

# The Arena

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

**A Monthly Newsletter**

**January 2010**

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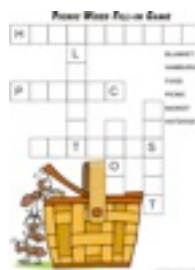
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## Club News

Club News is where we'll bring you notes about what's going on with the club. Expect to find the highlights from the last meeting and an agenda for the next. You'll be able to look here to determine if you want to attend our monthly meetings.

Traditionally, NWRDC meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every month, starting at 7:00 at the VFW on Lake Street in St. Albans.

**At this month's meeting...**

As the first meeting of the new year, it'll be a great chance to meet new and returning officers, and the returning Board of Directors. As these are the people who influence the direction of the club, we highly encourage you to get to know them.

At this meeting, we'll cover the standard agenda as well as event committees and schedules, 2010 Everything Equine, and the NWRDC code of conduct.



**NWRDC president, Pierce Williams out for a winter ride on Blue with his trusted companion, Cookie.**

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**January 12, 2010 Agenda**

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 12, 2010. All members are encouraged to come. The standard agenda for all meetings is as follows:

- Secretary's Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Correspondence
- Horse Show Report
- Gymkhana Report
- PeeWee Report
- Old Business
- New Business
- Ways & Means

**I'M YOUR HUCKLEBERRY**

Greetings -

The very first thing I'd like to do is take advantage of this opportunity to thank Linda and Ray Wood for their service as president and vice president. They have always been willing and eager to help the club - both as officers and at the events. Thank you and we look forward to seeing you both participating in the events instead of only working at them.

I'd also like to share just a little about my goals as president. From my perspective, above all else, the club is about horsemanship. It doesn't matter if you participate in the open shows, the gymkhanas or the peewees, we're all in it for the love of horses. That said, I hope that during my term we can make progress toward a unified organization that serves all it's members. In order for that to happen, I'd encourage all members to share their thoughts and wishes for the club, preferably at the monthly meeting, but if that's not possible, then through the use of our Facebook page. Remember, we're all in this together, and we should treat each other with the same kind of respect and patience that we treat our animals.

Other goals for the year include developing our website and distributing our newsletter primarily via email, and hopefully with the next months agenda so you can plan to attend the monthly meetings or find another way to participate. And - I hope to bring you a monthly newsletter with content YOU want. Go to our Facebook page to make some suggestions.

You should know I have an open door policy. If you have questions or concerns, I invite you to email or call me.

In the meantime, keep your boots in your stirrups.



Pierce Williams

**Equine Wellness**



Our goal is to bring you useful equine wellness tips every month, from one of our local veterinarians, Philip D. van Harreveld, DVM, MS, a Board Certified Equine Surgeon from the Vermont Large Animal Clinic. It seemed that this is the start of a new year and a new era, it would be good to start with

a commonly asked question: How should I worm my horse for the different seasons? Read on to see what Dr. Phil recommends.

Deworming your horse is a very important aspect of preventing disease. A parasite load can predispose your horse to colic and can suppress the immune system making him or her more susceptible to disease. It is known that parasites are becoming resistant to dewormers, therefore it is recommended that you keep your horse on a rotational schedule and evaluate the efficacy of your deworm with fecal tests. It is important to remember that no dewormer is 100% effective and environmental control of parasites is as important as deworming. This involves daily removal of manure and environmental management.

During the spring and summer it is important to deworm your horse every 6-8 weeks.

It is advantageous to have the entire herd on the same rotating schedule. Mares that have just foaled should be dewormed with ivermectin when the foal is one day of age, because the dewormer is passed through the milk and will deworm the foal.

Foals should be dewormed every month for the first year of their life. Panacur should be given once monthly for the first 6 months at a double dose by weight (i.e.- for a 200 lb. foal give a 400 lb. dose) and then either a panacur and/or ivermectin (dosed by weight, i.e.- for a 200 lb. foal give a 200 lb. dose) monthly after this point until one year of age.

The daily dewormer (Strongid C) is a nice product for prevention of colic. It is also very worthwhile to prevent new infestations in horses that ingest larvae while grazing. While using the daily dewormer your horse must still be dewormed twice yearly, ideally four times yearly with an ivermectin/praziquantel product. Horses on Strongid C can apply to be on the "Preventicare Program". This program will give you \$5,000.00 towards colic surgery. Please ask us about this program if you are interested.

Panacur Powerpac: Is a dewormer that is given once daily for 5 days. This is useful in horses that have chronic issues such as: weight loss, loose manure, and/ or mild bouts of colic. This is the only de-wormer that effectively kills encysted strongyles (strongyles that are in the wall of the intestine). Using this de-wormer once every two to three years is beneficial.

In Vermont, tapeworms have been found in



horses that have gone to colic surgery. Therefore, it is important to use either a double dose of strongid or ivermectin containing praziquantel (i.e.- Equimax or Ivermectin Gold) at least twice yearly and ideally four times yearly to help control tape worms in your horse.

Doing a fecal examination once yearly in healthy adult horses is a way to determine the effectiveness of your deworming schedule. Fecals can be done more regularly on young animal (less than 2 years of age), geriatric horses (>18 years of age), and/or any horses with signs that suggest parasitism. Fecal test can be done through our clinic. All you need is two to three fecal balls in a Ziploc bag that should be collected on the day of submission. Fecals will be read as having a light, moderate, or heavy parasite load based on the number of eggs seen per gram of fecal material.

<b>Spring Frost</b> (April or May)	Equimax or Zimectrin Gold or Double Dose Strongid
<b>Summer</b> (June or July)	Equimax or Zimectrin Gold
<b>Late Summer/ Fall</b> (Aug or Sept)	Ivermectin or panacur
<b>After first frost</b> (October or November)	Double Dose Strongid or Equimax or Zimectrin Gold
<b>Winter</b> (December or January)	Equimax or Zimectrin Gold
<b>Late Winter</b> (February or March)	Ivermectin or panacur



## Spotlight

*Sue Tice ... I've gotten to know her as a fierce competitor and a great friend. You'll get to know her as the vice president of our riding club.*

— Veronica Williams

*So we can learn more about each other, we ask that each month, members spotlight a fellow rider within the club. Share the story of one of our exceptional riders and their horse and family.*

I knew who Sue Tice was long before she knew me. It was the Summer of 2006 when I rode in my first gymkhana as an adult, first riding a lesson horse and then eventually testing out my first horse, Blue. I hadn't ridden competitively EVER and I was blown away by the open competitors at NWRDC. When I first saw Sue ride, I formed about her riding that hasn't changed over the years. The girl has got, well, cojones. Big ones. But, in addition to looking up to Sue as a competitor, I've come to appreciate her as a friend, too.

When I started getting more competitive in the Summer of 2008, Sue Tice was one of the first to encourage me. She's been cheering me on now for two summers in a way you just wouldn't expect from such an intense competitor. Once you get to know her, you realize she's much more than just a fearless rider. She's a loyal friend and an involved, loving mom.

Sue has two sons, Justin and Ryan and most of you know both from the Pee Wee Gymkhanas. Ryan is still competing with Sue at his side, to coach and encourage him.

If you've seen Sue at the gymkhanas, then you know her horse, Country. Sue found Country a couple years ago when she went to Georgia to buy a horse trailer. It was sort of an accidental start to their relationship as she hadn't meant to come back with a loaded trailer, but they've become an amazing team, both giving every run their all. You can just see the heart that team has and you can't help but want to see them do well. And that's pretty darn convenient because they generally do well. This past summer, Sue was our Open Reserve Champ for the year, just barely taking second to Johannes Jobst.

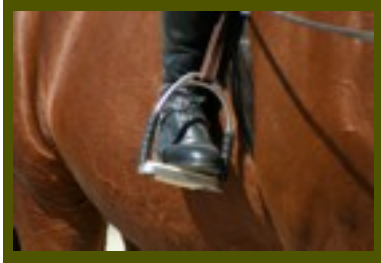
When Sue has time to sleep, no-one really knows. Unlike so many people I know, she makes full use of her degree (accounting) as Assistant Vice President at Marsh Captive Solutions. On top of a demanding full-time job, she spends tons of time with her sons, coaching a variety sporting teams and always taking them to their games or other functions. In addition to her passion for gymkhanas, she

enjoys snowmobiling, playing hockey and 4-wheeling (ride on the same machine with her once and I doubt you'll do it again). You would also see her at all the NBHA events as she's been instrumental at getting that off the ground. In case that wasn't enough, she's now the vice president of NWRDC.

Thing is with Sue, she approaches everything she does the same way she approaches barrel-racing; with courage, enthusiasm and dedication. I am as excited to see what Sue can do as the VP of NWRDC as I am to see what she and Country bring to the gymkhanas this summer. Good luck, Sue. Don't forget, I'm moving up this summer!



**On left Sue Tice on Country and on right Sue with her son Justin**



## Year End Results

### Gymkhana Results:

#### Youth Division

Champion - Emily Fournier on Laney  
Reserve - Kiah Switzer on Biscuit

#### Youth Open Division

Champion - Alek Jobst on Sundance  
Reserve - Cassie Fraser on Nell

#### Novice Division

Champion - Barbara Rousseau on Diamond  
Reserve - Amanda Hoss on B

#### Intermediate Division

Champion - Veronica Williams on Lyle  
Reserve - Anne Lagrow on Lucky

#### Open Division

Champion - Johannes Jobst on Gallant  
Reserve - Sue Tice on Country

#### Most Improved

Youth - Emily Fournier  
Adult - Ursula Ovitt

#### Fastest Barrel

Youth - Michaela Ross on Cody 17.818  
Adult - Audra Langlais on Spyder 17.117

#### Sportsmanship Award

Mike Ovitt

#### Highpoint same horse same rider

Adult - Barbara Rousseau & Diamond 220 pts.  
Youth - Emily Fournier & Laney 181 pts.

### Open Horse Show:

#### Adult

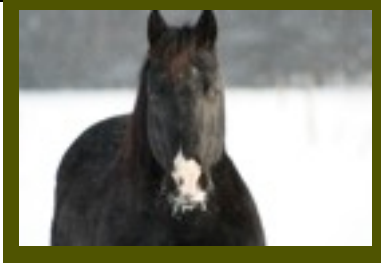
Champion - Krista Paradee on Pinicon Prince DB  
Reserve - Jessica Guenther on Partner In Crime

#### Senior

Champion - Tiffany Couture on PCE Show Stopper  
Reserve - Haley Martel on P Sophisticated H

#### Junior

Champion - Ayla Atherton on Summers Eternal Star  
Reserve - Bethany Demuyne on Skippa Rock Zip



## Year End Results

### Open Horse Show Continued:

#### Green Horse

Champion - Therese Lussier on SRS Derek's Purr-fect Gem  
Reserve - Amy Parent on Prime Time Sinner

#### Novice/Green Rider

Champion - Amy Rogers on Skip Zan Sugar  
Reserve - Amanda Hoss on B

#### Advanced Beginner

Champion - Tyler Parah on Independence Day  
Reserve - Kaelyn Jenny on Just Awesome Enough

#### Beginner

Champion - Connor Jenny on Go Slick Deck  
Reserve - Madeline Green on Solid Classy Lass

#### In Hand 2 years & Under

Champion - Stacy Bennett on Wimpy's Hy Jaq  
Reserve - Ayla Atherton on Bonanza's Double O Seven

#### Lead Line

Champion - Jenna Bennett on Independence Day  
Reserve - Braylen Parent on Prime Time Sinner

#### Model Horse English

Champion - Krista Paradee on Princon Prince DB  
Reserve - Hillary Fay on Starry Nite O Dreams

#### Model Horse Western

Champion - Lisa Johnson on Smokin Jacks Cash  
Reserve - Jessica Duhamel on Copper Conclusion

#### Total High Points Same Horse/Rider

Champion - Krista Paradee on Pinicon Prince DB  
Reserve - Jessica Guenther on Partner In Crime

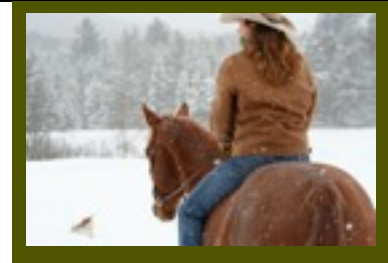
### Pee Wee Gymkhana Results:

#### Lead line

Champion - Riley Donna on Jelly Bean  
Reserve - Braylen Parent on Miss Molly

#### Non Lead Line

Champion - Laney Rambone on Rusalee  
Reserve - Cassidy Supernaeau on Polka Dot

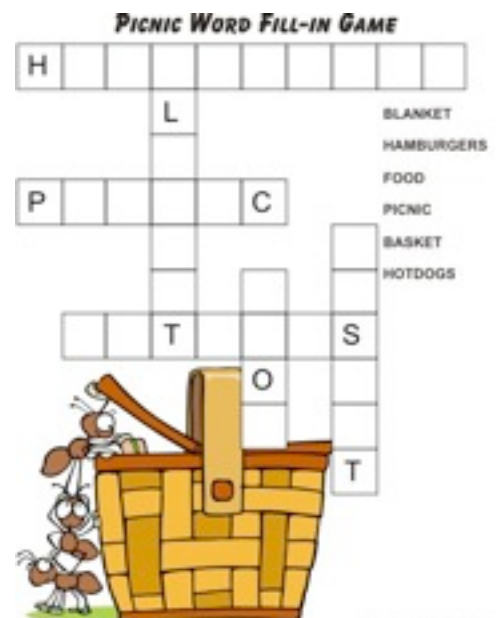


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### Pee Wee Gymkhana Participation Awards

Austin Britch on Katie  
Alex Corwell on Shennandoah  
Jenna Bennett on Winter Rebel  
Steven Britch on Katie  
Felicity Gregware on Dixie  
Harley Donna on Little Star  
Hannah whitehead on Katie  
Briannia Parent on Miss Molly  
Nick Blaney on Jane  
Hailey Roberts on Sammy  
Corbin Schreindorfer on Arizona  
Hunter Rousseau on Cocoa  
Lily Pinette on Tarah  
Alyssa moore on Beauty  
Amber Rousseau on Abby  
Matthew Moore on Beauty  
Dalton Nelson on Little Star  
Kenny Bushey on Indy  
Eric Johnson on Indy  
Megan Breyette on Shennadoah  
Ryan Tice on Belle  
Macy McNall on Magic  
Paige Superneau on Pepper  
Sarah Lunn on winter Hawk  
Brock Curtis on Whiskey  
Kylie Rainville on Tasha  
Samantha Parker on Belle  
Katie Rainville on Tasha

## Kid's Corner





Please Print;

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email\*: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  Please send me the newsletter via postal mail

*\*By providing this information, you are granting NWRDC permission to send you the newsletter and other updates via email*

## Membership Application

Membership Dues:

Family: \$15.00      Single: \$10.00

For family membership, please list all the children to be included and their ages. Children 18 years and older must have own individual membership.

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Please check all interests that apply:

\_\_\_\_ Trail Rides      \_\_\_\_ Gymkhana      \_\_\_\_ Pee Wee Gymkhana      \_\_\_\_ Horse Shows      \_\_\_\_ Administration

I understand that the activity of horseback riding involves risk of harm and I knowingly assume that risk in consideration of participating in and using the property of Northwestern Riding & Driving Club, Inc.

Recognizing that wherever animals are in use, there is the potential for accidents which can cause injuries to other horses, cattle, riders, participants, and guests and spectators, I do hereby release, hold harmless, and indemnify the Northwestern Riding & Driving Club, Inc., its members, directors, officers, affiliates, agents, employees, family, and volunteers from any damages or claims that may arise out of or due to the use by me, my animals, my spouse, my children and any minors, for whom I act as a de-facto or legal guardian, my guests and their animals, of the grounds, arenas, stables, jumps, cross country course and other property owned, leased or used by the Northwestern Riding & Driving Club, Inc. owners, members, managers, directors, employees, affiliates, associates, agents, and volunteers. I further bind myself, my heirs, administrators, and executors to indemnify said entities and individuals from any judgments, costs of defense or suit, including attorneys' fees, and to reimburse said entities and individuals for any such losses. This agreement shall also apply to any claims or damages arising out of the negligence of The Northwestern Riding & Driving Club, Inc., its owners, members, managers, directors, employees, affiliates, associates, agents, and volunteers.

I have carefully read and do understand the above and hereby fully release the above entities from any responsibility as stated or implied. I also agree to no alcohol use, no abusive language and no abusive treatment of horses while engaged in any riding activities or any activities on the premises. To do so may result in being asked to leave the premises.

THIS IS A LEGALLY BINDING AGREEMENT.

Rider's Name (Print): \_\_\_\_\_ Rider's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent / Legal Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

***--We will need a signed release form for every rider.--***

Mail completed form and check to:

Northwestern Riding & Driving Club, Inc.

PO Box 1314

St. Albans, VT 05478

For official use only:

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