

# The Arena

*A newsletter dedicated to keeping NWRDC members in the know about club business, news, history, events and equine issues.*

**A Monthly Newsletter**

**April 2011**

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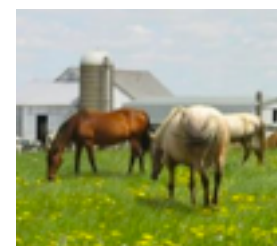
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## Club News

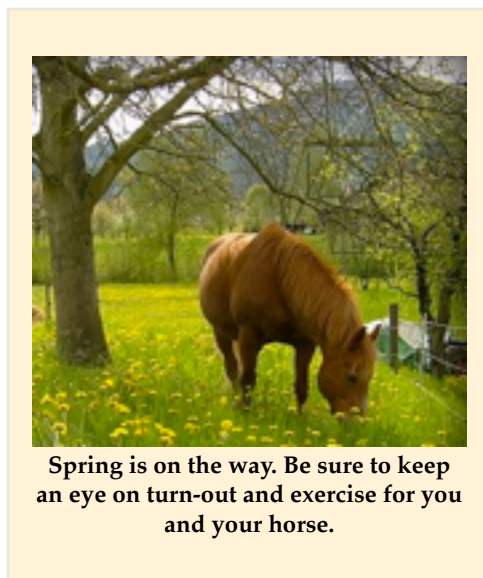
**Next Meeting: April 8, 2011 at 7:00pm at the VFW on Lake Street in St. Albans**

Thank you to Vice President Phil Pearo for stepping up to the plate when the President was unavailable. You did a great job running the meeting.

The show books are almost done. Hopefully they will be done by the next meeting.

The gymkhana committee was finalizing their books and is hoping for the same. The committee wants to remind everyone that in order to qualify for year end point you need to be a member by June 1st, 2011. If you know someone who is going to compete but they don't know about joining the club please pass on the word!

There was a new committee formed at the March meeting. The by-law committee has been formed to go over the by-laws and maybe make some changes so the process of amending a by-law is clear. Joe Sprano was appointed chairperson of the



**Spring is on the way. Be sure to keep an eye on turn-out and exercise for you and your horse.**

committee. Once new by-laws have been written, we'll let everyone know. These by-laws get voted on by the club membership. We'll make sure you all have at least two-weeks notice, via facebook, so you can come and vote. And - Congratulations Joe!

The club is looking for volunteers to man the table at the Everything Equine. This is good advertising for the club. If you are

interested in volunteering a couple hours of your weekend please call Pierce!

The Walker's event went off without a hitch. Thank you Phil for the use of your laptop for the slide show, Veronica for the beautiful fliers you had made up and Dawn for the copies of the Arena you had printed. And thank you to the volunteers who manned the table!

As of the publishing of this newsletter, 68 surveys have been completed. We'll have a preview of the results at our next meeting. This information will help with the 5-year plan and will also be valuable to the new by-law committee.

The meetings are a place to make your voice heard by the directors and other members of the club. It is very important to make these meetings so you can be part of this club moving forward. Hope to see you there.  
 Next meeting on April 12th.

**Agenda Items:**  
 Treasurer, Secretary, and Committee Reports

## I'M YOUR HUCKLEBERRY

Howdy all,

I wanted to say thanks again to Phil for conducting last month's meeting. I've heard from a number of different people that he did a good job keeping things focused. I think he's a nice addition to the team.

We've had pretty good response to the planning survey. I've asked Veronica to bring initial results to be reviewed at the April meeting. This will be pretty top level, but interesting all the same.

As you all know, a by-law committee chair was appointed at the last meeting. Joe Sprano is looking for volunteers from each of the other disciplines to make sure he's got a good cross-section of interests represented. When we have recommendations from the committee, we'll let the members know as the new by-laws will get voted on by the Club at a monthly meeting. We'll provide at least two-weeks notice.

This month's newsletter is short - but we have a lot to get done at the next meeting. We need to firm things up for Everything Equine and we need to set an opening day.

If you need a membership application, please go to [www.nwrdcvt.com](http://www.nwrdcvt.com).

In the meantime, enjoy the longer, slightly warmer days. The footing is still pretty marginal, so make sure you and your horse are taking it slow to start.

See you on the flip side,

*Patricia White*

## Equine Wellness



with  
*Dr. Phil of  
Vermont  
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Animal  
Clinic,  
Milton*

### Don't Skip the Purchase Exam

It's that time of year when many of us start shopping for a new horse.

Owning

a horse can be a big investment in time, money and emotion.

Unfortunately, horses seldom come with a money-back guarantee. That's why it is so important to investigate the horse's overall health and condition through a purchase exam conducted by an equine veterinarian.

Whether you want a horse as a family pet, a pleasure mount, a breeding animal, or a high performance athlete, you stand the best chance of getting one that meets your needs by investing in a purchase exam.

Purchase examinations may vary, depending on the intended use of the horse and the veterinarian who is doing the examination. Deciding exactly what should be included in the purchase examination requires good communication between you and your veterinarian. The following guidelines from the American Association of Equine Practitioners (AAEP) will help ensure a custom-tailored exam:

- Choose a veterinarian who is familiar with the breed, sport or use for which the horse is being purchased.
- Explain to your veterinarian your expectations and primary uses for the horse, including short- and long-term goals (e.g., showing, then breeding).

- Ask your veterinarian to outline the procedures that he or she feels should be included in the exam and why.
- Establish the costs for these procedures.
- Be present during the purchase exam. The seller or agent should also be present.
- Discuss with your veterinarian his or her findings in private.
- Don't be afraid to ask questions or request further information about your veterinarian's findings in private.



The veterinarian's job is neither to pass nor fail an animal. Rather, it is to provide you with information regarding any existing medical problems and to discuss those problems with you so that you can make an informed purchase decision.

Your veterinarian can advise you about the horse's current physical condition, but he or she cannot predict the future. The decision to buy is yours alone to make. But your equine veterinarian can be a valuable partner in the process of providing you with objective, health-related information.

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## Horse Show

Stacy, Sandra & Sue worked on the books for last weekend and now George is working on the ads. When that gets done, we will be putting the books together. Dan Bennett is working on the mailing list for us and we hope to have the show books done by the end of April. We'll order ribbons in May.

We now have all 10 judges and are just waiting for a few of the contracts to come back. We're getting a lot of calls about the mini/very small equine classes, so that's exciting. If this division works well with the fit & show, conformation, in-hand trail (in the trail ring) and jumping (on the track), we'll be talking about a driving obstacle class next year (on the track).

If anyone needs more information, email Sue at [jsstable@hotmail.com](mailto:jsstable@hotmail.com).

Thanks - the Horse Show Committee

## 2011 Open Horse Show Schedule

June 5, 2011  
 June 26, 2011  
 July 17, 2011  
 August 14, 2011  
 September 11, 2011



## Pee Wee Gymkhana

Sue will be ordering the ribbons this month and then The Pee Wee Gymkhana committee will be ready for the May show. Pee Wee Gymkhana books were available at the LCAC Tack Auction in New York and are now at the tack shop over there. We also have some books at the Tack box.

If anyone needs more information or a book, email Sue at [jsstable@hotmail.com](mailto:jsstable@hotmail.com).

## 2011 Pee Wee Gymkhana Schedule

May 21, 2011  
 June 18, 2011  
 July 9, 2011  
 August 6, 2011  
 August 27, 2011  
 Rain Date September 18th



## Gymkhana

We had a meeting on March 20, went over the books, discussed items and ideas for the sand arena.

To all gymkhana riders when you pick up your books please read the rules. They have changed.

Hope to see everyone this season.

If you have any suggestions please email Tracy at [whitedove\\_6@yahoo.com](mailto:whitedove_6@yahoo.com).

## 2011 Gymkhana Schedule

May 28, 2011  
 June 11, 2011  
 June 25, 2011  
 July 16, 2011  
 August 20, 2011  
 September 17, 2011



## Extreme Cowboy Race

There was a meeting on March 1 and March 8. The following topics were covered:

- Reviews of rules and changes
- Changes to add or delete from Registration In Extreme Race
- Still looking into options to pay for a round pen
- Discussed and created moveable objects list.
- Discussion of obstacles for race

## 2011 Extreme Cowboy Race Schedule

May 29, 2011  
 July 23, 2011  
 October 01, 2011

## April Birthdays:

Lotta Rosen, Allison Jerome  
 Harley Robitalle, Katie Boutah  
 Sarah Rose Mummert, Don Bell  
 Jenna Bennett, Kelsey Pardee  
 Len Oliver, Vicki Foster, Natalie Bean  
 Tracy Webb, Kira Clokey, Rebekah Ovitt  
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## Northwestern Riding & Driving Club 2011 Grounds Rules

*The objective of this association shall be to promote good fellowship and to provide recreation among and for horse-lovers, young and old.*

1. A negative Coggins drawn from January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011 plus proof of Rabies vaccine for the same time period will be required for all horses and for all events.
2. Canterng outside of fenced-in rings is not allowed, except as required by special events.
3. A riders age is determined by their age as of January 1 in the current year.
4. Horses are not allowed in designated spectator areas.
5. Horses and horse trailers must be at least 200 feet away from concession stand.
6. When trail riding, use path around outside area of hay field.
7. Riding boots or shoes with heels are required. Sneakers or flat soled shoes are not allowed.
8. Use of alcoholic beverages on the grounds by participants, handlers, judges, officials, committee members and spectators during any active horse-related event is strictly prohibited.
9. Riding double is not allowed, except as required by special events.
10. All riders ride at their own risk and are responsible for damage done by their horse.
11. Abuse of horses will not be tolerated. Riders will be asked to leave and will receive no refund. If you have concerns about the treatment of any horse, please address it with a committee member.
12. At the discretion of committee members, anyone whose horse cannot be controlled in or out of the ring and may cause injury will be asked to leave without any refund.
13. All dogs must be leashed, attended at all times and kept away from all riding rings or you will be asked to remove your dog from the grounds. If your dog barks excessively, please leave them at home.
14. This is a family-focused club, foul language or excessive cursing is strongly discouraged.
15. Use of club grounds, other than events, is for members only and one guest.
16. Please return equipment to designated area after use.

**Per the NWRDC By-Laws the event committee has the ability to prohibit further participation at any event in any form by participants, judges, officials, committee members and spectators due to inappropriate conduct and request immediate removal from the grounds if deemed necessary. The Board of directors maintains the right to suspend any member due to inappropriate conduct at meetings, trail rides, shows, races, or other activities, without refund of dues.**

**Please be aware that the individual events being held at NWRDC have there own rules and for a list of those please contact the individual committees.**



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