

Blue Ridge Games Clinic and Pairs Competition

May 9 & 10, 2009

Timberville American Legion

Timberville, VA

Closing Date: April 28th, 2009



Join us for the 1st edition of the 2009 Blue Ridge Games. This event located is located in the valley along the I-81 corridor in Virginia. There are divisions for adults, novice, intermediate, and masters riders including those who have never played games before. We are also offering a green or training pony division for experienced games competitors who have new ponies. You may enter as a pair or enter as an individual to be placed with a pair. Entries will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis. A completed entry consists of check and all required paperwork in the organizer's hands. We are offering the opportunity for novice and senior riders to make this a one or two day event. Novice riders begin Saturday morning with a clinic designed to get the rider new to games ready for their first competition which will take place Saturday afternoon. A second competition will be held Sunday morning that all novice riders are encouraged to take part in. Senior (aka fossil) riders may opt to take part in an introduction to games clinic Saturday morning followed by a competition Saturday afternoon or they may skip the clinic and take part in a competition in the morning and afternoon. All senior riders are encouraged to take part in an additional competition Sunday morning. Three full sessions (Sat am, Sat pm and Sun am) are offered for intermediate, Master and green pony divisions. If you are unsure which division you belong in please contact the organizer and she will help you choose the best option. **See "General Information" within for exciting Saturday evening social activities.**

Michelle Reilly, the clinician for the weekend, has over 20 years of games instruction experience. She is the 2009 USPC International Games Team Trainer and has worked with a myriad of games riders and teams throughout her games career. She works wonderfully with riders of all ages and levels. Don't miss out on this excellent opportunity.

All riders are invited to participate in the Blue Ridge Games clinic and pairs competition. You do not need to be a member of USPC, MGAA, RSRC or any other organization to take part in a clinic or competition. All riders are welcome. **The Organizer reserves the right to form pairs from individual entries. The Organizer also reserves the right to close entries before the closing date if the facility capacity is reached early.**

Please include e-mail address on entry so we can notify you of updated schedule and information as the date draws closer.

Divisions: * Divisions may be modified as entries warrant.

Intermediate, Master and Green divisions will play two sessions on Saturday, and a Finals session on Sunday.

- ❖ **Senior (aka Fossil):** This division is open to adults who are new or experienced with games including Moms, Dads, and former USPC players who want to get back into playing mounted games. **Saturday am Clinic & Sat pm competition \$35 MGAA or RSRC member, \$40 non MGAA & RSRC member. OR Saturday am and pm competition \$35 MGAA or RSRC member, \$40 non MGAA & RSRC member. Sunday am competition \$15 for MGAA or RSRC members, \$20 for non MGAA & RSRC members.**
- ❖ **Novice:** This division is open to riders new to mounted games, those who want to compete at slower speeds or do not have strong riding and or games skills. **Saturday am Clinic & Sat pm competition \$35 MGAA member, \$40 non MGAA member. Sunday am competition \$15 for MGAA members, \$20 for non MGAA members.**
- ❖ **Intermediate:** This division is open to riders who are familiar with mounted games but want to compete at speeds slower than the Masters group and may still be perfecting or developing their games skills. **\$50.00 for MGAA members, \$60 for non MGAA members.**
- ❖ **Masters:** This division is open to experienced mounted games riders who play at a fast pace and know the rules and races to be played. **\$50.00 for MGAA members, \$60 for non MGAA members.**
- ❖ **Green Pony:** This division is open to experienced games competitors who have new ponies. This division will play a reduced list of games and is not scored. **\$30 for MGAA members, \$40 for non MGAA members.**

All riders are expected to provide ring crew during their session or assist during other sessions

Tentative Schedule

Schedule subject to change as circumstances warrant.

| <u>Saturday</u> | <u>Sunday</u> |
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| 8:00am Check in Ring 1: 8:30am Green Pony Session 1 9:30am Senior Competition 10:30am Intermediate Session 1 11:30pm Masters Session 1 12:30pm Green Pony Session 1 1:30pm Novice Competition 2:30pm Senior Competition 3:30pm Intermediate Session 2 4:30pm Masters Session 2 Ring 2: 9:00am Novice Clinic 11:00am Senior Clinic | <i>On Sunday everything will take place in Ring 1</i> 9:00am Green Pony Session 3 10:00am Novice Competition 11:00am Senior Competition 12:00pm Intermediate Final 1:00pm Masters Final |

Games to be played will be selected from this list :

| Fossils | Novice | Intermediate/Masters |
|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Agility Aces | Agility Aces | Agility Aces |
| Association Race | Association Race | Association Race |
| Balloon Race | Balloon Race | Balloon Race |
| Ball & Cone Race(USPC) | Ball & Cone Race(USPC) | Ball & Cone Race(USPC) |
| Bottle Shuttle | Bottle Shuttle | Bottle Shuttle |
| Canadian Race | Canadian Race | Canadian Race |
| Carton Race | Carton Race | Carton Race |
| Flag Fliers Race | Flag Fliers Race | Flag Fliers Race |
| Founders Race | Founders Race | Founders Race |
| Four Flag | Four Flag | Four Flag |
| Hi Lo Race | Hi Lo Race | Hi Lo Race |
| Hula Hoop Race | Hula Hoop Race | Hula Hoop Race |
| Joust Race | Joust Race | Joust Race |
| Litter Lifters Race | Litter Lifters Race | Litter Lifters Race |
| Mug Shuffle | Mug Shuffle | Mug Shuffle |
| Pony Express (MGAA) | Pony Express (MGAA) | Pony Express (MGAA) |
| Pony Pairs Race | Pony Pairs Race | Pony Pairs Race |
| Ring Race (USPC) | Ring Race (USPC) | Ring Race (USPC) |
| Rubber Ducky Race | Rubber Ducky Race | Rubber Ducky Race |
| Run & Ride | Run & Ride | Run & Ride |
| Socks & Bucket | Socks & Bucket | Socks & Bucket |
| Speed Weavers | Speed Weavers | Speed Weavers |
| Sword Race | Sword Race | Sword Race |
| Tool Box | Tool Box | Tool Box |
| Windsor Castle Race | Windsor Castle Race | Windsor Castle Race |
| Ring A Cone & Twitter | Ring A Cone & Twitter | Ring A Cone & Twitter |

For more information about these MGA games and rules for games, see the MGAA website: <http://www.mountedgames.org>. You may also download a copy of the MGA rulebook from there. UPSC games rules may be downloaded from www.ponyclub.org. **Note:** For Association Race, riders will spell GAMES.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Saturday Evening Activities: Blue Ridge Games wishes to provide a fun social setting. Saturday night a **pot luck/ pizza dinner** can be expected (to participate please bring a dish to share or contribute cash towards pizza).

We will also be holding a **tack swap** during and after dinner. Bring your old horse gear, tack, clothes, books, etc with a price tag and your name attached. This is a great opportunity to clean out your tack room. The evening will be closed with a **camp fire and roasted marshmallows**.

This is to accommodate the many competitors and their supporters who choose to camp on grounds. Those who are not camping are also encouraged to take part.

Payment: Checks written to MGAA.

Weather Plans: The competition will be held regardless of weather. If for some reason the competition is cancelled, competitors will be notified.

Stabling: Stalls are \$30 for the weekend (you may stay Friday and Saturday nights). Shavings will be available on grounds for \$7. Please let Krista know if you would like to buy shavings in advance.

Food/Water: Water available on the grounds and limited restaurants are located about 5 miles away.

Riding Attire: All Riders must wear SEI approved helmets and proper foot ware when mounted. Pairs must wear the same color shirt when competing. The second rider in the pair must wear a white hat band or cover to signify their position. Riding pants, jeans or chaps are acceptable.

Tack: Riders may use any style saddle they prefer. Hackamores, martingales, wraps, boots, etc are acceptable. If you are unsure please check with the organizer. No spurs or whips please.

Don't Have a Partner? The organizer is happy to match you up with a pair if you do not have one upon entry. This is an excellent way to meet new people and learn new skills.

Last minute info and final schedule: will be sent out via email prior to the show. Please list an email address that you check regularly.

Accommodations:

Camping:

A limited amount of hookups are available at the grounds for \$15/night. Port a pots are available, no showers or flush toilets. Hookups include electricity only.

Plenty of primitive camping is available free of charge.

Motels nearby:

For those who prefer to stay in a motel, there are a few motels nearby.

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| Quality Inn Shenandoah Valley – 6 miles 162 W. Old Cross Rd. New Market, VA, US, 22844 Phone: 540-740-3141 | Days Inn New Market Battlefield – 7 miles 9360 George Collins Parkway I-81 & State Route 305 Ex 264 New Market, VA 22844 US 540-740-4100 |
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Directions to the Timberville American Legion Horse Show Grounds:

From I-66 and I-81 North: Drive South on I-81 approximately 35 miles from the I-66 intersection. Take exit 264 Luray/New Market/Timberville onto VA-211. Go right onto VA-211 at the bottom of the ramp. After approximately 5 miles make a Left onto Lone Pine Dr. and continue for 0.6 miles and make a Right onto American Legion Drive and then a right into the show grounds.

Form I-64 and I-81 South: Drive North on I-81 approximately 32 miles from the I-66 East intersection. Take exit 257 US-11 toward Timberville/Mauzy/VA-259/Broadway. Go left off of the ramp, go over the overpass, and make a right at the light. Continue for 4.4 miles where the road becomes Timber Way/ VA-42 and continue for another 0.2 miles. Turn Right onto Long Pine Drive and continue for 0.9 miles. Then turn Left onto American Legion Dr and then Right into the show grounds. (Mapquest does not give accurate directions coming from the south)

If you have questions, please contact:

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ENTRY

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All information is required – fill in all blanks – use n/a if necessary. Both pages of this form must be completed with all membership information and fees. Only ONE pony/horse per form.

Event: Blue Ridge Games Clinic and Pairs Comp Event Date: May 9/10, 2009

Rider Name: _____ Birth date: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone #: _____ Email Address: (updates will be sent here) _____

Pony Name: _____ Current 2008 MGAA Member? _____

Volunteer Name(s): _____ Current 2008 RSRC Member? _____
(Rusty Stirrup Riding Club)

Games Registration: If you are being placed on a scramble team, please list your mounted games experience on the back of the form to assist in team placement.

| Pair team name, shirt color & members: | (pairs must wear shirts in the same color) | Fees |
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| 1. Division: | (1st price listed is for current MGAA and RSRC members, the 2nd price listed is for non members) ___ Senior Sat am clinic & pm competition \$35/40 ___ Masters (3 sessions) \$50/60 ___ OR Senior Sat am & pm competition \$35/40 ___ Intermediate (3 sessions) \$50/60 ___ Senior Sunday am competition \$15/20 ___ Novice Sat am clinic & pm comp \$35/40 ___ Green Pony / Training (3 sessions) \$30/40 ___ Novice Sunday am competition \$15/20 | 1 |
| 2. Stalls tack stall available for no charge – space permitting | Small paddocks may be set up for no charge although you must clean up after your pony. No of Stalls: _____ @ \$30 for the entire weekend Check Nights that the stalls are needed: FRIDAY: ___ / SATURDAY: ___ / SUNDAY: ___ *Stalls must be stripped* | \$ |
| 3. Camping | No. of Camping Hookups _____ @\$15 per day Check nights that the Camping Hookups are needed:: FRIDAY: ___ / SATURDAY: ___ / SUNDAY: ___ *primitive camping is free | \$ |
| | Please let me know if you need shavings. Total Fees | |

*stabling is not assigned. You may pick any stall that is not occupied upon arrival.

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RELEASE

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Please return this form with your entry.

The undersigned acknowledges the inherent risk involved in riding and working around horses, which risks include bodily injury from using, riding or being in close proximity to horses among other risks, and further that both horse and rider can be injured in normal use or in competition and schooling.

In Consideration for the privilege of riding and working around horses at the Blue Ridge Games the undersigned does hereby agree to hold harmless and indemnify the Mounted Games Across America organization, Blue Ridge Games organizers, Timberville American Legion, its officers, sponsors and members and further release them from any liability or responsibility for accident, damage, injury or illness to Undersigned or any horse owned by me or to any family member or spectator accompanying the Undersigned on the premises of the Tmberville American Legion.

I fully understand that riding and the playing of mounted games are very dangerous activities. I fully understand that riding is a very dangerous activity with many inherent risks including (i) The propensity of an equine to behave in dangerous ways which may result in injury to the rider, trainer, groom or handler, (ii) The inability to predict an equine's reaction to sound, movements, objects, persons or animals. I wish to participate in these activities knowing they are dangerous. I accept and assume all the risks of injury (including death) to me or my property.

In exchange for being permitted to participate in these activities for myself, my heirs, guardian, and legal representatives, I release and agree not to make or bring any claim of any kind against the Mounted Games Across America organization, Blue Ridge Games organizers, Timberville American Legion, or its masters, officers, directors, members, employees, or guests or any landowners, landholders or the persons making property available for the Blue Ridge Games, for injury (including death), to me or any damage to my property whether from anyone's negligence or not, or any other cause, arising out of my participation in these dangerous horseback riding or related activities; and I also agree if anyone makes any claims because of any injury to me (including death), or for any damage to my property, I will keep all those released by this agreement free of any damages or costs because of those claims. My signature hereby indicates my agreement.

Rider Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____

(if rider is under 21 years of age)

Completed Entry Packet must contain:

- _____ **Blue Ridge Games Entry**
- _____ **Blue Ridge Games - Release**
- _____ **Copy of current negative Pony Coggins**
- _____ **MGAA Medical Release (Required, if rider is a minor, available on Mounted Games Across America website: <http://www.mountedgames.org>)**
- _____ **Entry Fees (Make checks payable to MGAA)**

Mail entry packet to the Competition Organizer by the Closing Date of April 28, 2009

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