

The Arena

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

A Monthly Newsletter

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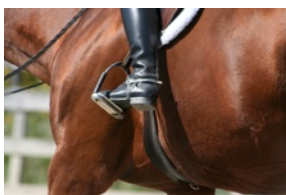
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Club News

Next Meeting: January 11, 2011 at 7:00pm at the VFW on Lake Street in St. Albans

December 14 Meeting Summary

Although there isn't usually a December meeting, this meeting was held to resolve outstanding items, specifically the new ground rules and review the Board of Director that were not covered in the November meeting. Other topics were also discussed.

Stacy Bennett reported on the annual meeting. Congratulations to the returning officers, directors and to our new club secretary, Barbara Rousseau.

Pierce reported on the results of a survey conducted at the annual meeting. He asked "if money weren't a concern, what would be your top fix at the club?" The top two responses were: fix the fencing on the top ring; fix the fencing on the bottom ring.

The Arena will continue with equine wellness articles being provided by Dr. Phil. Thank you, Dr. Phil, for sharing your knowledge with other equine enthusiasts. Board of director and committee chairperson contact info will be included in future newsletters. The results of events will continue to be



Beka Ovitt on Lea trudging through the snow at their barn in Huntington.

reported. If you have other Arena content suggestions, please let Pierce know.

It was reported that the club printer needs to be moved and either repaired or replaced. Pierce will get pricing for a new printer.

The NWRDC Ground Rules were presented and voted on. They were passed with minor changes. The Ground Rules are posted in this newsletter and on the website.

There was a discussion about existence and processes followed by the hospitality committee.

The board of directors reported on their last meeting.

- The board allocated each event committee \$1,000 to use at their discretion. Each committee will meet to discuss how to use the money. If you have suggestions, please contact the the appropriate committee chair.
- The board decreed that a new trail course arena will be built now that the Extreme Cowboy Races will be held on the pony track.
- The board voted to keep club dues the same again this year. Remember, membership renews January 1st, and only paid members can vote.
- The board reminded members that of the 55 acres that the club owns, 41 acres is in land use. According to the board, that means no permanent structures can be built in the land use areas. The location of new arenas, buildings, etc need to be placed based on these regulations.
- The board approved 3 NBHA events at the club for the 2011 season. It will be later decided if these shows will remain on Gymkhana days or moved to a different day as the time of gymkhanas may be starting earlier this year.

Agenda Items for January 11:

Treasurer, Secretary and Committee Reports
Process for hospitality committee
Suggestions for 2011 based on Facebook page discussion will be compiled and presented to board.

I'M YOUR HUCKLEBERRY

Howdy,

2011 just started and already the club is hard at work. The committee heads have met and the dates are set (see page 3) for the 2011 season. Most of the committees have even had their first meetings and are in the process getting the year started.

The club will be continuing its monthly meeting on the second Tuesday of every month, at 7 p.m., at the VFW on Lake Street in St. Albans. I invite anyone and everyone who is interested in influencing how the club moves forward to attend. Your input is important to the club and is welcome. If you can't make the meetings, remember you can also send a letter to the board of directors with your suggestions and feedback. Don't forget, you need to be a member in good standing to vote. This means that your 2011 membership needs to be paid and up-to-date. This year, we'll open every meeting by giving past members a chance to fill out the 2011 membership form.

Nutrena and Triple Crown feed companies both have club support programs. For every proof of purchase from the feed bags that is returned to Nutrena and Triple Crown, Nutrena and Triple Crown will donate \$.40 back to the club. You can drop your proof of purchases to Heather Reynolds at Walkers in St. Albans, give them to me at a club meeting, or just bring them to the events in the summer where we will collect them as well. I'm excited about this program and hope everyone who feeds with Nutrena or Triple Crown will participate.

Always remember Cowboy Up or go sit in the Truck.



Pierce Williams

Equine Wellness



with Dr. Phil of
Vermont Large
Animal Clinic,
Milton

Help Your Mare Have a Safe Delivery

If your mare has made it through 11 months of pregnancy, you're almost home free. Labor and delivery, while momentous, are generally uneventful. In most cases, you will simply need to be a quiet observer – if, that is, you are lucky enough to witness the birth. Mares seem to prefer to foal at night in privacy, and apparently have some control over their delivery. Because most mares foal without difficulty, it is usually best to allow the mare to foal undisturbed and unassisted.



What you can do, however, is prepare your mare for a safe and successful delivery. Follow these suggestions from the American Association of Equine Practitioners (AAEP) to help the new mother and baby get off to a great start:

- Write down your veterinarian's phone number well in advance of the birth and keep it by all phones.
- Keep a watch or clock on hand so you can time each stage of labor. When you're worried or anxious, your perception of time becomes distorted. The watch will help you keep accurate track of the mare's progress during labor.
- Wrap the mare's tail with a clean wrap when you observe the first stage of labor. Be sure that the wrap is not applied too tightly or left on too long, as it can cut off circulation and permanently damage the tail.
- Wash the mare's vulva and hindquarters with a mild soap and rinse thoroughly.
- Clean and disinfect the stall area as thoroughly as possible and provide adequate bedding.
- Consider using test strips that measure calcium in mammary secretions to help predict when the mare will foal.
- Sudden increases in calcium are associated with imminent foaling.

If a mare is taking longer than 30 minutes to deliver the foal, call your veterinarian immediately.



Follow these steps to a healthy, happy foal and mare!



Pee Wee Gymkhana

Pee Wee Committee had a meeting in December. We changed a few games and rules. We will be working on the books, hope to be done by February.

Hope to have a fun 2011 season, thank you.

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 are starting to look at the games that will be run for the 2011 season. If you have any suggestions please email me at 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

Horse Show

Horse show committee will be meeting Jan 8th. Hope to be adding a few new things this year. We will be working on getting judges, adds and show books.

2011 Open Horse Show Schedule

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

Extreme Cowboy Race

Committee Meeting Notes:

Discussed the following:

- separating groups for the competition according to ability. Decided to begin the season with one category & revisit this question later.
- having play dates throughout the season hosted by the committee. TBD
- capital improvements to track and its surrounding area, as well as the addition of a round pen. Will draft a letter for the board outlining our requests.
- the need to layout the placement of permanent obstacles and create a timeline for construction
- moveable objects/obstacles we want to build or acquire.

Next meeting: Feb 1, 6:00 p.m. at Melissa's house.

Topics include; layout and timeline for permanent obstacles; list of moveable objects to acquire; race rules. Bring ideas for first race - Memorial Day theme for decorations and obstacles.

2011 Extreme Cowboy Race Schedule

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

Happy Birthday to our Club

Members:

Brielle Bisceglia
 Clara Douglas
 Emily Fournier
 Sara Greenia
 Amanda Hoss
 Jill Kelley
 Audra Langlais
 Meg Levy
 Justine Tice
 Braylan Parent
 Maverick Kelley
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 Marie Bell



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February 19, 2011, preview at noon, auction starts at 1 p.m. at the Alburgh Community Education Center. 10% of the auction proceeds and 100% of concessions go to support the Alburgh 8th grade class trip. Childcare available on site.

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2011 Membership Application

Membership Dues:

Family: \$15.00 Single: \$10.00

Please Print:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Address: _____

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*

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

Child: _____ Age: _____ DOB: _____ Child: _____ Age: _____ DOB: _____

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Please check all interests that apply:

____ Trail Rides ____ Gymkhana ____ Pee Wee Gymkhana ____ Horse Shows ____ Extreme Cowboy ____ 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, 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

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Date Paid: _____

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Arena Advertising Rates:



Members receive FREE 25 word listing in The Arena for your business:

Company Name: _____

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25 Word Description: _____

Display ads (please circle ad size), members receive 20% discount of listed prices:

Business Card Size: 3.75" wide x 2" high: \$20 per issue \$120 for year

1/4 page: 3.75" wide x 5" high: \$40 per issue \$240 for year

1/2 page (v): 3.75" wide x 10" high: \$80 per issue \$480 for year

1/2 page (h): 7.5" wide x 5" high: \$80 per issue \$480 for year

To receive 20% off, you must agree to run the same ad for 12 months, you must supply your ad electronically, and the club needs to receive payment in the full amount before we can run your ad.

All proceeds go to supporting the Arena and the club. If you are interested, please contact Veronica or Pierce Williams.

Your Name: _____

Your Company Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Mail completed form and check to:

Northwestern Riding & Driving Club, Inc.

PO Box 1314, St. Albans, VT 05478



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 & 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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