

# Games Gazette

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MGAA Newsletter  
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## Galloping to you from Across America

### Calendar

- 11/3-4 Gladstone Games #3 Gladstone, NJ  
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- 11/3-4 Mid-Atlantic Individuals Ranson, WV  
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- 11/10-11 Mid-Atlantic Series #4 Upper Marlboro, MD  
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- 11/17 Antietam PC Gobbler Games Neersville, VA  
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- 12/8-9 Snowball Series Lexington, KY  
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- 12/29 Winter Skillathon Woodbine, MD  
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### 2008

- 1/5-6 Snowball Series Lexington, KY  
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- 1/21 Winter Skillathon Woodbine, MD  
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- 2/9-10 Snowball Series Lexington, KY  
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- 2/18 Winter Skillathon Woodbine, MD  
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- 3/TBA Northwest Competition, WA  
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- 4/5 Robert Taylor Clinic Gladstone, NJ  
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- 4/6 Gladstone Games Series #1 Gladstone, NJ  
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- 5/3 No Guts No Glory Mount Airy, MD  
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- 5/10-11 Mid-Atlantic Series #1 Upper Marlboro, MD  
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- 5/24-25 Mid-Atlantic Series #2 Ranson, WV  
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- June 14 or 15 Monumental Mall Madness #2  
Washington, DC dihickok@aol.com
- June/July MGAA Confrence & Competition  
sixcone farm@verizon.net
- 7/12-13 Clinic (Clinician TBD) & Competition #2  
Gladstone, NJ mymaui25@yahoo.com
- 8/8-10 International Games Elmira, NY  
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- 9/6-8 Hoosier Pairs & Team Games HHP IN  
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- 11/1-2 Clinic (Clinician TBD) & Competition #3  
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H Bowden, H Caniglia, A Cone, B Bowden MA#4 Photo: Bowden

### Membership Renewal

Individual: \$25 or \$45 for a 2 year renewal  
Family: \$40 or \$75 for a 2 year membership  
Family membership can include everyone in your household and is a bargain if more than one family member is involved. Although for Board of Governors only one vote is allowed per family.  
A special gift will be given to those who renew by February 28, 2008.

### ANNUAL MEETING & ELECTION OF BOARD OF GOVERNORS FOR 2008 will take place Nov. 10, 2007@ 5pm

@ Mid-Atlantic Games Series #4  
Prince George's Equestrian Center  
Upper Marlboro, MD

All members are invited to attend. Pizza and drinks will be served.

Please contact Anita Vassallo at mgaainfo@yahoo.com if you require further information

*Please be sure to mail back your ballot if you will not be in attendance!*

### MGAA Districts

The districts committee has been hard at work breaking our country into districts and assigning a contact for each one. The districts and corresponding contacts will be listed on our website so that anyone who would like to gain information about MGAA or give games a try will have access to a person to contact near them.

There are NO restrictions on your district. You do NOT have to ride with people only in your district or host competitions only in your district. *The districts are only for informational purposes.*

1. Northeast (NH, NY, VT, ME, RI, CT) - Colleen Corrigan
2. Pennsylvania & New Jersey - Christine Mariano
3. Maryland and Delaware - Michelle Reilly
4. Virginia and West Virginia - Krista Muldoon
5. Southeast (NC, SC, GA, AL, FL) - Susan Melvin
6. Tennessee & Kentucky - Linda Caddel
7. Ohio, Michigan, Indiana - Jennifer Foreman
8. Illinois, Iowa, Wisconsin - Terri Foreman
9. California & Nevada - Christina Underwood
10. Utah & Arizona - Jen McCready
11. Colorado & New Mexico - Jake Cone
12. Washington/Oregon/Idaho - Kerri Wilson
13. Other - District Committee

Leaves are falling, frost is on the ground and all those games ponies are getting fuzzy in preparation for winter once again. 2007 proved to be a games packed year with record membership and participation. But in MGAA the season never fully stops with the final edition of the Mid-Atlantic series slated for mid November, the popular Snowball Series in Kentucky starting back up in December and the newly introduced Winter Skillathons to be held in Maryland all during the chilliest months of the year.

The 2008 calendar is quickly filling up and is sure to offer plenty of prospects for riders of all levels and locations. Be sure to keep your ears and eyes open for new opportunities both great and small to be announced in the coming months some of which are sure to offer new twists to the already diverse games formats.



A Hellhake & F. Atherholt Pickering Pairs Photo: K Hellhake

### President's Closing Address

*It's been a pleasure to serve as the first MGAA president, thank you all for putting your confidence in me. Going back to our first original meeting in the Straub's trailer in the fall of 03, our little group was determined to put together an organization that would fairly represent games riders in the US; an organization that would outlast those of us who founded it.*

*I've always said that the proof is in the pudding. MGAA started with a half a dozen members and by the beginning of Jan 04 we were 40 strong, four years later we have over 350 members "across America".*

*Thank you to the organizers, they are the backbone of MGAA, my boggie (BOG) playmates, and the riders and families who come out to support our organization! You all are truly family!*

Donna McCready  
California Dreamin'



B. Atherholt Pickering Pairs Photo: K Hellhake

# Spotlight on the Riders

*This section is dedicated to presenting different riders, trainers, officials and other games supporters to their fellow enthusiasts.*



Allie Watson Photo: S. Watson

**Meet Allie Watson**  
She lives in California and describes herself as a "total California girl," tall with blonde hair and blue eyes, and has been playing

games for about 6 years through Pony Club and more recently, MGAA.

Allie rides for her local pony club, Deer Creek, and scrambled with Liberty Oaks Pony Club to form the 'CA Beach Blondes' senior team which placed 6<sup>th</sup> at this year's Pony Club Championships in Kentucky. Her games coach, Donna McCready says Allie is a good vaulter but Allie is too modest to boast this herself. Allie currently rides 12 year old Zandy Dandy Cotton Candy, a 14.2hh Arab mare who is on loan from her games coach.

Allie loves "any type of [games] competition". But she prefers pairs. "When you have a two man team, there's more pressure, yes, but you and your teammate are way closer and there are only two of you; so arguments may happen but there's a better chance of resolving them fairly with only two people."

Eventing, which Allie competes in with her event horse, Extracalibur, "is definitely what makes [her] world go round". She uses hunter jumper shows to fine tune her jumping skills and is also starting to do the same with dressage. Allie finds that games "has given me way better balance for other riding disciplines" and also has "given me a lifelong friend who was on my championship games team: Jillian Vantassel."

Allie, who is a 13 year old freshman at Amador High School, which she loves and "wouldn't change schools for the world." Allie says she actually enjoys school and is taking all AP classes and has been described as "smarter than the average doughnut". She enjoys playing soccer, but doesn't have time to be on a team, and also enjoys playing cards "anytime, anywhere".



Jessica Caddel

The Caddel "girls" of Lexington, Kentucky, have been playing mounted games for many years. Katey, 21, rode in her first Pony Club games rally in 1995 on her POA pony Scooter. While it was great fun, mounted games was a once-a-year opportunity. She continued riding mounted games at rallies but it was in 1999 that Katey's team The Spacecats developed a goal of qualifying for USPC Championships. That year, they went to Virginia as the 2nd placed Midsouth Jr. team. Call it beginner's luck; the Spacecats finished 3rd overall making their next appearance at the 2000 Prince Philip Cup. This was the first year the PPC was held during the Kentucky Three-day Event, commonly called "Rolex." The Spacecats won! Katey was on the 2002 International Mounted Games team that finished 2nd in England. She also represented the United States in Canada at the IMGA World Championships.

Additionally, she has competed in Australia in 2005. While Katey continues to compete actively (she will be riding at this year's Founder's Cup on Egg Fu Chicken with Jennifer McCready), she is proving to be an exceptional coach and clinician.

One of her students is her little sister, Jessica, 14. Jessica has ridden mounted games for six years. She has moved through the ranks of ponies starting with her little drafty pony Blueberry followed by Merlin, a pony developed by Katey. She has now moved to a pony named Ginger who Jessica describes as "green, fast and a good stopper." Jessica has had the opportunity to ride with some great Midwestern junior teams. She has competed twice at the Prince Philip Cup (first with the Skittles in 2006 and next with the Spacecats in 2007), but her favorite venue was with the Skittles at the 2006 President's Cup at Fairhill, MD.

"My favorite game is Carton Race," Jessica says. Who has had the greatest influence on Jessica as a games player? "My sister Katey. She has been my coach and she is my role model. If there is anybody I look up to in mounted games, it's her."

What is the appeal of Mounted Games? "It's a gigantic community," says Jessica. "I like the fact that we compete as a team but in the end, we're there to have fun with each other. It is much less formal than when I event. I like the fact that when we're not riding, we're in the arena helping with equipment."



Katey Caddel

My name is Alicia Royer and I'm 16 years old. I'm from Souderton Pa (about 1 1/2 an hour from Phila). I have 10 horses at the moment, 3 of which I use myself. I have two games ponies Annie (paint), and Sierra (big chestnut). Annie is my older games pony who I'm slowly switching off of this year. I just got Sierra about 1 month ago and I'm working with her to become my next advanced games pony.

I have been playing games for about 5 years but have only been competitive the last 3<sup>or</sup> so. Games to me is one of the best sports out there. It has taken everything out of me, my trainers, and my parents to get me this far. I love playing games and will most def. keep playing for a very long long time. My DC, Patti Naji got me started in games. She let me borrow ponies and this helped me to become a better games player much faster then I normally would have been able to.

Other than playing masters in MGAA I ride in pony club games. I participated in nationals for juniors once and for seniors once. This year my team, Luck of the Irish placed 2nd at nationals for seniors and we placed third at presidents cup. The year I competed junior we placed 5th at nationals and 4th at the prince Phillips cup. I am capt. of the Luck of the Irish and we plan to go seniors again this year. My favorite races are bottle, 3 mug and joust. My least favorite races are ball n' cone and Hilo.

Other then games I event my TB, Dancer. We are going novice and soon to be moving to training once she is ready. I love x-country, it is most def. my favorite phase of eventing. Since I have 10 horses and run the barn at my house I don't have much time for other sports or activities. I like to paint in my spare time and play soccer if I have time... I used to run track and play soccer when I was younger. When I'm free I just like hanging out with friends.

I'm not sure what I want to be yet, maybe a nurse, but I know I will always own and ride horses for as long as I can.



Alicia Royer Photo: K Hellhake

My name is Aron Cone.

I think most people in this organization know me. Anyways, I've been playing mounted games for 6 years now. I started when some friendly pony clubbers told my family about games. I, as well as my brother and sisters, started playing. I usually ride in the Masters division. I think the best thing about MGAA is that I can play on different teams with different people and different horses. I like this because it's always nice to ride with new faces. I really love playing mounted games so whether it is individual, pairs or a team I just want to ride. I now ride Misty which was my older brother Jake's pony. She's awesome and really fast!

Look for me at the MA#4 riding with The Italian Stallions, the all boys team. When I am not Fox Hunting or riding mounted games I like to wrestle for the Jaguars at Northwest High School, in Germantown, Maryland, where I am a sophomore. I am trying to buy and sell games ponies so if anyone is interested give me at call 301-330-1154. My next goal as a games rider is to tryout and make the US pony club International team and just be the best I can be.



Aron Cone Photo: A Cone





Southern Comfort Advanced Riders Photo: L Karns

took her pony swimming in the lake on Sunday after the competitions were over!

On Sunday, the individuals obstacle course gave our riders a unique and exciting way of testing their skills. Most of the riders haven't had a chance to take part in this type of competition. Each riders' primary goal, besides trying to get a stellar time, was to try and improve on their own first round time by correcting mistakes during the second round. Over half of the field did just that. Five-second penalties were assessed for uncorrected errors such as a tipped stone or sock outside of the bucket. Riders had to quickly decide if it would take more than 5 seconds to fix the mistake. First and second place in the Masters obstacle course was literally decided by tenths of a second.



M Owens & H Bartlett Photo: K Karns

It was exciting to have so many riders from out of state ... five riders from North Carolina, five from Georgia, and two from Maryland. We were blessed by absolutely wonderful weather that had the first hint of fall in the air.

Many thanks for all who came out, worked tirelessly and supported the competition. Particular gratitude goes to Krista Wilson Muldoon for coming from so far to be our clinician. We also want to recognize those that pitched in and brought loaner ponies from out of state: Julie Ann Holland and Nancy Harmon. These same ladies also pitched in hours and hours of setting up and handing out equipment. Thank you to Carrie Gates for being our medical staff and also helping with timing and scorekeeping. All those that pitched in to round up and repack equipment, hats off to you. Many thanks to Rick Henderson of Croft State Natural Area for seeing to the needs of everyone and making sure we had everything we needed to run a smooth event from a working PA system to garbage cans by the arena. —Laura Karns



J Maddox Southern Comfort Obstacle course Photo: K Muldoon

## Southern Comfort

This Southern Comfort Series was held at Croft State Natural Area. On Saturday there were clinics for all levels Beginners to Advanced, along with our first-ever Novice/Advanced Pairs Scrimmage. Sunday included an individual obstacle course competition and a Novice Pairs competition and an Intermediate/Masters Pairs competition.

Krista Wilson Muldoon worked tirelessly Saturday giving clinics. The kids all appreciated getting to polish skills. We all loved Krista's positive attitude and constructive pointers. Krista designed both novice and masters obstacle courses and paired up the seven Intermediate/Masters Pairs. The pairings were kept under wraps until all the riders were tacked up and at the arena. Once pairs were announced, the teams had five minutes to come up with a team name. We were all impressed with how creative the teams were under pressure.

Most of the riders took part in at least one clinic on Saturday and some took two clinics. Several riders took advantage of the beautiful horse trails at this venue Saturday afternoon. S. Melvin

## 2007 Founders Cup Invitational



The MGAA Founders Cup was truly a grand Grand Finale of USPC Advanced Games Playing and the four top teams from this year's USPC Championships put on an amazing display of horsemanship and gamesmanship. The backdrop to the Founder's Cup is the Richmond Raceway, home of some of NASCAR's greatest stock car races. Our MGAA riders played to a crowd that cheered and motivated our riders and their ponies to speed and agility that truly thrilled and entertained everyone in the stands. Saturday, the teams completed their designated 10 games in 30 minutes, leaving 30 minutes to meet and greet the nearly 300 people watching. Every rider spent time visiting with youngsters and adults alike about Mounted Games, MGAA and their ponies.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> day, our riders swept through their 14 games with speed and accuracy. The audience had picked their favorite teams and was very vocal in its support. At the drop of the flag in the final race, the results were as follows:

- First Place: Crash, Capital Region** (S. Hickok riding Copper Penny, V. Brown riding Sprite)
- Second Place: Benchwarmers, Maryland Region** (D. Sargent riding Henna, J. Cone riding Misty)
- Third Place: Smokin' Aces, Old Dominion Region** (C. Rutledge riding Cali, B. Calhoun riding Dusty)
- Fourth Place: Egg Fu Chicken, Midsouth Region** (K. Caddel riding Macy, J. McCready riding Smokin' Joe)

Each team member was presented with their awards immediately after the 2nd session. In addition to pony sashes and rider sashes, teams were awarded the following:

First-place team Crash won silver cups, donated by Anita Vassallo, Troxel helmets donated by the Virginia Equine Extravaganza, and embroidered saddle pads donated by FBJ Farm and Timber. Second-place team Benchwarmers received saddle covers donated by the Summer Sizzler mounted games series and brush bags donated by Jeffers Equine Supply. Third Place Smokin' Aces received brush bags, Fourth place Egg Fu Chicken received hay nets from the Summer Sizzlers. In addition, Summer Sizzlers and Jeffers Equine Supply donated items for goodie bags for all riders which included equine shampoo, vet wrap, sweatscrapers, wormer and horse treats.

The MGAA Founder's Cup is an invitational competition to the top-placing four advanced teams from the current year's USPC Championships. This competition is held in Richmond, VA during the 3-day Virginia Equine Extravaganza. In addition to the MGAA Founder's Cup, MGAA hosted a booth in the exhibition hall during the three-day extravaganza. This booth was manned by our Cup riders, their families and volunteers.

Thank You Anita Vassallo for your generous and tireless work in organizing our MGAA Founder's Cup! Thank you MGAA for donating the cost of the stalls to our competitors. Thank you to our army of volunteers for bringing games equipment, music and expertise! - Linda Caddel



Team Crash - V Brown & S Hickok

### MD Million - It was fast, it was furious and it was FUN!

On a beautiful autumn afternoon, the 22nd annual Maryland Million Day 12-race card that showcases the offspring of Maryland-based stallions, was run before a record crowd of 26,788 at Laurel Park. Three teams from the MD/VA area representing MGAA showcased mounted games between the 4th & 5th and 5th & 6th races. S. Hickok, J. Hickok, D. Wiseman and K. Crowley made up team Crash. E. Becker, L. Mitchell, S. Kepner, & M. Taylor made up team SWAT and B. Calhoun, B. Calhoun., R. Whitehair, & M. Vassallo made up the Punk Rock Ponies team.

Timing was everything. We had to work between television spots, race objections, the horses coming out on the track for the next race, and the watering & harrowing of the track. The teams were ready and at their signal, they came down the track and lined up. Line A was the actual Finish line of the Laurel Park track for the first session. The whistle blew and the flag was dropped simultaneously and the games began. Due to a horse coming on the track late, we were only able to ride three races for the first session, but the crowd quickly got into it and was cheering on the teams. Bending came and went in a flash and riders 2 and 4 quickly galloped to the C line so Mug Shuffle could begin. Riders again rushed to get ready for Carton and as soon as the last rider crossed the finish line, the riders were ordered immediately off the track. They were able to gallop down the track in front of the grandstands with the crowd really cheering them on.



Md Million Teams Photo: A Vassallo

from an objection. The riders were then lined up and sent down the track once again. The black, gold, and orange

The riders then had about a 1/2 hour break and again there was a delay to our session as we had to wait for a ruling

The flag was dropped as soon as all the riders lined up once again and the two-flag race was in progress. Two flags were broken during the first hand-offs and the sound of the wood breaking was piercing as the fans held their breath and then began to cheer again. Next was Run & Ride, which caught the Punk Rock Ponies off-guard - they didn't even have time to get rid of their flag before the start flag was dropped, but they quickly caught up and all teams wowed the crowd with their vaulting skills! As the teams finished up Run & Ride, the organizer was by my side telling me we only had one minute left. The next race was balloon & and I told her we could do it and the teams didn't let me down. Another crowd pleasing, fast paced race and the riders were again ordered OFF the track immediately and again galloped down the track in front of the entire 26,000 plus fans!

It all happened so quickly, but all the riders enjoyed it and are eager to do it again! - Stacey Calhoun

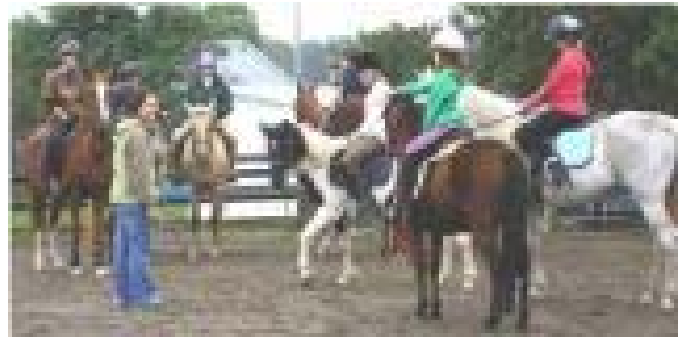


R. Saar NW Clinic Photo: B Goff

### MGAA hits the North West

The northwest's budding games interest is starting to take bloom with the help of Kerri Wilson from MD who transplanted to Olympia Washington this June. She found the riders and parents of this small games community to be enthusiastic and hungry for expansion and very receptive to a few clinics offered this summer.

The arrival of MGAA to the Northwest will provide riders with more local competitions, in addition to the annual Games Rally which previously was the sole games opportunity in the area. The first Northwest MGAA competition is tentatively scheduled for March 2008.



K Wilson Sept NW Clinic Photo: B Goff

Have you checked out the MGAA group on facebook.com?  
You might be missing out if you haven't.



S Melvin Southern Comfort Photo: K Karns

### California Gold Rush 3

Held in pairs format proved to be an exciting event for all. 2 divisions were offered. The Novice/Fossils division had 3 pair teams with Ghost Riders taking the blue by one point over the Lucky Puppies. The Open division also had 3 pairs and had the Great Success team holding a steady lead at the finish over Wildfires and Black and Blue. The Lucky Puppies and Great Success are the leaders in overall points after 3 competitions

### Do you and a sibling(s) play games together?

The Galloping Gazette is looking for siblings who play games together for a piece in an upcoming edition. We are looking for anything as short as a statement to something as long as a more descriptive set of paragraphs about what it means to you, an experience, memory or what you gain from riding with your sibling(s).

If you and a sibling play games together and if one or both (or more) of you are willing to participate please contact krsitashine@hotmail.com  
Thank you to those who have already sent something in.

### Announcing the Winter Skillathon

12/29, 1/21, 2/18

Directed toward junior level players 15y and younger.

Where: Sunset Hill Farm's Indoor arena in Woodbine, MD located 3 miles from I-70.

Riders will be broken into small groups and assigned a trainer for a 3 hour duration where skills will be worked on to sharpen both rider and pony. Following this instruction will be an obstacle course to reinforce the newly learned skills. Each session will focus on different races to optimize learning.

The indoor has an observation area and some stalls will be available for overnight stay. Contact Michelle Reilly for more information at 301-432-2009 or reillymichelle60@hotmail.com



K Hellhak MA#3 Photo: Hellhake

### Gobble Gobble

Want to have lots of Fun and win some great prizes? Come to the Gobbler Games hosted by Antietam Pony Club on Saturday, November 17, 2007. No Partner needed - just bring you and your pony. Competition will be ran as a Gambler Choice Pairs where you draw your partner for each session. For more information, you can download the entry packet from the MGAA website or contact Stacey Calhoun calhoun@hotmail.com



C. Ward Pickering Pairs Photo: K Hellhake

### Create a Race Round 3 - 2008

Keep games on the mind this winter and come up with a brand new race. Create a name, state the rules, list the equipment and write the instructions. Jot it down, draw diagrams, prepare a video, example equipment, use crayons, photos, anything that you think will help explain how your race works. The 2006 winner, 4 square created by Mitchell Vassallo, has become a regular race at competitions and surely tests a rider's skills.

Entries will be given to organizers to test out during the 2008 season. At the end of the year a vote will be held and the top race will be picked by the general membership.

Races should be judged on:

- Originality of race including use of new and existing games skills.
- Easy to obtain or create equipment or use of existing equipment.
- Easy to explain, learn and remember instructions.
- All races need to follow the basic rules of play. You may offer options for pair and individual play as well as team.

All entries should be sent to:

Krista W Muldoon 261 Cavalier Way McGaheysville, VA 22840 Kristashine@hotmail.com or MGAANews@mountedgames.org

**All entries need to be received no later than March 1, 2008**

The competitions committee reserves the right to incorporate more than one race into circulation although a grand prize winner will be announced. All entries will become property of MGAA and organizers are welcome to use any of the races entered as they see fit. The Create a Race Contest is only open to current MGAA Members.



C. Atherholt Pickering Pairs Photo: K Hellhake

### Create a Race 2007 – Voting Time

This season organizers have introduced some of the 7 entries from the 2007 Create a Race contest and now it's time for YOU to help pick the winner.

2007 entries:

- Keyhole Race
- Stepping out
- Smugglers Run
- How the Grinch stole Christmas
- Horse shoe shop
- Litter stomp
- Rubber Ducky Race

Rules and instructions for these races can be found on the MGAA yahoo group, on www.mountedgames.org and can also be obtained by emailing kristashine@hotmail.com. The winner will receive a \$25 gift certificate good for any MGAA gear.

**All votes must be received by January 1, 2008**

Races should be judged according to originality, use of new or existing games skills, easy to obtain equipment or use of existing equipment, easy to explain and remember instructions, and of course fun!

One vote per member, all voters must be current MGAA members.

Please send all votes to:

Kristashine@hotmail.com or MGAANews@mountedgames.org or mail to Krista W Muldoon 261 Cavalier Way McGaheysville, VA 22840



M Dauzat Southern Comfort Photo: K Muldoon





C Neuman & R Cone MA#3 Photo: A Cone

### Pickering Hunt Pairs

The Pickering Hunt Pairs hosted by Pickering Hunt Pony Club in Pennsylvania had an excellent turn out with leadline, beginner, fossil, training, intermediate and advanced divisions run. The intermediate divisions had 12 teams and the advanced had 13 teams making for an outstanding competition.

Winning teams include; Power Puff Ponies in leadline, The Purple People Eaters in Beginner by a 1 point, Special Ops in fossils, Fast Forward in intermediate and Dash taking the lead in the advanced division.



M. Underwood Gold Rush 3 Photo: D McCready



R. Muller Gold Rush 3 Photo: Donna McCready

### Bulletine Board:



**For Sale:** Cosmic Charlie, 12.2hh 8 yo, chestnut gelding, jumps, trail rides, dressage, games, does it all, super fast, turns, lovable, loads, clips, washes, gets along with everyone. Flashy, would do well in a hunter show ring. Charlie loves games but needs an advanced rider and to be ridden daily. He is also an easy keeper but is very herd bound. For more information call Krista 540-226-4902 or kristashine@hotmail.com



**For Sale:** Romeo 13.1hh, 9 yo App gelding who has done it all, experienced

pony with great stops & turns, USPC games nationals 3 years in Jr, Sr and Advanced levels, jumps, trail rides, bomb proof, easy keeper, clips, ties, loads, never been lame, no vices, even lets you spray his face with the hose. sadly out grown - to good home only \$5K neg. call Juliette 864-947-9043 or 864-593-9755



Jen Cornish's name was not included with her picture in the last edition of the Galloping Gazette.

### Looking forward to 2008

International Games pairs and individuals 3 day event slated for August 8/9/10, 2008 in Elmira, NY. Easily accessible by US and Canadian riders and boasting 3 days of fierce games in multiple rings with campsites, showers, hotels and food available. Mark your calendars. Contact Bonnie Korn dancer@frontiernet.net or Colleen Corrigan mymaui25@yahoo.com for more information.

June/July Games Conference and Competition offering 4 days of games in different formats and levels. Stay tuned for more information as this memorable event evolves. Contact Andrea Cone at sixccone@verizon.net for more information

The newsletter is looking for contributions of photos, stories, adventures, anything you think others would like to hear about. If you have questions, comments, announcements or ideas for the next issue? Have you had a great games experience that others would like to hear? Please send all of it to: mgaanews@mountedgames.org or Krista Muldoon 261 Cavalier Way McGaheysville, VA 22840



I Canton Southern Comfort Photo: K Muldoon

### USPC Int'l Invitational Games Exchange 2008

In answer to the USPC Int'l Games Exchange that becomes bi-yearly with the off year starting in 2008 the Australian Pony Club will be hosting an invitational to be held July 11-16th in Perth Australia. RSs are being asked to send one applicant per region rated C2 or higher who will be 13-15 years old during the exchange. Regions are welcome to hold their own tryouts to pick one applicant although no formal tryouts will be held for the team. 2 evaluations and the rider's application sent in by RSs will be used by a selection committee to determine the team. All regional candidates should be named no later than November 15th with the selection made by December 15th.



A Watson Gold Rush 3 Photo: D McCready

### Clinicians

Are you in need of a clinician? The MGAA website has a list of clinicians with brief bios for you to pick from under the 'more info' tab. If you would like your own name listed and are 18 or older please submit it.

Jamie Gilbert - Oley, PA - aussiechik17@hotmail.com  
 Jake Cone - Darnestown, MD - jackcone@verizon.net  
 Krista Muldoon - McGaheysville, VA - Kristashine@hotmail.com  
 Michelle Reilly - Rohrerville, MD - reillymichell60@hotmail.com  
 Mitchell Vassallo - Boonsboro, MD - vassallo.ma@gmail.com  
 Mark Wachburn - Malvern, PA - mwachburn01@verizon.net

### Looking for a Back Copy?

If you ever want a back copy of the Galloping Gazette or you wish to see it in color you can find easily printable versions on the MGAA Yahoo group site under Files or on www.MountedGames.org website.



D Sargent Southern Comfort Photo: K Muldoon

### Referee DVD

A DVD of the MGAA Referee Clinic held last spring is now available. It is free to all MGAA members. If you would like a copy, please email your name and address and I will ship it out to you hpcp@yahoo.com.

The DVD covers not only the Referee's jobs but what other officials are necessary for a competition and their jobs. We also went into arena layout, general rules, specific games rules, etc.

-Sharon Brown

### California Expo

A big thanks to all who participated in our Ca State Fair Demo. We had 11 riders split up on 2 teams and although the arena was short the riders did an excellent job showcasing our sport. Parents and riders did an awesome job with riding and equipment!!! I think we hold the record for playing 14 games in 45 minutes. After the demo, the kids went over to the Fair for food, ride and games.

Thanks again to the parents who were hustling putting out the equipment and Sharon W as our main announcer, I had a remote microphone and I thought Sharon and I did a pretty good job with playing team-tag with games info on Pony club and MGAA to the crowd. We had a big crowd watching us and many of the riders had people come up to them to ask about our sport.

I've never been to a state fair as big as this one and was quite impressed with how huge it is with its own Monorail system and ski lift to get you across all of the fair grounds and this fair runs for 3 weeks!

-Donna McCready

New MGAA gear including hats and boy style sweatpants will be available at MA#4 and Snowball!

Have you tried looking up mounted games on www.wickedpedia.com?

### Bragging Rights Awards 2007

Here is your chance to vote for the best of the best.

1. Top Rider
2. Most Improved Rider
3. Best Pony
4. Best Team
5. Best Looking Team Gear
6. Best Trainer
7. Favorite Competition
8. Favorite Race
9. Least Favorite Race
10. Craziest Spill
11. Best Official

All Entries Due by January 1, 2008

Winners will be announced in the February Newsletter!

Think it over and pick ONE name for each category and send to: kristashine@hotmail.com or mgaanews@mountedgames.org Krista Muldoon 261 Cavalier Way McGaheysville, VA 22840

### The Galloping Gazette goes Green

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