

Spring Issue

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Long Green Pony Club

Quiz Rally Results

Congratulations to Long Green Pony Club members, family and friends that made the journey to the MD Regional Quiz Rally held at Wilson College in Chambersburg, PA on Sunday, March 14, 2004. Everyone brought home a ribbon and we are very proud of you!

A very special thank you to the parents and family that volunteered at the Rally; Louise Gill, Cheri Zimmerman, Dr. Margaret Hoffecker, Eileen Pritchard-Bryan, Barbara Dreyer, Laura Jenifer, Sue Gilbert, Sandy Lowery and Alison Rosenberger!

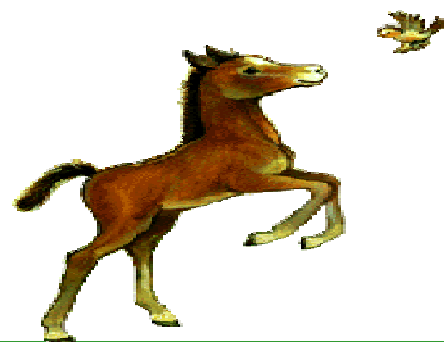
Senior D's - Captained by Ashley A., team members Kristen G., Sarah L. and Amanda W. - 5th PLACE out of 20 TEAMS!

Junior D's-White-Captained by Emily G., team members Taylor Z., Harrison M. and Jacqueline M. - 9th PLACE out of 20 TEAMS!

Junior D's-Blue-Captained by Meg G.,

team members Caitlin B., Allison D. and Katie D. - received a PARTICIPATION RIBBON for placing somewhere between 11th and 15th.

Mini D's-Captained by Chrissy D., team members Kimball B. and Jenifer M. (ONLY A THREE MAN TEAM) -received 4th PLACE out of 13 TEAMS! Also, our newest member, Emily R., scrambled with the Chimney Rocks Pony Club and that team placed 3rd out of 20 mini D Teams!



Caitlin B. and Loafers Lodge Unique Monique Win 3rd Place

Article taken from MCTA News Feb. 2004

"Hi, my name is Caitlin B. and I'm very proud to be placing in the MCTA Year End Awards. I'm eleven years old and a D2 pony clubber with Long Green Pony Club. My pony's name is Loafers Lodge Unique Monique, for short I call her "Monique". She is owned and was bred by John Almond and Dr. Margaret Hoffecker Almond DVM. Her sire is Severn Donegal. She is 1/2 Welsh pony;dapple gray, 12.3 hands and six years old. I had outgrown my Shetland pony and Dr. Hoflafaeker offered Monique to us on a lease. 2003 was Monique's first year compet-

ing in eventing, so I am extremely proud that we had a great first year. We competed in six events at the Elementary level and even won 1st place at the Old hope Farms Horse Trial which was only our second competition. I also competed at Pony Club rallies with Monique in Eventing, Show Jumping, and Dressage. We also went to Pony Club Camp over the summer at the Question Horse Show grounds and had a "blast" and I met many new friends and their ponies. I'm looking forward to eventing Monique in the coming year! Hurry up Spring!"

Happy Birthday to:

Lindsey Z.	May 7
Ellen C.	May 13
Alison H.	May 17
Jenalee C.	June 7
Emily R.	June 9
Harrison M.	June 26
Jenifer M.	June 27



Board Members

DC	Eileen Pritchard-Bryan
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Please, we need help to update LGPC's web site—training will be provided.

Are there dangerous plants in your pasture?

Do you know what's in your pasture other than grass? Foreign plants can colonize a pasture from remote sources of seed, sometimes conquering large flats in a single year. Fields that are poorly managed, previously flooded, overgrazed, or surrounded by overgrown fields may be prone to weed infestation. Horses grazing next to woodlands, roads, ornamental gardens, lawns, or orchards are at risk of eating a toxic plant. Pasture is the main source of toxic plants, but hay can be another. In fact, hay is suspected as a toxic source in cases where there is no pasture.

Fortunately, most horses won't eat toxic plants because they are distasteful. Furthermore, it is rare that a mare is most vulnerable to exposure to toxins during the first trimester of pregnancy, when major organ development takes place. The classic example is consumption of skunk cabbage/hellebore during the first equine trimester, producing a cyclops foal. In short, keep your mares away from ANY un-

Treatment is rarely specific for individual plants. In general, your veterinarian will want to treat all suspected plant intoxications with mineral oil and/or activated charcoal to absorb the toxins, and intravenous fluids to speed the excretion of the toxic principle through the kidneys. Plant toxicities are discussed by the symptoms they produce.

Gastrointestinal Problems

usual pasture or plants.

Colic and Diarrhea

There are many plants that fall into this category. One common culprit is oak, which contains tannins, the toxic principle. Oak ingestion causes hard, dark feces and colic, later turning to bloody diarrhea, oral ulcers and signs of choke. Horses that wander into shrubs or woodlands, restricted from good quality pasture or hay, may ingest oak. Horses with bad teeth, given only complete pelleted feed, and young curious horses may taste leaves. Horses out on the trail may experiment with leaf ingestion if tied near a source. The summertime, when leaves are plentiful,

is the most likely time to see oak toxicity.

Other plants that cause colic and diarrhea include:

- Horse Chestnuts
- Buckeye
- Morning glory
- Jimson Weed
- Foxglove
- Oleander
- Pokeweed,



SADDLERY ANAGRAMS

1. HALMEP
2. TRIBAGH STER
3. PEGSIR RENT
4. CRAGLEK
5. RONDOBI
6. TALING MARE
7. DORB NAWB

Answers:

1. PELHAM
2. BREAST GIRTH
3. SPRING TREE
4. GRACKLE
5. BRIDDOON
6. MARTINGALE
7. BROW BAND



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- 16 1/2 Crosby Saddle, excellent condition, too big for rider, \$450 call Kris at 410-838-7890
- Ideal Pony Club Mount. 15.2-3 hh, 5 year old mare, chestnut with blaze, hind stockings and ankle \$1500 Call Luane Langbehn 301-699-9507
- Loafers Lodge offers for sale Welsh and Welsh Cross ponies suitable for showing, hunting, jumping, dressage & eventing. Breeders & exhibitors of national champions. Various ages and experiences from weanlings to made ponies. Call Dr. Margaret Hoffecker Almond or John Almond 410-343-0468 or 410-692-2800
- Wexford Glen Sporthorses has a few exceptional Oldenburg/TB homebreds available for purchase sired by Riverman, Boy Oh Boy and Fabriano out of TB, Oldenburg Main Mare Book, Star Status mare. Suitable for any discipline, in various stages of training. Reasonably priced, will consider lease to special person. Not enough time for them all! Call Eileen 410-557-6074 or 443-417-7371.
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- Gray Welsh X 13hh, 13yrs, has completed dressage, games, polo-x and jumping. Schooling 3ft., good on trails. Call 410-557-8289

Bandaging by Jena C.

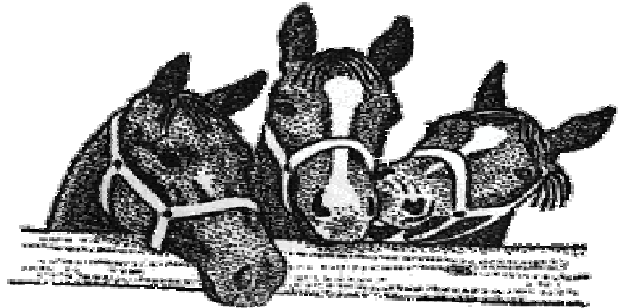
At a recent meeting, some of us were introduced to bandaging for the first time. We focused on the two main, or most widely used types: shipping and standing. Members learned the key differences and the uses for the two different wraps, while a video discussing equine first-aid and bandaging was also viewed.

Key Points to remember:

- When wrapping, as a novice, always have someone supervising
- A shipping wrap needs to cover from the bottom of the knee to the coronary band and heel of the horse, so when traveling, the horse doesn't step on his or her self
- A standing wrap prevents a horse from "stocking" up, inflammation in the lower leg after being stalled after hardwork
- The pressure of the bandage needs to be evenly distributed, putting less pressure on the tendon found at the back of the leg, and slightly more on the cannon

bone, front of the leg

- Wrap towards the tail, or back towards front direction.



- Never kneel next to a horse! Always squat!
Everyone had a lot of fun practicing wrapping on a model

DO YOU WANT TO HAVE FUN AND PLAY GAMES ON HORSEBACK!!!!

Mrs. Lynn Davies has volunteered to be our Games Coordinator for this year. A great big thank you to her for stepping forward and organizing the practices.

If interested please contact Mrs. Davies at 410-879-1778 or e-mail barnmom@hotmail.com. Mrs. Zimmerman will also be on hand at practices to help with the games as she has many years experience! Plan on having fun, no prior experience is necessary.

The practice sessions are scheduled at Olney Farm, starting at 6:15p.m. (safety check) on the following Tuesdays:

April 20
May 4
May 18
May 25
June 1
June 8

Maryland Regional Games Rally will be held on June 5-6 at the Elkridge-Harford Hunt Club Grounds on Pocock Road. For those members that only want to walk and trot, there will be a separate Games Rally held on June 12 in Mount Airy.

UPCOMING RALLIES AND ROUND ROBINS

See the MD regional website to verify the below information on upcoming events. Their web site is:

http://marylandregion.ponyclub.org/maryland_regional_calendar_2004.htm

April 25	Round Robin	Dodon Farm
May 2	Spring Valley RR	Glen Hollow & Old Rose Tree
May 16	Round Robin	Marlborough Pony Club

May 23	C Dressage Rally	Menfelt
June 5-6	Games & Rallies	Elkridge-Harford Location
June 24-27	D3-A Eventing Rally	Fairhill
July 3-4	Tetrathlon	Shawan Downs
July 6-8	Upper Level Prep Clinic	PG Equestrian Center
July 11	Qualifying Show Jumping Rally	Oakridge Park