

TPHC

Jemiskaming Pleasure Horse Club

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Presidents Message

With the Spring general meetings and clinics behind us, and the show and trail ride season well underway it was time to set the organizing on cruise control and get some time in the saddle.

I've been quite active so far this year in the riding department. The renovations to the farm we purchased two years ago are starting to slow down leaving me an opening for some time in the saddle. It can be quite easy, as I've found over the past few years to get out of the habit of riding. To start the day with the intention of riding, once the grass is cut, stalls are clean, etc..etc.. then at the end of the day your youthful energy is gone and you tell yourself "I'll ride tomorrow" This pattern can and will repeat itself.

I have been out to a few TPHC Horse & Rider Trail Rides, as well as riding with friends and other TPHC members at their farms and ours, I spent a weekend at a barrel racing clinic, and attended a jackpot barrel race. I try and make riding a priority at least two to three times a week here at home.

I would like to solicit this advice to those who have been in the same situation "make your riding time a priority" it will pay off. The time you spend in the saddle will re-energize you and the task will still get done. Friends and relatives will start to understand that this is a priority for you and will lower their expectations of your time for them. You will be more fit, both mentally and physically and will find a better understanding to why you do all the work that goes along with keeping horses.

So park the lawn mower, put away the fork and wheel barrow, then tighten the cinch put your feet in the stirrups and get out and enjoy.

TPHC President 2008

Jody Peddie

Pre Entry

TPHC now offers pre-entry. Anyone wishing to pre-enter can print or save a copy of the entry form from the website for which division they are to compete in. Then they can fill

it out and e-mail to jbqhorse@nt.net up to the Friday evening of the show weekend or mail to TPHC a week in advance, or call and make arrangements to drop it off with one of the executive.

The new computer system takes much of the work load off the show staff and pre-entry will lighten the load even more. Competitors will only have to stop by the booth to check in and pay their fees freeing up more time to warm up and prepare their horse for the show. If a competitor has pre-registered but then cannot make the show for what ever reason it is still easier scratch them from the show than to have a last minute rush of entries. So to keep shows running on time and to ease the work load for the office crew "Please Pre-Register"

Division Reports

English

English competitors be sure to mark Aug 22nd on your calendars. Thanks to Rick Johnson the TPHC is proud to host the Power Workers Union Show. With over \$1000 in cash and prizes this show is set to be the largest of its kind for the English division in TPHC history this show will also be run in conjunction with our regular TPHC point show. All points will count towards year end high point. The show will start at our regular time of 9am and we hope to see everyone out.

New for 2008 is our stakes class. The fee for the stakes class is \$10, above and beyond regular reg. fees. It's 100% payback, Payback is to 4 places. No points are awarded for the stakes class.

The number of participants is up again so far this season in the English division and should increase for our last three shows as the Pony club riders had some scheduling conflicts that kept them from our first two shows. Riders from Timmins and area made the trip down on to compete at our second TPHC show placing well and adding knew faces and new competition for our local riders. We hope they enjoyed the show and we hope to see them out again this season.

We would like to thank our judges ring stewards as well as Rena for all her hard work as show secretary.

Western Performance

Although the numbers have not greatly improved for western performance they are staying consistent. We do have an increase in our younger riders (youth and junior) which in a great sign for the future. A cancellation by two judges caused a few issues with our first show, but things have been running smooth since. The point race is tight leading into the final two shows. Our Aug 23rd show will be a money show. We will have \$500 added money and all classes will have a \$10 fee with 100% payback to 3rd place. Points to sixth place will still count towards the year end high point.

Western Games

With three shows behind us the point race is on! We have some great competition building up in all the age divisions as well as in our futurity class. The change in schedule to Sunday afternoons has brought in some out of town riders we have not seen in the area for a few years and we hope this will be the solution to appease everyone. Once again this year Trudel equipment has donated the use of a tractor for grooming and we would also like to thank Gilbert Guillemette for supply us with one of his groomers for working the ring. We would like to remind all Barrel racers that TPHC will be once again hosting a NBHA run in conjunction with our Aug show. We will have a NBHA open, youth and senior 4d runs well as our regular classes to follow. We will have \$1000 added money from the TPHC and local sponsors.

We are still in need of a few sponsors anyone wishing to sponsor our NBHA show can contact Ernie Sholtz or Jody Peddie. May your next 3 be your best 3

Horse & Rider Trail rides

Unfortunately due to the late spring our first trail ride scheduled for Echo Lake had to be canceled. The weather has definatly been an issue this season.

Our second ride hosted at Carson's in Hillardton had nine riders set and ready to ride regardless of the weather. The sun pulled through the morning clouds keeping the ride a dry one. The view from the pasture fields was amazing although the fast running creeks and streams did limit some of the trails available. A big thanks to Verna & Morgan for hosting a ride again this season and we look forward to returning in the fall.

The second ride hosted by Lynn Fielding in Henwood had 9 riders crossing fields and making use of the old Elk Lake rail line following trails around lakes and creeks. The weather was a bit of an issue and the wet ground limited some of the available trails and fields that need to be crossed. We would like to thank Lynn and Tim for hosting a ride again this year.

We did get to hit the tails of club echo on Sunday June 8th. The weather was nice trails were excellent and it made for a nice day to ride. We would like to thank Ron Baker for stepping in as trail boss and leading the pack while Dennis is still laid up with a back injury. Thirteen riders made the trek from the gravel pit around through to the club house and circled back to our parking location. The trail has a lot to offer in the way of challenging hills winding corners views of lakes and rivers as well as some fantastic

scenery. The footing on the club echo trails is also very horse friendly making this one of the favorite rides for many riders.

June 22nd the ride at Iron lake saw 17 riders hit the trails rain coats in hand. The weather was not as co-operative as in the past and with the rain not letting up the trail boss shortened the ride looping back at the half way mark. It was too bad for the rain as the Iron lake trail is a favorite for many riders. The wet and weary riders were still able to enjoy lunch and a visit thanks to the awning on the Wilson trailer.

Sunday July 6th our riders made the trek out from Spring Creek Stables. Located on Mowats landing road west of Haileybury the farm owned by Luke and Cheryl Gilmour. The ride circled spring lake and back around through the farm. It was a long ride but the weather could not have been better. A total of 27 riders made this the largest ride this year so far. A BBQ and drinks after the ride was enjoyed by all.

Aug 3rd 19 riders hit the trails out on Dawson point road in New Liskeard. The ride hosted by Claire Whyte left her mothers circled through many farms and made use of side roads back to a great lunch enjoyed by all.

The next ride will be hosted by Jo-Bar Quarter Horses on Pipeline road in New Liskeard on Sunday Aug 30th. A corn roast and country Jam will be held the night before and anyone wanting to camp out and hit the trails the next morning is more than welcome. For more information contact Jody 647-8943

NEVADA TICKETS

As we all know, with the temporary closing of the Husky, the club was forced to go back to the mall to sell our Nevada tickets. Finding volunteers to sell the tickets are possibly one of the toughest jobs regarding this fund raising project. I realize everyone is pushed to the max these days, and most are not available throughout the day to volunteer their time. I would like to send out a HUGE thank you to the following club members who have either already given up a few hours to help out the club, or are on the list for upcoming dates.

Cathy Hastings Dennis Peddie

Becky Bartlett Megan Johnson

Teresa Niemi Natasha Hastings

Claire White Brenda Dickinson

Darcy Link Barb Precious

Paula Davey Ernie Scholz

Eleanor McKelvie George McKill

Tessa Wilson Cheryl Gilmour

When the Husky reopens, I hope all the members try to support the business as much as possible. They are doing us a great service by allowing us to put the tickets in there. We only have a few more dates left to sell at the mall. The scheduled dates are September 8, October 25, November 25 and December 3. If you can help out with any of these, please call me at 563-8152 or email cougarrd@ntl.sympatico.ca. Your help is so very much appreciated.

Thank you

Rena-Treasurer