

HALF-HALT

January 2012



Hearts and Horses Almost Here

The Hearts and Horses Fun Show is almost here! This is always a fun show, and has been a major fundraiser for the club for the last few years. This year we will be welcoming Melissa Bates as our judge. One change from last year, in accordance with ODS rules, ALL RIDERS at ALL TIMES when mounted must WEAR AN APPROVED HELMET. This includes lead line, bareback and western classes. So if you have an extra helmet, it would be nice if we could all "bring a spare" or two on down. Although we are trying hard to get the word out, some folks are bound to fall through the cracks, and if we have a ready supply of loaners, we might be able to

avoid disappointment for someone who didn't bring a helmet. We are also still needing volunteers for several spots, including the kitchen. Norma has held this down in the past, but cannot do it this year. Runners, announcing, prize organization, ring stewards and check in are some of the other spots we need filled. Contact Hope Flint or Jill

Giri to volunteer. We will also need help with setup and tear down of the arena, and cleaning up the jumps, etc prior to the show. We all pull together to make it happen, and it is always a good time. So come on down for a few hours. You do not need to commit the whole day, a half day or even a few hours is fine, and that may allow someone else the opportunity to ride in a few classes as well! This is a fundraiser for your club, so come on down and have some fun! The lose your heart class is worth the watching all by itself. See you there!



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Monthly Health Tip

We have had a lot of rain in the last few days, so get out there and check those blankets. A waterlogged blanket is worse than none at all, as it will keep the horse chilled. Check seams for tears and inner linings to remain dry. If your horse is waterlogged, move him to a dry stall, dry him as best you can with a sweat scraper or cooler, and feed him a warm bran mash and a big serving of hay. A horse with a temp. below 97° is too cold. Walking in a dry area will also help warm them up.



New Years Resolutions

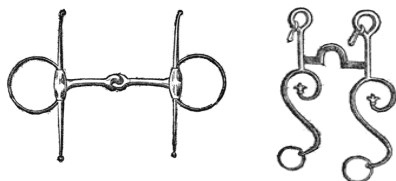


Every year in our January meeting we write down our New Years Resolutions, and read the ones from last year. This year we got a special treat, Chris Lee was doing some cleaning and found the resolutions from 1993! I will start with those. Liz Crain: to do a dressage test that involves cantering, canter an acceptable 20 meter circle without breaking to trot, work on correct can-

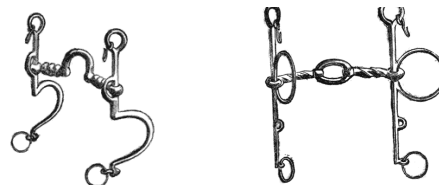
ter leads. Nancy: Zen ready to compete at first level, Missy able to jump 2' course and compete at training level. Ebony ready to school in arena and trail ride. Bobbi Harper: To have my own younger horse, If I still have the use of Gen, to show 1st level. To get organized in the stable. Norma Talburt: like to have my own horse to work with and not hand me

downs. Sheri Lander: complete some 3 day events. Julie Sutton: to start eventing and go to many shows. Pat Woodward: Entrigue started under saddle western, Smiley 250 miles and started dressage. Rosie Hanek: eventing by working a lot and riding quite a bit. Cathi Lowe: to put my horse on the bit at all 3 gaits and go to a recognized show.

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News Bits



On Jan 13th Tamara Moseley-Okada of the Twin Rivers Chapter died suddenly during a riding lesson. She is survived by her husband and 2 year old son. Our hearts go out to her family and friends, and our condolences to the entire TRC. Donations can be made at any US Bank in her name, and go to her son's college fund

Cassi Soule will be moving her barn and training operation to Applegate in the Medford area. She will still be coordinating with us for lessons, Good Luck Cassi!

Linda Bezdek is selling her english saddle. For more information contact her at linpbez@gmail.com

Keep an eye on the newsletter for further developments in the MNR saga. If feeding the meter doesn't work, we will be back to changing night or location

The Twin Rivers Chapter is hosting it's annual tack sale on March 18. Flyer attached at the end of the newsletter. Sally Temple may be able to coordinate items to go north if there are enough. Contact Sally at sjt89not@epud.net

Mary Harting is looking to sell some of her welsh ponies, various ages and stages of training. Please contact her at harting80@live.com. Good show homes preferred.



Whitney Weston has embarked on a 6 month training stint in Florida. She will be training with Buck Davidson in preparation for moving up to advanced level. Good luck Whitney!

ODS is currently searching for Demo Riders/Horses for the upcoming NW Horse Fair & Expo in Albany, OR on March 22-25, 2012. Horse/Rider combinations should be comfortable 2-4th level and in a noisy environment. If interested please fill out the online application no later than Feb 15th. For more information, please contact the demo rider organizer, Francy Haupt, at dqhorsestuff@comcast.net or (971) 832-2260

Upcoming Events

Jan 1 Cassi Soule and Carol Heard turn 29 again. Happy Birthday!

Jan 12 Jill Giri turns 29 again, Happy Birthday

Jan 26 Shell Gray turns 35 again, happy birthday

Jan 28 4-H Horse judging contest at the DC Fairgrounds. Be on the lookout for Hope needing riders/handlers for this event. Breeds/events not to be

Happy Valentines day, keep an eye out for those early daffodils

disclosed until contest time.

Feb 11 Be My Valentine League Show Cygnet Farms, Medford. Contact Rachel Merusi 541-830-4754 for details

Feb 12 Mike Osinski Clinic Cygnet

Farms, Medford. Contact Rachel Merusi for ride times 541-830-4754

Mar 4-5 Bears Above the Ground L show, Yamill Co Fairgrounds, see website for details

Mar 10-11 Dressage for the Ages L show. HS dressage and college scholarship fundraiser at Oregon State Fair and Expo Center. See website for details

Riding Forward...

The OSU extension service is putting on a three session Equine Health series this winter with Jill Giri as the presenter. The first session on first aid has already passed. Sorry, dates were not determined when the last newsletter went out. The second class will be on basic horse maintenance covering vaccines, deworming, dental care including the performance horse, the older horse, the difference



between an equine dentist and a veterinarian and hoof care. The third topic will be nutrition covering feeds and feeding, how to choose a supplement and what your horse may need, nutritional based diseases such as metabolic syndrome, PSSM, and HYPP. The older horse and laminitic horse will also be covered.

The classes are on Wed. Feb. 1

and Feb 15th respectively. They are from 6:30 to 8:30 with time for question and answer at the end of the lecture. Classes are \$20 each or \$50 for all three. This is a good opportunity for the beginner to get some good information or the experience horsemen to brush up! Contact Raini Rippy at the OSU extension office at 541-672-4461 or email at raini.rippy@oregonstate.edu to register. Hope to see you all there! Refreshments are provided.

Wait a Minute! January Meeting Minutes



Meeting Minutes
January 11, 2012

Meeting was called to order by President Hope Flint who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the November meeting were read. Linda made a motion to approve the minutes and Jill seconded the motion. The minutes were accepted by the membership. There was no business meeting in December.

Treasurer's report was read by Norma:

Horse People fund	\$2,179.31
General	2,261.58
Interest	.74
Total	\$4,441.63

Correspondence

The Douglas County OSU Extension Office is hosting an Equine Health Series hosted by our own Dr. Jill Giri. Flyers were handed out. The first meeting is on January 18th. Contact Jill for more info.

Jill talked to Corinne at the ODS office about the format of the new online calendar. They are working on improving the color-coding to more easily distinguish the different types of activities and shows. They are also trying to make it so that more than one month can be displayed at a time. This format is much easier for the ODS office to manage so it is here to stay.

Old Business

Christmas Party-The Christmas party and silent auction were hosted by Shell Gray and her husband. A great time was had by all that attended. There was \$321 raised which will be added the HPHHP fund. Thank you to Shell and her husband for inviting us into their home for this celebration.

Hearts and Horses Funshow-The Hearts and Horses Funshow will be held on February 19th at the Douglas County Fairgrounds. Volunteers are needed, if you wish to volunteer contact Hope or Jill. Thank you to Marilyn for printing and distributing the flyers and Midge for volunteering. Members are asked to distribute flyers to interested parties. Prizes and sponsors are still needed.

Monday Night rides-A spirited discussion was held about Monday night rides. Different venues and different nights were discussed. The last Monday night ride had some issues including the lights going out every 7 minutes and dust because there are no fairgrounds staff on Monday's right now. Due to the fairgrounds possibly getting a new regular schedule soon, Marilyn made a motion that we stick with Monday nights and feed the meter for now and we will revisit the subject next month when new information might be available. Jill seconded the motion. Norma will check with the fairgrounds to see about possibly getting the arena watered in the future.

ODS Retreat-Currently we have no one signed up to go.

Membership renewal-if you haven't renewed you should do it soon!!

New Business



Poker ride and helmet rule update-If ODS sponsors the insurance for the poker ride, then helmets will be required. We are asking for an exception the ruling for this event and are waiting for an answer. Corinne brought up a concern about this being considered gambling...more to come on that one.

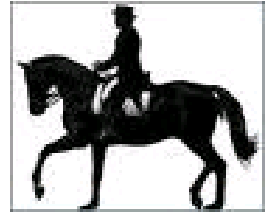
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TRAINING CHAPTER OF THE ODS

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Monday Night Rides are for now staying on Mondays at the fairgrounds. It will be “feed the meter”, so bring quarters for the light box. Norma will try to get the arena worked up and watered for us. Stay tuned for possible changes after next meeting.



Arena Directors for January

Jan 16 - Feed the meter, MLK holiday

Jan 23 - Linda Sanders

Jan 30 - Brooke Stark

Feb 6 - Kim Rott and Carol Heard

If you have any ideas, upcoming events, news items or other content for the newsletter, please email me at giri.dvm@gmail.com, or call me at 541-673-4678. Remember, its your newsletter, and if I don't get any input from YOU, I will fill it with harder riddles! Also, If you would like to receive the newsletter via email, please send me your email address and request to the above email. Thanks, Jill

Riddle of the Month

Last Months Riddles and Answers

Riddle 1: Two men are in a desert. They both have packs on. One of the guys is dead. The guy who is alive has his pack open, the guy who is dead has his pack closed. What is in the pack? **A parachute**

Riddle 2: Two fathers and two sons went fishing one day. They were there the whole day and only caught 3 fish. One father said, that is enough for all of us , we will have one each. How can this be possible? **Grandfather-father-son went fishing**

Riddle 3: A girl is twice as old as her brother and half as old as her father. In 22 years, her brother will be half as old as his father. How old is the daughter now?

22, the brother is 11 and the father is 44.

Riddle 1: What english word means burning wood when you take away the first letter of the word?



The Thinker

Riddle 2:

Feed me and I live, give me a drink and I die. What am I?

Riddle 3:

A man takes a barrel that weighs 20 pounds, and then puts something in it. It now weighs less than 20 pounds.

What did he put in the barrel?





USDF Region 6 Volunteer of the Year-Congratulations to Norma Talburt who was named as the Region 6 Volunteer of the Year!!! Norma and Linda were both named as ODS Volunteer of the Year but only one name could be sent forward. Thank you to both these ladies for the great job they do!!!



ODS website and Library-ODS has a nice collection of DVD's to rent. Visit their website to see if there is anything that interests you.



New Year's Resolutions-Chris Lee contacted Marilyn and told her that she had found some New Year's Resolutions from our membership from 1993. Those resolutions and last years resolutions were read. New ones were written and turned in.

Member News

Cassi will be moving to the Medford Area in February. She has found a new facility to work out of. She will be greatly missed and we all wish her the best of luck and success in her new home.

January Birthdays-
Cassi Soule and Carol Heard-1 Jan
Jill Giri-Jan 12
Shell Gray-Jan 26

Meeting adjourned at 7:55.

Next meeting-February 8.

Geri Zickert - Secretary

If you have not renewed your 2012 ODS membership, this will be your last newsletter. Please renew today! There is also a copy of the Heart and Horses show flyer at the end of the newsletter. Hope to see you there!

Resolutions Cont... Darlene Satterle: Sell Jet, devote time and patience to Nicky. Kay Edmunson: to be able to get on and ride without having to lunge for 30 minutes first. Marilyn Ulicny: to develop more harmony with CC, to be able to event him at Lily Glen

This years resolutions:

Bobbi Harper: to put my relationship with my horse first before my own goals.

Linda Bezdek: for my horse to lose 200lbs and not to fall off.

Carol Heard: Train Smitty to endurance ride. Get myself back in shape and take monthly riding lessons.

Lee Sanders: Work on jumping and dressage, hand and heels down, trail ride and go to one show.

Linda Sanders: Show at our show at least one class, go on at least 1 trail ride.

Hope Flint: Show at 2 dressage shows, head for 1st level, jump 2 feet.

Jill Giri: Show PJ at 1st level, start Cha Cha under saddle, show intro level with her.

Angela Rockwood: keep a positive attitude, enter my first dressage show and not fall off, say no to rescues, ride the Oregon Trail from the Idaho border. Norma Talburt: be alive and riding.

Marilyn Ulicny: claims she was too busy to write one down

It was fun to read the old resolutions, and to see how many of those people are still active in the club!

12th
ANNUAL TACK
SALE

TWIN RIVERS CHAPTER
OREGON DRESSAGE SOCIETY
SUNDAY, MARCH 18, 2012

10:00 – 5:00

ESKAY EQUESTRIANS, INC.

86034 PLAYWAY RD.
EUGENE, OR 97402

If you have tack to sell, please call:
(541) 935-7567/sjt89not@epud.net

Please leave a message. We will return your calls with necessary tack sale information.

We'd like to have as many items as possible to sell, so check those tackrooms, barns, and garages for tack and clothing you no longer use. Someone out there in the Equine World may need what you do not.

Consignment Fees:

20% on items under \$500.00. 10% on items \$500.00 or more.