



Fall 1999 Newsletter

Next meeting - **Tuesday, Oct. 5, 1999**

6-7 pm Social Hour, 7 pm Lecture
At Washington Hall, Kirkwood

Topic: Hal Hellental will be discussing horse shoe types and their uses. For Information, contact Nancy Barta at 362-2846

Tuesday, Nov. 2, 1999

6-7 pm Social Hour, 7 pm Lecture
At Washington Hall, Kirkwood
Annual Elections

Topic: Dr. Lana Groom returns to give us more information on horse care.

Tuesday, Dec. 7, 1999 - 7-9 pm

Tack & Yak at the Saddle and Leather Shop



SPECIAL EVENT

Paul Kathen Lecture
"Motivating Horses"
Saturday, Nov. 13, 1999
7 PM

At the Cedar Rapids Horseman's Club. There will be a \$10 fee for members and a \$15 fee for non-members.



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Fall is here and with it a flurry of activities as everyone takes advantage of the good weather before the season's end. As the secretary, I get the task of putting together the newsletter, and while I love the design and layout, the task of writing becomes the art of procrastination. I am not good at taking notes AT the meeting and trying to dredge from my memory all that has happen is like asking my green horse to be on the bit and round - fleeting moments have to be strung together into a movement. So sfall how time is here, ready or not, and I will try to put my best foot forward and give you the summer synopsis.

My summer was full of activities where many fellow members also participated. The Paul Kathen Clinics helped improve my steed's trot work and in September we discovered a right lead canter; however, the left one did just that - it left. I brought home score sheets and ribbons from the July and September Wind's Reach shows. I'll display the ribbons, but those score sheets are getting deep sixed! The Belgian Warmblood Inspection had a nice crowd of familiar faces as many of us like to visit the beautiful Clearwater Farm facilities.

The June meeting was a 'Horse Chat' by some of the most experienced equestrians in our area: George Barta, Verne Upmier, Milt & Judy Gauger, Dr. Lowell Hughs, and Dr. Bill and Thanna Franey. We had a round table discussion with questions from the audience. Oh, the insight and stories they told! Many thanks to Cedar Rapids Horseman's their building, to bartender

great Bloody Mary) and to Dave Antin, who got roped into video taping at the last minute.

The July meeting was a lecture & demonstration by Darwin Thirtyacres on Natural Horseman techniques. His low-key manner and quick wit made it a real treat. He brought his mule, Maggie - giving us all something to think about next time we mention that a horse's ears are kinda' long. Lyse Strnad and Tom Leavenworth went above and beyond the line of duty by hosting the lecture at their picturesque and freshly manicured farm. They also donated the cost of renting chairs and audio equipment to make sure visitors could relax, listen, and learn in comfort.

August brought the Annual Potluck to Randal Park in Solon. We were again blessed with great weather and TONS of food. Fortunately, everyone ignored the 'don't talk with your mouth full' rule, because when it came down to it all we did we eat and talk! It gave everyone a chance to catch up and plan ahead.

While we were chewing, we discussed a few business items. A donation to Hooved Animal Society was agreed upon; \$1 per member. The date for the Paul Kathen Lecture, "Motivating Horses", will be Saturday, November 13, 1999, at 7 PM at the CRHC. Like last year there will be a \$10 fee for members and a \$15 fee for non-members. We decided to run a quarter page ad in the *Apples 'n Oats* Fall issue. (Earlier we decided to run a business card ad with future meeting topics.) September meeting we added 6-7. It was pretty quiet at first



Chris Africa at the Belgian Warmblood Inspection with a Clear Water Farm resident, Picasso.



Gwen Stockebrand assessing the situation

Gwen, on the ground, and Charolette Mueller at Mosica during a lesson.



since I have (finally) learned to talk to myself in my head instead of out loud. Things picked up around 6:30 as people started filtering in. Everyone seemed to enjoy having the chance to share stories and photos. We will have the 6-7 Social Hour for the Oct and Nov meetings. Since the December meeting is "Tack and Yak", a tack cleaning, story-swapping night, a social hour would be redundant. In January we can decide if and when we want the social hour.

September's topic was a tribute to Reiner Klimke who passed away in August. We watched two videos; one on schooling over cavalletti and one on the young dressage horses. Both featured the most talented and gorgeous horses with excellent riders who had to fake mistakes for the sake of teaching us, the viewers. As Nancy Barta jokingly said, "Well, we can all quit riding now." It is a paradox of being awe-inspired or humbled into submission when you see Olympic caliber horses being called green and 'not so correct'.

And since the paradox fits, let's talk about videotapes. As some of you may have noticed we have been taping some of the lecture / demonstrations. Your faithful secretary has the original copies of these. We have



Paul Kather, Roberta Culp and her mighty steed Radio

Diane Petrie aboard Mountain Pearl



been sending a copy to the Lecturer, but have not come up with a solution as to what to do with these tapes. Please help us figure this out! Does anyone know of a group in a similar situation that has come up with a solution?

We would like to make them available to our members, but need to resolve some issues first.

First, we cannot rent them, because making money off someone else's work is, well, unethical if not illegal.

Second hurdle - we have not asked the speakers to sign any kind of waiver. We seem to have verbal consent from them to keep these in a library and let members have access to them. Do we also need consent from riders and/or horse owners? Does anyone have waiver forms? (Or is related to a Copyright lawyer!)

Finally, if we lend them out, we will need a system of checking in and out, and our members need to agree to not reproduce, or distribute these tapes.

I know we seem to be a bit paranoid, but we are concerned that bootleg copies and uncertain distribution rights could open our group to criticism and make future lecturers think twice about participating.

Money News

EIDCTA has a current balance of \$988 in its ac-



Deb Sorousky and Clio

Barrie Anderson and Pippin



count. Chris doesn't have a total on expenditures for this year, but postage is probably the biggest category, then advertising.

Classifieds

We added classifieds as a perk to members. It's free, so if you want to buy, sell or trade, contact Megan Ward at eidcta@mwnet.com or call 319-362-6210.

Fall Cleaning Sale –

Contact Deb Sorousky 339-7704

Fly Sheet – Custom Made Saddlery 80"	\$35
Blanket – Customer Made Saddlery 82"	\$50
Wool cooler (green) with Irish knit lining and chest buckles	\$25
Blanket liner	\$20
Rubber boots size 7	\$10
Lexington schooling helmet (white)	\$20
Sheepskin seat saver (black)	\$20
Web reins with stoppers	\$10
Helmet covers (green or multi-pink)	\$5
Lunge line	\$5



Hilary at the Belgian Warmblood Inspection after winning her class - Congrats to owner Carol Eilers. Thank you to Clear Water Farm for hosting it.

Our Deepest Sympathies . . .

Looks Twice 1982—1999

Sherin Novak lost Looks Twice, her equine partner and co-teacher of riding lessons on July 22 after a brief but devastating bout with liver cancer. Looks Twice (also known as Cookie) a 16.3 hand, chestnut, Thoroughbred gelding, was euthanized by his veterinarian, Dr. James McNutt.

A hard-working and stoic horse, Looks Twice evinced no symptoms of his illness until, less than a month before his death, he began to lose weight. He continued to perform his job as a lesson horse until July fourth. He was a first-class mount who taught many of Sherin's students, from beginners to serious dressage riders, and all levels of jumping. He excelled in grid-work, as he was a very honest and careful jumper.

Sherin, who recently moved her stable to Solon, will never forget this complicated, yet kind and generous partner. Nor does she regret looking twice at a run-down Thoroughbred, in a small over-grazed pasture, six years ago.