

TPHC

Temiskaming Pleasure Horse Club

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Presidents Message

Tough economic times, the closure of the Temiskaming Ag College, lack of vision, lack of commitment and lack of volunteers were all contributing factors in the decline of the TPHC in the mid to late 90's.

As a concerned member I became involved with the club executive at the fall meeting in 1999. Since that time I have had the opportunity to work with some very dedicated horse people in the re-building of our great club.

We have increased membership, greatly improved the club financially, replaced and purchased new equipment, we have brought in many events and activities to increased member involvement, brought the club up to date with regards to technology as well as the merger with the Horse & Rider trail club.

I personally have served as a director, vice president and club president. I have participated in or assisted in all division of the TPHC during this time and have learned a great deal about horses and horse people in our area.

With a family, a full time job, a part time horseshoeing business and a farm, time is a rare commodity for me. In 2009 I plan to be back in the show ring with my futurity barrel horse and with the added time of preparing and showing a horse I no longer feel that I can put forth the effort and level of dedication that is needed to keep the TPHC moving forward. Finding time for newsletters, meetings, website updates etc.. Has been difficult this year and I did not have horse to contend with. I do feel the club is on very solid ground and ready for new ideas and new energy as it moves forward.

I plan to be an active member of the TPHC for many years to come and will be looking to enjoy the events and activities that we have worked so hard to provide.

TPHC President 2008

Jody Peddie

TPHC Awards & Elections Banquet

Saturday Nov 1st is the date of the 2008 TPHC awards and election banquet. Once again this year we will feature a catered supper followed by year end awards the election of the 2009 executive and then a dance. The Banquet will be held upstairs at the New Liskeard Arena. Silent auction, 50/50 draws as well as a variety of door prizes are just a few of the activities that make our banquet such a popular event. With the event growing over the past few years we have chosen to set a limit on the available dinner tickets. The supper will once again be catered by Rick's Magic Touch, 200 dinner tickets are available at a first come, first serve basis. Anyone wishing to attend the awards and the elections may come free after the dinner and the door will be open for anyone interested for the dance. Please plan on getting your tickets early.

TPHC Executive

Each year at the year end banquet the TPHC elects the executive for the following season. Many of our existing executive have been involved with the club for quite a few years and are looking to step down, either to compete and participate more in the TPHC events or just for a break.

The TPHC executive consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, English Dir, Western Performance Dir, Western Games Dir, Mounted Games Dir and Horse & Rider Trail Dir.

If you or someone you know is interested in running any of the divisions or interested in one of the other positions and keeping the club moving forward in 2009 please plan to attend the Awards and Election banquet on Nov 1st.

Without an executive there is no TPHC.

Division Reports

English

The English division did extremely well in 2008 with a total of 52 participants. The addition of the Power Workers Union show in August was an added draw with over \$1000 in cash and prizes awarded.

The most promising numbers were in the beginner, junior and youth divisions. We had a total of 14 beginner, 7 juniors and 13 youth riders. For any club or organization to grow and expand the involvement of the young riders is crucial. Another positive outcome in 2008 for the English division was the amount of out of town participants. Riders from Timmins and area made the trek to Temiskaming a couple of times in 2008, new faces and competition are always welcome in the TPHC.

We would like to thank everyone who assisted or volunteered with the English division this season.

Western Performance

The Western Division got off to a slow start but rebounded very well. We finished the season with a total of 28 participants with a few new faces in the junior division. The high point race came down to the wire in both the senior and junior divisions.

The addition of the money show in August was well received and we hope to see it back bigger and better in 2009.

Western Games

The Western Games division had a total of 54 competitors coming in from as far as Kapuskasing, Timmins, Cochrane, North Bay, Sudbury and Quebec.

The Futurity numbers for 2008 were a little inconsistent this year due to some unforeseen circumstances. We do hope to see the incentive for futurity continue on in 2009 providing a supply of trained barrel horses as well as increased business for breeders, stallion owners and trainers.

Once again in 2008 the TPHC sanctioned a NBHA show allowing local riders to accumulate points toward district and provincial championships. The August NBHA show was well received with riders from all over Northern Ontario and Quebec. A big thanks goes out to all of our sponsors and volunteers who make events such as this possible.

The Western Games division will be in need of a new director. If you or someone you know would be interested in running this division please plan on attending the awards and election banquet on Nov 1st.

Horse & Rider Trail Rides

The riders of the Horse & Rider trail rides headed out on a total of 11 rides throughout the Temiskaming district. The weather certainly was a challenge this season with regards to the elements we had to face and the condition of the trails.

The rides varied in numbers of 9 -39 from ride to ride depending on weather conditions, other equine events that our members participate in, as well as the challenge of getting hay and crops off this summer.

We would like to thank all of our ride hosts for sharing their trails and for the hospitality they provided to fellow members.

The Horse & Rider Trail division will also be seeking a new director for 2009, if you enjoy the non competitive , relaxed atmosphere of the trail ride division here is a chance to get involved.

We look forward to seeing everyone out again in 2009 and until then “Happy Trails”