



McHenry County Horse Club News

June, 2021

★ President's Corner ★

We are now in our Summer Season and it's time to get out and enjoy the outdoors. Take advantage of the MCHC rides planned for June and July, for more information go to the MCHC website.

It looks like the COVID-19 Virus is in our rearview mirror!! That being said, WE WILL BE MEETING IN PERSON ONCE AGAIN IN THE FALL.

We are looking forward to our Wine and Cheese member meeting on September 13th, hosted by Jodi Funk at Diamond Acres. The Dorr Township Meeting Room will be open for our member meetings, October 11th and November 8th. It looks like we will be back to "normal".

We will close out 2021 with our annual November Election of Board Members. So please give some thought to being a board member. If you think you might be interested give me a call to discuss. I believe that we can start planning all the fun activities MCHC has been known for prior to COVID-19. Any questions, please contact me, 815-354-4418.

Looking forward to seeing you on the trail this Summer.

Vern

Don't Miss our Member Meeting in September!



On my journey of horses over the last 37 years I have worked with amazing horses and worked with amazing professionals. Learning natural horsemanship opened my eyes to some of the potential of horse and human relationship.

Ten years ago I watched my good friend Laura Amandis do a Liberty Act with her amazing Acierto! A new fire was lit to learn liberty!! It is a slow journey but is the most rewarding bond with my horses. Working with many great trainers to learn different methods and a lot of trial and error (maybe some tears and laughter) I am at a point to help others.

Jodi Funk

This demo for the September meeting will introduce the concepts of Liberty and give an opportunity to ask questions.

Review of Old School Forest Preserve Riding Trail

By Diane Hamilton

One of my favorite places to ride is Old School Forest Preserve in Mettawa. The entrance is on St. Mary's Road south of Route 176. It is a 2.7 mile loop that is 10 feet wide with a fine grained surface that enables all weather riding. It is also good for horses without shoes since it has no large rocks or stones. If you ride at a moderate walk/trot gait, the ride should take about one hour.

There is ample horse trailer parking, picnic shelters, toilets and drinking water. The trail is also open to walkers and bicycles. This trail remains excellent for riding even in wet weather. It is a lovely ride with forests, fields and lots of flowering plants in 543 acres.

Lake County passes are required for riding and can be obtained on-line. Happy Riding.

Treasurer's Report

June, 2021

Hello members!

As previously communicated, we are waiving dues for existing membership renewals for the year, due to the pandemic's effect on our operations. Having said that, the club will be running in the red this year. Hopefully, club activities will continue to expand over the coming months.

The club currently has a cash balance of approximately \$6,400, more than adequate for the year. That is after paying additional insurance expense of \$200 for club rides for this spring and renewing our insurance for 2021-2022 for \$755.

We will have ongoing expenses throughout the year, but the only major expense in the budget is for the bonfire this fall. In all, the budget calls for \$3100 in additional expenses for the year but is a work in progress at this point.

We hope to see you all at the bonfire and monthly meetings when they resume this fall, if not on the trails.

Respectfully,

Don Kent

Product Reviews

Thank you everyone for submitting your great product reviews and recommendations

Are you looking to keep your horse comfortable from menacing Illinois flies? Try these:

<http://shooflyleggings.com/>

Recommended by my farrier, these are the only ones I've found that actually stay up. One of my friends uses them on her pasture horses and swears by them too.

Jenis Ellingwood

Hoover LiNX Rechargeable Stick Vacuum

I bought a Hoover vacuum stick with a rechargeable battery to pick up pet hair. Works fantastic and most of our members have indoor pets at home. Still worth having even if you don't have pets.

Anne Miller

New Members

A warm welcome to our newest members to the Club!

- Christine Olsen
- Agata Brantingham
- Lynn Malenfant
- Jon Olsen
- Sharla Darnell
- Kara White
- Laurie Podgorski

Product Review

The Original Bee's Wax Old World Formula Furniture Polish

I found this INCREDIBLE product that works really well on just about EVERYTHING in your home! It is a natural product and not tested on animals, according to the company. It works well on the following surfaces:

- Granite, Marble, Quartzite, & Quartz
- Formica
- Wood
- Leather
- Stainless Steel, Copper, Wrought Iron, Chrome
- Copper
- Glass & mirrors
- Toilet bowl seats
- Porcelain
- Bathroom sinks
- Painted surfaces

Even the inside of your trailer doors & walls, where the horses tend to snot all over! (My Dad thought of that great idea!)

It is easy to use as well. Just spray directly onto the surface or a soft cloth and rub. I have found that 'buffing' the surface out with another soft cloth really makes the area super smooth, shiny, and without any residue, too! Caution- It is slippery, so try not to get it on the floor.

You can find it at many online retailers; like Home Depot, Menards, Amazon, etc. My 'cleaning bucket' has become much lighter & less cluttered since this product works so well on so many surfaces in the house!

Julie Gillespie

Kentucky Horse Fair Park

Since we all were so crushed that Midwest Horse Fair was AGAIN cancelled this past March, Cindy Edwards' granddaughter Caitlyn came up with the great idea to surprise her Grandma with a trip to Kentucky Horse Fair Park as a Christmas gift. They even contacted me to see if "Miss Diane" wanted to come along, lucky me! So we took off on our road trip for a long weekend.

I had no idea how much there is to see there. We saw a variety of horse breeds, famous retired race horses, a draft horse barn (my favorite), a children's barn, police mounted patrol barn, a gift shop and a HUGE horse museum that you could spend all day at if you wanted.



And the best part....we took a trail ride around the park!

So if you are ever looking for somewhere to go for a long weekend, you might want to consider Kentucky Horse Fair Park. Perfect for horse lovers!

- Diane Zimmerman



2021 Trail Ride Dates



Ride Out Times - 10:00 AM

- Sunday June 27- Rock Cut
- Saturday July 10 - Kinnikinnick
- October 31 - Halloween Ride Brookdale (Lunch Provided)

Check your email and McHenryCountyHorseClub.com for the latest information.

And the status of the MCCD trails according to their website updated on 5/26/2021.

Horse Trails OPEN:

Boone Creek
Brookdale Multi Use
Glacial Park
Hebron Trail
Hickory Grove Highlands &
Lyons Prairie & Marsh
Pleasant Valley
Prairie Trail North
Rush Creek
Stickney Run

Second Quarter MCHC Photo Contest

The results of the second McHenry County Horse Club Photo Challenge are in; Judy Scacci beat out 9 other entries with 18 "likes". Judy has decided to graciously donate her winnings to a cancer support organization in memory of her younger brother pictured on Sunshine in her winning photo. Congrats, Judy!

Don't forget to snap lots of pictures this summer so you'll have an entry for the next challenge in August!



Congratulations to Judy!

Future Contests

3rd Quarter: Email and FB announcement posted on August 6th

Post your Photo August 7th – 13th, winner announced August 14th

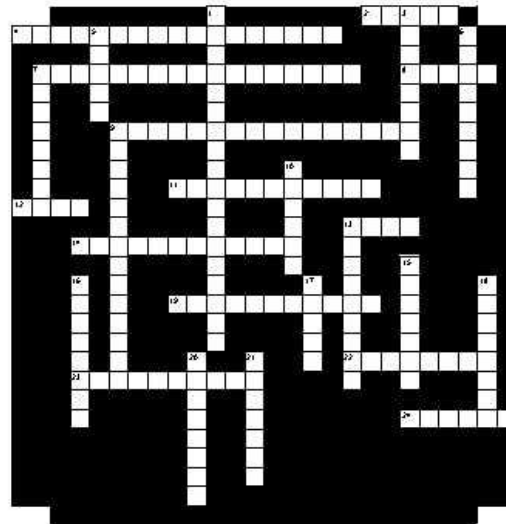
4th Quarter: Email and FB announcement posted on November 5th

Post your Photo November 6th – November 16th, winner announced November 17th

Competitive Mounted Orienteering Ride in April



Horse Crossword Puzzle



Down

1. Breed of the horse that starred as Mr. Ed on the TV series
3. Name of the first cloned mule, produced in May of 2003
5. Name of a type of paint/pinto coat pattern with jagged, irregular spots, and white that does not cross the horse's back
6. Name of the 2003 Kentucky Derby winner
7. Age of the oldest recorded horse, a barge horse in England named "Old Bill"
9. Name of the Tri-County Equestrian Club's president
10. Name of the first filly to win the Kentucky Derby
13. Type of show jumping competition where a single jump is built higher and higher with every round
15. Term for the color of Suffolk Punch horses
16. Inventor of the "forward seat" used in jumping
17. A great companion animal for horses
18. French word referring of the methodical gymnastic training of the horse
20. Canada's national breed of horse, sometimes referred to as "The Little Iron Horse"
21. Name of Roy Roger's famous horse

Across

2. Another name for a loose ring snaffle bit
4. Type of pony breed, very similar to the Appaloosa as it possesses the same coloring
7. Estimated number of horses in the world: _____ million
8. Result of a cross between a female donkey and a male horse
9. Name of the only breed of horse that has never been domesticated
11. Name of the famous horse story that Anna Sewell wrote
12. Number of inches in a hand
13. Name of the sport that has "chukkas"
14. Type of knot that you should always tie your horse with
19. Name of the only breed of horse to descend from a single stallion
22. Ohio, USA town that is home to the All American Quarter Horse Congress
23. Name of the breed of horse used at the Spanish Riding School in Vienna
24. Number of months the average mare in pregnant