



# PEACE POINTS

## Pony Club International Tetrathalon

Peace Point Equestrian Center, a recent addition to the list of United States Pony Club Riding Centers, hosted International Pony Club members July 31 through Aug. 3 on their way to Canada. During their stay, Peace Point held a modified Tetrathalon. The Tetrathalon was designed to be a fun competition between two important events, the Championships East and an International Tetrathalon in Canada.

This competition was held for Intermediate competitors, Pony Club members rated C3 and above, ages 16 and up; 34 Pony Club members from Canada, England, Ireland and the United States competed plus additional local Pony Club members were invited to participate in some or all of the competition.

The tetrathalon is a competition with a combination of four mounted and unmounted phases, riding, running, shooting and swimming. The tetrathalon at Peace Point Equestrian Center required competitors to successfully shoot a target with an air pistol, ride a challenging 2'6" course bareback on an unfamiliar horse with out a warm-up, immediately take off for a mile and a half run through the wooded trails surrounding Peace Point and then swim a mile portion of the Buffalo Creek. After exiting the creek, the athletes continued for another one and one half miles on the steep, wooded trails until returning to Peace Point Equestrian Center where they were once again, required to successfully shoot a target. The fastest athlete finished the entire event in 62 minutes.

Even though the temperature on the late July day reached into the 90's and the humidity was near 100%, most of the competitors had a good time. "Bit of light fun between two serious competitions," John Flood, coach of the Ireland Tetrathalon Team commented. "Absolutely insane!" Max Lander, member of the United States Tetrathalon Team exclaimed.

According to the official United States Pony Club website, Pony Club is one of the leading youth equestrian clubs in the world. Pony Club is represented in over 30 countries with 600 individual clubs in the

United States alone. The club offers programs in dressage, eventing, show jumping, mounted games, tetrathalon, quiz, vaulting, foxhunting and polocrosse. The combination of mounted and unmounted (activities not on a horse or pony) activities make up a Pony Club program. During unmounted meetings, members learn about horse management such as shoeing, feeding and veterinary care.

### Upcoming Events

- Friday, Sept. 29-Sunday, Oct. 1, 2006  
Endurance Ride (25, 50 or 100 miles)
- Saturday, Oct. 7- Sunday, Oct. 8, 2006  
Bethany College Homecoming
- Friday, Oct. 13- Saturday, Oct. 14, 2006  
International Professional Rodeo Association (IPRA) and  
American Professional Rodeo Association (APRA) Rodeo
- Friday, Nov. 10- Saturday, Nov. 11, 2006  
Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA) Rodeo
- Sunday, Nov. 19, 2006  
Intercollegiate Hunt Seat Show

## New Four Legged Friends

### Tootsie Roll “Tootsie”

Tootsie, a 20-year-old Appendix Quarter Horse mare was donated this spring by Fran Mayo. In the past, Tootsie has been used for trail rides, English pleasure and jumping. She is great with beginners and is a favorite among the Pony Clubbers.

### Cricket

Cricket is a 17-year-old Hanoverian/ Thoroughbred Cross mare. She was donated by Aly Brown. Cricket has shown English pleasure and hunter/jumpers; she has also done some eventing. Cricket is a wonderful asset to the program.

### Diamond Zana “Z”

“Z” is a 12-year-old chestnut, Thoroughbred mare that PPEC recently purchased. Even though she has had a tough life, “Z” is quiet and shows a lot of potential for PPEC’s school program, especially with the beginner riders.

### Dandy

Dandy, a 10-year-old chestnut Quarter Horse gelding will be an asset to PPEC because of his ability to be ridden English and Western. He has show experience in Western Pleasure and Showmanship. Dandy was donated late this summer by Janet Yarling.

### George

George is a recent donation from Linda Wright. He is a 12-year-old gray, Irish sport horse. George hunted for three years in Ireland before being imported to the United States where he continued his career as a hunter in Florida.

### Flora and Sally

This team of white, 15-year-old and 17-year-old Percheron mares were recently purchased from Robert Riggle “Foster”, for the driving classes and parades. These mares are bomb proof and perfect for all students learning how to drive.

## Pony Club Branches Out

By: Kristin Dye

Peace Point’s Pony Club, currently with 20 members ranging from ages 6 to 20, had the opportunity to attend a Quiz Rally this past March. Quiz is an unmounted activity where Pony Club members test their knowledge of horse health, safety, equipment, etc... The members were divided into teams based on their age and rating and sent through different stations. These stations included Mega Room, in which there were tables with different horse related objects that needed to be correctly identified; Stations, a room in which there were five stations on safety, shoeing, jumping, vet care and Pony Club rally requirements, a written test and lastly, classroom, which includes an oral examination on all areas of knowledge. All of Peace Point’s teams did very well and brought home ribbons.

This year’s Pony Club summer camp took place at Peace Point on July 9-13. Each day was full of exciting activities. As well as having daily mounted and unmounted lessons, the campers were responsible for the feeding, stall cleaning and care of their assigned horses. Evenings were full of campfires, campouts, hayrides and scavenger hunts. On the last day of camp there were fun competitions for campers to prove what they have learned. Ribbons were awarded to all.



*Pony Clubbers display their ribbons*

*The essential joy of being with horses is that it brings us in contact with the rare elements of grace, beauty, spirit, and fire.  
~Sharon Ralls Lemon*

## Featured Staffer

**Nicole Holden**



Nicole Holden is a new IHSA Hunt Seat Coach, Instructor and Adjunct Faculty at Peace Point Equestrian Center. Nicole graduated from Michigan Technological University with a bachelor's degree in Engineering.

"I am excited to work with all of the horses and riders to develop a successful, cohesive team," Nicole Holden commented on her new position.

Nicole has extensive experience in the horse world. At age five, her love for horses began with trail rides. She began taking lessons and competing in local hunter shows in sixth grade. In college, Nicole took up dressage. Once she graduated she returned to hunters. Hunter/jumpers is her discipline of choice.

Nicole taught beginner lessons all through college and after college. Before coming to Peace Point, Nicole trained for local and national "A" shows with trainers such as Nikki Jewell from Gem Stone Farms, Mettawa, IL and Heidi Casciaro from Tievoli Farm, West Dundee, IL.

Taking a break from teaching, Nicole worked in the saddlery trade as a retail store manager and buyer. Working in the saddlery industry provided her with the opportunity to travel to England to learn about saddle fittings and other related products

Nicole has been showing her horse, Bean, in the jumper division up until three weeks ago when Nicole decided to retire him.

## PPEC Staff Additions

### William Benson

William Benson, more commonly known as Benson, is presently Peace Point's Farm Supervisor. This fall he will be expanding his job title to also include faculty, as he will be teaching Horse Management I and II, along with Facility Management and Design.

### Matt Grimm

Matt, one of PPEC's farriers will begin teaching Farrier Science for the Bethany College in the fall of 2006. Matt is also in the planning stages of developing a Farrier School at Peace Point. He has a Bachelor's of Science degree from California University of Pennsylvania. As a farrier, he is certified with the American Farrier's Association. Matt also has rodeo experience; he is a four time qualifier for the American Finals Rodeo in Bareback Bronc Riding.

### Dr. Lori Bohenko

Dr. Bohenko, wife of Benson and State Veterinarian for Wheeling Island Racetrack, has chosen to further develop her career by instructing equine classes this fall. She will be teaching Equine Sports Medicine and Equine Anatomy and Physiology.

Dr. Bohenko has a bachelor's degree from the University of New Hampshire and her Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine from Ohio State University. She earned the Equine Medicine and Surgery Award from Ohio State University for her class.

### Robert Fischer

As Vice President of Western Operations, Robert will be in charge of cattle management and organization of weekly team roping and team penning practices and competitions. Robert has a Bachelor's of Science in Anesthesia from the Washington School of Anesthesia for Nurses/California University of Pennsylvania. He also has a Bachelor's of Science in Nursing from West Liberty State College.

### Nicole Holden

Nicole Holden has moved all the way from Chicago to take over as the new Hunt Seat Team Coach, Instructor and Adjunct Faculty. As Adjunct Faculty she will be teaching mounted classes such as Elementary Dressage and Intermediate Hunt Seat as well as unmounted courses in the classroom such as Equine Husbandry. Nicole has a Bachelor's of Science from Michigan Technological University. She is also a Certified Equine Sports Massage Therapist and active "A" hunter/jumper rider.

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# Peace Point Pictures



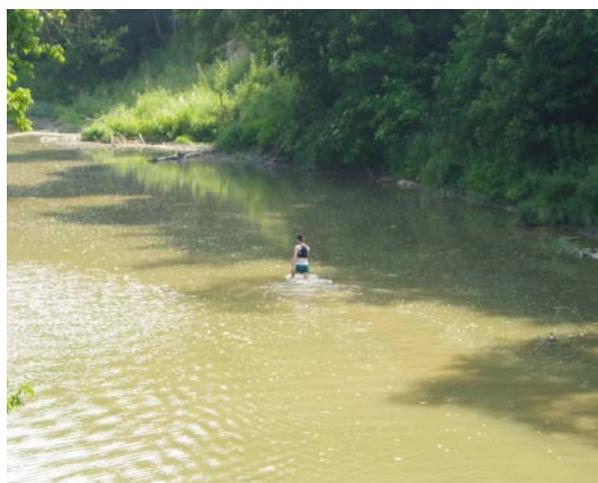
*The new PPEC saddle pads used in the spring IHSA hunt seat show*



*Two of the 15 calves born on the farm this past spring*



*The riding phase of the modified International Tetrathlon hosted by PPEC in late July*



*The swimming phase; at this point in the creek the water was too shallow to swim*



*The running phase of the Tetrathlon*



*Competitors had to successfully shoot a target with an air pistol before and after the competition*