



# Erie Hunt and Saddle Club

## NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2014

### SEE YOU AT THE AWARDS BANQUET

Celebrations will begin at 6:00 pm on Saturday, November 8th at the Beachwood Golf Club at 6401 Gorski Road in Fairview. Enjoy appetizers and drinks while socializing with your horse friends. At 7pm we will enjoy a buffet dinner while awaiting the awards ceremony. Following the awards you will need to put your dancing boots on and spin to the music of bluegrass band, the Mountain Tyme Ramblers.

Everyone is welcome, not only our EHSC members. Bring your donations for the Chinese auction! Always a fun time! Contact Barb Nash (814) 450-5728 or Amy Daugherty (814) 868-9350 if you have any question.

The Beachwood Golf Club is just off the Sterretania exit off of Interstate 90. After you exit, head south on Sterretania, and look for the turn right before the Quality Inn & Suites. Follow around next to the highway until you reach the parking.

**The Sunshine Club** wishes to congratulate Rachel and Lou Caracci on the birth of their daughter, Aria Rose on September 9th. Also congratulations go to Paige and Gareth Freeland on their marriage on October 6th. Condolences to Kelly Tighe on the loss of her beloved horse, Louie or Heza Cool Dude.

As winter nears, Erie Hunt and Saddle Club has a wish list. Maybe you have these items around the house and are looking to relocate them, or you would just like to help the club. Whatever the reason, just remember that a gift to a non-profit organization is always a great idea and is tax deductible! We are looking for the following;

**Clubhouse:** A new or gently used commercial refrigerator and stove. **Maintenance garage/Red barn:** A dolly for moving heavy items. **Grounds:** A new sign at the corner of Old State Road and Eureka Road. A refurbished, cleaned sign on the pole in front of the clubhouse. **Painting and repair of several EHSC cross country jumps.** **General:** A winning lottery ticket.



### WHAT'S GOING ON AT OUR CLUB?

Many people have noticed the major changes happening on the grounds at Erie Hunt and Saddle Club. Construction has begun on a new 100' x 220' sand/limestone arena. It is between the two existing rings, and will provide a great spot for schooling with excellent footing. The ring will be completed this Fall, and will be ready to use for the first show of the season!

Sometimes the improvements at the club are not as visible. Over the last 3 years, the foundation beams of the barns have needed to be replaced as it was found that they were rotting. This is an expensive and complicated project that is now almost completed. We are happy to know that the barns will still be around for many years to come. With our lovely weather in our area, there are always drainage projects to complete. We are also working on a new loudspeaker system for the large ring, where it is sometimes difficult to hear your results. Garage doors have needed to be replaced, a new wash rack is almost complete, and new jumps and poles are always needed to replace the broken ones. Hopefully everyone remembers the big project last year, our beautiful renovated club house!



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We recently received a letter from a competitor and friend of EHSC, Jackie Smith from Stone Gate Farm. She asked that we share it with those of you who have volunteered at the June horse trials.



Dear Liz,

It has recently come to my attention that I have been alleged to have done the following at the 2014 Lost Hounds Pony Club Horse Trials: "made loud, rude and disparaging remarks throughout the competition and was overbearing with my wishes regarding fences, distances between jumps, and footing, as reported by numerous competitors, volunteers, and organizers. In addition it is alleged that I accosted two grounds workers in a rude and in appropriate manner."

Wow, I have been coming to the EHSC grounds for nearly 40 years have always made a point of thanking as many volunteers as possible and have taught my children and students to do the same. I am guilty of having a normally loud voice and combine that with being passionate about this sport and in particular the development and safety of horses and riders when I voice my concerns that others may hear. However I am not a whiner & complainer; I am a doer. Competitors know that and they often, as they did that day, come to me with their concerns. In retrospect I can see where some people who don't know me well may have considered that I was overbearing. I was only trying to be helpful and looking out for the horses and riders especially those who are less experienced.

Please accept my sincere apology if I may have offended anyone and forward it to all your staff and volunteers. The last thing I want to do is to discourage any of those who put their blood sweat and tears into putting on competitions. Trust me, as an organizer for 30 years I do understand!

I must tell you however, if I have concerns or if competitors come to me with their concerns, I will bring them to the attention of the officials and or staff but you have my word that I will do my best to do so in a 'quiet' respectful manner.

Many thanks to you, your staff and volunteers for all you do. I look forward to a drier 2015 Eventing season ;)

Sincerely,

*Jackie*

Elections were held on September 16th, after a wonderful presentation by club member Debbie McCaughtry on trailer safety.

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Many thanks to our retiring board members, who have volunteered countless hours: Brenda Rzepka, Tina Liebel, Mary Kingston, Heather Hough, Judy Osiecki, Karen vanDamia-Kish and Michelle Fields.