

# 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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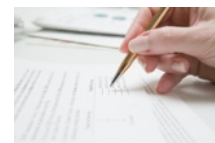
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## Club News

**These notes are from May 11. The next meeting will be July 13, 2010 at 7:00pm at the VFW on Lake Street in St. Albans**

May 11 Meeting Summary, as told by Veronica Williams:

Sue Tice celebrated her birthday on May 11, so instead of her usual, thorough recollection of the meeting, we're going to rely on my memory. Remember, this issue of *The Arena* is about a month late, and a lot has happened since our May meeting, so you should consider this more a story than official meeting notes.

We had 37 members present at this meeting - it was fantastic to see so many members present. Thanks to everyone who attended.

Each of the committees gave their usual reports - highlights are on page 4. Linda Wood presented information about a fundraising gymkhana for Saint Jude's, and after quite a lot of confusing discussion about dates, August 14th was picked and Linda agreed to set about finding volunteers to help her organize the event.



**Winner Winner Chicken Dinner!!!**

There was continued discussion about the Extreme Cowboy Race. Melissa was going to get some help from volunteers, and they were going to make recommendations about the boundary for the event.

Believe it or not, we started talking about the year-end banquet. It's going to again be in early November, during the day on a Saturday and a deposit has been made to the Abby in Sheldon, Vermont. Remember, the annual meeting is held at this event and that is your opportunity to vote for elected officials. Start thinking about who you want for officers and the one open board of directors seat.

We talked about *The Arena*... again. The simple fact is that it cost more to print this in color than it does in black and white. No advertisers have come forward so the folks at the meeting decided to give ad sales one more month and then, if no revenue was coming from *The Arena*, agreed it should be in black and white (via postal mail, but still in color electronically).

A big part of the meeting was spent discussing the various committee rules regarding proof of negative coggins. As we all know, in the state of Vermont, when you transport a horse for the purpose of showing, you are required to demonstrate that your horse has tested negative for coggins within the past 12 months. Our various committee rules say that in order to be "club legal" you must have a certificate valid for the year of the season in which you are competing - meaning in 2009, the blood must be drawn in 2009, or drawn in 2010 for competitions in 2010. But - it was pointed out - if you had your coggins test done in December 2009, according to Vermont state law, that is a valid coggins until the date of the test in December 2010. Lots of discussion ensued (I mean lots) and finally the members present at the meeting voted to uphold the rule, but to allow for leniency.

That's how I remember it. Happy reading,

## I'M YOUR HUCKLEBERRY

Howdy,

First, let me say I'm sorry the letter is coming out so late. I've been on the road with since the end of April, so it's been tough to squeeze this in. But, special thanks to Linda Wood for contributing the Spotlight this month. That took some of the pressure off, so thanks Linda!

Second, I'm pleased to say clean-up day had good turn-out, the Pee Wee Gymkhana had good attendance and went smoothly, and, although we had a few glitches in the Adult Gymkhana, we also had nearly 80 riders. I think that may be just about one of the biggest Gymkhanas we've had. It was a long day with so many people, so thanks to everyone for being patient and understanding that we had to make some game changes last minute to get everyone home before dark. And, thanks to everybody who has been showing up – to meetings, to events, to volunteer. Keep up the great work!

And finally, I wanted to give you a heads up. This month will be the last month we'll print The Arena in color. We've had a number of inquiries, but no official takers. However, you will see we've got a form so if you do want to sponsor the newsletter, you still can. As members, you can either get a free listing, or you can get a 20% discount on the display ads. If you've got question, see me or my wife, Veronica.

In closing, remember this. It's ok to disagree. It's not ok to be disagreeable.

Keep your head where your seat is and things will be just fine.



Pierce Williams



## Equine Wellness

### Understanding Your Horse Insurance Responsibilities

Whether a horse is purchased for personal or business reasons, ownership represents a significant investment of time, money and resources. While no one likes to think about the potential for tragedy, horses seem to be prone to illness, accidents and injury. Should some peril befall your horse, nothing may ease the emotional burden, but wise planning can help reduce the economic impact.

Insurance policies are legal contracts between the underwriter (the company) and the insured (horse owner). While individual policies vary so much from company to company and circumstance to circumstance, it is important to note is that each policy has its own terms, conditions and requirements, which may necessitate action from you, your veterinarian and your insurance company. To better safeguard yourself and your horse, follow these guidelines from the American Association of Equine



Practitioners (AAEP):

- Read the contract thoroughly before you apply for coverage.
- Ask the insurance representative to explain any words, phrases or

provisions you do not understand completely.

- Know your responsibilities. What is required should your horse fall ill, become injured or die?
- Understand any specific guidelines for emergency situations. A crisis is not the time to be trying to interpret your policy's fine print or to look for contact phone numbers.
- If euthanasia is recommended, know what steps must be taken in order for a claim to be valid.
- Make a list of questions to ask your insurance agent or company.
- Define your needs.
- Comparison shop. Besides cost, buyers should look at the longevity and reputation of both the agency



and the insurance carrier.

Common types of coverage available for horses include but are not limited to:

Mortality:

- Paid if the horse dies.
- Loss of Use: Paid on a percentage basis if horse is permanently incapacitated for its intended use or purpose.
- Major Medical: Like health insurance, offsets costs of veterinary care for catastrophic conditions.
- Surgical: Policies that cover only specific procedures such as colic surgery.
- Breeding Infertility: Covers stallions or mares for reproductive failure.
- Specified Perils: Includes any number of things such as lightning, fire or transportation.

# Spotlight

*Lorraine and George Rand ...*

*They've almost always been with the club and, between them, they've done just about every job. Now learn a little more about them with Linda Wood.*

*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'm met with George and Lorraine Rand recently to interview them for the Spotlight and they were happy to share some of their past with me. They both were raised in St. Albans. When they were younger, Lorraine thought horses were wild animals but George was raised on horseback and couldn't get enough of them. George and Lorraine married on October 10, 1959 (celebrating 51 years this fall) and have 4 children - Pam, Bruce, Scott and Jamie - but the kids never got horse-fever like their dad.

George served in the Air force from 1951-1955 and joined the Vermont National Guard in 1956-1979. In 1965, George and Lorraine built a barn at their home where they boarded 2 horses for some friends. At the time, George was working 2 jobs, delivering mail in the day and working at Union Carbide 3rd shift. Lorraine was doing all the feeding, but the horses needed training and since she had never really worked the horses, in 1966, she decided to take riding lessons and take care of that!

Soon after, George and Lorraine got involved with Northwestern Riding and Driving Club. George's father was a founder of the club - so in a way - George has been a part of the club

since the beginning. As we sit together, Lorraine tells me history about the club, but George is the one with all the horse stories. There was his show horse, Axtell, that he showed the club and state-wide in VSHA. Then there was his green, 4-year old stud Morgan, and George also tells about riding his 3-year old stud named Gem in the Georgia town parade alongside of Sylvia Minor. George has served the club for a long time; he was Vice President for several years starting in 1977, then he was President a couple of times, from 1984-1986, and then again from 1990-2002. Where he finally stepped down, Lynn Benoit was his successor.

Lorraine has done just about everything you can imagine for the club. She was the Secretary forever, from 1968 - 1987; she's worked at the concession stand, making and selling sandwiches; she's arranged ribbons with Kay Rand for the Open Shows; she's

been the Treasure and she even recalls taking entries off the back of a truck tailgate. Lorraine still helps out at the Open Show as much as she can, taking entries and posting times. She and George have made huge contributions to this club and I thank them for it!

As I was getting ready to go, I saw a picture of a very young Lorraine holding a beautiful horse I didn't recognize so I asked about it. George and Lorraine had taken friends down to a show in Addison and the friends were supposed to show the horse. But, while the friends were off grabbing a bite to eat, it came time to show the horse. So Lorraine, with the giant stud towering over her, went into the ring to get the job done. Well, the huge horse stepped on her foot, but she didn't want to make a scene. So, she kicked him with her other foot, right in his hoof, and he moved right off her. George told the ring master that she had never shown a horse before - and since the horse was a stud - the ring master stood near Lorraine, but they finished the show without another incident.

The last thing I asked was if there was anything they wanted to say to the club. Always the horse lover, George just said he and Lorraine would like to stay active in the club for as long as their health allows, and as long as we need them. I hope that will be a long time.



**George Rand riding in a Parade. He was always ahead of the trends sporting the bling.**



## Pee Wee Gymkhana

As submitted by Sue Sullivan

N.W.R.D.C. Pee Wee Gymkhana May 22 was our first pee wee gymkhana ,had a little rain ,but turned out to be a great day. We had 20 lead line children and 8 non lead line children. our committee would like to thank Ray Hatin for the great looking rings, James Sullivan our time keeper, linda wood our gate keeper, Travis & Ryan sullivan & Jenna Savard for setting up the games and cleaning up, Patricia LaFar our announcer,Sandy Hatin & Sue Sullivan ribbon runners and all the paper work. We would like to thank everyone that donated snack and drinks to the children. Champion and Reserve Champion Gifts were donated by Benjamin and Patricia LaFar. Lead line champion was Harley Donna with Little Star & reserve was Jenna Bennet with Winter's Rebel. Non lead line champion was Celia Heath with Rusty & reserve was Riley Donna with little star. next pee wee will be June 19, please per enter a week before the show , it will save us time the morning of the show ,this way we will be able to start on time. for more information please email sue at [jsstables@hotmail.com](mailto:jsstables@hotmail.com) or call 868-5207. Hope to see you all at the next pee wee gymkhana. thank you the pee wee committee

## Horse Show

As submitted by Sue Sullivan

The horse show committee would like to thank woody and linda wood for helping us , and having to stand in the rain all day.

adult champion  
Amy Parent with primetime sinner  
adult reserve champion  
Marcy Schreindorfer with doggies goes

sr. champion  
Hillary Fay with starry nite o dreams  
sr. reserve champion  
Brooke Mobbs with cha ching cha ching

jr. champion  
Kira clokey with rennos pretty penny  
jr. reserve champion  
Jennifer Dickinson with zoe

green horse champion  
Lisa Johnson with smokin jacks cash  
green horse reserve ch.  
Ashley Valade with chip's final gift

novice/green rider champion  
Michael Hebert with sam  
novice/green rider reserve ch.  
Darcie Patterson with mighty maxed out

beginner champion  
Laney Rambone with rusalee  
beginner reserve ch.  
Hannah Martal with colorless crimson

in hand 2 and under champion  
Madeline Green with tip toe tony

total high point same horse same rider  
Hillary Fay with Starry Nite O Dreams

## Gymkhana

From Tracy Webb

We had a beautiful day for the first gymkhana of the season, if not a little dusty. Congratulations to Shirley Langlios who won the 50/50 raffle of \$67! We had a couple of unscheduled dismounts with no serious injuries.

I would like to send a huge "Thank You" to all of the volunteers that helped to make the day run smoothly. There were 79 competitors and as many horses. Everyone worked well together and kept the events moving right along.

We do need to talk SAFETY: Children need to be supervised at all times. They are not allowed to play in, on, under or behind truck, trailers, horses or cars as a child hiding around any of these things is in risk of being injured by a horse, or worse a vehicle leaving. Please keep track of children because we do not want anyone getting injured. It is not the competitor's responsibility to make sure children are not playing around their vehicles or trailers. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

May 29 Results:  
Youth Champion-  
Bridget Mayo on Rock In My Sock  
Youth Reserve-Liona Ladeau on Jack

Youth Open Champion-Cassie Fraser on Nell  
Youth Open Reserve-Michaela Ross on Cody

Novice Champion-Allie Reed on Solo  
Novice Reserve-Brittney Rousseau on Abby

Intermediate Champion-Lorraine Jerome on Ace  
Intermediate Reserve-Anne Lagrow on Lucky

Open Adult Champion-  
Johannes Jobst on Gallant  
Open Adult Reserve-Tie-  
Robin Sears on Honor &Tiffany Poulin on Kalli

Fastest Barrel Youth-Cassie Fraser on Nell 20.398  
Fastest Barrel Adult-Sue Tice on Country 17.445

We look forward to seeing everyone at the June 26, 2010 gymkhana. Start time is 11:00 am.

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Members receive FREE 20 word listing in The Arena for your business:

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Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Website: \_\_\_\_\_

20 Word Description: \_\_\_\_\_

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2/3 page = \$216 (\$160 with discount)

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2/3 page = 5.33" (w) x 10" (h)

full page = 8"(w) x 10" (h)

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