



PEACE POINTS

It's Rodeo Time...Again!

With the help of Rawhide Rodeo Company, Peace Point Equestrian Center will host an International Professional Rodeo Association (IPRA) and American Professional Rodeo Association (APRA) rodeo on Friday, April 13, 2007 and Saturday, April 14, 2007.

Gates open at 6 p.m. and the rodeo starts at 8 p.m. with traditional rodeo events such as bull riding, bareback riding, saddle bronc riding, steer wrestling, team roping, calf roping and barrel racing. Additional activities throughout the night include mutton bustin', inflatables for the children, pony rides, petting zoo, DJ and bull riding competition with \$500 cash prize. Food and beverage wagons will be on-site throughout the event.

Tickets may be purchased in advance for a discounted price at Peace Point Equestrian Center or online at www.peacepointfarms.com. The tickets may also be purchased the night of the rodeo at the cost of \$15 for adults, \$10 for children under the age of 12 and free for children under the age of five.

Proceeds from the rodeo will benefit the Bethany Volunteer Fire Department and Peace Point Foundation.

The rodeo will be held rain or shine as all of the events will take place in Peace Point's new indoor arena. The 160' x 330' arena is equipped with ESPN standard lighting and ten sets of portable bleachers.

In mid-November, Peace Point Equestrian Center hosted a Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA) rodeo along with rodeo contractor Rawhide Rodeo Company. The rodeo was an overall success with approximately 1000 spectators each night.



Barrel racing during the rodeo this past November



Jen Herron, a member of the hunt seat and western team atop Peace Point horse "George" during the IHSA Hunt Seat show at PPEC

Upcoming Events

- Every Wednesday 6 p.m.
Weekly team roping practices
- Every other Saturday
Team roping competition
- Sunday, February 25
IHSA Hunt Seat Show
- Saturday and Sunday, March 3 and 4(JV)
IDA Dressage Show
- Saturday and Sunday, March 24 and 25(JV)
IDA Dressage Show
- Friday and Saturday, April 13 and 14
APRA/IPRA Rodeo
- Friday- Sunday, March 31-April 1
Zone 5 IEA Regionals

New Four-Legged Friends

Abby

Donated by Barb Wilson, this seventeen-year-old, red roan appaloosa mare will be great for Pony Club, beginners and the trails.



Abby in the field at PPEC

Beau

This 2-year-old, chestnut Quarter Horse colt was donated by Dean McCoy. Beau will be used by Don Jox in the Training and Schooling class for the Equine Studies Program.

Dante

This nine-year-old, bay Quarter Horse gelding arrived at Peace Point through a trade. He is one of the few horses at Peace Point that is ridden strictly western.

Irish

Irish is a 12-year-old, sorrel Quarter Horse mare. She was donated by Cheryl Cline in late January. She has show experience in classes such as halter, showmanship, western pleasure and western horsemanship.



A photo of Irish taken before coming to Peace Point

Stern

Stern, a sixteen-year-old, dark bay Trakehner gelding, was donated by Carolyn Jackson. Stern has had extensive dressage training up through the third level. Because of his experience, Stern will be an asset to the dressage program.

Equestrian Team News

Hunt Seat

Information obtained from www.campusequestrian.com

At the end of the fall semester, the hunt seat team placed third behind the University of Pittsburgh and West Virginia University. Seton Hill University is currently 24 points behind Bethany College in fourth place.

Below is the spring show schedule for the hunt seat team:

- Sunday, February 18, hosted by Allegheny College at Willows Horse Farm
- Sunday, February 25, hosted by Bethany College at Peace Point Equestrian Center
- Sunday, March 4, hosted by Allegheny College at Willows Horse Farm

As of January 2007, Ashley Iwaniec and Lindsey Walsh are both qualified for Regionals in Advanced Walk-Trot-Canter.

Dressage

Information obtained from www.teamdressage.com

Below is the spring show schedule for the dressage team:

- Saturday, February 10, hosted by the University of Findlay
- Sunday, February 25, hosted by Lake Erie College
- Saturday and Sunday, March 3 and 4 (JV only), hosted by Bethany College
- Saturday and Sunday, March 24 and 25 (JV only), hosted by Bethany College

Western

Information obtained from www.campusequestrian.com

The Bethany College Western Team finished the semester in fourth place with 81 points behind West Virginia University, Kutztown University and Bloomsburg University.

Below is the spring show schedule for the western team:

- Saturday, March 10, hosted by California University of Pennsylvania at Greene County Fair Grounds in Waynesburg, PA
- Sunday, March 11, hosted by Kutztown University at Greene County Fair Grounds in Waynesburg, PA

Up-to-Date Facts About the Facility

- Five barns
 - Four with 20 stalls
 - One with 26 stalls
- Two outdoor riding rings (100' x 300')
- One outdoor roping arena (120' x 250')
- One sand based round pen
- Two indoor arenas
 - 160' x 220' with western chutes
 - 160' x 308' with ten set of bleachers and ESPN standard lighting
- Approximately 25 boarders including students
- Approximately 60 school horses
- All located on 2800+ acres of trails



*View of the indoors and four barns
from the pasture*



The largest of the two indoor arenas



PPEC CONTACT INFORMATION

**Gene Valentine– CEO, Founder/
Benefactor**

**Ellen Fischer–Executive Director/Interim
Director of Equine Studies/Adjunct
Faculty/Instructor
efischer@bppef.org**

**WWW.PEACEPOINTFARMS.COM
304-829-4800
INFO@BPPEF.ORG**

Recent News

-Rabo Nijenhuis has joined the Peace Point staff as the temporary IHSA Hunt Seat Coach as well a Pony Club instructor. Rabo is currently the road manager and chief driver for the Heinz Hitch. He comes well experienced with his time spent at the Spruce Meadows jumping venue.

-After a semester of coaching the IHSA Western Team, Don Jox has agreed to coach another semester. He is also teaching several hands on classes for the Equine Studies Program such as Intermediate Stock Seat and Training and School.

-Aspen Manor is the new name of the independent/assisted living facility Gene Valentine purchased. The PPEC construction crew continues to make repairs and updates to the facility. There are currently 47 residents.

-The facility is planning several summer riding camps for children and adults. If you would like more information as it becomes available please send an email to info@bppef.org.

-Ellen Fischer, Executive Director of Peace Point Equestrian Center, was recently named Interim Director of Equine Studies at Bethany College.

-In January 2007, Melanie and Chessie Donini attended the USPC Annual Meeting as representatives for Peace Point Equestrian Center.

-Ashley Anderson and Kaile Blaze, both members of the equestrian club, also attended the USPC Annual Meeting as National Youth Congress Representatives for their Pony Club Regions.



Peace Point Pictures



Peace Point instructor and Intercollegiate Dressage Coach, Renee Riggs during the December dressage clinic with Pia Helsted



One of the two club calves purchased this past fall



Hunt Seat team member, Tallie Stettinius during her jumping class at the Bethany IHSA Hunt Seat show



Spectators at the last rodeo



View of Bethany, WV from Peace Point Equestrian Center



One of the two painted colts born last spring