

# Pony Club for Adults -

Or ... Why should the kids have all the fun?



Bridget Bryson rides her pony, "Steele," at the Catalpa Corner Charity Horst Trials during the summer of 2011.  
- photo by Barbara Hall -

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After years of watching my children, as well as hundreds of other people's children, have so much fun and so many amazing opportunities through the United States Pony Clubs, it is with great excitement that I am able to announce that we are going to start a branch of Horsemasters, also referred to as "Pony Club for adults," right here in the Cedar Valley!

Horsemasters is NOT only for Pony Club parents - although they are welcome - nor is it only for riders of the English persuasion! Horsemasters is for any adult (over the age of 25) who would like to take advantage of the Pony Club curriculum, who would like to ride with other adults, work with Pony Club instructors and others, and those who would also enjoy sharing their knowledge with kids who love horses! You might be a beginning rider, you might be an expert, or you might be somewhere in between. There will be a place for all in this new club!

Silver Bits Horsemasters will be a separate entity from the local Pony Clubs, but will also plan to have joint events - especially during the winter months where the opportunity for visits by vets and nutritionists, as well as by farriers and saddle fitters arise. What better mix than our older/more advanced Pony Clubbers with our interested adults? In the summer we will have shared clinics, our own events and some casual trail rides and fun social activities!

Not only will there be opportunities at the local level. At the National Festival this year, held at Kentucky Horse Park, USPC invited its Horsemaster members to participate too, riding in clinics with top flight, international riders and coaches. Why should the kids get all of the knowledge and opportunities? Well, now we can too!

Yes, finally, there IS a Pony Club for adults; and it is called Horsemasters! We are taking applications for membership and activities will start January 2012. There will be an application fee to cover national membership and insurance.

For more information, check out the Silver Bits Website at [silverbits.ponyclub.org](http://silverbits.ponyclub.org) and look for the Horsemasters Page, or call Bridget Bryson at 319.504.7671 or email at [Bryson.Bridget@gmail.com](mailto:Bryson.Bridget@gmail.com).

**Join in the fun!**



Amanda Anderson, potential member, rides at the Jen Verharen Clinic hosted by SBPC this year. - photo by Jayne Kielman -