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"Riding: the art of keeping a horse between you and the ground."

Author Unknown

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Rally News

➤ DRESSAGE

Audrey Utley teamed up with members of the Pinchona Pony Club at the Dressage Rally held April 25 at the Georgia International Horse Park. Audrey's team finished in 6th place and placed a fantastic 2nd in Horse Management.

Elizabeth Fite and several Hilltoppers Pony Club members joined together to sweep the Rally with 1st place finishes in riding and horse management. Awesome!



➤ SHOW JUMPING RALLY

Show Jumping Rally was held May 29-31 at Poplar Place Farm. Elizabeth Fite attended and thanks to Katie Fite for working hard as a Horse Management judge.

➤ EVENTING

Eventing Rally was held June 27 and 28 at Poplar Place Farm. Elizabeth Fite attended to represent Piedmont. Piedmont also provided the hospitality at this event. Thanks Katie, Amy and Rachel for keeping everyone well fed. Thanks Katie for working Horse Management on her birthday- what better way to celebrate!

Meetings

Piedmont Pony Club members enjoyed several great meetings during the spring. In April, members met at Hawkes Creek Farm for a gymnastics-jumping lesson with Tonia Epps.



In May, members braved on and off showers to learn some Natural Horsemanship techniques with Renee' Miller. The horses, students and the instructor hung in there to complete the lesson despite getting soaking wet!



Our August meeting was held on the 15th at T-Jay Farms. Members Tea Gibson and Brandi Bright completed the D1 rating and were awarded certificates. All members enjoyed an informative presentation on equine conformation presented by Dr. Nicole Ferguson of Crossroads Veterinary Services.

Guests at our meeting were prospective member Elizabeth Chapman and her mom Lisa. Thanks for joining us.

We are looking forward to some great meetings this fall with new instructors and new farms.



Upcoming Events

September meeting	September 20 th at T-Jay Farms Games Mounted and Games Rules Unmounted with Morgan Muffley
October meeting	October 18 th at Rhythm and Balance Equestrian Center Riding a Dressage Test with Chris Pritchard Grooming Tools Unmounted with Rachel Pasko (Badge Program)
Fall Dressage Rally	October 24 and 25 location to be determined
November meeting	Jumping Mounted Meeting at Dancing Horse Farm with Karen Czarick
December meeting	Christmas Party

- ✓ **Members take note: It's almost time to renew your annual membership. Amy will distribute membership packets within the next few weeks.**

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