



The Western Chapter is entering into an “Adopt A Resource” agreement with the DEC-Carlton Hill and will need volunteers to help with trail maintenance.

*More information to follow as we move along with the project.
Please contact Barb at 716-735-3529 if you are able to help.*

YOUR EQUINE NEWSLETTER

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....and more!

Saddle up for Roswell



Over 100 riders of all ages competed in dressage, stadium jumping and cross country trials at the scenic country setting.

As in the past, the event this year raised more than \$10,000.00 for Roswell!

On Sept 17th the sixth Harvest Horse Trials and Schooling Dressage Show to benefit Roswell Park Cancer Institute was hosted by the Chestnut Ridge Equestrian Center, located at 7913 Chestnut Ridge Rd. in Gasport, which is owned by Sue Williams.



“A horse is worth more than riches.”

Spanish Proverb

Message from the President

Wow summer has flown by and fall is here and with it comes some of the best trail riding days. I have heard that as of October 1st the DEC lands at Carlton Hill will be closed to horses due to the hunting season. I have a call in to our DEC region director to verify this information. For those of you who show good luck on the upcoming final shows for this season.

If you have ever wondered what goes on at our Western Chapter Board meetings I would like to remind you that you are all welcome to sit in on them. We do meet the 4th Tuesday of most months. (you can always give me a call to verify if there is a meeting 716-735-3529). We have changed our meeting locations from East Aurora to the Olympic Family Restaurant at 4611 Genesee Street, Cheektowaga. Our meetings start at 7:30, however if you want to come and have something to eat with us get there around 7 (food is reasonable and excellent).

Exciting Events Coming Up.

Our general member's meeting will be in November, date and location still to be announced. We are planning on having a similar format to last year. We will have at least one speaker, a Chinese Raffle and snacks. If you have something which you would like to donate to our raffle it

would be appreciated (horse items new or in excellent conditions as well as non horse items needed) Arrangements to pick items up can be made by giving me a call.

2012 EquiFest planning is well under way. The date is March 18th and once again our location will be the Showplex at the Hamburg fairgrounds. Admission will still be free. I think if you attended the first EquiFest you will notice a number of improvements in 2012. One of the big changes is that the vendors will have more space as the horses will be housed in a separate barn. Not going to tell you too much about other changes this month, will keep you wondering a bit longer. Mark your calendars and tell your friends!

In 2012 we are planning to have more activities for our members:

- Two clinics
- Two possibly three trail rides
- Hosting the Annual Horse Council Meeting which all horse council members from New York State will attend.

Well enough for now, hope some of you will come and sit in on our board meetings.

Barb

FUN FACTS ABOUT HORSES:

There are about 75 million horses in the world.

Message from the DEC Re: Carlton Hill MUA

- Carlton Hill MUA is managed by the Bureau of Wildlife.
- Main purpose of managing land is to provide wildlife habitat and access for recreation in the form of hunting, fishing and trapping
- There is no funding to maintain or repair the trails.
- Management of the area is funded by sportsman dollars in the form of sporting license fees (Conservation Fund) and federal excise tax on firearms and ammunition (Federal Aid to Sportfish and Wildlife Restoration from Pittman-Robertson Act).
- Use of the trails by horses is leading to erosion in some areas.
- There have been some complaints of conflicts between hunters and horse users.
- The restrictive dates are intended to minimize erosion and reduce conflicts.
- We are considering closing the trails to horses after Columbus Day weekend and reopening in late May so the area is available to horses during Memorial Day weekend. Members of the WNY Horse Council tell us that mid-May through early October is the most popular time for riding on the area.

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LUCKY SADDLE WINNER!

Tom Hockran of Bemus Point, NY has won the Allegany Mountain Trail Saddle raffled by the Silver Spur Riding Club of WNY. The drawing was held at the Silver Spur Horse Show held on Labor Day at the Showplex in Hamburg NY. Tom was not at the show and, when contacted immediately after the drawing, drove to the Showplex to collect his prize. At the presentation, Tom commented that he bought the winning ticket when he attended the Horse Council 2011 Equifest and that, based on his luck in winning the saddle, he might pay a visit to the casino next door.



Ray Zabron, president of Silver Spur presents saddle to Tom Hockran.

NYSHC Annual Membership Meeting 10/29/2011:

Will be held in Saratoga Springs at the Longfellow's Restaurant and Conference Center.

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If you call Longfellows please mention you are with the NYS Horse Council and tell whoever answers they are with AAA. There are limited rooms left due to other activities in Saratoga Springs at that time. Your other options include:

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NEW LAW PROVIDES TAX BREAKS TO BOARDING & TRAINING FACILITIES

The New York Farm Bureau is praising a new law signed by Gov. Andrew Cuomo that gives commercial equine operations the same legal protections and tax-assessment benefits as breeding and commercial horse-boarding operations already have.

Commercial equine farms offer horse training, trail riding and riding lessons. Sponsors say the agricultural district protections and tax assessments apply to operations that have at least seven acres, stable 10 horses and gross at least \$10,000 annually. Until now, they were excluded from protections that agricultural districts receive and agricultural tax assessments.

"This legislation is great news for horse businesses, which are a thriving and growing segment of the rural economy," said Dean Norton, President of New York Farm Bureau.



NY CONFIRMS FIRST CASE OF EEE IN HORSE IN 2011

The NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets, Division of Animal Industry, is reporting its first equine case of Eastern Equine Encephalomyelitis for 2011.

The first case is in the town of Westmoreland, located in Oneida County. The 9 year old grade mare lived at its current location for most of its life and had no recent travel history. The horse had no vaccination history according to the owner. The owner noticed the horse staggering and leaning against the fence in the early morning hours of July 27th. The veterinarian came out later that morning to examine the mare and noticed other neurological signs. After discussion with the owner about the presenting signs and lack of vaccination history, the owner elected to euthanize the horse. The brain was submitted to the NYS Dept of Health's Wadsworth Center for rabies testing and arboviral testing. Fortunately the brain sample was negative for rabies virus since there was exposure of several family members and veterinary staff. West Nile virus tests were negative as well. The Oneida County Health Dept is educating the owner about arboviruses and rabies vaccinations.

This premises is about 2-3 miles southeast from the location of a NYSDOH mosquito surveillance pool that has trapped mosquitoes carrying the EEE virus.

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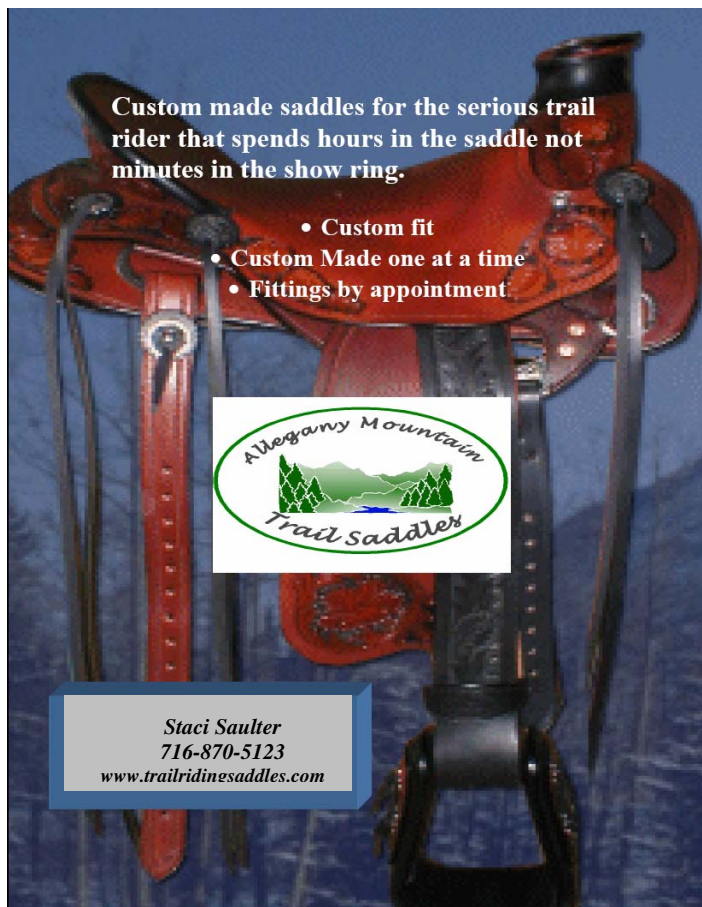
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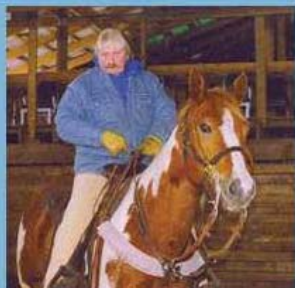


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A WORD FROM SUGAR

Hi, My name is Get There In Style, but you can call me Sugar. You might remember me as a classy open pacing mare on the New York harness racing circuit. I have retired from the bright lights, action and travel and am enjoying my second career as a trail horse. I love it! Instead of jogging around the same old circle, I have been climbing hills, crossing creeks, stepping over logs, walking over bridges....you never know what is around the corner! I don't have the same need for speed I used to have, but I am a fast walker and cover a lot of ground.

I recently represented the Standardbred breed at the Clarkson Horsemen's Equine Extravaganza. They had a "Parade of Breeds" ranging from minis to draft horses. It was nice to be admired by a crowd again.

My person would like the world to know what wonderful horses Standardbreds are for activities other than harness racing. I know there are a lot of us retired Standardbreds in Western New York. Please send photos of your Standardbreds with a brief description of how you enjoy them (trail riding, pleasure driving, companions, etc.) your person's name and the town you live in! They will be used to make a poster to be displayed at various equine events to let people know about the Standardbred Retirement Foundation, which has horses available for adoption.

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Hope to see you on the trails!

"Sugar"



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A WORD FROM CISCO



Barb and I have had a great couple of months, although she is not spending as much time with me as I would like. I bet you other horses hear the same thing from your people, "sorry I have to go to work, I have to take care of the yard, I have to....."

HUMANS THEY DON'T GET IT we want to spend time together. The more time I spend with Barb the better we understand each other. I was talking to one of my friends who says sometimes she and her human do not do anything for weeks or even months and then when her human does want to go for a ride he seems to have forgotten what she is trying to communicate to him **Humans you have to spend time with us we are not like a bike or a car!**

Enough complaining let me tell you about a couple of recent adventures. Went to Hunters Creek Park near East Aurora. What a great place. My new friend Chocko Tarnawsky had his human host an Aurora Trail Riders event there. There were great trails, many in the woods and a bit narrow but the footing was good and there were enough small hills and creeks to cross that it was not at all boring. Let me tell you be prepared for a few bike humans, so don't be scarred. I told Barb next year the horse council needs to plan a ride there. Choco said his people Linda and Peter would probably allow them to use their tree farm to park at.

This week Barb says we are off for a long trailer trip to Otter Creek, not sure what an Otter is but I do not think they eat horses. A bunch of my buddies are going also. Barb hates camping so I was surprised that we will be gone for several days, then I overheard her saying that we are staying at "Abbey Lane" which has all kinds of stuff for humans. Like do I care that they have, a full bath and kitchen stocked with dishes & cookware, plus TV & DVD player. Look at what is available for us a paddock plus a covered area if it rains.

Well enough for now- I have to make sure Barb packs mv arain and brushes.

The Western Chapter is working on creating a brochure which will contain maps of trails which are used by horses. If you have a trail map please share it with us. If you wish to add comments on the riding at the location please do so. You may e-mail a copy of the map to barbcunningham11@gmail.com or send it to Barb Cunningham, 3021 Johnson Creek Rd, Middleport, NY 14105. We are hoping to have this available by EquiFest.

Saturday October 15th FOHC Work Day at Hunters Creek Park

The Friends of Hunters Creek (FOHC), WNY Mountain Bike Assoc. (WNYMBA), Foothills Trails Club and the Western Chapter of the NYS Horse Council (WCNYSHC) are holding a trail work day on Saturday, Oct. 15th at 10 am. Meet at the Centerline parking lot.

We plan to work on the second creek crossing on the pink trail, going in from the Centerline parking lot. This is the creek crossing near all the big blow downs, early on the pink. We will also need people to assist with reinforcing the big culvert we put in a few years ago, right off the parking lot.

The Horse Council will provide materials and guidance for the culvert upgrade. WNYMBA will provide tools and lunch.

WNYMBA and the EA Bike Shop have provided door prizes for everyone that shows up as well as some larger prizes for a prize drawing during lunch.

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Marlene Kriegbaum is Thanked by Silver Spur Riding Club For Her Many Years of Service

By Barbara Rauscher



The Silver Spur Riding Club honored long-time Show Secretary, Marlene Kriegbaum, at their annual Labor Day weekend Arabian Horse Show. Marlene is about to embark on a new exciting career as a National In-house Show Secretary with the Arabian Horse Association based in Denver, Colorado.

Marlene has been involved with Arabian Horse Shows for many years, crediting (or is it blaming?) her first involvement to both Alice Belling and Brian Ferguson in the mid-70's. She remembers being 'volunteered' to help out in the show office back then, as Marlene defines it, 'BC', Before Computers! Long hours sitting at actual typewriters, using duplicate and triplicate forms, spread across a long dining room table, typing and retyping programs and class lists...unimaginable by today's standards! When Jason Gates got Marlene started on a computer, life as a horse show secretary became much easier.

Marlene's show secretary career included shows in Connecticut, Hudson Valley, Elmira, Region 15, and Region 16. She assisted in the show office for the Silver Spur Show, as well as the Eastern Classic Horse Show, sponsored by the Arabian Horse Show Association of New York, before taking over officially as Show Secretary at least ten years ago. Marlene has been instrumental in helping our local Arabian Horse clubs in running very successful shows for many years and all of us Arabian Horse lovers are very thankful for Marlene's valued service!

Life as a Horse Show Secretary has taught Marlene many things. She has attained a great appreciation for Horse Show Judges, describing them as great horsemen, wonderful people, and definitely not as unapproachable as they are sometimes perceived.

Many fond memories will travel with Marlene to her new life. Admittedly not often awed by a horse, she remembers one impeccable Arabian Mare shown by Larry Jones; this exceptional horse was unanimous Reserve Champion at US Arabian Horse Nationals many years ago and the memory is still dear to Marlene after all this time. A true testament to the quality of the Arabian Horse! Marlene also has many fond memories of true horseman and horsewomen, including Yogi McCormick. Yogi had been away from the horse show arena for many years, and then returned to the show ring.

Marlene said it was so wonderful to see such a genuine showman back in the ring, and especially so, because his daughter was showing alongside him!

Marlene will soon be off to Arabian Sporthorse Nationals, then on to Denver. She knows it will be difficult to leave so many good friends behind, but looks forward to keeping in touch through email and Facebook.

A note to Marlene: on behalf of Silver Spur and AHANY members, and our much-loved Arabian horses, a huge heart-felt THANK YOU to everything you have done for us and the Arabian horse breed! We look forward to seeing you at the National Shows!



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Sand Meadow Farm

See page 8!

ICELANDIC HORSES AT SAND MEADOW FARM – MENDON, NY

My husband Steve and I were first formally introduced to the Icelandic horse a little over 15 years ago. I had been riding since age five, and Steve had started riding as an adult. We rode mostly thoroughbreds and warmbloods in dressage. However, once we tried Icelandic horses we knew instantly that there would never be any other breed for us – and, in fact, neither of us has ridden any other breed since. Our passion for the Icelandic horse has grown far beyond our wildest dreams. In addition to having our own small herd of Icelandics at our farm in Mendon, NY, we became very active in the United States Icelandic Horse Congress (I even serving one term as President), and have introduced countless individuals to this unique breed.

There are lots of reasons the Icelandic horse is special. They come in almost every color of the horse rainbow. Though we always call them horses, they are technically pony size, standing around 13 – 14h. In addition to the standard walk, trot, and canter they have two additional gaits; the tolt (a smooth four beat gait that ranges in speed from a slow walk to almost as fast as gallop) and the flying pace (a speedy and thrilling two beat racing gait). They are hardy, easy keepers that thrive in our harsh Western, NY winters. But for us their greatest attribute by far is their exceptional character.

Thanks to the strict breeding and culling practices of the Icelanders, the Icelandic horse of today has a unique character. Exceptionally easy on the ground, you will rarely, if ever, find an Icelandic horse that would lay its ears back at a human for any reason – much less kick or bite. They are extremely gentle and willing to please. Our stallion Kalman can be lead away from his in-heat mares by just a hand under his chin and our other stallion Hrokur is a favorite of children and timid riders. Both stallions live year round either with mares and foals, or with their gelding friends. Children's groups that come to visit are thrilled to find that they can groom and handle all the horses – and of course, hug all the foals. Though the horses are rarely stabled, when they are, two or three to a stall is not uncommon as they enjoy each other's company so well. We can also ride close together – even touching – with horses that have never met before (even mares and stallions) without even a thought.

Though easy going on the ground, riders often get a big surprise once they climb into the saddle. These horses are bred to be willing riding horses with stamina and speed. Though their legs are small, they can move them very fast and take bigger strides that most would expect. Once you get on you understand why they are not called ponies; they do not give a pony-like ride. Some do have less "go" than others, but most are very forward thinking horses. However, though they are very spirited, unlike other breeds, that spirit does not equal spooky. In fact, they are instead incredibly brave and level-headed. To us, this is what makes them exceptionally fun – you can have a fast-paced ride without any fear of your horse doing something

silly or stupid. You can just enjoy the ride. What a concept!

This combination of steadiness and spirit means that we rarely ride in the ring – after all, who wants to go around in endless circles with nothing to look at? After all, you wouldn't want to be stuck driving your sports car in slow laps around the driveway. Instead we head out on the trail and RIDE. For us, trail riding isn't just about going out and walking for a couple of hours. We don't need to lunge our horses before to get off any dangerous silliness just because we haven't ridden them in a while. Instead we simply saddle up and take our horses out on the trail where we ride all the gaits at every speed. We ride for performance. What fun it is to ride a horse in full speed gallop up a hill and then in the next moment go back to an easy, relaxed walk and enjoying the views – or to zip down the trail together, in smooth tolt, elbow-to-elbow with your spouse or favorite riding buddy. To us this is the kind of riding that most people only dream of, but because their horses can't handle it, they never get to do. Yet for us, this is a typical ride in the park.

We train the horses (even the young ones on their very first rides) out on the trail where we can use the terrain to make our lessons more interesting and challenging. We also like to compete in hunter paces, trail trials, and other competitions. In the past we've also done some showing in dressage and in Icelandic specific sport competitions, where the quality of the horse's unique gaits are judged. Our horses are always up for anything and it's fun to try all sorts of different activities.

For those that would like to experience the tolt and the Icelandic horse for themselves we offer lessons both in the ring and out on the trail for all levels of riders. It's not uncommon for riders to end the ride exclaiming that it was the best ride they ever had - that they never had cantered out on the trail before, or that they had never felt so comfortable on a horse. And of course the first feel of the tolt always brings a big smile. So we warn you – if you come ride them you'll probably get hooked too!

In addition to riding, we usually breed approximately two foals a year out of our highly evaluated breeding stock. We take care to raise these horses in the Icelandic traditions so they become the brave, respectful, willing riding horses that we love. We also occasionally offer select trained riding horses for sale. And of course, we are always happy to schedule appointments for those that would like to come to our farm to meet these incredible animals for themselves.

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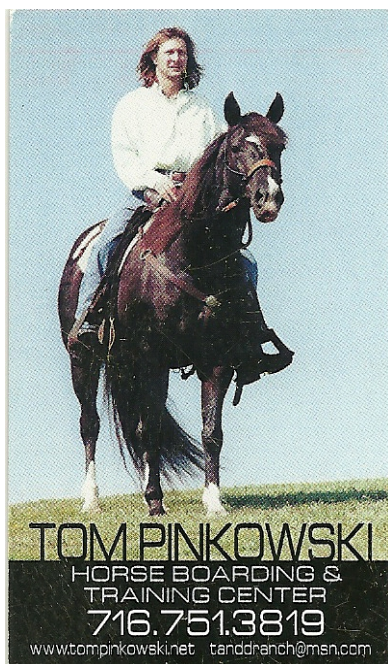
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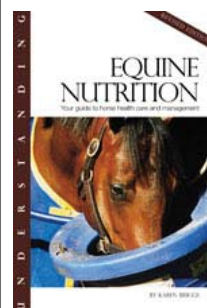
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WESTERN NY PONY CLUB

*Submitted by Karen Merritt, Regional Supervisor,
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The United States Pony Club, Inc. develops character, leadership, confidence and a sense of community in youth through a program that teaches the care of horses and ponies, riding and mounted sports. This is the Mission Statement of USPC. The Core Values are Horsemanship, Organized teamwork, Respect, Service and Education. Based on these concepts, USPC has one of the best programs for horsemanship education in the world. The website, www.ponyclub.org has an abundant amount of information for anyone interested in finding out more about their programs but let me tell you a bit about the local opportunities.



The Western NY Region of USPC is a very active region. There are 12 clubs and 2 centers located in our region which spans most of New York except for the eastern most part. There are rallies held each year in the disciplines of Dressage, Show jumping, Eventing, Games, Quiz and Tetrathlon. Our members get opportunities with excellent instructors, many who came up through the pony club ranks themselves. Pony club stresses safety when working around horses, the horsemanship aspect of properly caring for these wonderful animals, riding, including the ability to specialize in the disciplines of show jumping, dressage and eventing, and independence by learning how to do these things by one's self. There are many opportunities to form social bonds, not just with the members of one's own club but with kids from the entire region and even nationally if one chooses to qualify for pony club championships which are held each summer in either Lexington, KY or Lexington, VA. As one progresses through pony club, opportunities increase for more involvement in preps and clinics, often with USPC National Examiners. Pony club is available for youth starting at approximately 5 years of age to age 25.

If you are over 25 but pony club sounds like something you would love to be involved in, opportunities exist to volunteer in the organization and also by becoming involved in Horsemasters! Horsemasters is pony club for adults! Go to http://www.ponyclub.org/?page=HMPforms&hhSearchTerms=horsemasters&#rescol_251818 for more information.



I encourage anyone who values a structured program in equine pursuits to explore pony club. This is the time of year to consider joining for 2012 so you don't miss out on any of the unmounted activities that typically begin during the winter months. Membership runs from January 1st to December 31st. Our regional website is <http://westernnewyork.ponyclub.org/>.



Clubs found in the western portion of NY are the East Aurora Pony Club, Alley Cat Pony Club, Wild Rose Pony Club and the Heart to Heart Morgan Center. The location of these clubs and contact information can be found on the regional website. Additionally, I am always available to answer any questions regarding pony club.

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Equi*Star is a non-profit organization that enables individuals of all ages with special needs to experience the thrill of horseback riding. The Ranch provides a safe and nurturing environment where our caring staff and volunteers can carry out our mission. Since Equi*Star's establishment in 1994, our mission has been to enrich the lives of people with disabilities through equine related activities.



We provide therapeutic riding lessons for children and adults with varying conditions, such as Cerebral Palsy, Developmental Delays, Autistic Spectrum Disorders, Trisomy 21, Anxiety, and much more. Therapeutic riding is recognized by the American Occupational Therapy Association and the American Physical Therapy Association. Research shows that students who participate in therapeutic riding can experience physical, emotional and mental rewards.

Volunteers are a large part of the Equi*Star program as they help with sidewalking.

Sidewalkers walk beside riders, giving physical and moral support. They act as protectors and cheerleaders, and serve as the rider's escort from the time they arrive until the time they leave.

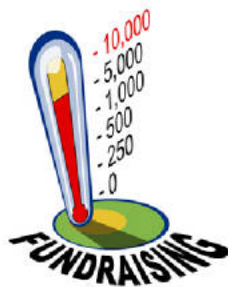


Maintenance - Handy at swinging a hammer? Brushing on paint? Stacking hay? Being the busy Ranch it is, there is always need for some extra hands.



Horse Handlers Horse handlers have primary control of the horse before, during, and after class. They make the ride as safe as possible for the rider and as pleasant as possible for the horse.

Fundraising – Much of our growth is possible due to, "funds raised." Join our fundraising team or share an idea that worked for you or your group. Come to one of our events and support the cause!



WESTERN CHAPTER GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING NOV. 13TH

Our annual general membership meeting will be held at the Baker Memorial United Methodist Church located at 345 Main St., East Aurora, from 1 pm to 5pm. All members are encouraged to attend and to bring a friend.

Our speaker this year will be is Charlene Kowalczewski of Lothlorien Therapeutic Riding.

As in the past we will be having a Chinese Auction/Raffle and if you have items to donate to it they will be greatly appreciated. We welcome both horse and non-horse related items which are new or in extremely good condition. You may bring them with you the day of the meeting, or if you need to have someone pick them up prior to the meeting please contact Barb Cunningham at 716-735-3529, or by e-mail

barbcunningham11@gmail.com.

A sheet of tickets, which includes 25 tickets, will sell for \$5.00 or three for \$10.00. The proceeds from the auction will be used towards the scholarship programs.

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2012 Membership Form

www.nyshc.org

Memberships are for the calendar year January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012

Membership Information *(please print legibly):*

(Please check one)

Primary Member _____ Renewal New Membership

Club/Business/Farm Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Phone: (____) _____ - _____

County: _____ E-Mail: _____

Website: _____

Volunteer availability and Interests: _____

Please check age group of primary member for Vintage Equestrian Program records:

Under age 18: Age 19 - 29: Age 30 - 49: Age 50 - 62: Age 63 and over:

Mark the NYSHC Chapter you wish to join. A portion of your dues is transferred to that chapter for local activities.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> General Membership <i>(no chapter affiliation)</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Putnam County |
| <input type="checkbox"/> New York City | <input type="checkbox"/> Sullivan County |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cattaraugus/Chautauqua Counties | <input type="checkbox"/> Ulster County |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Orange County | <input type="checkbox"/> Westchester County |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Palisades (Rockland County) | <input type="checkbox"/> Western (Erie/Niagara County) |

Memberships

Individual or Family membership includes \$1,000,000 individual 24/7 liability coverage for equine related accidents.

Select one of the following:

- Individual - \$55.00 (Includes one adult + all children in the household under age 18.)
- Family - \$75.00 (Includes two adults + all children in the household under age 18.)
- Life - \$500.00 (Includes Individual insurance coverage for one (1) year only.)
- Life Member - Insurance coverage only - \$20.00 for Individual or \$40.00 for Family coverage.

Clubs, Businesses, and Educational Institutions receive one newsletter and one vote at meetings regardless of size. These memberships **DO NOT** receive insurance coverage. Select one of the following:

- Educational - \$50.00 (Recognized equine program)

- | <u>Equine Club</u> | <u>Equine Business</u> |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 - 50 members - \$ 50 | <input type="checkbox"/> 0 - 50 employees - \$ 50 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 51 - 100 members - \$ 75 | <input type="checkbox"/> 51 - 250 employees - \$ 100 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 101 - 250 members - \$150 | <input type="checkbox"/> Over 251 employees - \$ 200 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 251 - 500 members - \$175 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Over 500 members - \$200 | |

Make check payable to: New York State Horse Council

(NYSHC is a 501 (c)3 non-profit organization registered with the NYS Attorney General Charities Bureau)

Mail to: NYSHC Membership
Debra D. McCarthy
237 Broad Street
Schuylerville, NY 12872

Contact: Email: eliteavatar@gmail.com
Telephone: (518)507-6461

Check box if a receipt is requested *(Include SASE)*



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We Speak for the Horse

Help us to create a strong unified voice for all horse interests toward the preservation of a future for horses in New York State.

This is the goal of the New York State Horse Council. We are New York's Equine Umbrella organization devoted to creating a forum in which horsemen of diverse interests can use their "horsepower" to guarantee a future of horses, horse sports, and horse-related businesses in New York State.

Look for your 2012 Renewal Coming Soon!

Member Benefits:

- \$1,000,000 Added Liability Insurance
- Scholarship Opportunities at Several NYS Equine Colleges
- Members are informed of current events in the equine industry at both state and federal level
 - Advocacy in Albany for:
 - Farrier Sales Tax Exemption
 - Inherent Risk Legislation
 - Local Advocacy to:
 - Protect & Expand the NY Trail System
 - Encourage County Master Plans to Include Equine Use
- Free WCNYSHC Newsletter "Equine Update"
- Free classified listing on the WCNYSHC website



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