



Erie Hunt and Saddle Club

NEWSLETTER

April 2016

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ARE YOU READY FOR THE EHSC SHOW SEASON?

The 2016 Erie Hunt and Saddle Club show booklet is ready and will soon be available to be picked up or mailed to you.

We have lots of new activities this year. In July, we are hosting a dressage clinic with the popular Francesca Nicoletti. This clinic will fill on a first come-first served basis and is open only to EHSC members until mid-June, then will be open to the public. In August we are hosting a "Cowboy Triple Crown". This begins on a Friday evening with a games/contest show with 50% payback classes. Pam Bradshaw instructs a Horse and Rider Obstacle Challenge clinic on Saturday, and on Sunday will be the inaugural EHSC Obstacle Challenge judged by Ray Youngs.

The EHSC mini event is now a member of the North East Ohio Mini Trials Association (NEOMTA) and will promise to be a fun weekend. Our horse shows and clinics are open to all ages and all levels.

EHSC 2016 SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 30	CLUB OPENING DAY! 9am, Picnic lunch to follow
Sunday, May 1	Opening day—rain date 9am
Saturday, May 14	Open Horse Show I
Sunday, May 15	Schooling Hunter Show I
Saturday, May 21	Dressage Show I
Sunday, May 22	Combined Test I
Saturday, June 4	Open Horse Show II
Sunday, June 5	Schooling Hunter Show II
Saturday, June 11	EHSC/LHPC work day for Horse Trials 9am
Tuesday, June 14	EHSC/LHPC work day for Horse Trials 5pm
Saturday-Sunday, June 18-19	Lost Hounds Horse Trials (Starter-Training divisions)
Tuesday –Sunday, June 21-26	Lost Hounds PC Camp (dates approximate - LHPC only)
Saturday, July 2	Horse Sports in Erie Hunter Show
Sunday, July 3	EHSC Hunter Show
Saturday-Sunday, July 9-10	Dressage Clinic
Saturday, July 16	4H qualifying Horse Show (4H only)
Saturday, July 23	Dressage Show II
Saturday, July 30	Open Horse Show III
Sunday, July 31	Schooling Hunter Show III
Saturday, August 6	Combined Test II
Sunday, August 7	Jumping Derby
Saturday-Sunday, August 13-14	EHSC Horse Trials (Starter-Prelim divisions)
Saturday, August 27	XC Schooling day for Mini Trials
Sunday, August 28	EHSC Mini Trials (Intro-Novice Divisions)
Saturday, September 10	Hunter Pace I and Mini Pace
Sunday, September 18	Hunter Pace II and tailgate party
Sunday, September 25	Hunter Pace III and costume contest
Saturday, October 1	Hunter Pace rain date
Saturday, October 15	CLUB CLOSING DAY!! 9 am Picnic lunch to follow



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Save the Hunter Paces!

The hunter paces are great fun for all riders from high level dressage riders to beginners with dreams of being cowboys. Erie Hunt and Saddle Club wants EHSC wants to keep these fun events for many years to come. However, due to the lack of interest, time or perhaps experience in chairing these events, they are in jeopardy of being cancelled.

As the scheduling chairwoman, it is my responsibility to find a chairperson or several to run these events. Many of the members that I have talked with have not been willing or able to take on the challenge.

I ask this of everyone: Do you want these to be discontinued? If you say "no," please come forward and run one of these exciting and popular events, you can even have friends help you. Unless we can find someone to run one or all the hunter paces, our board will be forced to cancel them for this year.

If you would be willing to try, contact me, Brittany Hartley at (814) 602-7325. The board and experienced members will fully support all who are willing to help out!

Horse Community Loses One of the EHSC Founding Members

Hope McCreary, age 92, died on November 6th, 2015 at Forest View Nursing Home .

Hope Graduated from Evanston Senior High School and McMurray College with a BA in physical education. She taught physical education at Allegheny College and St. Mary's School in Richmond, VA and was an equestrian camp counselor for several years. Upon moving to Erie, she taught horseback riding both at Townline Stables in Fairview and across Erie Country from 1958 into the late 1980s. Hope created and ran The Tack Box, later becoming The Saddlery, from 1967 to

1977. She started the equine division of the 4-H club of Erie County.

She was one of the founding members of the Erie Hunt and Saddle Club, as well as the PA Arabian Horse Association and was a large R judge, having judged the Arabian Nationals more than once in the years before her retirement. She was recognized by them with the Ambassadors Award in 1984. She also spent time teaching at Erie Business Center where she was Vice President. Hope was active at Wayside Presbyterian Church as well as both the Pennsylvania and International Arabian Horse Associations', Daughter of the American Revolution and the Symphonic Singers of Erie. She was a charter member of the West Erie County Kiwanis. She also had her private pilot's license. She enjoyed sketching, singing, writing poetry, and sailing with her husband and friends.

In addition to her parents, Hope was preceded in death by her sister Evelyn W. Ayrault. She is survived by her husband of 66 years Charles P. McGeary; two sons: Christopher (Janice) McGeary of Pittsburgh and David McGeary of Pittsburgh; a daughter Deborah (Samuel) McCaughtry of Waterford; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Serve Up Some Fun to Hungry Horse Lovers

Enjoy helping out and seeing friendly faces? We need volunteers to help in the clubhouse kitchen Saturday, July 2 between ?a.m. and ? p.m. during the Hunter Show. This is an important fundraiser for EHSC and it is a good way for people who are unfamiliar with horses to help out. Sign up for a couple hours or the whole day by calling Barb Nash at 814-450-5728 or email her at nash7300@gmail.com. Barb is setting the menu and buying the food. We need a few folks to cook and serve, and a few youngsters to run food orders to the barns. Many thanks.



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TACK SWAP

Help support the *Edinboro Equestrian Team* by cleaning out your barns and selling your used tack or looking for tack to start your show season! We will also be hosting a Chinese Auction and donations are greatly appreciated!

Date: April 23, 2016 Time: 10:00 am until 2:00 pm (Booth Set up Will Be Available Beginning at 8:00 am) Location: Mercer County 4-H Park (463 Perry Hwy, Mercer, PA 16137)
For Questions, Donations or Table Reservations, Please contact Samantha Watson at (814) 528-4243 or by email at sammiezwatson@gmail.com

SUNSHINE CLUB NEWS

Best wishes to Mike Spires on his recovery from heart surgery.

Best wishes to Lindsey Carll and her horse Sunny who recently had surgery to remove a cancerous jaw.

Congratulations to Kiley Iszkula on winning the EHSC Facebook valentine contest. Kiley won a EHSC gift certificate

Gene Strohmeier is doing much better after eye surgery this winter.

Miriam Rodriguez had shoulder surgery in December and is doing well.