

Haliburton County Horsemen's Association
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Just follow the link from our website at www.hcha.ca.

2010 SHOW DATES: Sunday, May 9th Sunday, June 13th Sunday, July 11th Sunday, August 22nd
(August 22nd is the 4th Sun. of month in order to be part of the Minden Fair. The fair food booth will be open during the show & camping is available on Saturday night. Book your site through the Minden Fair.)

Show dates are typically every second Sunday of the month (May, June, July and August) unless specified due to availability of the ring at the Minden Fair Grounds. Grounds open at 9:00 am. Registration 9:30 am. Show starts at 10:00 am.

IMPORTANT – Proof of Insurance MUST be produced at registration. We need to know that insurance provider, policy number and date of expiry. Without insurance exhibitors will not be allowed in the ring or on the grounds with a horse. A suggested provider would be Ontario Equestrian Federation www.horse.on.ca or Google OEF or follow the link from HCHA Facebook. This is a proven cheap and easy way to acquire adequate insurance. This will be strictly enforced.

CENTRED RIDING CLINIC - Sunday, May 2, 2010 - 10:00 am

@ the home of Debbie Stinson, 1897 Kennisis Lake Road, West Guilford, ON Phone: (705) 754-2607

Clinician: Heather Leach, Seven Pines Stables, Oakwood, ON www.sevenpinesstables.com

Heather Leach did a clinic for the HCHA three years ago. The members present showed amazing results by the end of the clinic. That's why we have asked Heather back. Heather's techniques will show the rider how body position can effect your horse's performance and you will learn what your body language tells the horse. This knowledge could shave seconds off your times or help you with a specific problem you are having on the trail. Heather plans to do ground work in the morning and riders will saddle up for the afternoon. If you don't have a horse you will also gain a lot from this clinic. **COST - The clinic is only \$10 for riders** including your HCHA membership. Donations will be greatly appreciated from spectators to help offset the cost of this clinic. You must be a member of the HCHA in order to participate. Proof of insurance is required if riding, as with all HCHA horse related events. \$10 for a clinic is an amazing deal come out and take advantage of this great opportunity. The coffee pot will be on and a barbecue will be available if you would like to bring hotdogs or burgers for lunch. Condiments will be provided. A trip to town for lunch could take 40 minutes so we suggest you pack a lunch or bring BBQ food.

Directions: Take Hwy 35 through Minden to Carnarvon, turn right [east] on Hwy 118, you will be on this for about 7-10 minutes, turn left at West Guilford and stay left [do not veer to the right, that will take you to Eagle Lake] and drive through the village, across bridge, you will stay on this road for about 4.5 km. You will see my parent's farm first, white house and a sign that says Merrill Barry Co. Ltd., my driveway is the second driveway past their farm. #1897 Kennisis Lake Road or County Rd 7. You will drive by my house before you come to the driveway, the driveway is a long one and it turns back to the house. *Debbie Stinson 705-754-2607 Cell #705-854-2607*

ALL ABOUT HORSES - June 5 - 6, 2010 - Lindsay Fair Grounds

Last year the HCHA had a booth at the show. This year we have been asked if we could put on a two hour Gymkhana Show on the Saturday and Sunday (start time to be announced). The classes for this show would be barrels, poles, flag, dash for cash and possibly a demonstration of the relay race. To participate you would have to be a member of the HCHA and have proof of insurance. HCHA show rules would apply. If we could have at least 10 of our members come out to this event it would give the public an idea of what our club is about. We are the only gymkhana club in the area and it is an opportunity to get the word out. If any miniature horse members would like to be part of this display please let us know so we can make arrangements with the organizers to add on to our time slot. We would also promote the miniature horse section of the HCHA. **There is no cost to our members or the HCHA.** Exhibitors would be admitted free. If you are interested please call Sue Roberts at (705) 731-0222. We hope that our members come out to cheer on the riders and take in the All About Horses Weekend and see the clinics, demos, breed displays, trade show, plowing demo, entertainment and much more.

WINTER FAMILY FUN DAY - March 6

What a beautiful day we had for our Winter Family Fun Day. We had about 25 members come out for the fun. Thank you Karen & Harold Wessell for hosting and organizing the day. We started out at the Norland Arena for an hour of skating and then on to Isabel and Ingram Wessell's farm for sleigh rides, tobogganing, camp fire and a wonderful pot luck supper. The day was warm with no wind which made it beautiful for the sleigh rides in the bush. Mr. Wessell was kind enough to bring out his team of mules and Mike Wessell drove the team of Belgians. After the horses left everyone took to the hill for tobogganing. What a show they put on. There were lots of sore body parts the next day I bet. What great fun. The fire warmed us up afterwards while we visited. The pot luck as usual was wonderful. Karen and Sue made chilli and we roasted hot dogs and there were so many goodies. Thanks to all who brought food. Thank you to Mrs. Wessell for fussing and organizing our food table and getting the coffee on the go. Thanks to Mr. Wessell and Mike and Kelly Wessell for bringing out the teams. Thanks Cody for making the great track for tobogganing. Thanks Karen, Liz and Kathy for bush wacking and scavenging for dry wood out of the bush. LOL

HCHA WEBSITE

You may have noticed that the website has undergone some changes. User ID's and passwords are no longer needed and the content is pared down to essential information. **A link to HCHA on Face Book** has been added on the website so members can easily post comments and have conversations with fellow members. On HCHA Face book you can see pictures of our events and post your own. Our upcoming events and any changes made will be posted on the Face Book page, so **keep checking so you don't miss anything.** We hope that these changes make accessing information easier.

CHANGES TO CLASS LIST AND SHOW RULES

- **The Stirrup Race** has been cut from the class list. This change was made due to the demand from our youth. Wimps!! Ha Ha! There are probably a lot of very happy kids out there. You can thank Hailey Griffin, Jr. Director, for bringing your wishes to the executive.

- **The Relay Race** – The Relay has gotten to be a very popular game but it has been causing the show to go long. Last year we were allowing one rider to enter on three different teams. Because our membership has tripled we are not able to continue this anymore. We have come up with what we think is a fair way to handle the situation. Anyone indicating that they wish to enter the relay race will have their names put in a hat once. Teams will be drawn. This will encourage people to mingle and work together no matter what their age or skill. Points will no longer be kept for the relay race. Therefore it will be a chance to compete with no pressure and will encourage novice riders to join in.

CHANGES TO SHOW RULES

The following are changes made to the rules. They will be posted on the website very soon and will be posted at ringside. Please read before the show.

- **Rule 3** – Deleted and changed to read as follows: "All horses must enter and leave the ring at a walk. Any horse who's rider deliberately allows it to exit or enter the ring at an excessive rate of speed will be subject to disqualification. Riders must use discretion when riding outside the ring around the trailers and in the vicinity of the spectators."
- **Rule 9 – Stallions** – Now to read "No stallions are permitted in the show ring or on the show grounds unless entered in the Miniature Horse Division and must be shown by a person 18 years and over."
- **Rule 13** – New Rule to read as follows: "A horse may be exhibited only once in any age division unless shown by another immediate family member."
- **Rule 14** – New Rule to read as follows: "Classes can be cut at the discretion of the show steward."

CLASS REGISTRATION FORM – CHANGES

RE: Multiple Horses Ridden/Shown by One Exhibitor

Last year we needed as many horses in the ring as possible in order to fill the day. We therefore encouraged people to bring as many horses as they wanted. We thank those of you who did because it made our show so much fuller and exciting. Now we have so many riders and there have been some misunderstandings around this unofficial practice – so now we have to tighten things up and put a few rules in place having to do with multiple horses. These changes will mainly take place on the Class Registration Form. **The entry fee will remain at \$5 – but will be applied to each Horse/Rider Combination.** A class entry form will be filled out for each horse/ride combination and a separate number assigned to each. Eg. If you are showing three horses you do a registration form for each horse you are riding. Pick your classes for each horse and pay \$5 for each horse. This allows you to enter all classes for only \$5 per horse. **Points WILL now be counted on ALL runs** instead of "best time counts" as it was last year.

NOTE: Rule 13 (above) was also made in order to clarify the multiple horse situation. It also allows for a one-horse family to all show the one horse even when two family members might be in the same age division.

NEW - HCHA MINIATURE HORSE COMMITTEE

We have big news that will make our miniature horse enthusiasts very happy. Kathy Fisher has joined the HCHA this year and has approached the executive with a desire to start a miniature horse division of the HCHA. Her proposal was accepted at the March Executive meeting and Kathy will now be acting as the Miniature Horse Show Contact for the HCHA. As most of you know the miniature horses have been a part of the HCHA in the past. We appreciate that some of these owners continued to be members of the club throughout the changes and we are thrilled to now have Kathy and all her enthusiasm step in to head up the miniature horse committee under the rules and umbrella of the HCHA. We hope that new and past members will come out with your miniature horses and have fun. Please keep watching HCHA Facebook and the HCHA Website for more information on the Miniature Show and Class List. The website will be updated very soon.

PHOTO RELEASE PERMISSION

This day in age we all have to be careful of pictures being taken of our children and ourselves without our permission and being used in ways that we do not approve of. Most clubs and sports teams have a photo release waiver as part of their membership forms. It is time that the HCHA got on board. We all love the pictures that fellow members give us from our events and shows – but we don't always know what the wishes of the subject are. Sometimes we have press at our shows and pictures will appear in the paper with their names. We just want to relay the wishes of our members if they do not wish photos to be taken or published. Some may not want pictures published but would appreciate a copy for themselves. We will be adding this section on our membership forms and will make a separate waiver available for 2010 members who have already sent their memberships in. They will be available at our first show.

SPONSORS

- **Anne Irwin** has offered to be the sponsor of the **High Point Youth Barrels.**
- **Debbie Stinson** has offered to be the sponsor of the **High Point Youth Poles.**
- **Victoria Feeds** have agreed to sponsor in 2010 but have decided that they will supply the **High Point Youth overall.**
- **Peterborough Tack** have agreed to sponsor a draw prize at our Awards Night for 2010.
- **Anne & Andrew Hodgson of Century 21 in Minden** have offered to purchase a permanent sign to be placed at the Minden Fair Grounds advertising that the Minden Fair Grounds is the Official Home of the Haliburton County Horsemen's Association, our show dates and contact information. Of course it will also be permanent advertisement for Minden Century 21. Thank you Anne & Andrew for your very generous support.
- **Merrill Barry Co. Ltd.** Have sponsored HCHA with a \$50 donation.
- **Bin N Gone Construction Debris Bins of Haliburton, Bill Vickery & July Henderson** have made a very generous donation of \$150 towards a High Point year end award and also a \$50 donation for miscellaneous club use.
- **Rusty's Auto Service** – have continued to sponsor HCHA in 2010 with a \$50 donation
- **Big Dog Web Design, Katie Woodward,** has donated the use of our website again for 2010. Bill Cardwell is donating his time to maintain the site.
- **Dorothy Robb (Liz Griffin's Mother)** has donated \$50.
- **Black Dog Farm & Feed,** has donated \$50

There will be more sponsors to be announced prior to our first show on May 9th and their business card may not be added to the end of this newsletter.

The June newsletter will have an up to date list. Thank you all so much for your continued support of the HCHA. In order to thank the sponsors we will now announce them at intervals throughout the shows and include their business cards in the newsletters and on the website. Please listen at the shows for the plugs for our sponsors. Please thank these sponsors personally when you see them and try to give them your business when possible.

WHAT OUR MEMBERS ARE UP TO – ACCOMPLISHMENTS – JUST PLAIN BRAG'N and GOSSIP

- Emily Watson ran the Disney World Marathon March 6, 2010 with her niece Martha. Way to go Emily.
- Roberts' Spur and Chrissy are due any day. Chrissy won't give it up and will probably go two weeks over again. Chissy is solid sorrel paint (throws lots of colour) and bred to buckskin. Any thoughts or bets on what colour the foal will be?
- Hailey has a new horse, Nickers (Nickie). Nickie is away at training right now but Hailey is looking forward to the new show season. Nickie has awesome breeding (cutter/cow horse) on both sides. Will we see Hailey start team penning? She still has Hunter and loves him the most.
- Hailey, Emily and Kelly McLean are going to Troy Donaldson's Cowboy Camp in August. Hailey and Emily must have forgotten the pain of last years camp.
- Rhonda & John Francis have a bunch of new foals on the way - maybe some have arrived by now. We would love to see pictures!
- Anne Irwin was a big winner at her first photography show at Boyd Museum in Bobcaygeon. Her owl photo received the honour of top photo of the show. and her "Tree in the Fog" picture received an honourable mention. She even sold one. Congratulations Anne. Most of us can say that we were given a photo by Anne Irwin before she was famous.
- Mike Wessell won the Markham Horse Pull on Fri. March 26. The team was Mr. Wessell's new team of mares. They were the prettiest horses at the pull to boot. It was so exciting to see someone we know win it. It was nice to see so many of our HCHA members there to watch and cheer Mike on. I don't think you would be able to buy the team right now for any price???? And they say mares won't pull??? Congratulations.
- Donna Kuipers is looking for a horse to borrow for the summer for her and Samantha. Contact her through HCHA Facebook.
- The Roberts have kittens – As many as you want for free. We will even throw in the mother cat!

Let me or any executive member know if there are any announcements that you would like mentioned in the paper newsletters or post it yourself on HCHA Face Book.

AWARDS NIGHT – Dec. 5, 2009

The HCHA Awards Night was held on Dec. 5, 2009. We had 74 members in attendance. That was the best turnout ever. The evening began with a beautiful pot luck dinner, followed by elections and then awards presentation and Chinese auction and silent auction. For those of you who were not there here is an update. Our high point and reserve high point winners for each age division were as follows:

Junior High Point: Cloe Samson – Cloe received a Bryer Horse.

Junior Reserve High Point: Eli Samson – Eli received a cowboy hat and a Wrangler western shirt.

Junior 3rd Place: Cody Wessell – Cody received a cowboy hat

Youth High Point: Shannon Wessell – Shannon received a summer blanket

Youth Reserve High Point: Emily Roberts - Emily received a canvas hay bag and matching halter and shank.

Senior High Point: Shannon Steele – Shannon received a saddle pad with leather hand tooled insert.

Senior Reserve High Point: Sonia Samson – Sonia received insulated saddle bags.

Ed Roberts Memorial Youth Sportsman Award (as voted by youth members): Emily Roberts – Emily received a keeper wall plaque and a perpetual trophy with a bronze Montana statue. This trophy was awarded for the first time in 2009 and sponsored by Mike Roberts in memory of his father.

Youth Draw Prize: Amanda Wilkinson – Amanda received an embroidered saddle cover.

Thank you to Anne Moulton and Donna Kuipers for leading the Chinese Auction and to all the members who donated such great gifts for the auction and silent auction. Thank you Anne Irwin for presenting each youth with a picture of them and their horse. Thank you to all who helped make the evening a great success.

THANK YOU to all who came out January 24th to the Annual Meeting at the Lochlin Hall.

Quotes for Horsemen

“The trail is the thing, not the end of the trail. Travel too fast and you miss all you are travelling for.” Louis L’Amour, Western Novelist

“Courage is being scared to death and saddling up anyway.” John Wayne