of each of you!

Jan 4: C2 HM only: Vanessa, Emily, Alissa all passed! C1 flat: Emily!! PASSED! Retest Emma for D3 HM...pass! Well done all and thanks to Melissa as our examiner!

Jan 25, D1 only certification: Olivia S, Lexie P, Emma M, Connor F, Teagan F, Kylie M, D2 HM: Gianna, Mia, Claire, and Alina! Great job! Keep studying for the next level! Thanks to all examiners and scribes! Couldn't do it without y'all and great to give back to newer members!

Restarted certifications in July with COVID restrictions lifting:

July 18 and 21 Certifications: 11 in all... Well done ALL!!!

- **D1 certifications: Elsa C, Teagan and Connor F,**
- **D2 certifications: Mia L, Gianna G, Lexie P, Kylie M, Emmalynn S, Elsa C, Olivia S,**
- **Vanessa J: completed her retest of C2 HM!**

Aug 29: GREAT JOB!!! 9 Certifications accomplished!

- **D1 and D2 Eventing: Ana A (WELCOME to our newest member as of July!) and Connor F! Well done both members!**
- **D3 HM: Addie A, Mia L, Viv L passed completely while Gianna G, Emmalynn S, and Lexi P passed conditionally with 1-4 blocks needing retesting.** GREAT job all! Your hard studies showed through! Retests will be after 30 days or Jan 5 next retest day. Thanks to Alissa M and Emily S for multiple D3 HM study sessions along with Alyssa S holding the night prior tack cleaning session!! Great teamwork y'all!! MANY, MANY Thanks to all examiners (Alissa M, Olivia H, Jessie S) and scribes (Vicky, Lisa L, Kylie M, and Elsa) who helped to make the certifications possible! Couldn't do it without y'all and fantastic way to give back to newer members!

Oct 2: National Examiner Marlie Nauta from WI will be testing following candidates at Resurrection Ranch:

- C2 EV: Olivia H (Jordy, conditionally passed flat, retest needed for jumping),
- C2 EV: Alissa M (Hawk), passed!! Congrats!
- C1 EV: Alyssa S (HM and flat, Jordy), PASS!!
- C1 EV: Emily S (Hawk, jump only, conditionally passed, needed to retest stadium jump course for the pass...accomplished 1/2/21)
- D3 Dressage ALL: Vicky C and Lisa L PASSED!!!!
- D3 Eventing Addie A, Viv L (Flat only) PASSED!! Keep the bits clean!!!

SHOUT OUT: SJPC Examiners at NCPR's NEWEST Equestrian Center's first certification!!

Aug 23: GREAT Leadership skills by: Emily S, Vanessa J, and Alyssa S, along with NEW HA from our region, Kiersten P, as they stepped in as examiners to help out our newest riding center, **Generations Equestrian Center in Beecher, IL** with their first certification day! Thanks to Theresa S for being the IO (independent observer)! Well done and sooo appreciated by Sharron, their DC

Regional Meetings:

- Mar 7, 2020: attended by Mary K. Excellent Quiz Rally!! Great job Chanda!! Regional scholarship available for National Testing! Apply by mid may!
- Nov 7, 2020: Annual NCPR meeting; Lisa L attended this ZOOM call meeting. Thanks Sue for being our Regional Supervisor!!! Super job!! On to Chanda!

Despite Covid, we accomplished a wonderful regional QUIZ rally in Feb, and multiple National and Local Certifications this year, plus lots of unmounted trainings at our winter general meetings and zoom meetings this summer.

2021 will bring back hopefully all the rallies, plus D and C Camp (being planned at Barrington!), and CHAMPS in KY!! **Go St James PONY CLUB!!!**