



Erie Hunt and Saddle Club

Hunter Show to be Weekend of Fun
Saturday, July 2 & Sunday, July 3



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Two hunter shows are on for Saturday: The Horse Sports in Erie Hunter Show (sanctioned by Mountaineer Hunter Jumper Association and Up & Over Hunter Jumper Association). For Sunday: Erie Hunt and Saddle Club Hunter Show (also sanctioned). Classes are crossrails up to 3'6", a rousing hunter derby, and a jackpot egg & spoon class.

Everyone is welcome to a show-prep work day Wednesday, June 29, 11 a.m. till done. Also looking for help Sunday, July 3, 3:30 p.m. to tear down the jumps and clean up post show. Get your volunteer hours in and earn some tuits!

Kitchen sales are significant fundraisers for the club. Please consider donating drinks and homemade baked goods, or working a few hours. Contact Barb Nash 450-5728. Donations can be dropped at the clubhouse on Friday afternoon, July 1.

For more information contact Lew Trumble at lewtrumble@aol.com or 434-3319.

Goodbye to Lost Hounds Horse Trials

It was with mixed feelings that the Organization Committee for Lost Hounds has decided to not only cancel the 2016 Lost Hounds Horse Trials due to lack of entries, but to no longer hold it in the future. This is due to multiple factors, a great many of which we cannot control. It's a goodbye that is somewhat bitter sweet. While I will definitely miss it, I can't say I will miss the sleepless nights worrying about the weather or lack of entries .

Lost Hounds Horse Trials (originally Lost Hounds Pony Club Horse Trials) was the brain child of Tom Parker whose wife Patsey along with Lois McElroy and Jan Smingler founded Lost Hounds Pony Club. It was started about 5 years after The Erie Hunt and Saddle Club Horse Trials (which ran in September back then) just before we were moved from Area II into the new Area VIII.

Its purpose was to help fund the Pony Clubbers' ability to attend Regional and National Rallies as well as to be able to bring in outside instruction. It was never designed to foot the whole bill, but to offset costs making these activities more affordable.

In the beginning the two Horse Trials were totally separate and the LHPC rented the grounds and stabling from the EHSC. After about 20 years (and a lot of overlap in membership between the Organizations and in who ran what) the two merged and the profits were divided equally between them.

It has always been tough to get going in the Spring and to be ready for our Father's Day date. Depending on whether we had a wet Spring, there were several times it became a Combined Test or was cancelled and many times when

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Goodbye to Lost Hounds Horse Trials (continued)

conditions XC were less than ideal. Eventers were different back then. They did not demand perfect conditions with sand rings etc. Today the "Destination Events" held at public or extremely well funded private facilities are the thing. These are much more expensive and the average amateur Eventers goes to less of the smaller Events so as to be able to take advantage of the KY Horse Park, The VA Horse Park, NC Horse Park, or the new Tryon facilities just to name some of the best ones. Smaller Events like ours have been squeezed out as a result.

I want to thank all the tireless Volunteers who have made the Lost Hounds Event a success over the years. Many of you also continue to support the EHSC Event and I am looking forward to working with you in August. With more time to get the work done on the XC and the EHSC grounds we should all be able to hold a Horse Trials that we can continue to be immensely proud of.

Liz Chilcott

Clinic Deadline Approaches

The deadline to sign up for the dressage clinic with Francesca Nicoletti is nearing. The price is \$95 instead of \$85, as previously advertised. Contact Wendy Bolding, see above contact info. *(Wendy also does the EHSC newsletter. You can receive yours via U.S. mail or e-mail. Let her know your preference.)*

THANK YOU!

To Andrew Tarnow and Hogback Hill Farm for their generosity of donating the consultation of an electrician to sort out the wiring on our grounds.

To Billy Salisbury for painting the interior of the announcer's stand. And to Sue Strohmeyer for helping. It looks great!

EHSC Mini Event Joins North East Ohio Mini Trial Series

The North East Mini Trials Association provides a series of mini trials in Western Pennsylvania and North Eastern Ohio. Mini events are a fun, safe and educational way for all ages and levels to compete in Eventing. There are 10 mini trials starting in June and ending in early October.

You do not need to be a member of NEOMTA to be eligible for their year-end awards. All mini trials are within an approximate 150-mile radius from EHSC, which is honored to now be included in this organization. The first EHSC mini event is Saturday, Aug. 28, with a day of cross-country schooling Friday, Aug. 27.

Divisions offered are Intro, riding USEF Intro Test B with walk-trot only, then jump a stadium course of 6" to 1'. Cross country will be entirely on the EHSC grounds and will be natural obstacles from 6"- 1'. The Very Green and Starter division will jump stadium jumps from 1'6" to 2', and ride their cross country across the street at the beautiful Ferghana Farms, thanks to the generosity of Liz Chilcott.

Very Green riders will ride a walk-trot USEF Intro Test B, but Starter riders will ride USEA Beginner Novice Dressage Test A which has walk, trot and canter. Beginner Novice division rides the USEA Beginner Novice Test A as well, and jumps will be from 2' to 2'7". Novice riders will jump 2'7" to 2'11" and ride USEA Novice Dressage Test A.

More info is at www.minitrialassoc.org or www.eriehuntandsaddleclub.org. Call Wendy Bolding at 440-1696 or email her at wenbolding@msn.com

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Our nonprofit Erie Hunt and Saddle Club has more than 50 acres of riding grounds, three rings with excellent footing, 110 stalls, clubhouse with kitchen, electric and water supply on the grounds, and the region's premier location for equine shows, events and education. 