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Glenoaks Stables Riding Center Members Attend the USPC Equine Symposium and Convention in Seattle, WA

February 2nd, 2020 Seattle, WA – From January 29th through February 2nd, Seattle was overtaken with Pony



Club Members from across the United States. The Annual Meeting is an opportunity for Pony Club leaders to attend trainings and talk with the Board of Governors, National Committee members, USPC National Office staff, and other Regional and Local Pony Club leaders to learn and bring back valuable skills to grow their programs at home. This is held in conjunction with the USPC Equine Symposium and Convention, where members, parents, and leaders alike can attend fun and interactive workshops, listen to speakers present about various equine topics, and visit the Anatomy Room and explore different parts of the horse with a veterinarian.

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Our Glenoaks Stables Pony Club Riding Center leader, Charlotte Arrouye, attended with 2 of our members, May and Audrey, who came to present research they have been working so hard on over the last few months! Their work was displayed during the Research

Project Fair and they discussed their research with a panel of judges! The research presented by “Mane Attraction” explored “Which Saddle Pad Keeps Your Horse The Least Sweaty?” They used paper towels placed under the saddle pad to determine how much sweat was produced after riding using a variety of saddle pads! Their hypothesis predicted that the Baby pad, which is the thinnest and had no filling, would keep the horses the least sweaty, but the winner was the Dover saddle pad! The panel of judges was impressed with the data they collected and the process in measuring their results! At the Saturday Night Banquet, accomplished





alumni were inducted into the Academy of Achievement, and others, two of which were from our Region, were presented the Founders Award, other national leaders were recognized, and our President Ben Duke spoke about Pony Clubs values and accomplishments in the Equine community followed by the Keynote Speaker and very accomplished Pony Club alumni Maya Black. At the Saturday Night Banquet our Glenoaks Stables Pony Club Riding Center members May and Audrey were awarded second place for the Experimental Group division!! Congratulations Mane Attraction!! We are so proud of all of their hard work and enthusiasm for learning more about Pony Club and wanting to be well educated riders and horse(wo)men!

Their research project board is on display in our Pony Club Shed!

About Pony Club - The United States Pony Clubs, Inc. (Pony Club) was founded in 1954 as a nonprofit national youth organization to teach riding and horsemanship through a formal educational program. There are approximately 9,000 Pony Club members in over 600 clubs and riding centers throughout the country. Many of the nation's top equestrians, including several of our Olympic team members, business professionals, government leaders and career military officers, have roots in Pony Club. www.ponyclub.org. For more information about riding with us in Portola Valley see www.isolaridingacademy.com/pony-club.