

APRIL & MAY 2010 NEWSLETTER
PENNSYLVANIA PLEASURE WALKING HORSE ASSOCIATION
Awards Banquet a Winner!

Once again our committee did an outstanding job organizing this event. Our high point champions were very pleased with their very practical black leather bridles and the silver plates for the reserve champions. The excellent food as well as the fellowship always is a delight. Add seeing old and new friends, hearing how the winter treated them, and just enjoying the evening is a true gift.

We want to thank the committee, Tom Gossard, Jack Playfield, and Gladys Willey for their efforts in making this event such a success.

Our auction was held through out the evening with Steve Rice doing a great job as our auctioneer.

This year Rye Hill Farms presented awards for our youngest participants 11 and Under class. Sabrina Gettle received a framed award as the top 11 and Under.

The Board of Directors Service Awards was given to the Following:

Sportsmanship Award was presented to Sharon Gettle for her willingness to always help.

Breed Promotion was given to Jacquie Cowen and Gatsby, who are always willing to go on the trail or dress up to show what the TWH can do.

The Distinguished Service Award was presented to Nina Seidel for her unending support she gives to this club on a daily basis.

The Horse of the Year was Top Ten Hits owned by Steve and Sharon Rice.

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Your Board

President: Dale Seidel

Vice President: Jeff Smith

Secretary: Nina Seidel

Treasurer: Annette Donley

Board Members:

Paul Lenhart

Elissa Dauberman

Marion Latshaw , Newspaper Editor

General Membership Meeting March 27, 2010

- 1. By-Laws: Were approved as submitted.*
- 2. Non Profit Status: We are working on obtaining the 501-c. There is a special section on conflict of interest that will need to be added to our by-laws. We do have an EIN number.*
- 3. The Expo went very well. Lots of traffic and interest. The clinician, Gary Lane, connected his booth with ours which drew many more people.*
- 4. A motion was made and passed to give sponsorship of \$250 to ODGHA in April and to the Keystone Classic of \$100 in May. We will also give to the MATWHA show in June, but no money was designated because of lack of information concerning the show.*
- 5. The Youth Committee has put together a-Point program for the NAPC, where any youth will be able to earn points during the show. They will not have to be members of our club to participate. During the show there will be a clinic about judging then also a special class that they may judge to apply what they've learned. Points can be earned participating in these two events and for helping/volunteering throughout the show. bags, ribbons and trophies will be awarded to the Hi-Point winners. The committee requested that the Linda Howland Scholarship fund be converted into a general Youth Fund to assist with such activities. This motion was passed.*
- 6. Burl asked about insurance for more designated rides from the club. At the moment the only one is the Gettysburg Ride. The committee was to meet in the upcoming weeks to plan the activities. He asked how much it would cost to add another ride to the insurance. That needs to be checked into.*
- 7. Fun Show class list is set and 3 judges have been contacted. We have a photographer at no charge to the club. The ribbons for the shows have been ordered, so as to get a discount.*

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REMINDER

Send your pictures, stories, poems, trail news, helpful hints, articles, and classifieds to Marion Latshaw at ryehillfarms@verizon.net or mail to 1664 Chestnut Hill Road, Pottstown, PA 19465 for insertion in the bi-monthly newsletter. If it is time sensitive, please note. For emails please mark the subject "PPWHA Newsletter".

Classified Policy

We will be printing the classifieds for a 6 month interval. This means you must update your ad in January and June. If there is any change in the status of your classified ad, please notify me ASAP. It would be good to include a phone number in case there is a problem. Email to ryehillfarms@verizon.net.

Classifieds are free to members, the fee schedule is: Non Members \$2

Show Schedule

April: 16-17th, ODGHA Gaited Classic, VA Horse Center, Lexington, VA

May: 8-9th, Keystone Classic, Quentin, PA

June: 11-12th, MATWHA Classic Horse Show, Quentin Riding Club,
Quentin, PA

July: 10th, PPWHA Walking For Fun Show, Wilson College, Chambersburg,
PA

September: 3-5th, North American Plantation Classic, Diamond 7, Dillsburg,
PA

Nov. 27-Oct.2nd, NWA National Championship Show, Miller Coliseum,
Murfreesboro, TN

High Point Awards 2009

Youth 17 & Under:

Masquerade's Black Diamond/ Jamie McGuire (owner :Jeannie McGuire)

Papa's Sweet Revenge/ Emma Shippen (owner: Marion Latshaw)

Model :

Top Ten Hits/ Steve Rice (owner: Steve and Sharon Rice)

Gold Southern Belle/ Steve Rice (owner: Steve and Sharon Rice)

Special Storm Alert/ Paul Lenhart (owner: Gladys Willey)

Trail Pleasure 2 &3 Gait/ Western:

Dumas Walker Midnight Sun/ Joe London (owner: Betty Franklin)

Alen's Stray Bullet/ Ken Croghan

Extra Handsome/ Ken Croghan

Trail Pleasure 2 & 3 Gait/English:

Alen's Stray Bullet/ Ken Croghan

Extra Handsome/ Ken Croghan

Lite Shod 2 Gait English:

Unravel the Mystery/ Sam Siler

Generator's Final Story/ Sam Siler

Sundrop's Black Storm/ Paul Lenhart/own. Gladys Willey

Lite Shod 2 Gait Western:

Gold Southern Bell/ Sharon Rice(owner: Steve and Sharon Rice)

Ice's Blackjack /Paul Lenhart and Jeff Smith (owner: Gladys Willey)

Plantation Pleasure 2 &3 Gait English:

Top Ten Hits/ Sharon Rice (owner: Steve and Sharon Rice)

Sundrop's Black Storm/ Paul Lenhart and Jeff Smith (owner: Gladys Willey)

Dance on Command/ Annette Donley

Jr. Horse (4yr. & Under):

Dumas Walker Midnight Sun/Jessica London (owner: Betty Franklin)

Ice's Blackjack/ Paul Lenhart and Jeff Smith (owner: Gladys Willey)

Masquerade's Black Diamond/ Jeannie McGuire

Country/All Day Pleasure:

Skyshaker's Golden Nugget/Tom Gossard

Papa Bella Donna/ Paul Lenhart and Jeff Smith (owner: Gladys Willey)

Stormy's Fortune Teller/Ashley Lavoie

SSH 2&3 Gait English/Western:

Essence of Allen Again/ Mary Ellen Hoffman

X-Files/Anne McFarland

Racking:

Alen's Jose Cuervo/Ken Croghan

Love Patrol/ Jeff Smith

Novice Horse/Rider:

Power on Command/ Annette Donley

Love Power/Jeff Smith

Versatility:

X-Files/Anne McFarland

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Trail News

Spring has sprung and so have the possibilities for some great trail rides. I will attempt to keep you abreast of what is happening on the local, as well as, the national scene as far as trail riding opportunities are concerned. Let's start with the national scene.

Go to the website of the American Competitive Trail Horse Association for information on many trail riding venues across the nation. You have to pay to join the organization, but can glean information from the website with no charge.

They are sponsoring a nation wide trail riding day on June 13, 2010 in many locations across the country. The Pennsylvania location is in Bernville, PA. For details log onto the site at www.actha.us, identify Region 5.

JUST IN; Contact information:

Name: Danielle Leh

Email: dleh1342@yahoo.com

Phone no.: 610-587-0843

They are attempting to break the Guinness World Record for the largest one day trail ride competition. You and your horse can make history on this trail experience. Give it a shot; it's a great way to begin the season. There is a cost involved and a portion of the collected money goes to the Humane Society of the United States Equine Protection

Also member Elissa Dauberman has signed up for this ride. So if you want more information contact her at 717-265-3422 or email her at cravingbluepa@aol.com.

JOE LONDON TRAIL RIDE

Joe is starting off the season with a trail ride to Graves Mountain in Virginia, on June 19th, and if the attendance warrants, he will schedule additional rides throughout the summer. The dream is to travel the battlefields of Virginia and take in both the beautiful scenery and some Civil War history as well. Call Joe at 540-937-5105 for more details. This is not a PPWHA sanctioned ride~just interested folk riding with one another.

Speaking of battlefields, check out the Gettysburg Equestrian Historical Society for information on four rides planned for this year, held on May 1, June 5, September 11 and October 9, 2010. Contact www.thegehs.org.

Saddle up and “up” your battlefield I.Q. at the same time. PS. The PPWHA sponsors a Gettysburg ride following the North American Classic Horse Show on Sept. 3-5. More details later if you want to ride with the club.

TRAIL RIDING DESTINATIONS IN PA.

Here are some additional destinations and organizations to check out for riding adventures:

- Circle T Trail Riders, Newmanstown,
717-222-1139.
- Circle T Trail Riders, Pine Grove, PA 610-326-5269.

Trail Schedule

May: 1st, Trail Mtg at Blue Marsh

TBD, May Tune-Up and Ride

June: 13th, ACTHA, Bernville, PA

19th, Grave’s Mountain, VA

September: 5th, Gettysburg Battlefield Ride (leave from Diamond Seven Ranch)

TBD, Wellsboro

October: 7-10th, Fairhill Gaited Get-A- Way Ride

PPWHA TRAIL COMMITTEE MEETING

The committee met on April 10 at the Blue Mountain Diner. We are planning to hold 2 events during the course of the spring through fall riding season. The first event will be a Spring Tune Up/Trail Ride during the month of May [Date not finalized as of this writing.]. Another ride will be scheduled for September in Wellsboro, PA. The committee will forward details within the next 2 weeks about these rides.

The committee is also looking into Pleasure Trail Rides that incorporate obstacles into the trail course, a Trail Tips column featured in the club newsletter highlighting topics such as shoeing, training for the trail, cool and warm weather gear and related trail information. The Trail Riding Clusters will be reviewed and updated so you have names of interested persons in your area to contact about a ride. These local folks are right in your backyard and often can provide you with some company on the trail or information on trails that you might not be aware of.

The next Trail Committee meeting will be held on May 1, at 10 AM on the trail at Blue Marsh Park. I sure hope old Windy is smooth enough for me to take notes.

In the meantime, keep on riding and contact Burl at ryehillfarms@verizon.net if you have questions or information to share about your favorite trail. We also are interested in your "trail tales", stories that other club members might find exciting. Let's get the communication flowing so we can generate some more plans and ideas.
Burl

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PPWHA HI-POINT AWARDS PROGRAM

Please be aware that horse nominations for shows should be completed and returned by May 1st. The forms and directions are on the website.

When doing this, keep in mind what division: Trail Pleasure, Lite Shod, or Plantation you have chosen for your horse and those classes must have the same title as the division nominated. If you are not sure which classes your horse or riders will be showing in, please nominate all possible categories.

A horse can be nominated after May 1st, but that horse can not earn any points toward the high point award until the nominations is received.

Please be familiar with the Show Rules. If not sure, please refer to the National Walking Horse Association Rule Book. If you still need help, please contact Dale Seidel, email: dseidel@ptd.net.

RESIGNATION

The Board regretfully accepts the resignation of Mary Ellen Hoffman as Treasurer. Mary Ellen has always gone above and beyond to serve our club on the BOD and she will continue to be an asset to us all as a general member. The Board has approved Annette Donley to fill the vacancy of Treasurer. We are confident that Annette will do a fantastic job and are looking forward to working with her as a board member.

The following amendments to our bylaws have been approved by the Board to be included in our bylaws.

Conflict of Interest Policy

Article I

Purpose

The purpose of the conflict of interest policy is to protect this tax-exempt organization's (PPWHA) interest when it is contemplating entering into a transaction or arrangement that might benefit the private interest of an officer or director of the Organization or might result in a possible excess benefit transaction. This policy is intended to supplement but not replace any applicable state and federal laws governing conflict of interest applicable to nonprofit and charitable organizations.

Article II

Definitions

1. **Interested Person** - Any director, principal officer, or member of a committee with governing board delegated powers, who has a direct or indirect financial interest, as defined below, is an interested person.

2. **Financial Interest** - A person has a financial interest if the person has, directly or indirectly, through business, investment, or family:

- a. An ownership or investment interest in any entity with which the Organization has a transaction or arrangement,
- b. A compensation arrangement with the Organization or with any entity or individual with which the Organization has a transaction or arrangement, or
- c. A potential ownership or investment interest in, or compensation arrangement with, any entity or individual with which the Organization is negotiating a transaction or arrangement. Compensation includes direct and indirect remuneration as well as gifts or favors that are not insubstantial. A financial interest is not necessarily a conflict of interest. Under Article III, Section 2, a person who has a financial interest may have a conflict of interest only if the appropriate governing board or committee decides that a conflict of interest exists.

Article III

Procedures

1. Duty to Disclose

In connection with any actual or possible conflict of interest, an interested person must disclose the existence of the financial interest and be given the opportunity to disclose all material facts to the directors and members of committees with governing board delegated powers considering the proposed transaction or arrangement.

2. Determining Whether a Conflict of Interest Exists

After disclosure of the financial interest and all material facts, and after any discussion with the interested person, he/she shall leave the governing board or committee meeting while the determination of a conflict of interest is discussed and voted upon. The remaining board or committee members shall decide if a conflict of interest exists.

3. Procedures for Addressing the Conflict of Interest

a. An interested person may make a presentation at the governing board or committee meeting, but after the presentation, he/she shall leave the meeting during the discussion of, and the vote on, the transaction or arrangement involving the possible conflict of interest.

b. The chairperson of the governing board or committee shall, if appropriate, appoint a disinterested person or committee to investigate alternatives to the proposed transaction or arrangement.

c. After exercising due diligence, the governing board or committee shall determine whether the Organization can obtain with reasonable efforts a more advantageous transaction or arrangement from a person or entity that would not give rise to a conflict of interest.

d. If a more advantageous transaction or arrangement is not reasonably possible under circumstances not producing a conflict of interest, the governing board or committee shall determine by a majority vote of the disinterested directors whether the transaction or arrangement is in the Organization's best interest, for its own benefit, and whether it is fair and reasonable. In conformity with the above determination it shall make its decision as to whether to enter into the transaction or arrangement.

4. Violations of the Conflicts of Interest Policy

a. If the governing board or committee has reasonable cause to believe a member has failed to disclose actual or possible conflicts of interest, it shall inform the member of the basis for such belief and afford the member an opportunity to explain the alleged failure to disclose.

Article IV

Records of Proceedings

The minutes of the governing board and all committees with board delegated powers shall contain:

a. The names of the persons who disclosed or otherwise were found to have a financial interest in connection with an actual or possible conflict of interest, the nature of the financial interest, any action taken to determine whether a conflict of interest was present, and the governing board's or committee's decision as to whether a conflict of interest in fact existed.

b. The names of the persons who were present for discussions and votes relating to the transaction or arrangement, the content of the discussion, including any alternatives to the proposed transaction or arrangement, and a record of any votes taken in connection with the proceedings.

Article V

Compensation

a. A voting member of the governing board who receives compensation, directly or indirectly, from the Organization for services is precluded from voting on matters pertaining to that member's compensation.

b. A voting member of any committee whose jurisdiction includes compensation matters and who receives compensation, directly or indirectly, from the Organization for services is precluded from voting on matters pertaining to that member's compensation.

c. No voting member of the governing board or any committee whose jurisdiction includes compensation matters and who receives compensation, directly or indirectly, from the Organization, either individually or collectively, is prohibited from providing information to any committee regarding compensation.

Article VI

Annual Statements

Each director, principal officer and member of a committee with governing board delegated powers shall annually sign a statement

which affirms such person:

a. Has received a copy of the conflicts of interest policy,

b. Has read and understands the policy,

c. Has agreed to comply with the policy, and

d. Understands the Organization is charitable and in order to maintain its federal tax exemption it must engage primarily in activities which accomplish one or more of its tax-exempt purposes.

Article VII

Periodic Reviews

To ensure the Organization operates in a manner consistent with charitable purposes and does not engage in activities that could jeopardize its tax-exempt status, periodic reviews shall be conducted. The periodic reviews shall, at a minimum, include the following subjects:

a. Whether compensation arrangements and benefits are reasonable, based on competent survey information, and the result of arm's length bargaining.

b. Whether partnerships, joint ventures, and arrangements with management organizations conform to the

Organization's written policies, are properly recorded, reflect reasonable investment or payments for goods and services, further charitable purposes and do not result in inurement, impermissible private benefit or in an excess benefit transaction.

Article VIII

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b. If, after hearing the member's response and after making further investigation as warranted by the circumstances, the governing board or committee determines the member has failed to disclose an actual or possible conflict of interest, it shall take appropriate disciplinary and corrective action.

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The following statement also to be amended to our by laws

No part of the net earnings of the organization shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the organization shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in the purpose clause hereof.

Boarding/Stables:

Sweet Grass Farm: Jeannie McGuire, 570-385-2867 or swtgrass@losch.net

JoJoe's Farm: Josephine Datis, a new full care facility located 1 mile west of the Quakertown PA Turnpike exit. Large stalls, close to riding trails. Full care. 215-541-9200

Judging/Clinicians:

Diane Sept Sutton: Independent Judges Association. Certified. 717-336-6346

Horses for Sale or Lease:

Sweet Grass Farm: Sam and Jeannie McGuire, 570-385-2867, swtgrass@losch.net

Registered 6 yr. THW Mare, 15.2 H, sorrel, used , for trail riding, \$2000. call Linda Weit, 717-572-6392.

Hawksmeres Sovereign Coin, Coins Gold Digger x Prides High Society, 2 yr, gelding has great confirmation, up to date on all shots and worming, trims, great ground manners, is a pleasure to work around, will be a wonderful all around horse. For more information call 215-234-4189 or emailhawksmer@comcast.net for more information.

Horse Trailer:

All aluminum Eby 4 horse slant load, bumper pull with tack room, very few miles, excellent condition. \$8500. Call 717-560-5983 or erweberlh@gmail.com

Tack:

Barclay Cutback Show Saddle: Excellent condition. Brown/17" Seat, M-W tree, brown stirrup leathers, \$500. Call, 610-349-1133, Cheryl Jones

English All Purpose Saddle: Excellent Condition, M tree, Saddle, Bridle, and Stirrup Leathers, \$400. Call, 610-349-1133, Cheryl Jones

Black Argentina Dressage Saddle: Great condition, \$400. Call, 610-349-1133, Cheryl Jones

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Gifts:

Sweet Paws Horse Address Labels, many styles and breeds, also dogs: at:
<http://www.angelfire.com/pa4/craftfancy>

Equine Massage:

Fancy Touch Equine Sports Massage: Pre-event and maintenance of your show or pleasure horses,
Certified by Equissage. Gwen Semmens. 215-234-4189

Special General Meeting

Sunday May 16th, 2010 at 1:00pm

Hampton Inn, Mechanicsburg, PA

Located on St. Route 15 south of Harrisburg

You get off the Westly Drive/Rossmoyne Road Exit