



Erie Hunt and Saddle Club

NEWSLETTER

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2013

CALENDAR

Thursday, February 28th - 6pm **SPRUCE UP THE CLUBHOUSE!!!!** We really need help! Enjoy pizza and snacks while helping rip wallpaper, tear up carpet, paint walls. Everyone welcome! contact Heather Hough if you have questions at heather_hgh@yahoo.com or 450-7649 If you can come help on another evening or any time during the day on the weekends please contact Karen VanDamia at kvd1330@hotmail.com or 823-9449.

March 5th- 7 pm EHSC Board Meeting at Heidi Zuck's House.

Only 2 months from today until EHSC grounds are open! Start brushing your ponies!!

ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS OR SERVICES IN OUR NEW 2013 SHOW BOOK

Our showbook reaches over 700 families and is used from May through October. Full page ads are \$100, 1/2 page is \$50, and 1/4 page is \$25. Also available: Wish 'em Well Ads. Only \$10 for up to 2 lines. **Ads for EHSC members are 1/2 price!** Please send what you would like your ad to say, art work, a previous ad, or your business card to Jan Madigan, P.O. Box 610, Russell, PA 16345 by March 1st. Please make check to EHSC Questions? Please call Jan at 814-596-3013.

GETTING READY FOR SPRING!

We are looking for chairpersons for activities this summer. You can do it with your friends, or we can set you up with a whole group to help you. You can chair a show, or even just a ring at one of the Summer Shows! You receive next year's membership for free, and you are entered into our raffle for generous gift certificates at the Year End Banquet. If you are interested, please call Wendy Bolding by email at wenbolding@msn.com or call 814-440-1696.

SAVE THESE DATES! The Erie Hunt and Saddle club Board is busy getting the 2013 show schedule ready for print. Mark Opening Day on your calendar for May 5th, with a rain date for May 11th. Just a little "teaser" of the tentative schedule;

May 18: Fun Show

May 19: Summer Show I

June 1: Dressage Show

June 2: Combined Test

June 9: Summer Show II

June 12: Horse Trials Work Day

June 15-16 Lost Hounds Horse Trials

July 6: Horse Sports in Erie Hunter Show

July 7: EHSC Hunter Show

July 14: Fun Show

July 20: Dressage Show II

July 21: Mini Event

August 4: Junior Member Appreciation Day

August 11: Summer Show III

August 12-13: EHSC Horse Trials Work Days

August 17-18 EHSC Horse Trials

September 8: Hunter Pace I and MINI PACE

September 15: Hunter Pace II

September 22: Hunter Pace III

September 29: Hunter Pace Rain Date

October 6: Jumping Derby



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New this year is a Junior Appreciation Weekend August 3-4th. One of your benefits of being a member of EHSC! All members can come on Saturday, August 3rd and we will go on a trail ride around the grounds. Parents may be able to join in. Then you are welcome to camp out, and in the morning we will have English and Western lessons with Lew Trumble and Jim Hull. There will be games for all ages and crafts.

An Adult Camp is also in the works for adult members. Watch your newsletter for dates!

Letter from Michelle Fields, EHSC Volunteer

Coordinator; Hello my fellow EHSC members! I wanted to take the time to introduce myself as your Volunteer Coordinate for the 2013 Show Season. This is a new position created at the end of the 2012 Show Season to alleviate some of the added stress and uncertainty of not knowing if there were enough volunteers for the show. I eagerly took on this position because I enjoy meeting new people and getting to know our EHSC members on a personal level. For the past two years I have been a member of EHSC and have volunteered to help where I could. Along the way I have met some incredible individuals and have developed lifelong friendships. Each experience was fun and rewarding in knowing I was helping contribute to the show even if I wasn't showing on this particular day. We are blessed to have such an amazing club so close to home with 2 recognized Horse Trials, multiple summer shows, dressage shows, mini events and fun shows. So please feel free to contact me about any specific volunteer positions you are interested in filling. I look forward to meeting all our members and working with you as we prepare for this summer. *Michelle can be reached by email at maffro89@aol.com or at 440-536-1226*

It is fun and rewarding! Our wonderful club is run entirely by volunteers, without which we would not have such a great place to come and ride! Every little bit helps!

2013 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE HAS BEGUN

EHSC Membership Dues are Due! You can find the renewal form on our website, www.eriehuntandsaddleclub.org and mail it in to Brenda Rzepka at 9056 Heibel Rd, Erie, PA 16510. An Individual membership is \$25 for an active member or \$75 for an Associate membership(non-working member). A Family membership remains at \$35 for an active (working) member. All members 18 years or younger must be included in a Family membership. An active member agrees to volunteer to work at an EHSC show or event.

CROSS COUNTRY COURSE UNDER REVIEW

Liz Chilcott, the co Organizer for Lost Hounds and EHSC Horse Trials, recently hosted our Cross Country Course Designer, John Williams. This year, Liz asked him to concentrate on the Beginner Novice and Novice courses as they have not been substantively changed in many years. While we will use the new track for June, the whole course will not be completed until the August event as it was too late this Fall to be able to do some of the in-ground work which requires drier weather.

In case you are not familiar with John's Eventing career, here are some of the highlights. John originally came from the Rochester/Geneseo area and rode at the EHSC Horse Trials back when XC was on both sides of the road. He has had top placings at the top events in the world; Burghley CCI****, Rolex Kentucky CCI****, Foxhall CCI***, Fair Hill International CCI*** and Bromont CCI***. He was on the PanAm Team in 1991, the WEG Gold Medal Team in 2002, and on the Athens Olympic Bronze Medal Team in 2004.

His credentials as master craftsman and course designer are extensive. In 2002 Chronicle of the Horse named him Horseman of the Year, and in both 2007 and 2008 he was USEA Cross Country Designer of the Year.

We are lucky to have John as a continuing asset to keep our cross country courses safe, challenging, a joy to ride, and up to current standards. There will be 11 new jumps for the Beginner Novice and Novice courses (8 portable and 3 in-ground) plus some reconstruction at Lake Lydia. We will need some volunteers available to help with the construction.

Get well wishes to;

Liz Chilcott, recovering from the flu and recent surgery

and Sue Kingston, recovering from recent surgery