

# Mounted Games Clinic



Mounted games are suited for all ages and abilities. The youngest riders have fun and learn to ride effectively at the same time. Riding mounted games builds confidence, balance, and riding skills by focusing on accomplishing the game. Games skills and knowledge is tested at certifications and quiz rally.

*“Mounted games teaches the basic natural aids of hand, seat, leg, weight and voice as well as physical conditioning, self confidence, teamwork skills and the proper care of mounts.”*

*—USPC Games Mission Statement*

Experienced riders practice training their horse to go obediently away from the group, ride up to barrels, wait for the riders commands, ride with one hand and without stirrups, reach for ground pick ups, mount independently and efficiently, vault onto their ponies, work well in hand, and not be afraid of loud noises like popping balloons and music. You don't need to be on a team, just bring your horse and learn to play.

*Love horses? Want to learn to ride and have fun friends? Are you game to ride on a team? Want to try horse sports like dressage, eventing, show jumping, polocrosse, mounted games, fox hunting, or grow your horsemanship knowledge? Attend to learn more about...*



**Date:** Sunday, January 6, 2019, 1:00PM—4:00PM

**Location:** Team Vintage Valley Sporthorses Pony Club Riding Center indoor arena

11198 Brent Town Rd, Catlett, VA

**What/Who:** Mounted Games Instruction and practice for all ages and certifications on your Pony Club or lesson mount

**Contact:** VVSRC members contact CA Angela Camacho to reserve a mount at [angela.camacho89@yahoo.com](mailto:angela.camacho89@yahoo.com)

**Fee:** \$10 ring fee payable to VVSRC

**What to Bring/Wear:** Mount appropriate for rider's abilities, current coggins. Correct helmet and boots.

## *Meet the Clinicians*

**Matt Brown** is an accomplished games competitor and coach of Pony Club International Mounted Games Exchange Team USA, and many USPC Championships and MGAA teams. Raised from youth participating in Pony Club with his family, he serves as a Mounted Games Across America and Casanova-Warrenton Pony Club officer.



**Virginia Carpenter** is a C-2/HB member of Casanova Warrenton Pony Club and has competed in all disciplines since she joined Pony Club in 2006. Virginia has gone to Championships in games five times, and has won the Prince Phillip Cup and Presidents Cup with her team, We Got Game. She was also a

member of the 2016 US Pony Club International Games Exchange team to Australia. Virginia has competed at USPC Championships in polocrosse three times and has played to B grade in American Polocrosse Association. Virginia is training 4yr old OTTB, Captain America aka “Steve”. They are the first pair to complete and win the APA Crosse-Over Challenge 2018. Virginia thoroughly enjoys teaching and coaching beginners to ride, play polocrosse and mounted games. Virginia is member of the Pony Club National Youth Board and is in the 2019 USPC National Youth Congress. Virginia studies National Security and Foreign Affairs at Virginia Tech and is a Virginia Tech Corps of Cadet in the Air Force ROTC.



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Stewardship  
Leadership  
THROUGH  
Horsemanship*

 **Pony Club**  
*Where it all begins*