



# PEACE POINTS

## Peace Point Continues to Expand

### IHSA Dressage Team Added

For the second time in less than a year, another intercollegiate riding team is being added to the Bethany Equine Studies Program. In the fall, a western team debuted, now a dressage team plans to take the ring this spring. The team is being coached by Peace Point instructor Renee Riggs who has 18 years of dressage experience.

The Bethany College dressage team belongs to the Intercollegiate Dressage Association (IDA) and is a member of the Midwest region. Other schools in this region include the University of Findlay, Miami University and Lake Erie College in addition to five other schools.

The Bethany team has four members, Katia Hanczar, Elizabeth "Bee" Hareza, Rikki Smith and Betsy Scott.

Different classes in an IDA show are Introductory, Training-Lower, Training-Upper and First Level.

March 16, 2006 at the University of Kentucky is the only show scheduled for the team this semester. IDA dressage shows are one day events.



*Two ropers practicing on a Wednesday night*

### Roping and Penning a SUCCESS

Peace Point Equestrian Center (PPEC) continues to expand its disciplines. In the past, PPEC has been primarily an English style riding facility but over the past several months the facility has purchased approximately 50 head of steer in hopes of starting team roping and team penning at PPEC. Team roping is a rodeo event in which there are two mounted riders and a steer that has horns large enough for a rope to be thrown over. The object is for one rider to rope the horns of the steer and the second rider to rope both legs of the steer in the shortest amount of time. Team penning is also a rodeo event; this timed event requires three riders to separate three marked steer from a herd of approximately 25.

Every week between 15-30 men and women arrive to sharpen their rodeo skills. Team roping debuted on December 21, 2006 with the first team roping practice. Practices for team roping are held every Wednesday night from 6:30-9 p.m. in the indoor arena at Peace Point Equestrian Center. The cost is \$30 per rider. Riders are permitted to bring as many horses as they desire. Team penning is a more recent addition to PPEC. Practices for team penning are held every Thursday from 6:30-9 p.m. in the indoor arena at PPEC; the cost is also \$30 per rider. A concession stand selling hot chocolate, coffee and other snacks is on-site both nights.

With the popularity of the team roping and team penning practices, PPEC has also begun to host team roping competitions. These competitions are slated to run the first and the third Saturday of every month. Jackpot team roping is the type of competition and usually offers over \$4,000 in prize money. An occasional Round Robin competition may be substituted for a Jackpot competition. The fee for Jackpot competition is \$20 per ride. Sign-up begins around 1 p.m.; roping is scheduled to start around 1:30 p.m. The competition usually runs until about 7 p.m. There is also a concession stand on-site that offers hot soup, ribs, chicken and other snacks.

## New PPEC Staff Additions

**Leann Bauer**– Western Intercollegiate Coach and Western Riding Instructor

- Bachelor of Science degree in Exercise Science from Waynesburg College.
- Western trainer, competitor and clinician
- 1998 PA Rodeo Queen (PRCA)

**Dr. James Ford**– Adjunct Professor

- Undergraduate degree and DVM from Ohio State University
- Owner of Hickory Dickory Doc Veterinary Practice in Hickory, PA.
- Former track vet at The Meadows and Mountain-eer

**Renee Riggs**– Part-Time Instructor and Dressage Intercollegiate Coach

- Graduate from Pittsburgh Institute
- EMT certified
- 18 years of riding experience.

**Khari Ryder**– Instructor of Saddleseat and Hunt Seat

- Bachelor of Science degree from Salem-Teikyo University
- Master of Business Administration from Avertt University
- Sits of Board of Directors at Mylan Horse Park, Chaplin Hill, VA
- Owner of Equine Endeavors Consulting Firm, Bent Mountain, VA

*“Riding a horse is not a gentle hobby to be picked up and laid down like a game of Solitaire. It is a grand passion.”*

*-Ralph Waldo Emerson*

## Upcoming Events

- Saturday, February 25, 2006  
Intercollegiate Hunt Seat Show
- Saturday, March 18, 2006  
Interscholastic Equestrian Association (IEA) Invitational
- Saturday, June 24 –Sunday, June 25, 2006  
United States Pony Club Tri– State Regional Tetrathlon
- Monday, June 26– Tuesday, June 27, 2006  
United States Modern Pentathlon Association Pentathlon
- Friday, Sept. 29-Sunday, Oct. 1, 2006  
American Endurance Ride Conference (AERC) Endurance Ride (25, 50 or 100 miles)
- Friday, Oct. 13– Saturday, Oct. 14, 2006  
Pro Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA) Rodeo
- Friday, Nov. 10– Saturday, Nov. 11, 2006  
International Pro Rodeo Association (IPRA) and American Pro Rodeo Association (APRA) Rodeo

## Equestrian Team News

Zone 3 Region 3 Standings as of 11/20/05  
(Hunt Seat Team)

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West Virginia University	164
University of Pittsburgh	145
Bethany College	117
Seton Hill University	70
Allegheny College	59
California University of Pennsylvania	54
Edinboro University	52
Slippery Rock University	39
Washington and Jefferson College	28
Penn State University –Behrend	28
Westminster College	27
Penn State University– Fayette	12
Mercyhurst College	11

# PPEC NEWS

- Peace Point has become a corporate sponsor for the Rolex Kentucky Three-Day Event the weekend of April 27-30. As a corporate sponsor there will be a 20' x 20' booth promoting PPEC on the main drag.
- As of the beginning of February, the United States Pony Club (USPC) now recognizes Peace Point Equestrian Center as a USPC riding center. Peace Point Pony Club Riding Center is the first USPC center in the United States to be based at a college or university.
- Peace Point in conjunction with the Pro Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA) and International Pro Rodeo Association (IPRA) / American Pro Rodeo Association (APRA) plans to host weekend rodeos this fall. These rodeos in addition to the endurance ride are expected to bring 1000s of people to Bethany this fall.

# EA Cartier+

By Barbara Gardner and Jennifer Herron

Peace Point is glad to welcome its first Western Pleasure horse, EA Cartier+. EA Cartier+ is a purebred Arabian gelding recently donated by Dr. Katherine Gardner. Carter, as he is affectionately called, has traveled throughout the US with Dr. Gardner winning numerous show awards and collecting enough points to earn his Legion of Honor from the Arabian Horse Association. The "+" symbol after his name is to signify this honor. To his credit, he was "Region 16 Champion Arabian Western Pleasure Amateur," twice "East Coast Champion Arabian Open Western," and three times "Top Five East Coast Arabian Western Amateur." In his last year of showing with Dr. Gardner, Carter made it to the semi-finals in Arabian Western Pleasure Amateur at US Arabian Nationals.

Upon Carter's leaving her farm, Dr. Gardner stated, "It's going to be sad to not see him out in the field everyday, but I know he is going to a good place where he will help better riders for the future." And that he is! Carter is already showing his excellence here at PPEC. Jennifer Herron, the captain of the western team has been working hands on with Carter since he arrived. She had this to say, "Carter is great to be around. He loves to go out and play with the other horses, but you can tell that he really enjoys being saddled up and going out to do his job!"

EA Cartier+ is a first glimpse of western horses to come to Peace Point. Plans are already underway for more western horses to be brought in to aide in expanding the western division here at PPEC.



## PPEC CONTACT INFORMATION

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Dr. Katherine Gardner on EA Cartier+





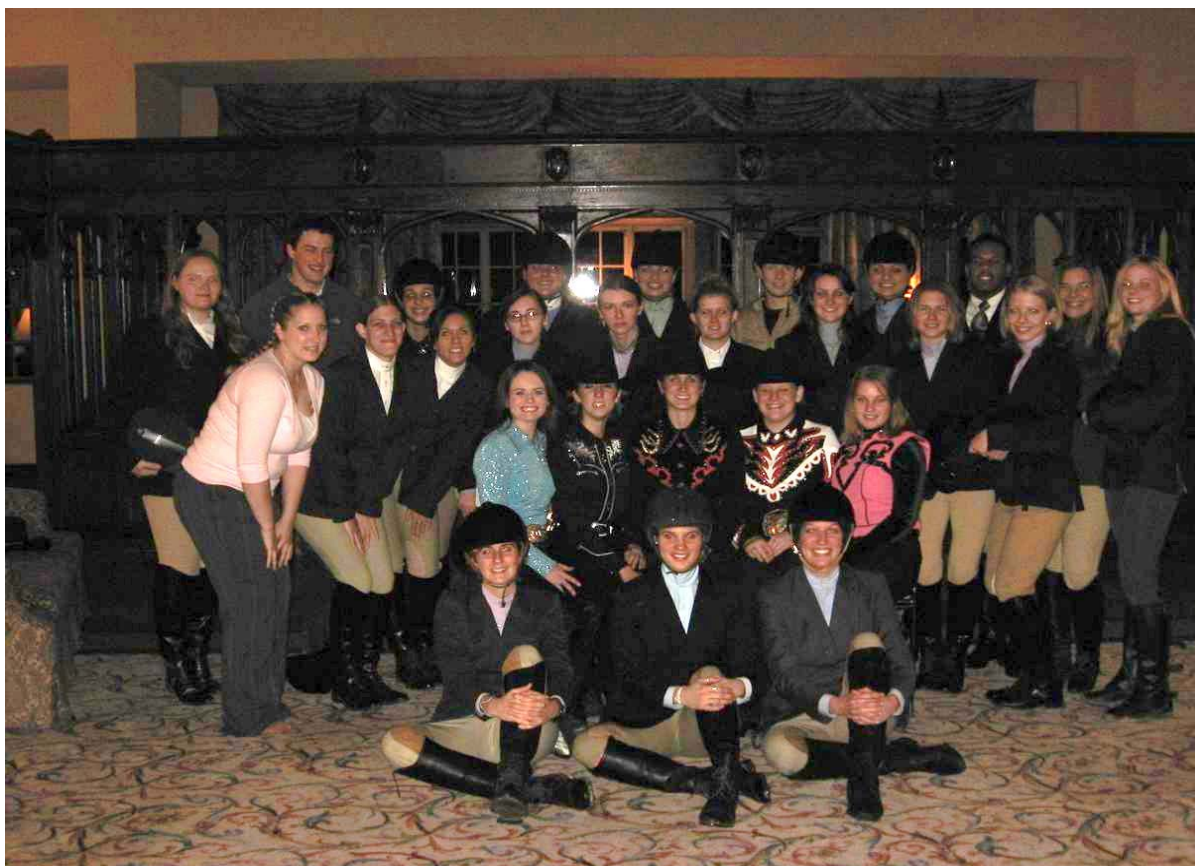
# Peace Point Pictures



*Bob Fischer's Quarter horse— "Dunnie"  
Taking a break from the roping action*



*Recent Peace Point donation  
Airbourne Charlie (thoroughbred) "Charlie"*



**Members of the Equestrian Teams (left to right)**

**Standing:** Chrissy Phillis, Brianna Boyd, Aidan Bokanovich, Katie Haines, Lauren Tillotson, Amanda Sullivan, Betsy Scott, Jobeth Rollandini, Beth Patsch, Ashley Richards, Korin H, Cara Shaffer, Katia Hanczar, Ashley Iwaniec, Shea Greenland, Gary Cooper, Julianne Kurpiewski, Barbra Gardner, Shanna Gabel

**Sitting (on bench):** Michelle Werner, Erica Davis, Jen Herron, Kristin Dye, Dana Greek

**Sitting (on floor):** Chantal Stettinius, Megan Gillard, Abigail Radcliffe