

Summer Issue

July 2004



NEWSLETTER

Congratulations

goes to our new members who attended the spring rating and achieved the following rating levels:

Kimball Bryan	D1	Kristen Gilbert	D2
Sarah List	D2	Jenifer Mallinoff	D1
Harrison Morris	D2	Jacqueline Morris	D2
		Emily Rosenberger	D1

Glen Hollow Round Robin

Meg Gill placed second
Allison Davies placed third

Marborough PC Round Robin

Allison Davies placed second out of the entire division of 32 *only being one point from first.*



You can now view updated newsletters on our website.

SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, November 6

7pm - 9pm

Thornridge Manor Farm



For more info call:
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Long Green Pony Club



Happy Birthday

Sabrina Schwind
August 5

Board Members

DC	Eileen Pritchard-Bryan
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Horse Facts

A horse's tail is very important to him. Not only does it act as a fly swatter in summer, it keeps his "bottom" warm in winter! The area between a horse's hind legs is the only part not kept warm by hair, so it loses the greatest amount of warmth if left exposed by too much trimming.

From a horse's point of view, the best tail is a natural tail.

Some horses have thin ragged tails, while others have tails so thick they cannot be braided for formal riding events and shows. To make the best of their appearance, thick or thin, different tails are treated in different ways. Some styles even go in and out of fashion!



Pulled Tail

The hair around the dock area, at the top, is pulled out to give the tail a more refined look. Show horses often have pulled tails.



places as it's considered cruel

Braided Tail

The tail is first thinned at the top and then braided neatly around the dock for showing. Both manes and tails are usually braided for hunter classes.



Banged Tail

A "banged" tail is cut straight across the bottom to give it a neat appearance. It makes a scraggly tail look thicker



Natural Tail

The natural tail is left thick and long if possible. **(It's the horse's favorite style!)**



Docked Tail

Often inflicted on harness horses to prevent their tails being caught up in the harness. Tail docking is illegal in many

DID YOU KNOW?

Horses will often stand "tail to tail" and shelter each other from annoying flies by swishing their tails for each other!

As well as using them for fly swatters, horses use their tails to send signals to each other about how they are feeling.

Some breeds are renowned for their tails. For example Appy's often have sparse (thin), tails while Friesians and Morgans are known for their long luxuriant tails.

Can you unjumble all these words to make new horsey ones?

eg: led rib = bridle

1. Rinse
2. Shore Horse
3. Trance
4. More Dog
5. Grey Nail
6. A Tall Shed
7. Red Gases
8. Point
9. Bleats

Sponsors Meetings

Tuesday, July 20

Wednesday, Aug 4

Wed, Sep 8

Wed, Oct 8 MANDATORY

7p.m. Thornridge Manor



Puzzle Answers from page 2

1. Reins 2. Horse shoe 3. Canter
4. Groomed 5. Yearling
6. Headstall 7. Dressage 8. Pinto
9. Stable

- 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
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Trails—Fact or Fiction

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Visit [Http://mdhorsecouncil.org](http://mdhorsecouncil.org)

Follow the ink to Trails
And Greenways.

Erosion is the major reason trails are closed to horses. Take a minute to find out how much you know about preventing erosion. What you don't know puts your access to your favorite trails in jeopardy.

Which are these statements true?

1. Covering a trail with mulch and leaves reduces erosion
2. A trail should be on flat level ground whenever possible.
3. You should ride "wide" to get around large wet areas on a trail.
4. If your horse is able, it is better to ride straight up an incline.
5. The surface of a trail traversing a hill should always slope inward.
6. Railroad ties laid across a steep trail reduce erosion.
7. You can ride most trails in Maryland the day after it rains.
8. A trail should have a small bank of dirt on its downhill edge.

9. Logs placed in a wet spot absorb water and help dry the trail.
10. You should cut a new trail to go around eroded trails.
11. Asphalt trails are easier to maintain than dirt or stone dust trails.
12. Paved trails cause less erosion than dirt or stone dust trails.

Count up the number of statement you think are true. Now you know the number or reasons why you need to learn more about how to control trail erosion. Why? You may be surprised to learn that all of these statements are false. Don't feel discouraged. Controlling trail erosion is not intuitive, and many of our traditional ideas not only don't help, they an actually make the problem worse. Fortunately, it's easy to implement the

UPCOMING RALLIES, ROUND ROBINS & EVENTS

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

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

Aug 1 at 1p.m. Getting ready for your first riding rally—Parents and Pcer's. Location TBA

Aug 17– Aug 22 MD Regional Camp at Quentin Show Grounds

Aug 22 "D" Dressage rally—Md region Menfelt Show Grounds

Sep 26 "D" Eventing Rally, MD region, Avalon Farm

Oct 10 "D" Show Jumping Rally, MD region, Southern MD