

# April 2021 RS Update

Hi Everyone,

Things seem to be moving along nicely on the way to positive normalcy. MidCal has In-person events open for registration, although still modified to lessen the spread of the COVID19 Virus. The official announcement of the 2021 USPC Championships and Festival was announced last week. I am so looking forward to these events.

I am adjusting the timeline for the 2021 RS Update and Membership Newsletter. For the past three months, I had tried to keep to the 2nd Monday of each month to release the RS Update with the Membership Newsletter to follow soon after, but that was when the MidCal Advisory Board Meeting was on the first Monday. There was a need to change this meeting to the first Thursday. I tried to have a good portion of the work done before the meeting, but most of the information is meeting generated. It is too stressful to meet the current deadline. I am changing it to the first Thursday with the Membership Newsletter to follow soon after. If you have something for either newsletter, It would be great if I received it by the Monday following the First Thursday.

Stay Safe and Best Wishes,  
Kathie Schulz  
Regional Supervisor,  
Middle California Region, USPC

## Announcements from USPC

**USPC eNEWS** - [March 23, 2021](#), There is a lot of great information after the first several articles (deadlines have passed) toward the publication's back.

## Important Information for MidCal Leaders:

### DCs and Treasurers:

### National and National Deadlines

- **Due to the ongoing pandemic, the 2021 deadline for Peer Reviews has been moved to April 30th.** Peer Reviews are due every other year or when a Treasurer, DC, or RS change. Please Contact Deb Kirsch if you need help with the review process.

- **Year-end financial Reports should have already been uploaded to the USPC Database via the club/center profile page. If you haven't filed yet, you are late and must do so ASAP.**
- **These reports are essential because The National Office files the State's Charitable Registration for us. To do this, they need your Year-end Financial Statements. It is imperative as the states have not extended the charitable registration deadlines as they did in 2020.**

Any questions regarding what reports are required, please check out the Financial Compliance tab in the CFRS. Contact Karen Clarke at [finance@ponyclub.org](mailto:finance@ponyclub.org) if you have any further questions.

- **Before May 15th** - 990 must be filed (likely for all of you that will be the e-postcard) - An excellent time to do this is after uploading your year-end reports.

## **MidCal Regional Dues**

**The Regional Treasurer should have received the main portion of our member's Regional Dues as of March 1st. At this time, just over 50 % of the dues have been received.**

- **A Big Thank You to all Clubs and Centers who have sent in your current member's regional dues.**
- **If your Club or Center has not yet sent in any of your member's Regional Dues, This is a reminder. Please send the dues as soon as possible.**

## **Information about MidCal Regional Dues**

All Clubs and Centers are responsible for collecting and sending payment to the Regional Dues to the Mid Cal Treasurer.

### Reminder:

- The fee is \$25 for renewing 2020 members.
- New members and returning members (from 2019 or before) will remain at \$50.

### Please note:

- **Checks are the preferred method of payment.** MidCal does have a PayPal account, but the user must cover the transaction fee.
- **The Regional Secretary uses the number of members listed in your Club/Center Profile to guide the amount each Club/Center owes.** It is up to you to keep track of the amount collected from the member, ie. Prorated, renew, or New. The DC and Treasurer should monitor their membership list throughout the year and send updated payments as necessary.

[Regional Forms on the MidCal website](#)- Send to Deb Kirsch at PO Box 509, Clayton CA 94517

## New Updates

### The Middle California Region's Essay Scholarship Award

**Congratulations to Andie Sue Roth of In the Irons Pony Club!** Andie Sue is the recipient of the 2021 Spring Dressage Award.

The Essay Scholarship Award helps offset the additional costs MidCal members incur related to attending mounted Regional activities. **Three awards are available for Fall. Each Scholarship is \$175.** It looks like we will be able to have in-person events relatively soon. Please encourage your members to apply for the Fall Award. **The Deadline for the Fall award is June 1st. Information and application form is available on the Middle California Region Website.**

For information and application, click on the link below:

[The Middle California Region's Essay Scholarship Fund](#)

## Follow-ups from March's Newsletter

### Regional Events

#### **Where to find more information and Registration for Regional Events**

The website is where information about Region Clinics and Rallies and Club/Center Events open to all MidCal Members is found. Note: Due to mother nature and other factors beyond our control, changes may need to be made to any event.

- The Region's Web Site is <https://middlecalifornia.ponyclub.org/>.
- The Website Calendar is <https://middlecalifornia.ponyclub.org/calendar/>.
- The Regional Planning, all of 2021 Calendar Document, is [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1MtofL-NSNVoa\\_bJ9vXbKAVZd2OuhR-aMTDIIQLtTynU/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1MtofL-NSNVoa_bJ9vXbKAVZd2OuhR-aMTDIIQLtTynU/edit?usp=sharing).

### Virtual HM

Portola Valley Pony Club offers a virtual HM lesson every month that is open to all members. Meetings are usually held on the third Saturday of the month at 6:30 pm. Use the Region's Zoom link to join in the fun! Thank you, PVPC!!

## **\*\*\*Upcoming Regional Events\*\*\***

### **\*\*\*\*MidCal and Camino Regions Show Jumping Rally \*\*\*\***

**May 8 & 9, 2021, at Paso Robles Horse Park**

Completed Entries and all fees must be postmarked by the closing date of **April 20, 2021**

[The Rally Packet is available on the Middle California Region Website.](#)

### **\*\*\*MidCal TET Rally\*\*\***

June 5 & 6, at TBA

**Registration opens on April 15 and closes on May 15th.**

**No late entries will be accepted.**

[The Rally Packet is available on the Middle California Region Website.](#)

### **\*\*\*C Camp at a New Location\*\*\***

June 16 - 19 at Sport Equine, Clovis

**Registration is now open and closes May 19th**

[C Camp Information and Registration is available on the Middle California Region Website.](#)

### **\*\*Spring Regional C1/C2 Certification\*\***

June 27, at South Bay Horse Ranch, Gilroy

Registration will be available on May 13th

### **\*\*D Camp \*\***

Friday, July 9, 2021, to Sunday, July 11, 2021, in Santa Cruz, CA

**Registration is now open and will close on June 20.**

[D Camp Information and Registration is available on the Middle California Region Website](#)

### **\*\*Eventing Rally \*\***

August 12 -15 at Woodside Summer Event.

This Rally will go toward meeting requirements for the 2022 Champs West

Information will be available on June 10th

## **2021 Middle California Regional Calendar**

(conditions permitting)

### April

17 D-HM Virtual Lesson: Caring for the Sick Horse

### May

8/9 - *SJ Rally* - MidCal/Camino Real Paso Robles Horse Park

15 Virtual HM: Horse Sports

### June

5/6 - *TET Rally*, Santa Cruz Co. PC

16-19 - *C Camp*, Sport Equine, Fresno

19 D-HM Virtual Lesson: Conformation and Soundness

27- *C1/C2 Certification*- South Bay Horse Ranch, Gilroy

### July

10/11 - *D Camp*, Marina Equestrian Center

19 – 26, USPC Championships & Festival, Lexington, Kentucky

### August

12 -15 - Pony Club Recognition at Woodside Summer Event. *Clinic & Eventing Rally*

### September

5 - *D1/D2 Standards & Certification*

### October

16 *C1/C2 Cert.* the Horse Park at Woodside

### November

7 or 14 - *Regional Annual Meeting*

## **Middle California Region Website and Social Media:**

**We welcome any club center events open to all of MidCal's members.** Please send information about your events for inclusion in our public calendar. For example, the events can be anything, mounted or unmounted clinics, virtual HM lessons, and fundraisers.

The public calendar is at <https://middlecalifornia.ponyclub.org/calendar/>.

**The Webmaster will update the website each Friday.** Please send complete information (when what, where, who, cost, contact information) to Michelle Cale at [mscale86@gmail.com](mailto:mscale86@gmail.com).

**Events can also be advertised publicly through the MidCal Facebook page. Please indicate whether you would like this for your event too!**

### **Social Media**

MidCal has accounts on Facebook and Instagram. We would love to make these accounts representative of all clubs and centers, all activities, and our membership's whole demographic. Please send photos, videos, and news to Michelle at [mscale86@gmail.com](mailto:mscale86@gmail.com) (with photo credit). *Mounted images must include helmets and appropriate footwear.*

### **MidCal Zoom Account**

**Middle California Region now has a Zoom Account.** The account is available to our Clubs/Centers to use. Check the Website for all the information. All proposed use has to be kept track of and scheduled to prevent conflicts. The information will be available on the website by March 21st.

### **Diversity and Inclusion Working Group**

Is taking a break during the Summer months  
Interest, Questions, or Comments, contact Michelle Cale at [mscale86@gmail.com](mailto:mscale86@gmail.com).