

March 2021 RS Update

Hi Everyone,

I am very happy about Pony Club's successes so far in 2021. Thanks to the wonders of technology, we had the National Virtual Symposium and Convention in January as well as a nationally hosted Virtual Quiz Rally in February. The MidCal region's Virtual Pony Palooza was also very successful and well-attended.

We are planning our first in-person rally, currently scheduled for May 8 & 9. Things are also looking positive for our TET Rally, D & C Camps and the Spring Regional C1/C2 Certification test. We are also in search of a possible venue to reschedule our Dressage Rally.

The Portola Valley Pony Club's Virtual HM has been so successful and such a big help to the region's smaller clubs that a larger Zoom account was needed. PVPC asked help from the region. This has led to MidCal getting a Zoom account which will be available for all clubs to use by prior arrangement. This all makes me feel good and confirms my earlier hopefulness for 2021.

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

Announcements from USPC

USPC eNEWS [March 9, 2021](#), includes information on USPC College Scholarships, Preventing & Treating EHV - 1 in horses, New Instruction videos - Longeing & Mounting, National Testing Feedback Project Offers Feedback to Prep for National Certifications and More.

Virtual Quiz Rally

Congratulations to all MidCal members who participated, and a BIG THANK YOU the volunteers that helped. Nine hundred Pony Club members nationwide participated in the Virtual USPC Quiz Rally, making it necessary to spread the Rally over two weekends. From the feedback I received is that almost everyone enjoyed participating and were patient with the technical difficulties.

- **DC/CAs Please inform MidCal's RS (Kathie Schulz) if any of your members, having competed in the Quiz Rally, want to participate in Quiz at the National Championships. [The Notice of the Intent to Participate in Championships form is on the Website.](#)**

Important Information for MidCal Leaders:

DCs and Treasurers:

- **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.
- **The Deadline for year-end financial reporting is still February 15th.** All club DCs or Treasurers need to complete the Year-end Financial Statements and upload them to their club profile. If you haven't filed yet, you are late and must do so ASAP. The National Office files all of the State 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 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.

New Updates

******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 closing date of **April 20, 2021**

Check the MidCal Website for the Show Jumping Rally Packet with all the Information.
The Rally Packet will be available on the website by March 21st.

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.

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 February's Newsletter

USPC Equine Symposium and Convention Reimbursements

Reminder: Please submit your receipts to claim reimbursement for up to two officers attending the January 2021 Virtual USPC Equine Symposium and Convention.

For Reimbursement, DC/CA, please send the receipt along with the name, office, and Club/Center of the two officers. Email it to Treasurer Deb Kirsch at debk@ponyclub.org Include a mailing address for receipt of the check. Or mail the receipts with a [reimbursement form](#) to Deb Kirsch at PO Box 509, Clayton, CA 94517

Diversity and Inclusion Working Group

MidCal's note of support for USPC's response to the need for diversity, inclusion, and equity within Pony Club, we mentioned here last month, was sent to the USPC Director and President.

We received a lovely response letting us know that Pony Club has established a Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility Committee as a standing Committee of the Board of Governors. This new committee will be charged with developing programs, educational models, initiatives, and sustainable, relevant, and value-driven procedures. The DEIA Committee positions are in the process of being filled.

Interest, Questions, or Comments, contact Michelle Cale at mscale86@gmail.com.

MidCal's Virtual Pony Palooza - March 6

Pony Palooza was once again a success! We had a wonderful Pony Palooza 2021 Saturday March 6th. Pony Palooza is an all day Middle California Region Bi-Annual Event. This year we saw strong virtual attendance with over 50 participants! It was a fun day full of education on topics ranging from Emergency Preparedness, to Nutrition and Health Care/Veterinary Knowledge, to Foot and Shoeing with a Farrier. We also had some great clinics such as Intro to Quiz Clinic and Standards and Certifications Clinics/Examiner Training, not to mention very

informative sessions about your progression through the Chart of Learning and an Ask a NE session for those interested in upper level testing. We hope to see you all at Pony Palooza again in two years!

Let's send out a special thank you to Charlotte Arrouye, MidCal's Co - RIC, for putting together a fantastic event for the Palooza. Also, a big thank you to all of the Palooza presenters and all monitors.

Monitors:

Deb Kirsch
Mattea Curtis
Charlotte Freeman
Charlotte Arrouye

Presenters:

San Mateo Large Animal
Rescue
Charlotte Arrouye
Nick/Marissa Yolken

Mattea Curtis
Rebecca Taylor
Sophie Gretler
Eben Haber
Jennette Scanlon/Heather Bell

Land Conservation/ Land Stewardship efforts in the region.

No New Updates

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.

*****Upcoming Regional Events*****

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****Save the Dates for the Following Events****

MidCal TET Rally

June 5 & 6, at TBA

C Camp at a New Location

June 16 - 19 at Sport Equine, Clovis

Spring Regional Certification

June 27, at South Bay Horse Ranch, Gilroy

2021 Middle California Regional Calendar

(conditions permitting)

May

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

June

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

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

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 full information (when what, where, who, cost, contact information) to Michelle Cale at 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 (with photo credit). *Mounted images must include helmets and appropriate footwear.*